

Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—1 Nephi 3:187.

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Mistaken souls that dream of heaven,
And make their empty boast
Of inward joys and sins forgiven,
While they are slaves to lust.

Vain are our fancies, airy flights,
If faith be cold and dead;
None but a living power unites
To Christ the living Head.

'Tis faith that changes all the heart:
'Tis faith that works by love;
That bids our sinful joys depart,
And lifts the thoughts above.

Faith must obey her Father's will,
As well as trust His grace.
A pard'ning God is jealous still
For His own holiness.

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"Editorial Policy of the Advocate"

"We recommend that the present policy be to emphasize the fulfillment of prophecy, the closing scenes of the Gentile period, all other gospel topics that harmonize with the story of the Restoration, and matters dealing specifically with our relation to other religious organizations."—Conference Minutes, 1939, page 85, May **Advocate**.

THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 1947 conference has passed into history, history of a pleasing kind. We seem to have learned from the events of the past, lessons that we hope will be of lasting value. For by this time we should have learned that no one is necessarily an enemy because he may entertain an adverse opinion—and neither is he hopelessly lost; but the unfolding of the future may prove that he is on the right track, and well in advance of us.

While, viewing the great importance of tasks yet to be accomplished, the progress made in the late conference may seem small in comparison, yet we feel that distinct progress has been made, and the horizon of the future is visibly brightened.

With the addition of two consecrated young men to the General Bishopric, that body has been placed in a position to take progressive measures, for the good of the work in general, that heretofore have been unduly hampered. We can confidently give them our full and hearty support.

The so-called constitutional document came in for a careful and extended examination by the whole body of the ministry in attendance at three morning sessions, with some constructive criticism that bore fruit.

The ministry recommended to the conference that Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be adopted in their amended form, and that the balance of the document be referred back to the committee of five for further study and action. These Articles in their amended form, will be published later in convenient form for reference as a handbook for those interested.

Having now "turned the corner," and by maintaining the course now indicated, under the spiritual influences governing in the late conference, healthy progress for the Church of Christ is assured.

LEON A. GOULD.

NOTICE—WESTERN CANADA REUNION

Will be held at Viceroy, Saskatchewan, June 27, 28 and 29, 1947. All who care to come will be made welcome. Rooms and board free.

Come, enjoy a good wholesome, spiritual time together for these few days. For any information write either of the undersigned.

W. F. JORDAN,
Viceroy, Sask.

T. J. JORDAN,
2264 McIntire St.,
Regina, Sask.

NOTICE

In the minutes of April 7, 1947, 10:00 a. m. Session we call your attention to the item early in the session where the minutes of the last four sessions of the Spring Conference of 1946 were being read, corrected and approved as corrected.

The correction is in the early portion of the April 12, 1946, 2:00 p. m. Session relative to matters on the table in the hands of the secretary. See Zion's Advocate for May, 1946, page 77, right hand column the 14th line down.

This item No. 1 should read:

"I. Report from the Bishopric RECOMMENDING W. B. Davis as business manager."

See also the full text of this report on page 78 of the same Advocate, left hand column toward the bottom under the matter of the GENERAL BUSINESS MANAGER.

As published, the minutes might possibly be interpreted to infer that the Bishopric have only the right to suggest. Such is not the case, since the General Bishops hold the responsibility by act of conference to recommend to the conference the individual for the office of General Business Manager, leaving the final approval or disapproval up to the conference.

Therefore, as one of the associate secretaries of the 1946 Conference, I offer to the Church and the readers of the Zion's Advocate my humble apology for this oversight.

Respectfully,

FOREST E. MALEY,
General Church Secretary.

NOTICE

This is to inform the membership of the church and any concerned, that Robert A. McClain of his own free will surrendered his license of Seventy and an Elder, and no longer represents the Church of Christ.

We are sorry that Brother McClain feels that he can no longer continue as a minister for the church, and hope he may see his way clear to assume the responsibility at a later time.

WM. F. ANDERSON,
Missionary in Charge of Missouri.

"Be not wise in your own conceits" (Romans 12:16);
"for the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God"
(1 Cor. 3:19).

INDEPENDENCE NEWS

Again, a month has rolled around, and I am reminded of a thought expressed by one of our priesthood who was in charge of a prayer meeting. The time was passing by unoccupied and the clock in the back of the room was loudly ticking off the seconds, when the man in charge said, "Did you ever listen to the ticking of a clock in a quiet room and think that each minute that is going by so swiftly, is past and gone and never can be recalled." I was caused to wonder if we, each one, were doing all with our time that we could, not only for our own good, but for the good of those around us, or were we letting it slip by, unused or wasted. There is so much to be done, so few to do it, and only a short time to do it in. We can not recall the past, nor yet do we know what time will be ours in the future. It's only today that we have to be up and about our "Father's business." Tomorrow may be too late for some of us.

Brother and Sister Charles Derry had the pleasure of entertaining his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Logan, of Long Beach, Calif., for a few days during April.

Katherine Marie Wheaton, only daughter of Apostle and Sister Clarence L. Wheaton, and Nolan Edwin Matthews, were married at the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), in a double-ring ceremony performed by the bride's father, assisted by Nicholas Denham.

The altar was banked with palms and ferns with spring flowers. The candles were lighted by Mrs. Johnny Felix and Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

Before the ceremony, Miss Mildred Minton played a medley of love songs on the marimba. Miss Dana Wendleburg sang "Through the Years" (Herbert) and Bill Elliott sang "Because" (d'Hardelet). They were accompanied by Miss Gloria Andrews at the piano. Miss Andrews also played a medley of songs and the recessional. The Cantinina Chorus sang "Bless This House" before the ceremony, and the "Amen Chorus" at the close.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, C. L. Wheaton, Jr., wore a white satin gown with a fitted bodice and a peplum. The skirt lengthened into an aisle wide train. She wore a fingertip length veil with a beaded satin tiarra, and carried an arm bouquet of white roses in which was fastened a pink and white corsage. She wore a single strand of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Edward Wheaton, matron of honor, is a sister-in-law of the bride. She wore yellow taffeta with a matching garland of flowers in her hair and carried a colonial bouquet of Talisman roses.

The bridesmaid, Mrs. Byron Fairbanks, wore a pale green taffeta gown fashioned like the matron of honor, with a matching flower headdress, and carried pink roses.

The bridegroom was attended by Charles Fry as best man, and Richard A. Wheaton as groomsman.

The ringbearer, Jimmy Wheaton, is a nephew of the bride. Miss Jackie Wheaton, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

A reception was held at the church immediately after the ceremony. Mrs. Henrietta Allen was acting hostess, assisted by Mrs. Marion Sprague and Mrs.

Juanita Wheaton, Mrs. Alva Wheaton and Mrs. Pearl Skeen, aunts of the bride.

The bride's mother wore a blue dress and Mrs. Matthews, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black street dress. Both wore corsages of roses and sweet peas.

After the wedding trip to the Ozarks, the couple will be at home at 1406 South Spring street.

Mrs. Niles F. Resch and daughter, of Dallas, Texas, have been visiting the past month with her parents, Brother and Sister Wm. F. Anderson. On her return home she is visiting friends in St. Louis, Mo., and Little Rock, Ark.

Edith Bell spent a week end in Ava, Mo., visiting the home folks and getting acquainted with a new baby sister.

Brother and Sister Francis Darrah entertained her brother and family over the Mother's Day week end.

Brother and Sister B. C. Flint had as their guests for two weeks, his brother, Clarence Flint, and wife. They stopped on their return from a winter spent in Texas.

Brother and Sister K. J. Smith are the proud parents of a new son, Kenneth James, born April 24.

The young people held the election of officers and Brother Leslie Case was chosen leader for the next term.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson, Jr., and his wife had the misfortune of losing their infant daughter.

The Independence group of United Workers was organized on May 1, and meet each Thursday afternoon at the church. Officers for the next term are as follows:

Chairman—Sister Metta Anderson.
Assistant Chairman—Sister Ora Derry.
Secretary—Sister Marion Sprague.
Treasurer—Sister Bertha Case.

The study hour is being spent in reading and discussing the book of Mosiah, and work hour has been very profitable so far. A layette was made and presented to a needy family; and a grocery shower for another family who have been unfortunate, was collected. The group are now working on items for shipment to war torn Europe.

Interest is very high, with an average of 14 per meeting, in attendance. The group sends greetings to all other members of the United Workers.

Our attendance at church services has been fair during the past month but there was an increase the last Sunday, which we hope will continue.

Our local priesthood has been our speakers, each pointing out the need of the membership to strive to come up to higher ground.

ORA B. DERRY.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Eileen Lorraine Burns, daughter of Brother and Sister Burns, of 153 Connecticut, Highland Park, Michigan, was married to Mr. Wm. H. Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Monroe of Georgetown, Connecticut, at 12 o'clock, at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Highland Park.

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson, of Independence, Missouri, married the young couple.

For her wedding Lorraine wore an egg shell satin gown designed and made in Frankfurt, Germany, trim-

med with Bavarian lace. Her long trailing veil with shorter face veil was also trimmed with imported lace. She carried a bouquet of roses centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Pauline Bennett, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of white taffeta with aqua tulle over skirt, also designed and made in Germany. She carried roses and stock made up in fan shape, and a string of pearls given her by the bride.

The bridesmaids were Miss Beulah Siallor, of Pleasant Ridge; Miss Lila Kassêm, of Highland Park; Miss Alice Rykert, niece of the bride. They wore identical gowns of peach taffeta with tulle, one shoulder bare. Little Sharren Norgrove, niece of the bride, was flower girl. She was dressed as the bridesmaids. All carried bouquets of roses and stock, wearing pearls given them by the bride.

Clyde V. Burns, brother of the bride (formerly a Marine), was best man. Ushers were, Ernie Premo, William Collins and Gene Burns.

Brother Vernon Burns, father of the bride, gave the bride away.

Sister Burns, mother of the bride, wore a gray crepe dress trimmed with lace, with a short jacket of same, and flowered hat.

Mrs. Monroe wore an aqua crepe dress with a white hat.

Ernie Premo sang "Because;" Mr. Bert Cooper, accompanist.

A reception was held at the Church, and an open house at the bride's home in the evening. A number of Church of Christ members and friends were present at each reception. Out of town guests were: Mrs. Wm. Monroe and daughter, Mrs. Pauline Bennett, of Georgetown, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Norgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Norgrove and Richard Norgrove of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mr. Jack Norgrove of New Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Norgrove and children, Sharron and Neal, of Clarkston, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Long, Syracuse, New York.

The young couple both recently returned from Frankfurt, Germany, where Lorraine had served as secretary, and later as court reporter. She was a graduate of Pershing High School, of Detroit, and took two years at the Detroit Business University.

The church was decorated with Palms, and vases of white carnations and lilies.

The bride's going away suit was black gabardine, with corsage of white orchid.

The young couple will reside* at 153 Connecticut, Highland Park 3, Michigan, for a time.

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"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Prov. 3:7); "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up wisdom for the righteous" (Prov. 2:6, 7).

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Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

The man that wandereth out of the way of Understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

PAUL, A SERVANT OF GOD

In our story about Stephen last month, we learned that the witnesses who stoned Stephen laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul, who was consenting to Stephen's death.

At this time there was a terrible persecution against those of the Church who were at Jerusalem, many of whom were forced to scatter throughout Judea and Samaria; only the apostles being left in Jerusalem.

Saul bitterly opposed the early church, and persecuted it, causing great fear and destruction wherever he appeared. He entered every home and caused those who believed in Jesus to be thrown into prison, and the believers scattered far to escape the wrath and persecutions of Saul; and wherever they went they preached the gospel of Christ.

Saul, who probably saw that his efforts to destroy the church in Jerusalem seemed only to spread the gospel story, secured letters from the high priest, empowering him to bring any Christian found in the synagogues in Damascus to Jerusalem for trial.

As he was traveling to Damascus, on one occasion, a bright light appeared in the heavens and shone round about him. Saul fell to the earth, and he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Saul asked, "Who art thou Lord," and the voice answered: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

Jesus also told Saul it was hard for him to struggle against Him as he had been doing. Saul who had been trembling with fear and astonishment, asked Jesus what he wanted him to do. Jesus told him to go on to Damascus, where he would be told what else to do.

Those who were with Saul saw the light and were afraid, but "they heard not the voice that spake to Saul." When Saul arose from the ground and opened his eyes he found that he could see nothing; and those who were with him took him by the hand and led him into Damascus, where he lay in darkness for three days, neither eating nor drinking.

There lived in Damascus a man named Ananias who was a disciple of Jesus. After Saul was stricken blind, the Lord appeared to this man, calling him by name, and said, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of one called Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus; for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight."

Ananias was astonished at the Lord's words, and said, "Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name."

Jesus told Ananias that He had chosen Saul to bear His name before both the Gentiles and the Israelites, and that He would show Saul the things he must suffer in his mission.

Ananias obeyed the Lord's command, and when he entered the house of Judas he laid his hands on Saul's head, and said: Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou

camest, has sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." And even as Ananias spoke Saul's sight was restored, and he arose and was baptized in the name of Jesus.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus, and preached the gospel of Jesus in all the synagogues there. Those who heard Saul could not understand the change in him, because they knew he had come to Damascus to imprison the believers in Christ; and now he, too, professed to be a believer.

Saul's speech was so convincing that the Jews were unable to argue against him; and, being angry because of this, they plotted to kill him. Saul and his friends heard that the Jews were waiting at the gate of the city to kill him as he tried to leave, so when night came the disciples hid Saul in a large basket and let him down safely over the city walls.

After this narrow escape from Damascus, Saul journeyed to Jerusalem where he tried to join the disciples, and met with another cold welcome because the people were all afraid of him, and didn't believe that he was truly a disciple of Jesus. One of the congregation named Barnabas took Saul to the apostles and told them how Jesus had spoken to him on the road to Damascus, and how Saul had preached with great boldness in the synagogues of Damascus; so Saul was received by the disciples and preached about Jesus in Jerusalem as he had done in Damascus.

At this time, certain Greeks who heard Saul were angered by his words, and once again he fled for his life, journeying to his home in Tarsus.

With Saul, the persecutor, transformed into "Paul," the disciple, the followers of Jesus had a season of peace, and were able to study and to walk in God's ways, and many more were added to their number.

HELEN JENSEN.

UNITED WORKERS

During a meeting of the Ministry at the General Conference, we poor women-kind found ourselves without a—well without a place to go. We were ostracized, pure and simple. So we gathered ourselves together and—ha! ha! you men—we had a meeting of our own. Brother Arthur Smith, feeling a brotherly love for the unnecessary women-kind, left his own meeting and came to our rescue. They say it's an ill wind that blows no good—so we, out of our bewilderment, evolved what is to be called "The United Workers." A committee was elected of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the fifth member to be used when needed.

Our plan is this: We felt that in order for we women to feel that kinship and to emphasize that name, "United Workers," that we would all do about the same thing in our Locals and as nearly at the same time as possible—I think then we would feel more United.

I'm appealing to each Local to form yourselves into a group separate from any other group and call yourselves "United Workers" with this program: Theme song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." Then the Lord's Prayer. Then a half hour study of Book of Mormon. Then one-half hour

for program and one hour for sewing or working for the needy. Collection. Refreshments optional.

Now this program may seem rather "fixed," but our only reason is that we may all feel that ONENESS when we meet and realize that we women are studying the same things. We pledge to study only the Bible and Book of Mormon—our present study is the First Chapter of Mosiah.

So hurry, you dear Sisters, and let's all get together and study the same thing and feel that SPIRIT of UNITEDNESS in our gatherings.—If you'll write to me and ask, or comment on anything, I'll be happy to answer. Only get started now to organize, so we can all be TOGETHER.

We asked for a space in the Advocate for our "Doings." What Local will be first to respond? I'll give a little bit of what we are doing. We are making Layettes and when we hear of any real needy mother, we have them for her. Then we heard of a family that has met misfortune, but who are very worthy—we have a large box of groceries ready to deliver to them. They do not belong to our Faith, but who knows what kindness in need might do. Our work is limitless. We are not working for remuneration, it's secondary.

We feel that if we meet each Thursday at 2:00 p. m. that we will all be one big family—and we will pray for each other. The Committee for the Church at large are Metta L. Anderson, 619 S. Crysler, Independence, Mo.; Vice-President, Ora Derry; Secretary, Dorothy Denham; Treasurer, Lois Harris; and the fifth member of the Committee, Betty Morgan.

METTA L. ANDERSON.

Minutes of the Annual Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Convened on the Temple Lot. April 7, 1947. 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle A. M. Smith in charge, assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Opening Song: No. 178—Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning."

Opening Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Scripture was read by Brother A. M. Smith from the first chapter of the first epistle of Peter.

Second Song: No. 190—Redeemer of Israel our only delight."

After some preliminary remarks about the solemn importance of the hours immediately before us, the chair opened the business with the question of "who shall preside?"

Brother J. A. Sweem moved that the Council of Twelve preside over this conference and they to choose the ones to take charge. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Motion carried—19 for, none against.

Brother C. L. Wheaton moved that Brother F. Maley act as secretary and choose his assistants. Seconded by Brother Bert Cooper. Carried.

Chorister—Sister Betty Morgan being the General Church Chorister among whose duties is the preparation and directing of General Conference music.

Sister Metta Anderson nominated Brother Bert Cooper pianist for the Conference. The body unanimously selected Brother Cooper as pianist.

Brother C. L. Wheaton moved that Brother Ernie

Premo be the chief usher and choose his assistants. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Question was raised about maintenance of the building during the conference.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that Brother Derry (Chas.) be authorized to choose his assistants in this work. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Motion carried.

Brother C. L. Wheaton moved that the General Bishopric be authorized to remunerate such assistants for that work. Seconded by Brother Bert Cooper. Motion carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that Brother A. M. Smith and Brother B. C. Flint act as Press Committee. Seconded and carried.

Minutes of the April Conference of 1946, sessions of April 11, 2:30 p. m.; April 12, 10:00 a. m.; April 12, 2:00 p. m., and April 12, 8:00 p. m. were read, corrected and approved.

Minutes of the "Constitutional Convention" of October 6, 1946 were read and approved.

Letters from the General Church Secretary was read with regard to these minutes and other reports to be received.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton offered a verbal report for the Committee on the Beautification of the Temple Lot; that the excavation had been filled, grass seed planted, the trees trimmed. Also that it was considered unseasonal for placing a sidewalk as ordered at this time, and that the expense of a privet hedge would be too expensive an investment as well as undesirable from other angles. Further that there was some expense on landscaping which would show in the report of the General Bishopric.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved to adjourn to 2:00 p. m. the same day. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Announcements were made about the identification badges and a meeting of the Bishopric with the Board of Publication that evening.

Closing Song: No. 299—Oh Lord of light and love.
Closing Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 7, 1947—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge, assisted by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Opening Song: No. 131—Love Divine all love excelling.

Opening Prayer by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Second Song: No. 246—Oh God give strength to all thy Saints.

Scripture was read by Brother R. R. Robertson from the second chapter of the first epistle of Peter.

The minutes of the 10:00 a. m. session of April 7, 1947 were read. There were no corrections and the chair ruled that they would stand approved as read.

Three papers in the hands of the secretary were given their first reading.

(1) Ministerial report of Elder Amos Surbrook.

(2) A document with recommendations from the Council of Twelve.

(3) A report from the Auditing Committee relative to the delay in their department.

Brother Joseph Yates called up for second reading

and consideration the document from the Council of Twelve. The document follows:

To the Conference of the Church of Christ Greetings:

The Council of Twelve hereby offers the following recommendations to the Conference as the outline of services other than the regular business session:

(1) The morning hours from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 be devoted to devotional service, and priesthood meetings; and suggest that the hour from 10:00 to 11:00 a. m. be devoted to prayer meeting; and from 11:00 to 12:00 to preaching. Further that during this time, the members of the Priesthood may meet in quorum capacity to care for such matters as may come before them during this conference.

(2) That the hour from 4:00 p. m. to 5:00 be devoted to the School of the Ministry.

(3) That the time from 7:30 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. be devoted to song service and preaching to follow at 8:00 p. m.

Signed,

A. M. SMITH,

Secretary of the Council of Twelve.

Brother Joseph Yates moved that we accept the report with recommendations of the Council of Twelve and approve of it in its entirety. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon.

This matter was examined and discussed at length. Brother James E. Yates moved as a substitute for the whole matter before the body that:

Concerning this issue now before the conference, namely, the transaction of legislative business and in order that common consent (for or against) may be obtained in an orderly way, I move that this whole question shall be referred first to the whole body of the ministry now in attendance at this conference. They to study, analyze, act upon, and report back to this General Conference their recommendations in the matter for common consent of the conference in approval or disapproval.

Also, in order that the body of the Ministry may take this matter up in an orderly way that the Conference approve of this method of Ministers' consideration of our major business first.

Seconded by Brother L. L. Boyce.

With the consent of the seconder (after further discussion) Brother James E. Yates withdrew his motion.

Vote was called on the motion by Brother Joseph Yates that we accept the recommendations of the Council of Twelve and approve of them in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Brother A. M. Smith announced himself as speaker for the evening preaching services, Brother C. W. Morgan and Brother Glenn McNaughton to be in charge of the morning prayer meeting the following morning at 10:00 a. m., Brother Louis L. Boyce as speaker at the preaching services to follow the prayer meeting, and Brother James E. Yates as the speaker for the evening preaching service on April 8; Brother Yates announced his subject as the Divine Destiny of Joseph's Land.

The report of the "Constitutional Committee" having been referred back to this body was called up for

reading and consideration. The first five major articles were read.

Brother James E. Yates moved that we adjourn to 2:00 p. m. the following day, April 8. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon.

Prayers were asked for the mother of our Brother Ed Podhola who was hospitalized.

Preaching was announced for 8:00 p. m. and song service at 7:30 p. m. that evening.

The chair instructed the secretary to provide a roll call for the ministry for the next business session.

Vote was taken on the motion to adjourn. Carried.

Closing Song: No. 214—Send me forth, Oh blessed Master.

Closing Prayer by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Minutes of the Conference, April 8, 1947—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge, assisted by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Opening Song: No. 217—Soldiers of Christ Arise.

Opening Prayer by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Second Song: No. 4—Come thou fount of every blessing.

Scripture was read by Brother Robertson from the 9th chapter of St. Luke.

Roll call of the registered ministry. 23 present—7 absent.

Minutes of the April 7, 1947 2:00 p. m. session were read and approved as read.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton rose and made some verbal reports for the General Bishopric:

(1) Relative to the freeze-proof wall ordered by last spring conference. Project was found impractical. Suitable and much more reasonable substitute was used, which accomplishes the same object.

(2) Relative to Bishops financial report more time required and it would be submitted a little later.

(3) In the matter of the typewriter ordered sent to Sister J. R. McClain that it was refused and that a sincere apology from the body was more in order.

(4) That the sale of lots deeded to the church by Brother and Sister Flint were in the process of being sold. Total amount near \$600.00.

(5) In the matter of a supplemental auditor's report ordered by the 1946 conference covering from March, 1943, to March, 1944. This period had been included in another auditors report thus bringing everything up to date.

(6) In the matter of the Bishopric financing the purchase of a solovox for the general church.

Continued reading of the report of the Constitutional Committee was resumed and filled the remainder of the session.

Announcements were made of:

4:00 p. m.—Meeting of the School of the Ministry to follow.

7:30 p. m.—Song Service.

8:00 p. m.—Preaching by Apostle James E. Yates.

9:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer service to precede preaching.

11:00 a. m.—Preaching

2:00 p. m.—Business Session.

4:00 p. m.—School of the Ministry.

7:30 p. m.—Entire evening devoted to a musicale.

Young People's Picnic was announced for the evening of the 10th and preaching for the rest at the usual hour of 8:00 p. m. the same day.

Also was announced a joint meeting of the Councils of Twelve and Bishops immediately to follow the School of the Ministry.

Business session stood adjourned to 2:00 p. m. the following day, or April 9, 1947.

Closing Song: No. 152—Oh Master workman of the race.

Closing Prayer by Clarence L. Wheaton.

Minutes of the Conference, April 9, 1947—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge, assisted by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Opening Song: No. 319—Thou my everlasting portion.

Opening Prayer by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Second Song: No. 233—In Heavenly love abiding.

Scripture was read by Apostle Robertson from the 19th Psalm.

Roll call of the registered ministry—23 present—7 absent.

Minutes of the April 8, 1947—2:00 p. m. Session were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

The remainder of the report from the "Constitutional Committee" was read. (See pages of the Zion's Advocate for March, 1947)

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we concur in the recommendation of the Council of Twelve (to have been received at this time) making provision to refer this document to a joint meeting of all the ministers in this conference; to be convened on Thursday morning at 10:00 a. m. April 10, 1947. Seconded by Brother L. L. Boyce.

Brother Joseph Yates moved that a document on the table entitled "A Substitute" be read. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Carried. The document proved to be a substitute for the report of the "Constitutional Committee," which was intended to reaffirm the present status of the church.

Brother B. C. Flint moved that this substitute document be referred to the joint meeting of the ministry already provided. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Motion carried.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton called up for second reading and consideration the report of the Auditing Committee. It follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 7, 1947.

To the Church of Christ
In Conference Assembled
Greetings:

On March 19, 1947, the books not as yet being in our hands, we, your Auditing Committee, requested of Brother Davis that he turn them over to us not later than March 22 in order that we might be able to procure a "competent certified auditor" to audit the books.

Brother Davis delivered three ledgers to us on

Sunday, March 30. On March 31 we took them to a certified accountant who told us that without the bank statements, cancelled checks, receipts, paid bills, etc., it was not possible to make an audit at all. On April 1, the committee requested Brother Davis to supply them with the needed material; and on April 2, he delivered to the committee certain material covering the period only from December, 1946, to March, 1947. It is the committee's understanding that their duty was to have the books audited for the period from March 15, 1946, to March 15, 1947.

On April 3, the committee took what material had come into their hands to an accountant (certified) who makes a special concession to charitable institutions. Upon condition we could procure the rest of the material needed, he assured us he could make a full and complete audit for an amount not exceeding \$50, but that it would be impossible to have it done in less than ten days. This would be too late for the Conference, in our opinion.

Therefore, finding ourselves unable to procure a full, complete, and dependable audit because of insufficient time and lack of material needed, we returned the books, etc. to Brother Davis at his request on the evening of April 3, 1947.

As your auditing committee, we recommend that you instruct the quorum of bishops hereafter to see to it that the books of the manager of the Business Office are closed on March 15 of each year, and submitted immediately for auditing.

Sincerely and regretfully,
Your Auditing Committee,

(Signed) ROLLAND D. SPRAGUE,
DENVER G. CHAPMAN.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the matter of auditing the books shall be referred to a committee of three to formulate a resolution covering the various matters involved. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Motion carried.

Nominations for the committee:

Joseph Yates—declined.

LeRoy Wheaton

Maynard Case

Nicholas Denham.

Sister Angela Wheaton moved that nominations cease and that these three comprise the committee. Seconded by Brother John Reynolds. Carried.

The conference stood adjourned to 2:00 p. m. April 10, 1947.

Closing Song: No. 102—Rejoice ye saints of Latter Days.

Closing Prayer by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Minutes of the Conference, April 10, 1947—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge, assisted by Apostle W. F. Anderson.

Opening Song No. 244—We have an anchor that keeps the soul.

Opening Prayer by Brother Anderson.

Scripture was read by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton from the 61st Psalm.

Announcement was made of our Sister Bryant being in the hospital and in need of prayers. A collection was taken up to purchase flowers and a fruit basket was also suggested. Collection \$18.60.

Announcement was also made of the Young People's get-together at the Chas. Derry home.

The first verse of Song No. 242 was sung. "Oh then to the rock let me fly."

Roll call of the registered ministry—27 present—4 absent.

Minutes of the April 9, 1947—2:00 p. m. Session were read and approved as read.

From the table the report of the committee to draft a resolution covering the matter of auditing the church books was read. Also read for the first time—a document relative to delegate type conference. (See announcement of proposed change of procedure in Zion's Advocate February, 1947).

Brother James E. Yates moved that the document on a delegate type conference be referred to the Joint session of the Priesthood. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that this conference set aside the hours from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 a. m. each day for the meeting of the Ministry to consider the documents presented to them until they shall be able to report back to this body. Seconded and carried.

Report from the Bishopric in form of an audit of the church books was given its first reading.

The report of the committee to draft a resolution covering the matter of auditing the Church books was called up for second reading, and consideration.

Brother Joseph Yates moved to accept and adopt the report of the committee appointed to draft a resolution on auditing the church books. Seconded by Brother James E. Yates.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "office" in the title "Business Office Manager." Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Motion to amend carried.

Resolution as amended carried. The resolution follows:

Be it resolved:

That the Business Manager's books be closed March 15 of each year.

That an auditing committee of three be appointed to obtain the services of a certified public accountant and that the committee shall notify the Business Manager to turn the books over to said accountant.

That said accountant be instructed to return the audited books to the Business Manager and to furnish nine copies of the audit to the auditing committee who in turn shall immediately forward a copy of said audit to each member of the General Bishopric, the Business Manager, and to the General Church Secretary.

That all former resolutions in conflict hereto are hereby rescinded.

Report of the Bishopric in form of an audit was called up for second reading and consideration. (See other pages of the Zion's Advocate).

Brother B. C. Flint moved to adopt the report of the Bishopric. Seconded by Brother Bert Cooper. Motion carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that the General Bishopric be authorized to sell the "Stark Acres Mission." Seconded by Sister Angela Wheaton. Motion carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that the General Bishopric be authorized to dispose of the church linotype. Seconded by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Brother A. M. Smith moved as a substitute that the General Bishopric be authorized to make a thorough investigation of the matter of the linotype, and to use their best judgment on it before the next conference. Seconded by Sister L. P. Sheldon. Carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that the General Bishopric be instructed to present the Independence Local Church with a statement of the amount shown against them on the General Church books. Seconded by Brother Maynard Case.

Announcements were made:

Young People's meeting at the Derry home.

Song service at 7:30 the same evening.

8:00 Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton speaking on Church history.

11:00 a. m. next morning, meeting to form a Ladies Auxiliary.

9:00 next morning—Prayer service.

10:00 next morning—Joint meeting of the Priesthood.

The session of the Conference stood adjourned to 2:00 p. m. April 11.

Closing Song: No. 14—Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Closing Prayer by Brother W. F. Anderson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 11, 1947—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle W. F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Apostle A. M. Smith.

Opening Song No. 98—May we who know the joyful sound still practice what we know.

Opening Prayer by Brother B. C. Flint.

Second Song No. 175—Guide us Oh thou great Jehovah.

Scripture was read by Brother W. F. Anderson from the 52nd chapter of Isaiah.

Roll call of the registered ministry—23 present—8 absent.

Minutes of the April 10, 1947—2:00 p. m. Session were read and approved as read.

The report from the Joint Council of the Twelve and Bishopric was given its first reading.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we now proceed with the electing of committee and officers and the filling of vacancies according to our regular rule. Seconded by Brother James E. Yates. Motion carried.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the field of appointment of the various members of the Council of Twelve remain the same for the coming year. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to amend the motion by adding: And that Brother Bozarth be associated with Brother W. F. Anderson in his field in charge of Missouri and Nebraska. Seconded by Brother James E. Yates. Motion carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Brother Forest Maley moved that we now take up the matter of the Editor-in-Chief, and the Associate Editors of the Zion's Advocate. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Editor-in-Chief of Zion's Advocate.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the present editor be elected to succeed himself in office for the coming year. Seconded by Brother John Reynolds.

Brother Wm. Sheldon moved as a substitute that we proceed to nominate the members of the editorial staff. Seconded and carried.

Nominations:

L. A. GOULD

METTA ANDERSON

B. C. FLINT.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we now proceed to vote and the one with the highest vote to take office immediately after this conference. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

The voting:

L. A. GOULD—19

METTA ANDERSON—3

B. C. FLINT—16

Brother L. A. Gould was declared elected.

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate:

Nominations:

A. M. SMITH—declined

JOSEPH YATES

METTA ANDERSON

WM. SHELDON

MARGARET WHEATON—declined

ORA DERRY

The voting:

JOSEPH YATES—32

METTA ANDERSON—16

WM. SHELDON—22

ORA DERRY—5

Brethren Joseph Yates and Wm. Sheldon declared elected.

General Church Secretary

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that Brother Forest Maley succeed himself as General Church Secretary. Seconded by Brother R. R. Robertson. Motion carried.

Associate General Church Secretary

Nominations:

MYRLE LEE SMITH—23

IRENE M. YATES—14

MILDRED HOOKER—4

Myrle Lee Smith declared elected.

General Church Recorder

Brother A. M. Smith moved that Sister Ora Derry succeed herself in this office. Seconded by Sister Betty Morgan. Carried.

Assistant General Church Recorder

Brother A. M. Smith moved that Sister Jean Chapman succeed herself in this office of assistant recorder. Seconded by Brother C. W. Morgan. Motion carried.

General Church Chorister

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that Sister Betty Morgan succeed herself in this office. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

General Church Historian

Brother James E. Yates moved that Sister Angela Wheaton succeed herself in this office. Seconded by Brother R. R. Robertson. Carried.

Full Time Representative in the Church Office

Brother Wm. Sheldon moved that Brother Chas. Derry succeed himself in this office. Seconded by Brother Bert Cooper. Carried.

Brother Bert Cooper moved that we increase the weekly wage of Brother Derry from \$30.00 to \$40.00. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Auditing Committee

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that Brother Maynard Case be associated with the other two brethren, Rolland Sprague and Denver Chapman as this committee. Seconded by Brother A. M. Smith.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved as a substitute that we now proceed to nominate for this committee. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Nominations:

MAYNARD CASE—36
 ARCHIE BELL—declined
 JOSEPH YATES—declined
 WM. SHELDON—declined
 BERT COOPER—14
 ETHEL HOLCOMB—15
 RICHARD WHEATON—25
 DOROTHY DENHAM—17

Sister Dorothy Denham, Richard Wheaton and Maynard Case elected.

Dining Hall Committee

Nominations:

METTA ANDERSON—24
 BERT COOPER—26
 ERNIE PREMIO—23
 ORA DERRY—30
 MIRIAM MASON—19
 CHAS. DERRY—28
 ED PODHOLA—7

Sister Metta Anderson, Bert Cooper, Ernie Premo, Sister Ora Derry, and Brother Chas. Derry declared elected.

Reception Committee

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that the present committee, Brother and Sister Davis and Sister L. P. Sheldon succeed themselves as this committee. Seconded by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Referendum Committee

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that Sister Ora Derry succeed herself on this committee. Seconded by Brother J. A. Sweem. Carried.

Relations Committee

Nominations:

CLARENCE L. WHEATON—22
 R. R. ROBERTSON—3
 NICHOLAS DENHAM—declined
 LeROY WHEATON—declined
 W. F. ANDERSON—7
 L. A. GOULD—0

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton declared elected.

Library Board

Sister Ethel Holcomb moved that Brother Rolland Sprague succeed himself on this board. Seconded and carried.

Board of Publication

Nominations to fill the vacancy left by the death of our late Brother Arthur A. Yates:

Nominations:

FOREST MALEY—23
 ARCHIE BELL—declined
 C. W. MORGAN—declined
 NICHOLAS DENHAM—8

Brother Forest Maley declared elected to fill vacancy.

Nominations for regular vacancy: Nicholas Denham. Since there were no other nominations, the body by vote elected Brother Nicholas for this office.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that Saturday evening, April 12, be given to the Sunday School Association for their convention. Seconded and carried.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to take up for second reading and consideration the report coming from the Joint Council of the Twelve and Bishopric. Seconded by Brother Joseph Yates. Carried.

The document:

Independence, Mo.
 April 11, 1947.

To the Conference Assembled:

Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve and the General-Bishopric met together and after careful and prayerful consideration wish to present to you for your approval, Brethren Nicholas Denham and Edward H. Podhola to be set aside to fill the vacancies now existing in the General Bishopric.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. L. WHEATON, Jr.

Secretary of the Joint Council.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we approve and concur in the recommendation of the Bishopric and Twelve in regard to these brethren, Nicholas Denham and Edward Podhola and that that the Quorum of Twelve be requested to make provision for the setting apart of these men. Seconded by Brother Joseph Yates. Carried by standing vote.

Announcements were made:

4:00 p. m.—School of the Ministry.

7:00 p. m.—Council of Twelve meeting.

7:30 p. m.—Song service.

8:00 p. m.—Preaching by W. F. Anderson.

7:00 p. m.—Saturday to follow—General Sunday School Convention.

Closing Prayer by Brother A. M. Smith.

Minutes of the Conference, April 12, 1947—2:00 P. M.**Session**

Apostle A. M. Smith in charge, assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

Opening Song No. 317—I need thee every hour.

Opening Prayer by Brother B. C. Flint.

Second Song No. 318—Pass me not, Oh gentle Savior.

Scripture was read by Apostle A. M. Smith from the first 19 verses of the 6th Chapter of First Timothy.

Roll call of the registered ministry—22 present—9 absent.

Minutes of April 11, 1947—2:00 p. m. Session were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

Brother Clarence Wheaton moved to take up the recommendation from the Bishopric as to the business manager, for action. Seconded by Brother Bert Cooper. Carried.

The document:

Independence, Mo.
April 12, 1947.

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The General Bishopric wish to express to this conference our appreciation of the splendid manner in which Brother W. B. Davis has conducted the affairs of the General Business Manager during the past five years. Brother Davis has requested the Bishopric, that as his term expires this conference that we recommend that another be chosen to fill the vacancy, as he finds that his work takes him out of town considerably and hinders him from giving the office the time required.

We Therefore, present for your approval Brother Nicholas F. Denham as General Business Manager for the coming year.

Sincerely submitted,

(Signed) C. L. WHEATON, Jr.
Secretary of the General Bishopric.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that in accordance with the communication we have received from the General Bishopric, that we concur in the recommendation of appointing Brother Nicholas F. Denham to the office of General Business Manager. And further that we render to Brother Davis our heart-felt appreciation for his services in the past years. Seconded by Brother W. F. Anderson.

After some discussion as to the duties of the General Business Manager, the vote was taken. Motion carried 36 to none.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton called for second reading and consideration of the document coming from the School of the Ministry.

The document:

April 12, 1947.

To the Minister's Conference Assembled
Greetings:

We, the undersigned, petition this Conference to recognize the School of the Ministry as an auxiliary of the General Church, with officers and duties defined.

Committee for the School of the Ministry
(Signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH, Chairman.
ARCHIE F. BELL, Secretary.

Be it resolved:

The School of the Ministry shall be composed of all ordained men of the Church of Christ.

The Board of the School of the Ministry shall consist of: a chairman, an assistant chairman, and a secretary.

Their duties shall be:

To contact members of the Ministry of the Church to determine and provide such subjects as are most desired, and determine who is best fitted to present those subjects; to make arrangements for school meetings; to distribute the subjects to the several members of the Ministry selected.

Such meetings of the School shall consist of the reading and discussion of these subjects, which when properly endorsed by the School of the Ministry shall be submitted to the Zion's Advocate for publication.

Committee for the School of the Ministry.
Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to grant the petition to form a School of the Ministry as an auxiliary of the Church work and concur in their plans providing officers in the scope of their work. Seconded by Brother Joseph Yates, motion carried.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton called for the reading and consideration of the report of the Ladies Auxiliary. (See Zion's Advocate).

Brother Joseph Yates moved that we commend the ladies for this splendid move and accept them under the name "UNITED WORKERS" as an auxiliary of the Church and leave their business in their own hands. Seconded by Brother L. A. Gould.

After considerable discussion of the functions of a women's auxiliary, the vote was taken on the motion by Brother Joseph Yates and motion carried unanimously.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to extend the time of the business session for one hour. Seconded by Brother W. F. Anderson. Carried.

The recommendation from the Joint Meeting of the Priesthood was called up for reading and consideration.

The document:

Independence, Mo.
April 12, 1947.

To the Church of Christ
In Conference Assembled:
Greetings:

After long deliberations we, the joint meeting of all the ministers attending this conference beg leave to report that we have considered the matter of the constitutional document referred to us and have the following recommendations to offer, and suggest you take such action:

(1) Be it resolved that:

Whereas the articles and paragraphs selected from the revised report presented by the conference-appointed "Constitutional Committee," hereafter named in this resolution, are in harmony with our present practices and procedures and do systematically and plainly set forth much of the doctrine of Christ and some of the practices of the Church of Christ that would make for unity, and help the priesthood in their ministry,

We therefore recommend to the Conference that the following be approved and printed as a handbook for the purpose set forth in the revised preamble in Article Two: All of Articles Two, Three, Four, Five, All of Article Six except the last two paragraphs, and all of Article Seven.

(2) Be it further resolved that:

This Conference refer the rest of the "Constitutional Committee's" report back to that same committee for them to consider and to report back to the Conference this next year.

Relative to a change to a delegate type conference as outlined in the document sponsored by Brethren Flint and Anderson, which was referred to us, we recommend that the Conference continue its present rules of Conference procedure as adopted in 1939, and also continue them in this Conference and until those rules shall have been revised according to our regular procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) FOREST E. MALEY,

Secretary of the Joint
Meeting of the Priesthood.

Brother James E. Yates moved that the Conference defer action on this document relative to a handbook until the committee have presented it in its finished form. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint.

After considerable discussion the vote was taken and the motion lost 10 for, 13 against.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that we concur in the recommendation coming from the joint meeting of the priesthood relative to the publishing of the first seven articles of this document. Seconded by Brother J. E. Yates.

The articles in question were read as revised by the constitutional committee:

Article Two (as revised)

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to the action of the Minister's Conference of April 13, 1943, and approved by the Referendum Vote of that year, and later affirmed by the Ministers' Conference of April 8, 1946, we your committee appointed "to draft a document in the nature of a Constitution, embracing the laws and doctrines of the Church, its Quorums, their duties, and all matters pertaining to the spiritual and temporal affairs of the church," hereby set forth the results of our labors to be published in printed form as a Hand Book of conference resolutions and enactment relating to the duties of quorums, committees, and conference procedure, etc., to become a guide or rule, as "helps and governments," (see I Corinthians 12:28) to govern such proceedings upon the part of ministry and membership of the Church of Christ, with Headquarters on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri.

Further revisions (Compare with report published in Zion's Advocate for March, 1947.

Article Four:

Paragraph 1, 6th line should read, "our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to whom be all glory,

Article Five:

Paragraph (a) last line should read, "in Article Fifteen of this Hand Book."

Articles of Faith, paragraph 2, second line should read: "SON OF GOD, the manifestation of God in the flesh who lived,"

Articles of Faith, paragraph 19, 3rd and 4th lines should read: "Bishopric under the direction of the general conferences of the Church and under the supervision of the Council of Twelve. The temporal affairs—"

Article Six:

Paragraph (a) quotation marks removed; lines 9 and 10 should read: "Then shall they be received unto baptism for the remission of their sins, into the Church of Christ.

New paragraph (b) reads:

"Laying on of Hands to Receive the Holy Ghost.

(b) After persons are baptized in water by one having the proper authority then shall an Elder or Elders of the Church of Christ lay hands on their heads and pray over them that they may receive the cleansing power and Gift of the Holy Ghost.

After they have been received unto baptism and are cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, they are to be numbered among the people of the Church of Christ and their names are to be taken and kept on a record that they might be remembered and nourished by the good word of God.

Former paragraph (b) is changed to paragraph (c).

Last two paragraphs as published in Advocate omitted.

Article Seven:

Paragraph (3) last line should read: "the direction of the General Conferences, and under the supervision of the Council of Twelve."

Paragraph (b) lines 3 and 4 should read: "three members are chosen, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter as—"

New Paragraph (c-2) preceding paragraph (d) reads:

Young People's Christian League:

- (1) General Chairman.
- (2) Vice General Chairman.
- (3) General Secretary.

And such other officers as the rules of the League provide. The general organization of the Young People's League shall be under the direction of the Conference and the supervision of the Council of Twelve.

Paragraph (2) of Associate Editors, first line should read: "These form the editorial staff which shall—"

Paragraph (5) line three should read: "attending General Conferences and Conventions.

Paragraph on local organizations should be labeled (f); line three should read: "is an elder. (Citation: "Alma . . . or")

Paragraph (1) under local organizations line 1 should read: "A PASTOR, or presiding elder who shall have"

Paragraph (2) under local organizations concerning priests. After words "but in all cases is to assist the elder." Add new paragraph: "In the absence of an elder, or due to the incapacitation of an elder, a priest may act as pastor."

Paragraph (e) after Auxiliary Organizations, should be titled, "Cooperative Associations." The next to last paragraph of this division, the last line should read "interfere in any way as long as they operate in harmony

with the teachings of the General Church."

Vote was taken on the motion to concur in the recommendation to have these articles published. Motion carried 13 to 8.

Brother Nicholas Denham moved to adopt the recommendation of the Joint Meeting of the Priesthood as to the referring this document back to this committee. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Motion carried 13 to 0.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved to concur in the recommendation of continuing our present conference procedure. Seconded by Brother B. A. Winegar. Carried 21 to 2.

Brother Joseph Yates rose and tendered his resignation as one of the Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we ask the Brother to reconsider his resignation and further that we give Brother Joseph Yates a vote of confidence. Seconded by Brother Maynard Case. Carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson brought to the floor the matter of our needy membership in Wales and Germany. There was considerable discussion.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we recommend that the Sisters of the UNITED WORKERS make a drive throughout the Church for clothing and food to send to our members in Wales and Germany. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Motion carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson brought to the floor the matter of the death of our late Brother R. M. Maloney formerly of the Council of Twelve.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft a letter of condolence to our Sister Maloney, widow of the late Brother Maloney. Seconded by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Nominations:

- A. M. SMITH
- METTA ANDERSON
- CLARENCE L. WHEATON.

Brother Nicholas Denham moved that nominations cease and that these three constitute the committee. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Motion carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved that Conference meet tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p. m. for the approving of these minutes and receiving the report of the Sunday School Association only. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Brother L. A. Gould moved that when this conference adjourns, we adjourn to April 6, 1948, 10:00 a. m. Seconded and carried.

Brother B. C. Flint moved that we now adjourn until 1:30 p. m. tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon. Seconded and carried.

Closing Prayer by Brother B. C. Flint.

Minutes of the Conference, April 13, 1947—1:30 P. M. Session

Apostle W. F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Apostle J. E. Bozarth.

Opening Song No. 272—Jesus my shepherd.

Opening Prayer by Brother J. E. Bozarth.

Second Song: No. 260—The old, old path.

Roll call of the registered ministry—16 present, 15 absent.

Minutes of April 12, 1947—2:00 p. m. Session were read, corrected and ruled to stand approved as read.

The report from the Sunday School Association was read.

The report:

April 13, 1947.

Independence, Mo.

To the Conference Assembled

Greetings:

The officers of the General Sunday School Association met Saturday, April 12, 1947, at 7:30 p. m. as previously announced.

As only two or three besides the officers were present, we decided to recommend that the present officers and committees be carried over for another year and that they be encouraged to do all in their power to revive interest in the Association.

General Superintendent—Roland Sprague.

Assistant Gen'l Superintendent—Forest Maley.

General Secretary—C. L. Wheaton, Jr.

General Treasurer—Irene Yates.

The above are the present officers.

Sunday School Quarterly Committee:

- L. A. GOULD
- ALICE E. GOULD
- AMY GOULD
- ORA DERRY
- MRS. T. J. JORDAN

We have received three written reports from the following Sunday Schools:

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Independence, Missouri.

Riverview, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. L. WHEATON, Jr.

Secretary of the Sunday School Association.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the Sunday School Association report be received and approved. Seconded by Brother Nicholas Denham. Carried.

Minutes of this session of Conference April 13, 1947—1:30 p. m. Session were read from the notes of the secretary and ruled to stand approved as read.

Closing Song No. 89—God be with you till we meet again.

Closing Prayer by W. F. Anderson.

The above and foregoing is the business transacted at the Minister's Conference of the Church of Christ with headquarters on the Temple Lot at Independence, Missouri, beginning April 6, and ending April 13, 1947.

Respectfully,

FOREST E. MALEY,

Secretary to the Conference of April 6, 1947.

Minutes of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)—11:00 A. M., April 11, 1947.

Independence, Missouri.

Meeting opened with Brother A. M. Smith in charge.

Song No. 47—Sweet the time exceeding sweet—was sung.

Prayer by Brother Smith.

Sister Dorothy Denham was elected to act as secretary for the meeting.

Sister Ethel Holcomb suggested that Brother Smith outline and suggest a program for us to follow.

Brother A. M. Smith suggested that we organize with a board of five consisting of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and one to assist where needed.

Sister Ethel Holcomb moved that we organize a Ladies' Auxiliary of the Church of Christ. Seconded by Sister Marion Denham. Carried.

Sister Maude Wagaman moved that we have a board of five. Seconded by Sister Metta Anderson. Carried.

Sister Ethel Holcomb moved that we have a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and another member to assist where needed. Seconded by Sister Ora Derry. Carried.

Brother A. M. Smith moved that we select our board. Seconded and carried. The board elected as follows:

Chairman—Sister Metta Anderson.

Vice Chairman—Sister Ora Derry.

Secretary—Sister Ritchison.

Treasurer—Sister Lois Harris.

Member to assist where needed—Sister Betty Morgan.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Closing Song—Blessed be the tie that binds.

Closing Prayer by Brother A. M. Smith.

Minutes of Ladies' Auxiliary, April 12, 1947.

Meeting opened and called to order with Sister Metta Anderson in charge.

Song No. 304—Open my eyes—was sung.

The Lord's prayer was repeated by all present.

Sister Metta Anderson outlined a tentative program which had been discussed by the Board.

Second Song No. 384—I can hear my Savior calling—was sung.

Sister Ritchison resigned from the Board. Her resignation was accepted, and Sister Dorothy Denham was elected unanimously to fill the vacancy in the office of Secretary.

Sister Lois Harris sang, "Take time to be holy."

Much discussion followed regarding the name of our department. It was decided by voice and vote to adopt the name UNITED WORKERS.

Sister Willie Yates offered a reading followed with a duet by Sister Betty Morgan and Sister Angela Wheaton—"There's a veil that hangs before me."

Sister Lois Harris suggested that we use the last hour of our meetings for a project hour.

As a theme song, "Blessed be the tie that binds" was chosen.

It was moved and seconded that what money we raise in the Local should be kept in the Local fund to be used as needed. Seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that we petition the Editor of the Zion's Advocate for space. Carried.

Sister Irene F. Yates offered a reading.

Collection was taken up for general purposes—\$2.45.

It was moved and seconded that we use the Bible and Book of Mormon for our regular study commencing with the Book of Mormon reading the sermon of King Benjamin.

Closing song: "Blessed be the tie that binds."

Closing prayer by Sister Irene F. Yates.

Respectfully,

(Signed) BETTY MORGAN, Assistant.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BISHOPRIC ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE GENERAL CHURCH

Received April 10, 2:15 P. M.—First Reading 2:50,
April 10, 1947.

Independence, Mo.

April 10, 1947.

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The General Bishopric wish to present to the conference the following report of an audit of the books of the Office Business Manager as the Financial Report of the Church for the period from April 7, 1946 to March 27, 1947.

We believe that the Church is in the best financial condition that it has been in for several years and trust that the Lord will continue to bless us as he has in the past.

Respectfully,

C. L. WHEATON, Jr.,

Secretary of the Gen. Bishopric.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—REPORT ON AUDIT From April 7, 1946 to March 27, 1947

April 5, 1947.

Bishop Walter B. Davis
Church of Christ, Temple Lot,
Independence, Missouri.
Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the cash receipts and disbursements for the Church of Christ, Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri, for the period from April 7, 1946 to March 27, 1947, and submit as my report the following statements.

EXHIBIT

Cash Réceipts and Disbursements,

From April 7, 1946 to March 27, 1947 "A"

General Ledger Trial Balance

at March 28, 1947 "B"

COMMENTS

The cash receipts were verified by examination of the stubs of receipts issued during the period under review and tracing the amounts into the bank after checking their proper entry in the cash book.

The cash disbursements were verified by auditing the checks drawn and paid during the period under review and by examining the receipted bills.

The cash on hand at the close of the period was deposited in the First National Bank, Independence, Missouri.

The trial balance of general ledger accounts was not further verified.

Respectfully submitted,

AG:H

ROY A. GUYTON, C. P. A.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From April 7, 1946 to March 27, 1947

RECEIPTS

Advocate Subscriptions	\$	\$	\$ 281.75
Offerings			793.86
Tithing			4,145.25
Sale of Tracts			32.03
Sale of 3 Lots—Deposited on Contract			100.00
Collection on Note Receivable			590.00
SPecial Funds—			
Missionary		5.00	
Sunday School Quarterly		17.05	
Solovox		169.00	191.05
Temple Fund			24.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 6,158.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Advocate	\$	\$ 709.39	\$
Advocate Postage and Mailing		45.00	
Elders Family Expense—			
Mrs. J. E. Bozarth	550.00		
Mrs. B. C. Flint	550.00		
Mrs. C. L. Wheaton	150.00	1,250.00	
Elders Expenses		90.00	
General Church Expenses—			
Caretaker's Salary	1,440.00		
Grading Temple Lot	155.00		
Topping Trees	60.00		
Tools and Equipment	140.48		
Repairs and Supplies	82.19		
Storage of Linotype	21.00		
Miscellaneous	52.79	1,951.46	
General Office Expense—			
Printing and Stationery	149.15		
Postage and Box Rent	19.09		
Telephone	45.46		
Audit and Bond Premium	52.50		
Repairs to Office Equipment	22.50	288.70	
Special Funds—			
Purchase of Solovox		216.75	
Lambert Moon Printing Co.		8.25	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			4,559.55

Handwritten notes and calculations:

1250.00 + 90.00 = 1340.00

1340.00 + 216.75 + 8.25 = 1565.00

1565.00 - 915.00 = 650.00

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		1,598.82
Cash on Hand and in Bank, April 6, 1946		8,924.82
Cash in Bank, March 27, 1947		\$10,523.64
Distributed as Follows:		
First National Bank, Independence, Mo.		
General Fund		8,528.89
Temple Fund		1,994.75
TOTAL		\$10,523.64

GENERAL LEDGER

Trial Balance

at March 28, 1947

	Debit	Credit
First National Bank, Independence, Mo. -----	\$10,523.64	\$
Temple Fund -----		1,994.75
Advocate Subscriptions -----		281.75
Advocate Printing -----	709.39	
Advocate Postage -----	45.00	
Tithes -----		4,145.25
Offerings -----		788.86
Books and Tracts -----		32.03
Consecrations -----		5.00
General Church Expense -----	1,951.46	
General Office Expense -----	288.70	
Elders Family Expense—Mrs. J. E. Bozarth -----	550.00	
Elders Family Expense—Mrs. B. C. Flint -----	550.00	
Elders Family Expense—Mrs. C. L. Wheaton -----	150.00	
Elders Expense—B. C. Flint -----	20.00	
Elders Expense—Leon A. Gould -----	15.00	
Elders Expense—T. J. Jordan -----	10.00	
Elders Expense—Arthur M. Smith -----	10.00	
Elders Expense—C. L. Wheaton -----	25.00	
Elders Expense—James E. Yates -----	10.00	
Dining Hall Equipment -----	1.00	
Linotype Printing Equipment -----	1.00	
Office Furniture and Fixtures -----	85.14	
Temple Equipment—Organ -----	50.25	
General Church Property -----	56.43	
Real Estate—Evansville, Wisc. -----	1.00	
Real Estate—Stark Acres, Independence, Mo. -----	1.00	
Real Estate—Temple Lot -----	1.00	
Sale of Lots—Evansville, Wisc. -----		100.00
Present Worth -----		8,721.12
Special Funds—Missionary -----		26.50
Special Funds—Sunday School Quarterly -----		31.00
Lambert Moon Printing Co. -----	8.25	
Denver Gibbons—Personal Loan Account -----	610.00	
Local Church—Personal Loan Account -----	43.00	
A. S. Wheaton—Personal Note Account -----	1,000.00	590.00
TOTALS -----	<u>\$16,716.26</u>	<u>\$16,716.26</u>

OBITUARY

Denver, Colorado,
March 26, 1947.

To The Advocate:

Just a few words from us here in Denver. We are sad as we miss our loving Brother Bernhard Bladorn, who passed away, March 18, after a short illness. He was loved by all who knew him. He was baptized into the Church of Christ July 8th, 1934, by Elder A. M. Halverson and called and ordained to office of Deacon by Apostle C. L. Wheaton, June 4, 1939. He lived faithful to his master until the end and he loved to talk the gospel to his friends.

He was born in Griefenberg, Germany in 1877, came to America in 1893 with his parents and settled in Wisconsin, but for the past 49 years had lived in Colorado. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Hermine Bladorn of Denver; two sisters, Mrs. Augusta Rochl and Mrs. Millie Rochl and a brother Frank Bladorn, all of Beloit, Wisconsin, who came to Denver to his funeral. Sister Eli and daughter were also here from Grand Junction, Colorado, and did all she could to help Sister Bladorn during our brother's sickness and death.

May God help us all that when our Master calls, we will be ready for the life to come.

ELDER A. M. HALVERSON.