

Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—1 Nephi 1: 387.

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EDITORIAL

LOVE AND UNITED EFFORT

BY ROLLAND SPRAGUE.

The story of the town of Weir, told by a citizen on the "We the People Speak," March 12, 1940, now a town of 8,000 people, that was for two years almost a ghost town. When the people who remained saw that their home and everything they loved was doomed, having their eyes opened by poverty and starvation, a meeting was called and all the people gathered together. They were asked if they were willing to try and save the town. Their eyes being opened to the great loss before them, there was a united effort put forth. The people sold their precious things, deprived themselves of every luxury they had left in order to save the city so loved by all. Today there are three times as many living in this city as ever before, for proof of their victory. Instead of a city producing one commodity, it has many.

Now let us go and look at a picture of the spiritual side of life. First let us read St. Luke 9:23, 24: "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, and follow me. For whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." Now, do we, as followers of Christ, have vision enough to see the danger just ahead and present, the danger of losing our home that has been promised to us for always and ever if we be united and willing to forsake all, all that is contrary to the divine plan of our Lord. He has called us together to find out if we are willing to work in love, forgiving one another, that we shall save for us our home in the promised land.

The question is to you and me and to every one who has a desire to serve God and find favor in His sight. But remember, just as these people formed plans to save their town and homes, and these plans had to be worked to the letter, everyone doing his part, so also has the Lord given us a plan with laws to be obeyed, we too must do our part in carrying them out. These folks were drawn together by suffering. Christ seeks to draw us together by love, with the promise of his Spirit as our aid. The question uppermost is, Are we going to let our plans, our ideas, our desires, keep us from being a united body working for Christ? If so, our city, our home in glory, the promises of God, are lost to us forever. Looking at it from this point of view, does your idea or mine mean so much that it is worth hurting our brother or sister to the end there will be discontent in the body to the retarding of the work. Let us abide by the law. "To the law to the testimony if they speak not according to this, the truth is not in them." The "law" and the "testimony" are before us. They will lead us to the truth. Truth must stand on its merits; it is its own defender; it is crippled when clothed with an armor. Let us work in love, drawing the children of God together, because Churbanity rules by force, but Christianity by love. The one points you to Caesar, the other to Calvary.

THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

April 6, 1940—*First Session.*

The Ministers' Conference convened on the Temple Lot April 6, at 10 a. m., with Brother R. M. Maloney in the chair, assisted by Brother Bozarth. Song No. 158 was sung. Prayer by Brother Bozarth.

Scripture reading was from the fifteenth chapter of St. John, followed by the song, "In the Old, Old Path."

Opening remarks were made by Brother Maloney, making special request for order and decorum when coming into the church.

The conference was then organized in the following manner:

By motion and vote the Twelve were selected to have charge, and the General Church Secretary chosen as the secretary of the conference with the right to select assistants.

By motion and vote the Church Chorister was chosen to act for the conference, with the right to choose assistants, and Brethren A. M. Smith, J. E. Yates, and B. C. Flint were selected as the press committee.

Brethren Hunter and Gibbons were chosen to act as ushers.

Brother C. L. Wheaton was associated with Brother Gould as secretary.

The conference program, as adopted last year, was read, also amendments as proposed and recommended by the Council of Twelve, as follows:

"Under the heading of 'Educational and Devotional Services,' strike out paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5. Also under the heading of 'Daily Conference Sessions' except Sunday, strike out paragraph 5 and insert the following:

"1. 9 a. m. to 10:45 a. m., Prayer service.

"2. 11 a. m. to 12 noon, Preaching service.

"3. 2 p. m., Conference business sessions.

"4. 6:30 to 7:30, Educational features.

"5. 8 p. m., Preaching service.

"Under the heading of the 'Order of Daily Conference Sessions,' paragraph 10 change to read as follows:

"The various quorums and committees shall or may meet in the church from 7:45 to 8:45 a. m. each morning to consider such matters as may be brought before them. But such quorum sessions may not be held at such times as shall conflict with the regular schedule provided by the conference program."

Moved and seconded to approve the recommendation. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we now revert to the devotional service.

By motion and vote the above motion was temporarily laid on the table.

Moved and seconded that this conference be governed by the provisions adopted by the conference, last year, and approved by the referendum, known as Bill No. 1.

Brother Barton spoke to the question.

Moved and seconded to defer further consideration of this matter till the afternoon session. Carried.

Moved and seconded to take from the table the motion to change to a prayer service. Carried.

Motion taken from the table, also carried.

A season of prayer and testimony followed.

Song No. 199 was sung, and benediction by Brother Flint.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

April 6, 1940, 2 p. m.

Brother Bozarth in charge, assisted by Brother Anderson. Song 353 was sung. Prayer by Brother Anderson.

Scriptural reading: From the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter to and including the thirteenth verse of the eighth chapter of Matthew.

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung.

Seating of the ministry was taken up, and places for the Twelve, Seventy, Bishops, Elders, etc., assigned.

Roll call:

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| <i>Apostles</i> | C. W. Wheaton |
| R. M. Maoney | T. E. Barton |
| J. E. Bozarth | <i>Bishops</i> |
| W. F. Anderson | B. A. Winegar |
| J. E. Yates | A. S. Wheaton |
| L. A. Gould | <i>Elders</i> |
| T. J. Jordan | M. B. Skinner |
| A. M. Smith | Frank Jordan |
| B. C. Flint | Denver Gibbon |
| R. R. Robertson | R. B. Trowbridge |

Brother Trowbridge, speaking to a question of personal privilege, made the following motion:

Moved that it be the sense of this body that the appointing powers be requested to arrange for a prayer meeting tomorrow morning, from 7 to 9, or other convenient hour, and that the members of this conference be requested to be there, and that they come fasting for this partial endowment of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us and give us the sense and courage to do the things that God wants done. Seconded.

The motion was ruled out of order, until other matters provided for in the conference program were cared for.

Ministerial reports were received from Apostles J. E. Bozarth and B. C. Flint, and spread on the minutes.

Moved and seconded that all speeches be limited to five minutes.

Moved to amend by making it read fifteen minutes.

Moved and seconded to amend the amendment by making it read ten minutes.

Amendment to the amendment prevailed, also amendment as amended, and the original motion as amended.

Moved and seconded that Brother Barton be permitted to continue his speech. Carried.

Brethren Barton and Anderson spoke to the question which was deferred from the morning session, the motion being as follows:

Moved and seconded that this conference be governed by the provisions adopted by the confer-

ence last year, and approved by referendum, known as Bill No. 1.

Previous question moved and carried.

The vote stood 26 to 2 on the original motion.

Brother McClain was granted a personal privilege to explain why he voted as he did.

Brother Barton was also granted the privilege of explaining the reason for bringing the matter up.

Brother Jordan, also, was permitted to speak, and exhorted the ministry to be careful in decorum while discussing matters before the conference.

The motion made by Brother Trowbridge was revived, and amended by changing the time of meeting to 7:30 a. m., instead of 7 a. m.

The motion prevailed, as amended.

Moved to adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Seconded. Carried. First three verses of No. 174 were sung, and benediction by Brother Barton.

Song Service.

At 7:30 p. m., there was a song service, in charge of the Chorister, Sister Anderson.

Preaching.

At 8 o'clock Brother R. R. Robertson was the speaker, assisted by Brother J. E. Yates. The subject of the discourse was "The fast which the Lord hath chosen," being an analysis of Isaiah 58.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7.

Fasting and Prayer.

Conference met at 7:30 a. m., in fasting and prayer. The meeting was in charge of Brother R. M. Maloney and Brother Frank Jordan.

Sunday School.

The Sunday school at 9:45 was in charge of the local officers.

Preaching.

Brother T. J. Jordan was the speaker of the 11 o'clock hour, assisted by Brethren Barton and Frank Jordan.

Sacrament Service.

At 2 p. m., the Sacrament Service was in charge of Brethren J. E. Yates and J. E. Bozarth, Brethren Anderson and Flint serving the emblems and taking the oblation.

Preaching.

At 8 o'clock Brother L. A. Gould was the speaker, assisted by Brother Wheaton. The subject was "The Whole Law of God."

MONDAY, APRIL 8.

Prayer Meeting.

The 9 o'clock prayer meeting was in charge of Denver Gibbons and Grant Moore. It was a meeting especially characterized by the deep, peaceful influence of the Spirit of God.

Third Business Session.

At 2 p. m., the session was in charge of Brother Anderson, who was assisted by Brother Yates. Song No. 107 was sung. Prayer by Brother Yates.

Scripture reading: The Fiftieth Psalm.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll call of the Ministry.

Apostles

R. M. Maloney
J. E. Bozarth
W. F. Anderson
J. E. Yates
L. A. Gould
A. M. Smith
B. C. Flint
T. E. Barton
C. L. Wheaton
R. R. Robertson
T. J. Jordan

Bishops

B. A. Winegar

Bishops McClain and Bryant came in later.

The matter pertaining to janitor service was taken up, and the following was read from the Council of Twelve:

Recommended: That we allow the janitor \$2 per week for his services during the conference, to be paid out of the general funds.

Moved and seconded that this recommendation be approved by the conference. Carried.

A request was presented from the Quorum of Twelve, that the conference permit a change in the program to allow the quorums to meet from 7:45 to 10:45 a. m.

Moved and seconded that this request be granted.

The following ministerial reports were received and spread on the minutes:

Apostle R. M. Maloney.
Elder E. M. Orton.
Apostle T. J. Jordan.
Priest H. E. Bryant.
Apostle James E. Yates.
Apostle C. L. Wheaton.

A resolution on Marriage and Divorce offered as an amendment to the Articles of Faith was given a first reading, and sponsored by Brother C. L. Wheaton.

Moved and seconded to make this resolution on marriage and divorce the special order of business for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Carried.

No. 135 in the little Hymnal was sung.
Benediction by Brother Yates.

APRIL 8, 6:30 P. M.

Education Hour.

The hour from 6:30 to 7:30 was turned over to the young people to occupy as they desired. They devoted the hour to a prayer service, with Brother Roland Sprague in charge.

Preaching.

The speaker at 8 p. m. was Brother B. C. Flint, who spoke upon the subject of Israel. He was assisted by K. J. Smith.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1940.

Morning Prayer Service.

The 9 o'clock service was in charge of Brother T. J. Jordan.

Preaching.

The speaker at 11 a. m. was Brother H. E. Moler, assisted by Elder T. J. Jordan. The subject

A. S. Wheaton

Elders

Denver Gibbon
Frank Jordan
R. B. Trowbridge
Horace Darby
H. E. Moler
W. Barret

Priests

W. O. Clauson
Elmer Hunter.
R. Bingham
Fred Reynolds

was along the line of the scripture which says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

Fourth Business Session, 2 p. m.

Brother Yates was in charge, assisted by Brother Gould.

Song: No. 353.

Prayer by Brother Gould.

Scriptural Reading: The thirteenth chapter of St. Mark.

Reference was made by the chair to provide for the ordination of Brother Grant Moore; also to a request made by Brother Fred Reynolds for time for further consideration.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

*Roll Call of Ministry.**Apostles*

R. M. Maloney
W. F. Anderson
J. E. Yates
L. A. Gould
A. M. Smith
B. C. Flint
T. E. Barton
C. L. Wheaton
R. R. Robertson
T. J. Jordan

Elders

Denver Gibbon
M. B. Skinner
Frank Jordan
R. B. Trowbridge
Horace Darby
H. E. Moler
W. G. Barret
Kenneth Smith

*Priests**Bishops*

B. A. Winegar
A. S. Wheaton

Elmer Hunter
R. Bingham
A. A. Yates

Special privilege given Brother Maloney to read the request from William E. Simpson of Northeast Texas for baptism, after which conference voted unanimously for Brother Maloney to provide for it, and express to Brother Simpson our good will and wishes.

First reading of a resolution touching status of Church since 1926, sponsored by B. C. Flint.

Report from Elder James Evans of Wales was read.

Standing committees considered:

Hymn Book Committee: Moved to take up the matter of the Hymn Book Committee. Seconded. Carried.

Brother Jordan tendered his resignation as a member of the committee.

Moved and seconded that the resignation be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Brother Gould take the place of Brother Jordan on the Hymn Book Committee, and the balance of the committee be sustained for the coming year. Seconded.

Moved as a substitute that these names be presented as nominations. Seconded and carried.

Nominations: W. F. Anderson and L. A. Gould. The vote stood 22 to 12 in favor of W. F. Anderson. The term of Brother A. M. Smith having expired, he was nominated to succeed himself on the Hymn Book Committee, but declined.

Sister Margaret Wheaton was nominated.

Moved and seconded to defer further consideration with regard to filling vacancies on the Hymn Book Committee until we have a report from that committee as it is now constituted. Carried.

Temple Plans Committee: Moved and seconded that Brother Yates succeed himself on the Temple Plans Committee. Carried.

Referendum Committee: J. R. McClain and William F. Anderson nominated. The vote was 28 to 18 in favor of Brother McClain.

Committee on Conference Enactments: Sister Angela Wheaton was chosen to succeed herself as Committee on Conference Enactments, by motion and vote.

Church Chorister: Moved that Sister Metta Anderson be selected to succeed herself as Church Chorister. Seconded and carried.

Personal Complaints Committee: Moved and seconded that Brother J. E. Bozarth succeed himself on the Personal Complaints Committee. Carried.

Recommendation from the Council of Twelve that Roscoe Henderson be ordained to the office of elder was presented.

Moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Brother in charge of that field with power to act. Carried.

A document on beautifying Temple Lot grounds, referred to the conference from the Council of Twelve, was read, and sponsored by Brother C. L. Wheaton.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

No. 354 was sung. Benediction by Brother J. R. McClain.

Educational Hour.

At 6:30 the young people led in a prayer meeting, in charge of Brother Rolland Sprague.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1940.

Prayer Service.

The prayer service at 9 a. m. was in charge of Brother T. J. Jordan, in the upper auditorium, while the body of the ministry met in the lower room, to consider matter referred to them by the conference.

Preaching Service.

At the 11 o'clock hour Brother Kenneth J. Smith was the speaker. His subject was the future of the Church of Christ, using the twelfth chapter of Romans.

Fifth Business Session.

At 2 p. m., Brother Smith was in the chair, assisted by Brother Flint.

No. 158 was sung. Prayer by Brother Flint.

Scripture reading: First chapter of James.

Roll Call of Ministry

<i>Apostles</i>	<i>Elders</i>
R. M. Maloney	Grant M. Moore
W. F. Anderson	Denver Gibbon
J. E. Yates	M. B. Skinner
L. A. Gould	Frank Jordan
A. M. Smith	R. B. Trowbridge
B. C. Flint	Horace Darby
R. R. Robertson	H. E. Moler
T. J. Jordan	W. G. Barret
C. L. Wheaton	Kenneth J. Smith
T. E. Barton	<i>Priests</i>
<i>Bishops</i>	Elmer Hunter
B. A. Winegar	A. A. Yates
A. O. Frisbey	R. Sprague

An incomplete record of minutes was read and approved as far as read.

The ordination of Brother Grant M. Moore to the office of Seventy was attended to. Brother C. L. Wheaton was in charge of the ordination, assisted by Brethren Maloney and Yates, the latter being spokesman.

A resolution pertaining to reconsideration of Bill No. 7, of the 1939 referendum was given a first reading, sponsored by Brother Bozarth.

Proposed amendments to the Articles of Faith and Practice, relative to marriage and divorce, was given a second reading:

"Whereas, the Church of Christ has set forth its tenets of faith relative to Marriage and Divorce in Article 20, as follows:

"We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of a breach of this covenant, the innocent one may remarry."

"And whereas, the clause, 'in case of a breach of this covenant' has been abused and misconstrued, therefore, be it resolved,

"That this clause shall be amended to read:

"In case of divorce, which shall be allowed on the scriptural grounds of adultery, the innocent party to such broken marriage contract may remarry; and where the guilty party has remarried the same shall not be fellowshipped nor received into the church, except they repent and forsake this unlawful union."

Moved and seconded that it be laid on the table.

Brother Wheaton raised a point of order, that a sponsor had the right to be heard before debate was shut off.

Chair granted him the right to be heard.

Moved and seconded to adopt this amendment to the Articles of Faith and Practice, as the rule of the church.

Brother Jordan was granted an extension of time in his speech.

Moved as a substitute to this matter, that we reaffirm our former position.

Moved to amend the substitute by adding: in regard to marriage and divorce in our Articles of Faith and Practice, and the word "breach" to mean "adultery." Seconded.

Previous question was moved, seconded and carried.

The vote on the amendment was 32 for and 2 against.

On the substitute as amended, 34 for and 0 against.

Moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock tomorrow. Seconded and carried.

Benediction by Brother Flint.

Education Hour.

The prayer meeting at 6:30 was in charge of Rolland Sprague and Kenneth Smith.

Preaching.

At 8 p. m., Brother Maloney was the speaker, assisted by Brother Flint.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1940.

Prayer Service.

At 9 a. m., the morning prayer service was in charge of Brother T. J. Jordan.

Preaching.

The speaker of the morning at 11 a. m., was Brother R. B. Trowbridge, assisted by Brother T. J. Jordan and Brother A. O. Frisbey.

Sixth Business Session, 2 p. m.

The business session was in charge of Brother B. C. Flint, assisted by Brother R. R. Robertson. Song No. 104 was sung. Prayer by Brother Robertson.

Scripture reading from the Book of Mormon. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Roll Call of Ministry

Apostles

R. M. Maloney
J. E. Bozarth
W. F. Anderson
J. E. Yates
L. A. Gould
A. M. Smith
B. C. Flint
R. R. Robertson
T. J. Jordan
C. L. Wheaton
T. E. Barton

Bishops

J. R. McClain
B. A. Winegar
A. S. Wheaton
A. O. Frisbey

Seventy

Grant M. Moore

Elders

Denver Gibbon
Frank Jordan
R. B. Trowbridge
Horace Darby
Charles Derry
W. G. Barret
Kenneth J. Smith

Priests

Elmer Hunter
R. Bingham
A. A. Yates
R. Sprague

A report from the Young People's Department was read.

After reading the chairman complimented the young folks on the good showing made, and asked all of them present to stand up, which they did. Brother Wheaton suggested that the whole congregation stand with them and sing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," which was done.

Brother Yates presented for first reading a document addressed to all divisions of the church of the latter-day Restoration, which he sponsored.

It was moved and seconded that a hundred copies of this document be mimeographed for distribution an consideration of the body. Carried 20 to 16.

The recommendation in the report from the Young People's Department was taken up, and it was moved that a committee of three be appointed to take under advisement, with the young people, the provision for the organization such as is requested, and report back to this body as early as possible. Seconded.

Moved as a substitute that we include the members of the committee reporting with that committee. Seconded.

Moved as a substitute for the whole matter that we elect a committee of three to be associated with the committee of the young people's department in the arrangement of such an organization as that has been requested. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Nominations for the committee were:

Sister Sheldon, Brother Trowbridge, Sister Anderson, Brother Robertson, Rolland Sprague, Kenneth Smith.

The vote was 26, 17, 28, 20, 30, and 23 in the order named. It was moved that the three highest be the committee. Seconded. Carried. Thus the committee is Rolland Sprague, Sister Anderson, and Sister Sheldon.

Moved and seconded that the young people consider this document at 6:30, to discuss it, and that the three older people to help. Carried.

A report from the committee appointed by Bill No. 6 was read, as follows:

The following recommendation from the joint council of Twelve and Bishops was read:

"That an auditing committee be selected that is competent to audit these books; but that the committee of Bill No. 6 and the bishops keep their hands off the books."

Brother Yates presented the following resolution:

Whereas, the joint council has recommended to the conference that a new committee be appointed in the matter of auditing the books, etc.; therefore,

I move that the committee appointed for those matters last year be now absolved from further responsibility in that matter, and that the committee be now discharged. Seconded.

Brother Wheaton spoke, and by vote was given additional time to finish his speech.

Brother McClain was also granted an extra ten minutes.

The time for adjournment came while Brother Anderson had the floor, and he was interrupted by a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and carried.

Hymn No. 1 was sung. Benediction by Brother Robertson.

Educational Hour.

The 6:30 hour was devoted to the young people's activities, with Brother Sprague in charge.

Preaching.

The speaker at 8 o'clock was Brother C. L. Wheaton, assisted by Brother T. J. Jordan.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1940.

Prayer Meeting.

Prayer meeting at 9 a. m., in charge of Brother T. E. Barton.

Preaching.

The speaker at 11 a. m. was Brother B. A. Winegar, assisted by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Seventh Business Session, 2 p. m.

Brother Flint was in the chair, assisted by Brother R. R. Robertson. After singing, Brother Robertson offered prayer.

Scripture reading: From the sixteenth chapter of Alma.

Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved.

*Roll Call of Ministry**Apostles*

R. M. Maloney
 J. E. Bozarth
 W. F. Anderson
 J. E. Yates
 L. A. Gould
 A. M. Smith
 B. C. Flint
 R. R. Robertson
 T. J. Jordan
 C. L. Wheaton
 T. E. Barton

Bishops

J. R. McClain
 D. Ray Bryant
 B. A. Winegar
 A. S. Wheaton

A. O. Frisbey

Seventy

Grant M. Moore

Elders

Denver Gibbon
 M. B. Skinner
 W. Frank Jordan
 R. B. Trowbridge
 Horace Darby
 W. G. Barret
 Kenneth J. Smith
 Amos A. Surbrook

Priests

W. O. Closson
 Elmer Hunter
 A. A. Yates
 R. Sprague

At Brother Bozarth's request, all joined him in prayer in behalf of his son.

All items of new business on table were given a first reading.

Rights of the floor were extended to Brother R. G. Newby by vote.

Brother C. L. Wheaton, as a personal privilege, asked to be forgiven if any were offended at the forceful manner in which he made his arguments on the conference floor.

The matter pending at the last session was taken up, and Brother Anderson recognized as having the floor.

Brother Anderson was allowed an extension of time to finish his speech.

Previous question was moved and seconded. A point of order was raised, that it was depriving others who desired to speak of their rights. Chair ruled the motion out of order.

The following was moved as a substitute for the whole matter:

Moved that we declare that we believe that it is the sense of this body, that inasmuch as the Bishopric, General Office Manager, and the Auditing Committee are servants of the body; that the auditing committee should be ordered to complete their unfinished work immediately, with the assistance of a competent auditor; that the Office Manager be ordered by this body to surrender any books, records, vouchers, or other church property in his care, for the use of this auditing committee, that they will no longer be hindered in performing the work this body ordered at a previous conference; that the bishopric be ordered by this body to co-operate with these that this might be accomplished immediately.

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the words "sense of this body," and inserting:

"Whereas, the committee of Bill No. 6, having failed to carry out the provisions of Bill No. 6; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that this committee be relieved of further responsibility, and the conference provide for a competent and qualified auditor to audit the books of the General Office for the two last conference years. Be it further

"Resolved that the General Bishopric provide for the installation of a synoptic double entry set

of books, and employ a competent bookkeeper to handle these books. Be it further

"Resolved, that the bishops be permitted to administer the temporal affairs of the church subject to General Conference action as provided in the constitutional law of the church."

Moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the words "committee" the words, "as well as the General Officer Manager," making it read that this committee as well as the General Office Manager be relieved from further responsibility," etc.

Previous question moved and seconded. Lost by a vote of 16 to 26.

After further discussion, vote was called on the amendment to the amendment which lost. The amendment to the substitute carried, and the substitute as amended by a vote of 27 for and 18 against.

Brother A. M. Smith then presented the following resignation:

"To the conference assembled; Greeting:

"In view of the vote which has set the committee appointed to audit the books aside without giving this committee a fair and just opportunity to finish their work, I do hereby resign from all other committees wherein my name may appear.

"Respectfully,

"A. M. SMITH."

Moved and seconded that the resignation be accepted.

Moved as a substitute that we request Brother Smith to reconsider his resignation. Seconded.

Previous question ordered, and the substitute carried by a vote of 32 for and 2 against.

Sister Shelon arose to a question of personal privilege and stated that if the spirit manifested in the action just taken continued to be the attitude of the body, she would not be available to serve as Editor of The Advocate, even though they should nominate her for that position.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Carried. Benediction by Brother T. J. Jordan.

Preaching.

Preaching at 8 p. m., by Brother J. E. Bozarth, assisted by Brother Robertson.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1940.

Prayer Meeting.

The 9 o'clock prayer meeting was in charge of Brethren Frank Jordan and Amos A. Surbrook.

Preaching.

The sermon at 11 a. m., was by Brother Maloney, assisted by Brother T. J. Jordan.

Eighth Business Session, 2 p. m.

Brother R. R. Robertson in the chair, assisted by Brother C. L. Wheaton. Song No. 95 was sung. Prayer by Brother Wheaton.

Scripture reading: James, chapter 3.

Brother Gould requested that he be relieved of further duty as secretary of the conference.

Moved and seconded that his request be granted.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that this conference express our confidence in his work. This was done by standing vote.

Moved and seconded that Sister Claress Case be assistant to Brother Gould as secretary. Carried.
Brother Flint asked a personal privilege. Objection raised.

Moved and seconded that Brother Flint be allowed to talk. Carried.

Point of order raised by Brother McClain failed to carry.

Brother Flint was permitted to proceed to a question of personal privilege.

Personal privilege asked by Brother McClain, granted.

Roll Call of Ministry

<i>Apostles</i>	T. E. Barton
R. M. Maloney	<i>Bishops</i>
J. E. Bozarth	J. R. McClain
W. F. Anderson	B. A. Winegar
J. E. Yates	A. S. Wheaton
L. A. Gould	<i>Elders</i>
T. J. Jordan	M. B. Skinner
A. M. Smith	Frank Jordan
B. C. Flint	Denver Gibbons
R. R. Robertson	R. B. Trowbridge
C. L. Wheaton	

Report from the Bishopric read.

Brother McClain was granted the privilege of saying a few words relative to the report.

Moved that this report be received and placed in the hands of the auditor. Seconded and carried.

Matter recommended from the Twelve, in the nature of complaint and charges presented:

Point of order was raised, that the dead line for new business was 2 o'clock yesterday.

Chair ruled point well taken.

The decision of the chair was appealed from.

The question was argued pro and con.

Previous question was ordered, and the vote was as follows: That the decision stand 22, opposed 22, resulting in a tie.

When vote was retaken, it was 24 for and 26 against, the decision of the chair being overruled.

Brother McClain requested time to make a statement.

Objection was made that the brother was making a statement before the document was read.

Moved and seconded that Brother McClain make a statement before the document is read.

Moved and seconded to amend that Brother McClain be granted the right to make a statement after the document is read.

Previous question was ordered.

The substitute lost by a vote of 22 for and 26 against.

The original motion prevailed by a vote of 28 for and 16 against.

Brother McClain made his speech.

It was then moved and seconded that this matter be tabled.

The vote to table carried by a vote of 26 for and 19 against.

Moved to reconsider the action of yesterday. Seconded.

Moved and seconded that we waive all rights of discussion and proceed to vote.

Previous question ordered by a vote of 30 to 7. Moved that we adjourn until Monday at 2 o'clock.

Moved to amend that we adjourn until 8 o'clock tonight. Seconded and carried by a vote of 22 for and 15 against.

Motion as amended carried by a vote of 23 for and 7 against.

Benediction by Brother Yates.

Educational Hour.

The Young People's Department occupied the 6:30 hour, in charge of Brother Sprague.

Ninth Business Session, 8 p. m.

Brother Robertson in the chair, assisted by Brother Wheaton.

Song No. 1 was sung. Prayer by Brother Wheaton.

Scripture reading: Third chapter of Second Corinthians.

Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

Roll Call of Ministry.

<i>Apostles</i>	A. O. Frisbey
R. M. Maloney	<i>Seventy</i>
J. E. Bozarth	Grant M. Moore
W. F. Anderson	<i>Elders</i>
J. E. Yates	Denver Gibbons
L. A. Gould	W. Frank Jordan
A. M. Smith	R. B. Trowbridge
B. C. Flint	Horace Darby
R. R. Robertson	W. G. Barret
T. J. Jordan	Kenneth J. Smith
C. L. Wheaton	<i>Priests</i>
T. E. Barton	W. O. Closson
<i>Bishops</i>	R. Bingham
J. R. McClain	A. A. Yates
A. S. Wheaton	R. Sprague
B. A. Winegar	

The matter of reconsidering our action of yesterday was taken up, and the vote called. The vote was 23 for and 18 against. Requiring two-thirds majority to pass, this motion lost.

Brother Robertson released the chair to Brother Wheaton, who called Brother Barton to assist him.

Moved that we now consider the Bishop's report, and offer this resolution, that this report be handed to a committee of two appointed by this body that they be instructed to obtain a certified accountant to audit these books for the year 1938 ending March 15, 1939; and that they further audit these books from March 15, 1939, up till March 15, 1940, and that this report be published in The Advocate.

Previous question ordered by a vote of 35 for, none against.

All those in favor of resolution 39. Against 1.

Moved that that committee be R. B. Trowbridge and Alva Wheaton to carry out the instructions of this body. Seconded.

These names were received as nominations. Further nominations were Brethren Rolland Sprague, Charles Derry and Nicholas Denham.

Moved that nominations be closed and we proceed to elect. Seconded and carried.

The vote was as follows: N. Denham 33, Charles Derry, 14, R. Sprague 18, Alva Wheaton 15, an R. Trowbridge 18.

Vote upon the two names tied resulted in 24 for Brother Sprague and 24 for Trowbridge.

On the third ballot Brother Sprague received 28 and Brother Trowbridge 23.

N. Denham and R. Sprague are the two chosen to be the committee.

I move that the secretary cast the unanimous vote that these two be the committee to procure the auditor. Seconded and carried.

"What a Strong and Happy People We Shall Be" was sung.

A document was read concerning the beautifying of the Temple Lot.

Moved that we approve this resolution. Seconded.

Moved to amend by striking out all reference to the Reorganized Church. Seconded.

Moved to further amend by striking out all reference to the amphitheater. Seconded.

Chair ruled the latter out of order.

Moved as a substitute for the whole matter, that we further instruct the committee appointed a year ago to continue in levelling the ground on the far side, and at the back, but that they be instructed not to refill any of the basement site; but that the wells should be covered.

Moved as an incidental motion that we postpone action until next year. Seconded.

Previous question ordered, and the motion to defer lost.

Moved and seconded as an incidental motion, that this whole matter be referred to a committee of three to bring back a report to this body with recommendations. Seconded. Carried.

Those nominated: Arthur Yates, Charles Derry, R. B. Trowbridge, Brother Anderson, Brother Sprague, A. S. Wheaton, Brother Ben Winegar. Brother Trowbridge declined.

Moved and seconded nominations be closed. Carried.

Results: Brother Winegar 9, A. S. Wheaton 21, Brother Sprague 20, Brother Anderson 18, Charles Derry 13, Brother Yates 6.

Brethren Anderson, Sprague and A. S. Wheaton are the committee.

Moved to adjourn until Monday, 2 o'clock.

Moved as a substitute to adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning. Seconded.

Substitute carried, 27 for and 3 against.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung.

Benediction by Brother Barton.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1940.

Sunday School.

At 9:45 the Sunday school was in charge of the local Sunday school officers.

Preaching.

The speaker at 11 a. m. was Brother A. M. Smith, assisted by Brother Flint.

Prayer Service.

At 2:30 p. m., the prayer service was in charge of Brethren T. E. Barton and T. J. Jordan.

Young People's Prayer Service.

At 6:30 p. m., the young people's prayer service was in charge of Brother Rolland Sprague.

Preaching.

Brother William F. Anderson was the speaker at 8 o'clock, assisted by Brother R. R. Robertson.

APRIL 15, 1940, 10 A. M.

Tenth Business Session

Brother Barton in the chair, assisted by Brother Maloney. After singing, the opening prayer was by Brother Maloney.

Scripture reading: Fourteenth chapter of Romans, verses 1 to 22.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Roll call of ministry as follows:

Request from committee to select auditor, read as follows:

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 15, 1940.

The Ministers' Conference
Church of Christ
Independence, Missouri

Dear Brethren: Inasmuch as you have been selected a committee to obtain the services of a certified auditor to audit the books, and inasmuch as such services will cost a considerable amount, the committee requests that you authorize it to draw upon the General Church funds, and that you guarantee a sufficient amount to cover such expense.

Respectfully,

NICHOLAS F. DENHAM.

Moved to approve the recommendation.

Previous motion seconded and carried. Original motion to approve was lost.

Moved to reconsider the instructions to this committee. Seconded by a vote of 39 to 0.

Moved to amend by striking out the words, "a certified accountant," and inserting "a competent and disinterested accountant."

Previous question moved, and carried 21 to 15. Motion to amend carried. Chair ruled that the matter was concluded.

Decision of the chair appealed from for the reason that the vote had not been taken on the motion as amended.

Previous question moved and carried.

The decision of the chair was overruled by a vote of 9 for and 13 against.

Vote called on the original motion as amended, and carried by a vote of 26 for and 2 against.

A communication was received from Burrus & Burrus, attorneys, relative to attorney's fees in the Martin M. Case suit.

Moved that this matter be referred to a committee of three to investigate and report back to this body at this conference.

Brother Trowbridge requested that action be deferred until he had opportunity to get in contact with the firm.

Moved and seconded that the matter be deferred as requested. Carried.

Letter and resignation from Brother Richards was read, with the following as the action of the Twelve:

"Moved that we accept Brother Richard's resignation in the spirit in which it is offered, and regret that his opportunities for service have not been greater; and, with him, we hope that the years in the future may be more fruitful in the service of God."

It was moved that we do not approve of the recommendation of the Twelve; but request our Brother Richards to reconsider his resignation, and try for the coming year to continue in useful service with the General Bishopric of seven. Seconded.

Previous motion seconded and carrier, and the original motion prevailed by a vote of 24 to 6.

The following report from the joint ministry on the purported revelation referred to them was read as follows:

"Resolved, that we refer this communication back to the conference without prejudice and without action upon our part."

This report was received subject to action.

Recommendation concerning the ordination of Brother Trowbridge was read:

Be it resolved that we recommend to the conference that inasmuch as Brother Trowbridge was some two or more years ago called to the Bishopric, that provision be made at this conference for the setting apart of Brother Trowbridge as a bishop.

Moved that we approve of the recommendation of the joint session of the ministry, and provide for the ordination of Brother Richard Trowbridge to the bishopric. Seconded.

Previous question ordered.

Motion to approve and provide for the ordination carried by a vote of 19 and 4 against.

Moved and seconded to adjourn till 2 o'clock. Benediction by Brother Maloney.

Eleventh Business Session, 2 p. m.

Brother Maloney in the chair. After singing "Father, When in Love to Thee," prayer was offered by Brother Bozarth, who assisted in presiding. Scripture reading: Romans 14.

Moved at the 8 o'clock session tonight be a business session, and that the ordination of Brother Trowbridge be provided for in the opening of that session. Seconded. Carried.

Moved that the ordination of Arthur Smith be taken care of at the same time. Seconded. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the recommendations of the Twelve be concurred in.

Moved as a substitute that all ordinations be deferred until the last session of the conference. Seconded. Carried.

The following report from the General Recorder was read:

Moved and seconded that we reelect Brother Denham to succeed himself.

Moved as a substitute that we proceed to fill this office by nomination. Seconded. Carried.

Nominations: Metta Anderson, Nicholas Denham, and Sister Derry. Vote stood: Metta Ander-

son 6, Nicholas Denham 17, Sister Derry 6, resulting the selection of Brother Denham.

An opinion from the Twelve relative to the use of The Advocate mailing list was received, as follows:

Be it resolved that it is the opinion of this Quorum of Twelve that The Advocate mailing list is the property of the church, and that it is not advisable for general officers of the church or any other individuals of the church to use the same as a medium of circulating private opinions; and that we admonish all officers of the church and general authorities to refrain and desist from such practice. Seconded.

Moved and seconded to adopt. Carried, by unanimous vote.

A complaint from Minneapolis regarding the use of Advocate mailing list was read:

Moved that it be the sense of this conference that further action in this matter is entirely unnecessary. Seconded. Carried 17 for and 0 against.

Following report and recommendations were read from the General Bishopric:

HAMILTON, MISSOURI, April 15, 1940.

To the General Conference

Greeting

Dear Brethren: A quorum of the General Bishopric of the Church of Christ met at the home of Bishop J. T. Ford in Hamilton, Mo., and the following business was transacted.

J. T. Ford was chosen as chairman and D. Ray Bryant was selected to act as secretary of the meeting.

Moved by J. R. McClain, seconded by B. A. Winegar, that Bishop A. S. Wheaton be reinstated in the quorum of the General Bishopric. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bishop Ford and seconded by Bishop McClain that we recommend the ordination of Elder J. A. Sweem to the office of Bishop to fill the vacancy create by the resignation of Bishop E. E. Richards. Carried unanimously.

By motion and approval we recommend that some disposition be made of the Linotype machine now owned by the Church of Christ.

We also call attention to the Stark Acres Mission and that some constructive action be taken with regard to it.

We further recommend that the board of publication and all concerned be requested to make special effort to have The Advocate placed in the mail by the first of each month.

Those present at this meeting were Bishops J. T. Ford, B. A. Winegar, J. R. McClain and D. Ray Bryant.

(Signed) J. T. FORD, *Chairman,*

D. RAY BRYANT, *Secretary.*

Moved to receive the report and consider the recommendations one by one. Seconded and carried.

The first recommendation was read, that Brother A. S. Wheatin be reinstated in the General Bishopric.

Moved and seconded that we concur in this recommendation. Carried.

The second recommendation concerning Brother Sweem was read:

Moved and seconded that inasmuch as the conference has already disposed of the matter pertaining to Brother Richards, in requesting him to reconsider his resignation and to continue in the General Bishopric for the coming year at least, that we defer further consideration of this name for one year.

Previous question ordered.

Motion to defer carried by a vote of 22 for and 0 against.

The recommendation in regard to the linotype was taken up.

Moved and seconded that we sell it.

Moved as a substitute that we provide suitable storage for the linotype machine and equipment thereof, and appoint a committee of three to move out with a view to obtain subscriptions and donations with the idea of supplementing our linotype machine with equipment for establishing a publishing concern of our own. Seconded.

Moved to amend by striking out "a committee of three," and leave the matter in the hands of the Bishopric as the general agents of the church. Seconded.

Previous question ordered. Motion to amend carried by a vote of 36 for and none against. The substitute as amended carried the same vote.

The recommendation concerning Stark Acres mission was taken up, and it was

Moved and seconded that Stark Acres Mission be so arranged as to rooms, etc., that it might be rented out as a residence with an income that might come to the church to take care of it until such time as we can use it as a church structure.

A substitute was moved, as follows: That the General Bishopric be authorized to sell the Stark Acres Mission property, and the proceeds thereof be turned over to the purchasing of printing equipment for the general use of the church. Seconded.

Moved as a substitute for the whole matter:

That if Stark Acres Mission is sold, the proceeds be used for the printing of song books, quarterlies, etc. Seconded.

Previous question ordered, and the vote was 15 for and 9 against.

Moved and seconded that this matter be sent out to referendum.

Moved and seconded as a substitute to table this matter pertaining to Stark Acres Mission.

Moved and seconded to take recess until 8 p. m.

First verse of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung. Benediction by Brother Bozarth.

Educational Hour.

Brother Sprague was in charge of the young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Twelfth Business Session, 8 p. m.

Brother R. M. Maloney in chair, assisted by Brother Bozarth. After asong, Brother Bozarth offered prayer. Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call of the Ministry.

<i>Apostles</i>	D. Ray Bryant
R. M. Maloney	B. A. Winegar
J. E. Bozarth	A. O. Frisbey
W. F. Anderson	<i>Seventy</i>
J. E. Yates	Grant M. Moore
L. A. Gould	<i>Elders</i>
A. M. Smith	Denver Gibbons
B. C. Flint	Frank Jordan
R. R. Robertson	R. B. Trowbridge
T. J. Jordan	W. G. Barret
C. L. Wheaton	Amos A. Surbrook
T. E. Barton	<i>Priests</i>
	W. O. Closson
<i>Bishops</i>	Elmer Hunter
J. R. McClain	R. Sprague

Regular order taken up and the motion to lay on the table carried.

Recommendations in bishop's report relative to getting out Advocate on time was considered.

Moved and seconded that this recommendation be referre to the business manager of The Advocate. Carried.

The following report was read from the dining committee:

Cash donations	\$84.50
Received for meals served	9.45
 Total	 \$93.95.
Expenditures	\$65.74
 Balance	 \$28.21

Actual cash on hand, \$30.45, a surplus of \$2.24 more than accounts show. There are yet fifty-five quarts of milk and other minor expeditures to be taken care of.

Food donations were, approximately:

200 quarts fruit, vegetables, pickles, jams; 65 to 75 dish towels; 4 or 5 dozen knives, forks and spoons; ham, lard, eggs, bread, potatoes, milk, and poultry; 5 gallons honey; 1 crate apples; bacon, beans, and smaller things that we cannot itemize for lack of time.

Respectfully submitted,

METTA ANDERSON *of the Committee.*

Moved to approve this report and extend a vote of thanks to this committee that have thus reported to us. Seconded. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we elect this same committee to have charge of this work for next year, and that the funds on hand in cash be put in a special fund for their use next year. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we take up a collection at this meeting to help pay the expense of lights and gas. Carried.

Sister Flint tendered her resignation from the dining committee. Brother Gould tendered his resignation also.

Moved and seconded that these resignations be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded to nominate two more to serve on this committee with Sister Anderson, that are local. Carried.

Nominations: Sister Holcomb, Sister Denham, Sister Derry, Sister Stafford, Sister Rosalie Davis.

The vote was as follows: Sister Holcomb 29, Sister Denham 29, Sister Derry 17, Sister Stafford 4, Sister Davis 8.

The two highest elected.

Moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this assembly for these two on this committee. Seconded and carried.

Chair announced the collection for lights and gas amounted to \$7.77.

The following document on the status of the Church of Christ was read:

"Resolved, that the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot existed in the form of a remnant of the original Church of Christ organized April 6, 1830, until the spring of 1926, when by the selection of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles and otherwise perfecting the organization, it, by this action, became the Church of Christ in fact, and by reason of these facts, the Church of Christ never was a faction of the Restoration."

Moved that we adopt this and that it go out to referendum as Bill No. 1. Seconded.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Motion lost.

Previous question was ordered on the resolution before us, and the vote was 36 for and 5 against.

Brother Moore, as a personal privilege, stated that he had on deposit with the church in the hands of the Bishopric, \$50 to be held in trust for certain purposes, and as Bishop McClain had informed that there was no immediate steps being taken to carry out those purposes, he asked that he might be permitted to withdraw this sum.

It was moved and seconded that the request of Brother Moore be granted, and that he be permitted to withdraw this money. Seconded. Carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Carried. Benediction by Brother Bozarth.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1940.

Thirteenth Business Session, 10 a. m.

Brother Bozarth in the chair, assisted by Brother Anderson. Song No. 99 was sung. Prayer by Brother Anderson.

Scripture reading: 107th Psalm.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call of Ministry.

Apostles

R. M. Maloney
J. E. Bozarth
W. F. Anderson
J. E. Yates
L. A. Gould
A. M. Smith
B. C. Flint
R. R. Robertson
T. J. Jordan
C. L. Wheaton
T. E. Barton
Bishops
D. Ray Bryant

B. A. Winegar
A. S. Wheaton
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Elders

Denver Gibbons
Frank Jordan
R. B. Trowbridge
W. G. Barret
Amos A. Surbrook

Priests

W. O. Closson
Elmer Hunter

The following communication from Sister L. P. Sheldon was read:

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 16, 1940.

To the General Conference of the Church of Christ, Temple Lot: Because of your action last evening in which you declared the Church of Christ to be the accredited church of the Restoration today, I must decline to represent the church further in any editorial capacity until the Lord reveals to me that your position is recognized and approved by Him. I also relinquish my place on the Sunday School Lessons Committee, the Referendum Committee, the Complaints Committee, and the Library Board.

Assuring you of my confidence in the destiny of the temple lots, my prayers shall ever be for the fulfillment of the divine purposes and my intention is to work as the Lord points the way.

Very sincerely,

LOUISE P. SHELDON.

Moved and seconded that as the church must accede to the desire of Sister Sheldon as she now resigns from her work as editor of Zion's Advocate.

The Church appreciates deeply the splendid service and great sacrifice which our good and capable sister has rendered so faithfully.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that we ask the sister to reconsider her resignation.

Previous question was ordered, and the substitute lost by a vote of 12 for and 18 against.

Original motion prevailed by a vote of 23 for and 8 against.

Brother T. J. Jordan tendered his resignation on the Temporal Plans Committee.

It was moved and seconded that we discontinue this committee. Carried.

Brother L. A. Gould tendered his resignation from the Referendum Committee.

Moved and seconded we accept the resignation. Carried.

The further resignations by Sister Sheldon were considered.

Moved and seconded that they be accepted.

Nominations to fill two vacancies in the referendum committee: Brother Trowbridge, Sister Derry, Brother Anderson.

The vote was Trowbridge 16, Sister Derry 21, Brother Anderson 14. Sister Derry and Brother Trowbridge elected.

Moved that inasmuch as we seem to be in a poor condition to make selection of an editor at this time, we defer action until this afternoon, at the 2 o'clock session.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn till 2 o'clock. Carried. Benediction by Brother Anderson.

APRIL 16, 1940, 2 P. M.

Business Session.

Brother Bozarth in the chair. Song No. ? was sung. Prayer by Brother Anderson.

Scripture reading: Fifteen Psalm.

Minutes read and approved.

Resolution on Board of Publication and Editor was taken up.

Roll call of the Ministry as Follows:

<i>Apostles</i>	D. Ray Bryant
R. M. Maloney	B. A. Winegar
J. E. Bozarth	A. S. Wheaton
W. F. Anderson	A. O. Frisbey
J. E. Yates	
L. A. Gould	<i>Elders</i>
A. M. Smith	Denver Gibbons
B. C. Flint	Frank Jordan
R. R. Robertson	R. B. Trowbridge
T. J. Jordan	W. G. Barret
C. L. Wheaton	Amos A. Surbrook
T. E. Barton	
<i>Bishops</i>	<i>Priests</i>
J. R. McClain	Elmer Hunter

Moved and seconded that the evening session at 8 o'clock be the closing session of the conference. Carried.

Moved and seconded that when this conference adjourns, it does so to meet on the sixth day of April, 1941, at Independence, Missouri. Carried.

Report from the committee appointed to make recommendation in regard to beautifying the Temple Lot was read as follows:

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 16, 1940.

To the Conference: We your committee appointed to bring in a recommendation as to beautifying the Temple Lot.

Owing to the near approach of the time for adjourning, two of that committee thought it wise to get together and make a report. The other member of the committee, owing to having to work, was not able to meet with us. So this will be a majority report.

We recommend the leveling of the dirt, and either fill up the excavation and thus restoring the lot to its original beauty, or on the other hand, slope the banks of the excavation and sow flower seeds or plant running vines on slopes, and sow the main lot with bluegrass and white clover.

We further recommend that the stones now in the excavation be moved into a pile in one corner and the floor of excavation be levelled and seeded.

We further recommend that the building on the rear of the lot be torn down or removed from the lot.

A further recommendation that the fence along the north and east be removed, the wells filled, and all danger spots obliterated.

A. S. WHEATON,
WILLIAM F. ANDERSON,
for Committee.

Moved and seconded that we receive the report and consider its recommendations one by one. Carried.

First recommendation: Moved that we make provision for the sloping of the banks of the excavation, sowing flower seeds or planting running vines on the slopes, and sowing blue grass and white clover on the balance of the lot. Seconded. Carried.

Incidental motion: Moved that in the consideration of this committee report, all speeches be limited to five minutes. Seconded.

Moved to amend by adding, and that the same limitation apply to all other motions that may come

for consideration at this afternoon session. Seconded.

Amendment carried, also the incidental motion as amended.

Previous question ordered on the original motion, and it carried by a vote of 26 for and 10 against.

Second recommendation was considered:

Moved and seconded that we adopt the recommendation to level and seed the excavation.

Moved to amend by adding the words: And that the pile of rock be use to make the words TEMPLE LOT on the west; and that the rest of the rocks be used to make rock gardens. Seconded.

Previous question ordered. Amendment carried, and motion as amended carried.

Third recommendation was considered:

Moved and seconded that the building at the rear of the lot be torn down or moved from the lot. Carried.

Fourth recommendation considered:

Moved that the fence on all sides be removed, the wells filled, and all danger spots be obliterated. Seconded. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the committee that has been appointed to bring in these recommendations be authorized to supervise this work; and that they draw on the temple funds for the means to carry it into effect.

Moved to amend by striking out all after the word "work" and adding, "and that they send out an appeal in The Advocate to all the membership of the Church of Christ to assist us in beautifying this spot as we are providing here." Seconded.

Amendment carried, also motion as amended.

Moved and seconded that we instruct our committee to provide for the auditing of the books, to proceed to make a detailed and valued inventory of all our church property. Seconded. Carried.

Document introduced by Brother Yates taken up for consideration.

Moved and seconded that this matter be laid on the table. Carried. 28 for, 1 against.

It was moved and seconded that we rescind our former action by this body with regard to the Stark Acres Mission. Carried, 30 for and 0 against.

Following recommendations from the Quorum of Twelve with regard to fields of appointment was read:

Resolved, that in view of our uncertain financial status, we would leave all fields of labor as at present, except that Brother R. R. Robertson shall be given charge of Utah and Idaho.

Moved that we adopt the recommendations. Seconded.

Moved to amend by adding, "and that all go as circumstances permit." Seconded.

Previous question ordered.

Amendment lost. Original motion prevailed.

Question of the action of last year relative to the Twelve having joint charge over Jackson County was discussed informally, and it was

Moved that further consideration with reference to the Twelve having charge over Jackson County be postponed indefinitely. Seconded. Carried, 21 for and 0 against.

Moved and seconded to adopt.

Previous question ordered and motion to adopt carried by a vote of 13 for and 10 against.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Publication shall consist of persons independent of both the Quorum of Twelve and General Bishopric. Seconded. Carried.

Nominations for Board of Publication to fill four vacancies: Sister Charles Derry, Sister Margaret Wheaton, Sister Metta Anderson, Sister Rolland Sprague, Charles Derry, Rolland Sprague.

The vote was as follows:

Sister Derry 22, Sister Margaret Wheaton 19, Sister Metta Anderson 23, Sister Sprague 16, Charles Derry 12, and Rolland Sprague 12. Resulting in the selection of Sisters Anderson, Derry, Wheaton, and Sprague, who with A. A. Yates now form the Board of Publication.

The matter of an Editor was taken up.

Moved that Sister Anderson be the Editor of The Advocate. Seconded. Carried, 18 for and 0 against.

Moved and seconded to adjourn till 8 o'clock tonight.

First verse of 99 was sung.

Benediction by Brother Anderson.

Business Session. April 16, 1940, 8 p. m.

The last session of the conference was in charge of Brother William F. Anderson, assisted by Brother J. E. Yates.

The service was opened with the usual observance of song and prayer, the prayer being offered by Brother Yates.

Scripture reading: From John 15; seventeen verses.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll Call of Ministry.

Apostles

R. M. Maloney
J. E. Bozarth
W. F. Anderson
J. E. Yates
L. A. Gould
A. M. Smith
B. C. Flint
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A. A. Yates

At the beginning of the session, Brother A. G. Smith was ordained to the office of elder. As a service connected with the ordination, song No. 166 in Zion's Praises was sung: "Send Me Forth, O Blessed Master." Brother T. J. Jordan offered prayer, and the young brother was ordained by his father, Apostle A. M. Smith, assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

The following recommendation from the Council of Twelve with reference to the sacrament was read:

That at no time should we recommend using wine purchased from the outside world, or even grape juice, and that no one be permitted to partake of the sacrament who is not associated with us as the body of Christ.

Moved and seconded that we approve of the recommendation. Carried.

The following was read from the joint session of all the ministry in reference to the purported revelation through Apostle T. J. Jordan:

"Resolved, that we refer this communication back to the conference without prejudice and without action upon it."

Moved and seconded that we defer action upon this matter for one year.

Brother Yates introduced the following resolution, as a substitute:

Whereas, the conference has extended so far in point of time spent, that many in attendance must now return to their homes and various necessary interests, and

Whereas, certain very important matters have not yet been attended to in the manner which their importance requires, including the placing of Brother R. B. Trowbridge in the Bishopric; in that he has not had an opportunity to reach an understanding with all concerned, as to the specific duties which would be required of him, and

Whereas, the matter of the call of one to fill the vacancy in the Quorum of Twelve has not yet been attended to;

Therefore, we move that a solemn assembly of the Apostles, Bishops, and Elders be set to be held in the church here during the month of August, exact date to be arranged by the Quorum of Twelve.

(Signed) JAMES E. YATES,

T. J. JORDAN.

Moved and seconded that we defer action upon this until August as the recommendation in this paper provides for. Carried 7 to 4.

The following resolution coming from the Council of Twelve was read:

"Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed, one of which shall be C. L. Wheaton, to compile for publication in pamphlet form, the revelations to the Church of Christ, and those connected with its organization, in their original form, and with their historical setting, giving date of reception when known, and the medium of their original publication."

Motion to approve was seconded and carried.

Motion was made and seconded that Brother B. C. Flint and Brother A. M. Smith be on that committee. Carried.

Resolution with reference to the teaching of the financial law was taken up. Moved, seconded and carried to defer consideration until the solemn assembly in August.

The matter concerning Board of Publication and Editor was taken up.

It was moved and seconded that the action taken at the former session with regard to the Board of Publication be rescinded, together with all growing out of it.

Previous question was ordered, and the motion carried, 19 to 9.

Nominations were made for Board of Publication, as follows: Leroy Wheaton, Charles Derry, B. C. Flint, Nicholas Denham.

Moved that nominations close and that we proceed to elect.

Brother McClain resigned as member of the board.

Brother A. A. Yates resigned as a member of the board.

Moved and seconded that these resignations be accepted.

Previous question was ordered.

Motion to accept carried.

The vote on the Board of Publication was as follows: Leray Wheaton 25, Charles Derry 19, B. C. Flint 21, Nicholas Denham 26. These four elected to be on the board.

Moved and seconded that Brother Leon Gould be elected editor-in-chief of The Advocate.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that we elect this Board of Editors by nomination. Carried.

Nominations: Brother Gould, Sister Anderson, Sister Margaret Wheaton, Brother James Yates.

The vote was as follows: Gould 28, Sister Anderson 37, Margaret Wheaton 22, James Yates 20. Resulting in the selection of Sister Anderson, Brother Gould and Sister Wheaton.

Business manager of The Advocate. Nominations: Rolland Sprague, R. B. Trowbridge, A. S. Wheaton.

The vote was Rolland Sprague 6, R. B. Trowbridge 6, A. S. Wheaton 20. A. S. Wheaton elected.

Superintendent General Sunday School Association. Nominations: Rolland Sprague, Arthur G. Smith.

Votes: Rolland Sprague 22, A. G. Smith 14. Sprague elected.

Assistant Superintendent General Sunday School Association. Nominations: Arthur G. Smith, Wayne Richardson, Richard Wheaton.

Vote: Smith 22, Richardson 1, Wheaton 11. Smith elected.

Following resolution from the Independence local Sunday School:

"According to a motion passed by the Independence local Sunday School on March 24, 1940, this resolution is brought to you:

"Be it resolved that immediate action be taken to provide for all Sunday Schools of the Church of Christ, a record book in which to keep all the business of each meeting, on which there has been some action taken.

"R. D. SPRAGUE, *Superintendent*,
BILLY SHELDON, *Secretary*."

Moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation. Carried.

Secretary General Association. Nominations: Mildred Funk, Thomas Wheaton.

The vote: Mildred Funk 18, Thomas Wheaton 16. Mildred Funk elected.

General Church Secretary: Leon Gould nominated and elected.

He immediately tendered his resignation, to become effective April 6, 1941. Moved and seconded to accept the resignation. Carried.

Secretary of Transportation: Moved and seconded that Brother C. L. Wheaton succeed himself as Secretary of Transportation.

Church Historian: Moved and seconded that Sister Angela Wheaton be chosen to succeed herself. Carried.

General Conference Court: Moved and seconded that those whose terms expire be elected to succeed themselves. Carried.

Quarterly Committee. Nominations: Amy Gould, Marion Sprague, Freda Flint, L. A. Gould.

On account of ill health, it was moved and seconded that Sister Vida Yates be relieved as a member of the Quarterly Committee, and that we extend her the thanks and appreciation of this body for the work she has been able to do. Seconded and carried.

Sister Angela Wheaton tendered her resignation from the Quarterly Committee. Moved and seconded to accept. Carried.

Vote was as follows on the nominations: Amy Gould 27, Marian Sprague 14, Freda Flint 28, Brother Gould 25. The three highest were elected.

Brother A. M. Smith made a verbal report as a member of the Hymn Book Committee.

Moved that Brother Smith be elected to succeed himself on the Hymn Book Committee. Seconded and carried.

Rolland Sprague and Marian Sprague were nominated to serve on that committee, and Marian Sprague was chosen by a vote of 20 to 9.

Moved that Sister Vida Yates be released from the Hymn Book Committee. Seconded and carried.

Jean Ritchison was nominated to take her place and elected by a vote of 24.

Recommendation from the Quorum of Twelve that the Bishopric be authorized to purchase a typewriter for the Secretary of the Quorum of Twelve, was considered.

Moved and seconded to approve the recommendation. Carried.

Library Board. Two vacancies. Nominations: A. M. Smith, Margaret Wheaton, Arthur G. Smith, Marian Sprague.

The vote was A. M. Smith 22, Margaret Wheaton 25, Arthur G. Smith 16, Marian Sprague 10. The first two elected.

Moved that provision be made at once, or as soon as possible, to place the library books in the Quorum room, in proper bookcases that can be locked, and kept in the custody of one of this library board. Seconded. Carried.

General Office Manager: Moved and seconded that Brother Richard Trowbridge be made General Office Manager. Carried 17 for and 11 against.

Matter of a will concerning the library of Daniel McGregor was considered.

Moved that committee of three consisting of T. J. Jordan, Arthur M. Smith, and Robert Robertson be appointed to make a full investigation of this matter. Seconded. Carried.

Moved that we now stand adjourned according to previous resolution. Seconded. Carried.

"Praise Go from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung.

Benediction by Brother Yates.

LEON A. GOULD,
General Church Secretary.

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WEDDING BELLS

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Scofield, the bride's sister, 625 South Fuller Street, Independence, Mo., on Sunday, April 14, at 3 p. m., when Elsie Lorraine Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Martin of Collins, Mo., and Max Rousseau of Humansville, Mo., were united in marriage in the presence of the immediate family. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. L. W. Myers of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. John R. Martin of Agency, Mo., a brother of the bride, was best man.

Arthur M. Smith sang "Beautiful Dreamer" preceding the ceremony.

Elder J. E. Bozarth performed the ceremony and presented as a gift from the family a beautiful chest of silverware.

Mr. and Mrs. Rousseau visited for several days with relatives before returning to Collins, where they will make their home.

BEAUTIFY THE TEMPLE LOT

During the late conference a committee was appointed to beautify the Temple Lot by leveling the dirt taken out of the excavation, and sow grass seed thereon; also to level off the floor of the excavation and seed it; also slope the walls of the same and seed with flowers or running vines.

The committee desires to make the lot as beautiful as possible. To do this we were instructed to make an appeal for funds with which to do the work, and we take this means of asking all who would like to see the grounds terraced and made beautiful. We will appreciate any donations you may wish to send. We do not wish to touch other funds for this work.

Send moneys to R. B. Trowbridge, stating what it is for.

WM. F. ANDERSON, *for the Committee.*

INTRODUCTION

Anyone elected to a new office and to one to which one is not accustomed will of necessity need

the prayers, charity, and kindliness of every one of the Church of Christ members in order to be successful.

As one of the editors, I am your servant; I am accountable to you, and as humbly as I know how, may I render that service.

This missionary (The Advocate) goes into more homes than any other missionary. May it say the right things; may it bring cheer and comfort, encouragement, spiritual experiences, and helpful articles. And if the Spirit of God attends its words, it shall be so.

I cannot say, "May we have a better paper," for I never could come up to the ability of our former editor. There is only one Louise Sheldon. With your faith and prayers and my adherence to the will of our Master, may we all be blessed.

METTA L. ANDERSON.

The committee appointed on song books are giving immediate attention to the matter and hope to give something more definite in the next issue of The Advocate. Owing to not knowing the exact cost as yet, we are unable to give the price of the book at this writing.

We are hoping to give you a book with both words and music, and the first cost is the greatest, as it will cost quite a sum to get plates made. We are making inquiries as to prices for that work.

We are planning on putting out a book with about 175 songs, which will be about the size of the old "Saints' Hymnal."

We do not have money enough on hand to go ahead with the work, and will need advance orders or assurance of necessary funds to meet the paying for plates. Donations will be gladly received and in return for same, books will be furnished.

If you want a song book, let us all join in and help, if only a little. The first issue will cost the most.

Send all money to R. B. Trowbridge, office manager, stating that is for song books.

METTA L. ANDERSON, *for Committee.*

LET US GO ON

Hark! Oh, people, the Savior is calling
Us from thoughts of doubt and fear.
We must never allow the darkness
To smother the love of service here.

Let us leave behind us trouble,
Climbing on to the Savior's throne;
Letting the mistakes we have been making
Be to us a stepping stone.

We know not what lies beyond us,
But by faith we can go along,
Knowing well if we reach the summit
We may join the victors' throng.

AMY GOULD.