

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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Nightfall

By Sue Smith

In the hush of the deepening twilight,
When nature seems at prayer,
I kneel at the feet of the Master
And lay my burdens there.

And my soul is filled with rapture,
And the velvet curtains of night
Touch the drowsy earth in a soft, caress,
A fond adieu to the light.

For I know God makes the night time
For rest and sweet repose;
A time of glad thanksgiving,
As the day draws to its close.

So I bow in humble reverence
To Him who made the light,
And thank His loving kindness
For wisely adding the night.

—Selected.

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ADIEU

With this issue we relinquish the Editorial quill to Brother B. C. Flint, who has been selected as Editor in Chief for the coming year, and whose ability as a writer, and zeal for the gospel of Christ are well known.

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the friendly tolerance given us in our work by saints and friends, and bespeak for the Advocate your continued support and patronage.

In the faith of Christ,

LEON A. GOULD.

GREETINGS

It is with deep reluctance that we again assume the responsibility of being Editor of Zion's Advocate. Our increased age and the state of our health causes us to feel that it will add greatly the duties already assumed as a general missionary. However, we have never refused to go where duty calls and so we solicit the prayers and forbearance of our readers and we will do our best under God to give you all the very best gospel paper it is within our power to formulate.

Your servant,

B. C. FLINT.

THE CONFERENCE

The conference of 1948 is now history, and we trust that we may feel to enter the coming year with hope and trust. The conditions of the world and even within the church, causes us to give profound consideration to all that takes place, because no one is capable of analyzing these things circumspectly and then risking a prediction as to what lies just ahead. The comfort in this thought lies in the assurance we have had from the inception of this great restoration movement, that we are THAT people referred in all prophecy as being in the van guard of right thinking and exemplary conduct, and this because there has come into the world a complete restoration of the gospel as taught by Christ during his visit to the various groups of the House of Israel, as indicated in Scripture.

SO, while no one can successfully predict what, even a day, may bring forth in times like these, with the prophecies of the scriptures as our guide, and the trends that seem to be manifesting themselves among

us, we do feel that there is much reason for hope and sanguine expectation. These trends are manifesting themselves in the growing attitude amongst our membership to be seeking relief from our propensity towards, human legislation, creed making, and system making. In evidence of this we note that early in our conference sessions a document signed by a number of the ministry, seeking relief from any type of legislation at this conference, outside of the necessary routine business, such as the missionary activities of the church and the election of our officers was presented. This was passed by a large majority. A later attempt to revive legislation by rescinding the above action also met with defeat.

Later, success was attained in passing a substitute to the long drawn out so-called 'Hand Book,' the original production of the committee on a constitution, or creed for the church. This substitute was robbed of some of its purpose, through a technicality in parliamentary practice later, but the strong sentiment favoring it certainly was encouraging. This substitute was presented at the last conference of 1947, and was referred to a council of the ministry. There, it was not presented nor was it considered, so its sponsors sought its revival this year and its full text is found in the minutes of this conference.

We feel that the most outstanding forward progress was made in the caring for the European mission. During all of this past winter we have received very interesting letters from all parts of Europe, particularly Germany and Holland. These letters indicate an intense interest in our work. Many of these letters are from people who have been members of either the Reorganized, or the Utah churches, in some instances both. And they not being satisfied with their Christian experience there, are now turning to us, and we should make ourselves worthy of this interest. This can best be brought about when we, of the Church of Christ, become fundamental in every respect and manifest, in our lives and teachings, that which will vindicate our claim to being, in reality, the true Church of Christ. And as correctly representing the Restoration movement in its original form. One of the outstanding causes for this unusual activity in Europe, is the fact that we have a brother over there who has remained faithful through the years and, in spite of the fact that he holds no priesthood authority, has continued to carry on intensively, and so it is largely due to his efforts that we are receiving this heavy correspondence from over there. Some years ago before the war started the Quorum of Twelve had made arrangements to have Brother James Evans of Caerphilly, Wales, go over to Germany and ordain Brother Denninger to the office of elder. The war came on and this was never done, and now Brother Evans, has passed away on to the other side. As a result of all of this, the conference this year has made provision that Brother Denniger be now sent for to come to this country, if it will be possible for him to get away from that country for a season. In that case he can be ordained and given authority to continue his work over there. It was concluded that it would be wiser to do this than to undertake to send some one from here over to that stricken country at this time. Of course, the success of this plan will depend entirely upon governmental regulations both as to Germans being permitted to leave that coun-

try and also as to the possibility of having them entered here. At any rate it is a "Macadonian call, to 'come over and help us,' " and should not be ignored. We are already starting work on this program. And, incidentally, we would like to suggest to any who might feel interested in this mission that the Bishopric will be very glad to receive any donations that may be sent in for this European field. Of course, since the war, transportation costs have risen considerably. The spiritual services of the conference were of a high order.

There will be three referendum bills going out this year and we trust that the membership will interest themselves in the vital matter going out to exercise their privilege of voting. The indifference that has been manifested in the past, on this matter is responsible for one of these bills, it is Bill No. 1, which proposes to change our form of conference from a ministers conference as now in force to a delegate conference, in the hopes, that in this way, we will get a better representation of our membership at our general conferences. Bill No. 2, is the approval or disapproval of the now, much discussed "Hand Book," and the third Bill, No. 3, is a bill to require this Hand Book committee to complete their work, before the 1949 conference, which has now been dragged along for a number of years. We rejoice also to learn that a number more of the men of the Twelve, expect to take the field this year actively.

In consideration of all of these things, we feel that we may safely look forward with a degree of encouragement and hope, that with putting our trust completely in God we may overcome some of the discouragements of the past. Our prayers to God are to this end. God grant it may be so.

B. C. FLINT, Editor Zion's Advocate.

Minutes of the Annual Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Convened on the Temple Lot. April 6, 1948. 10:00 A. M. Session.

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

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

Opening Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Second Song: No. 107—"Home, Home, Sweet, Sweet Home."

Scripture was read by Brother Anderson which consisted of the first twenty-six verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew.

First order of business was the question, "Who shall preside?"

Brother Rolland Sprague moved that the Council of Twelve preside over this conference. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Second order of business: "Who shall act as secretary of the conference?"

Brother B. C. Flint moved that the General Church Secretary act as secretary of the conference, with power to choose his assistants. Seconded and carried.

Chorister of the Conference:

Nominations:

- Metta Anderson 9
- Marion Sprague 15

Sister Sprague was declared elected.

Pianist of the Conference:

Brother B. C. Flint moved that Sister Sprague be empowered to select the pianists. Seconded by Sister Mason. Carried.

Ushers:

Brother Rolland Sprague moved that the one in charge of the particular meeting select the ushers. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Program of the Conference:

Apostle A. M. Smith moved that the members of the Council of Twelve be instructed to bring a tentative program for the conference to the next session. Seconded by Brother Archie Bell. Carried.

Press Committee:

Nominations:

- Archie Bell
- A. M. Smith
- Rolland Sprague
- Forest Maley—declined.

Brother Nicholas Denham moved that nominations cease and that these three be the Press Committee. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Caretaker of the Building for the Conference.

Brother A. M. Smith moved that the matter of the caretaker for the conference be referred to the General Bishopric. Seconded by Brother Archie Bell. Carried.

Since the minutes of the last session of the previous conference had been approved from the secretary's notes at that time, reading the previous minutes was dispensed with.

No further business being on the table in the hands of the secretary, the chairman proceeded to emphasize the seriousness of world conditions and conditions in the church and the need for a period of seeking unto God for guidance and direction.

Brother J. A. Sweem moved that we turn the remainder of this meeting into a prayer and testimony meeting. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

The Conference knelt in prayer. Those taking part in prayer were: A. M. Smith, B. C. Flint, Denver Gibbons, Rolland Sprague, J. A. Sweem, R. R. Robertson, Wm. F. Anderson, Leon A. Gould. Songs used were: No. 151—Father when in love to thee, No. 253—How many times discouraged we sink beside the way, No. 311—Let us pray for one another. Testimonies were offered by Brother B. C. Flint, Brother J. A. Sweem, Sister Freda Flint, Wm. F. Anderson, Louis L. Boyce, Rolland Sprague and Denver Chapman. The burden of both the prayers and testimonies was that we should be strengthened to meet the trials and opportunities, and to cast aside all personal ideas and to seek the guidance of the Lords presence in order that our work might be accomplished.

The chairman announced that there would be registration of those attending the conference and there would be a meeting of the Council of Twelve immediately following the adjournment. 2:00 P. M. of the same day was set for the convening of the next session, and the session stood adjourned.

with the admonition of the chairman to be sober and watchful unto prayer in the intervening time. Closing Song: No. 125—God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. Closing Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 6, 1948—2:00 P. M. Session.

Apostle Leon A. Gould in charge assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

Opening Song: No. 263—"Savior, like a shepherd lead us."

Opening Prayer by Brother B. C. Flint.

Reading was chosen by the chairman which consisted of the entire twenty-second chapter of the Book of Commandments.

Second Song: No. 236—Never be discouraged, trust the Father's Word.

Minutes of the morning session, April 6, 1948, 10:00 A. M. Session were read and since there were no objections or corrections were ruled to stand approved as read.

Two documents on the table in the hands of the secretary were read for the first time:

- (1) Recommendation of tentative program from the Twelve.
- (2) Resolution by five elders pertaining to conference business.

Brother B. C. Flint moved that we now take up the tentative program. Seconded by Brother J. A. Sweem. Carried. Document was read.

Brother J. A. Sweem moved to adopt this tentative program. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

The tentative program:

April 6, 1948—2 P. M.

Recommendation from the Council of Twelve 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 B. C. Flint moved to take up the resolution of the five elders. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried. Document was read.

Brother B. C. Flint moved the adoption of this resolution document. Seconded by

Brother R. R. Robertson.
The resolution:

April 4, 1948

Independence, Mo.

We, the undersigned members of the priesthood of the Church of Christ, make this resolution:

All business, other than that of a routine nature necessary for the carrying forward of the carrying forward of the Church's activity, viz.: elections of officers, missionary appointments, etc., shall be indefinitely postponed, and that all other services held during this present conference shall be of a spiritual or educational nature.

Signed,

William A. Sheldon
Clyde L. Babcock
Rolland D. Sprague
Chas. E. Derry
Forest E. Maley.

Brother Denver Chapman moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word, "indefinitely" and insert after the word "postponed" the words, "for the duration of this conference." Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague.

After considerable discussion the previous question was moved by Brother Wm. F. Anderson. Seconded and carried.

Vote was called for on the motion to amend the resolution. Lost 6 for and 8 against.

Vote was called for on the motion to adopt. Carried 16 to 7.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson rose and reported the low physical condition of Apostle J. E. Bozarth and asked for our prayers for him.

Announcements were made:

7:30 P. M. Song Service.

8:00 P. M. Preaching by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Next day:

10:00 A. M. Prayer meeting in charge of Brother Sweem and Brother Babcock.

11:00 A. M. Preaching by Brother Archie Bell.

2:00 P. M. Business Session.

8:00 P. M. Preaching by Brother Leon A. Gould.

Closing Song: No. 220—"We'll scatter good seed."

Closing Prayer by Brother B. C. Flint.

Minutes of the Conference (April 7, 1948—2:00 P. M. Session.

Apostle B. C. Flint in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Opening Song: No. 298—"Oh Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end."

Opening Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Second Song: No. 284—"More love to thee, Oh Christ."

Scripture was read by Brother Flint which consisted of the first twenty-four verses of the first chapter of Fourth Nephi.

The minutes of the 2:00 P. M. Session April 6, 1948 were read and ruled to stand approved as read.

Two documents in the hands of the secretary were read for the first time. They were a report from the members of the Council of Twelve relative to time allotted for the Y. P. C. L. and Choral Society and a

report from the Independence Local of the United Workers.

Brother Clyde Babcock moved the adoption of the recommendation from the Twelve. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon.

Brother Forest Maley moved that instead of the word "Sunday" that we substitute the word "Thursday." Seconded by Brother Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

Vote was called for on the original motion as amended. Carried.

The recommendation as adopted:

April 7, 1948

To the Conference Assembled

Greetings:

We the brethren of the Council of Twelve recommend the request of the Y. P. C. L. to be granted Friday evening, April 9th for a "social outing" to be for "all who may wish to come," the hour and place to be announced by the Chairman of the Y. P. C. L.

We furthermore recommend that the Thursday night hour from 7:30 to 9:00 be devoted to the Choral Society for the purpose of giving the cantata "Other Sheep Have I."

Signed,

ARTHUR M. SMITH,

Secy. Council of Twelve.

Reports from the Ladies of the United Workers were read which had to do with their accomplishments and finances. These reports were ordered by the chair as received. (See other pages of the Zion's Advocate)

Brother Louis L. Boyce moved that committees be directed in the future to turn in written reports. Seconded by Brother W. F. Anderson.

Question was raised as to whether this motion was in harmony with the resolution of the five elders relative to handling routine business as passed in the April 6, 1948, 2:00 P. M. Session.

The chairman ruled that it would be considered routine and within the scope of that resolution.

Sister Freda Flint appealed from the decision of the chair.

After some discussion the previous question was moved by Brother W. F. Anderson. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Vote was called for on the question "Shall the decision of the Chair stand?" Decision of the Chair upheld by vote of 16 to 10.

Vote was taken on the motion to direct committees to turn in written reports. Motion carried.

Report of the Auditing Committee was read:

The Report:

Report of the Auditing Committee

April 7, 1948

We of the Auditing Committee have obtained the auditor for the auditing of the Business Manager's books. The cost of auditing was—\$25.00, for nine copies of report—\$5.00;

thus making a total cost of \$30.00.

The Committee,

James M. Case
Dorothy Denham
Richard Wheaton.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve this Auditing Committee report. Seconded by Sister Lois Harris. Carried.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton called for the reading of the Auditor's report. The report was read.

Brother Leon A. Gould moved that action on this Auditor's report be deferred until we get the Bishops' report. Seconded by Brother W. F. Anderson. Carried.

Brother W. F. Anderson moved to proceed to elect committees and officers. Seconded by Sister Freda Flint. Carried.

Full Time Representative in the Church Office

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved to defer action on this office until we receive the recommendations from the Bishopric. Seconded by Brother L. A. Gould. Carried.

General Church Secretary

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved that Brother Forest Maley succeed himself in this office. Seconded by Brother Denver Chapman. Carried.

Assistant General Church Secretary

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved that we dispense with the office of Assistant General Church Secretary. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

General Church Recorder

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved that Sister Ora Derry succeed herself as General Church Recorder. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Assistant General Church Recorder

Brother Clyde Babcock moved that Sister Jean Chapman succeed herself as Assistant General Church Recorder. Seconded and carried.

General Church Chorister

Nominations: Sister Marion Sprague—declined. Sister Marion Sprague moved that Sister Betty Morgan succeed herself as General Church Chorister. Seconded and carried.

General Church Historian

Sister Freda Flint moved that action be deferred on this office until we receive a report from this committee. Seconded by Brother Denver Chapman. Carried.

Brother Leon A. Gould moved that we rescind our action relative to the Assistant General Church Secretary. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague. Motion lost—10 in favor and 13 against.

Brother Leon A. Gould moved that our action of yesterday relative to legislation, the resolution of the five elders, be rescinded. Seconded by Brother B. A. Winegar.

After some discussion Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved the previous question. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion to rescind. Lost—15 for and 19 against.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved to adjourn to 2:00 P. M. April 8, 1948. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Closing Song—No. 258—"Come learn of the meek and lowly."

Closing Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 8, 1948—2:00 P. M. Session.

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Apostle L. R. Gould.

Opening Song: No. 130—"Love Divine all love excell-ing."

Opening Prayer by Brother Leon A. Gould.

Second Song: No. 101—"Lead me Savior lest I stray."

Scripture was read by Brother Wm. F. Anderson which consisted of the first twenty verses of the sixteenth chapter of Proverbs. The chair then briefly addressed the body stressing a prayerful attitude and a willingness to rectify mistakes if such were found.

Minutes of the 2:00 P. M. Session April 7, 1948 were read and ruled to stand approved as read.

Report from the Board of Publication was read for the first time.

After an address of privilege, Brother Rolland Sprague moved to reconsider the resolution of the five elders passed April 6, 1948, in the 2:00 P. M. Session. Seconded by Brother Forest Maley. Carried.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved to amend the resolution of the five elders by striking out the word "routine" and adding an "appendage" to define the intent of the resolution and to provide a "sergeant-at-arms" regulation. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon.

Brother L. A. Gould moved that the resolution be referred back to these five brethren for reconditioning. Seconded by Brother Archie Bell. Carried.

Election of Officers (Continued)

Editor of Zion's Advocate

Nominations:

- Leonard A. Gould 10
- B. C. Flint 18
- Louis L. Boycedeclined
- R. R. Robertsondeclined

Brother B. C. Flint was declared elected.

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate

Nominations:

- Margaret Wheatondeclined
- Marion Spraguedeclined
- Wm. Sheldondeclined
- Metta Anderson
- Jean Chapman
- Denver Chapmandeclined

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that nominations cease and that these two be the Associate Editors. Seconded by Brother L. L. Boyce. Carried.

Auditing Committee

Brother Denver Chapman moved that the three now on the Auditing Committee succeed themselves.

Seconded by Sister Miriam Mason. Carried. Dorothy Denham, Richard Wheaton, and J. Maynard Case elected.

Dining Hall Committee

Nominations:

- Margaret Wheatondeclined
- Miriam Masondeclined
- Sister Wentworthdeclined
- Metta Anderson
- Nina Frisbey
- Chas. Derrydeclined
- Rolland Sprague
- Denver Chapmandeclined
- Hazel Frisbey
- Sister Wagamandeclined

Brother Archie Bell moved that nominations cease and that these five be the Dining Hall Committee. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Finding the elected committee with only four members, Doris Sheldon volunteered to serve on that committee, becoming the fifth member, there being no objections.

Reception Committee

Brother Rolland Sprague moved that whoever is elected Business Manager and whoever is elected Full Time Representative in the Church Office be considered members of this committee. Seconded by Brother Denver Chapman. Carried.

Nominations for third member:

- Rosalie Davis 9
- Ora B. Derry20

Sister Derry was declared elected as the third member of this committee.

Referendum Committee

Being a standing Committee one member only was up for re-election, the other members being Ora Derry and Nicholas F. Denham.

Nominations:

- Wm. Sheldon 3
- Marion Sprague 14 Revote: 18
- Angela Wheaton 14 Revote: 13

Sister Sprague declared elected.

Relations Committee

Being a Standing Committee, one member only was up for re-election, the other members being Clarence L. Wheaton and A. M. Smith.

Nominations:

- Wm. F. Anderson 8
- R. R. Robertson21
- B. C. Flint 3

Brother Robertson was declared elected.

Library Board

Being a Standing Committee, one member only was up for re-election, the other members being Rolland Sprague and A. M. Smith.

Brother L. L. Boyce moved that Sister Margaret Wheaton succeed herself on this committee. Seconded by Brother Clyde L. Babcock. Carried.

Board of Publication:

Being a Standing Committee, two members only were up for re-election, the other members being Nicholas F. Denham, Forest Maley and Chas. Derry.

Nominations:

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| LeRoy Wheaton | 19 |
| J. A. Sweem | declined |
| W. Bierley Davis | 7 |
| Denver Chapman | 18 |
| Wm. Sheldon | 22 |

Question was raised as to the indetermined state of who shall be Business Manager, since there is a standing regulation that the Business Manager be a member of this Board.

Brother A. M. Smith moved to reconsider the vote on the members of this committee. Seconded by Brother Denver Chapman. Carried.

Brother Archie Bell moved to defer action on these names until after we receive the report and recommendations from the General Bishopric. Seconded and carried.

Committee on Publishing Revelations

This committee was elected to continue in office until the work assigned is completed. The Committee being A. M. Smith, Clarence L. Wheaton and Louise P. Sheldon.

Brother Rolland Sprague appealed for time for the General Sunday School Convention.

Brother Leon A. Gould moved that the General Sunday School Association be allotted the time between 3:00 and 4:00 April 9, 1948 for their convention. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Denver Chapman moved a vote of thanks for the ladies of the United Workers for cleaning up the church building in preparation for this conference. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton called for second reading and consideration of the report and recommendations of the Board of Publication. Report was read.

The Chair ruled that it would be wisdom to take the recommendations one by one. No objections.

Brother Wm. Sheldon moved to adopt the recommendation to provide a committee to compile a history of the Church. Seconded by Sister Miriam Mason.

Brother A. M. Smith moved to amend the motion that this committee be a committee of three. Seconded by Brother L. L. Boyce.

Brother Nicholas F. Denham moved to amend the amendment by adding that whoever is General Church Historian be a member of this committee. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton.

Discussion of these items continued to adjournment.

Recommendation was received from the Council of

Twelve recommending from 11:00 to 12:00 April 9, 1948 for a meeting of the ladies of the United Workers.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that this recommendation be approved. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Announcements were made of the Cantata by the Choral Society that evening and the Young People's outing the evening, of the following day.

Chair ruled that the session would stand adjourned until 2:00 P. M. April 9, 1948.

Closing Prayer was offered by Brother Leon A. Gould.

Minutes of the Conference, April 9, 1948—2:00 P. M. Session.

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

Opening Song: No. 115—"Standing on the promises of Christ my King."

Opening Prayer by Brother Nicholas Denham.

Second Song: No. 80—"If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere."

Scripture was read by Brother Wm. F. Anderson which consisted of the entire seventh chapter of Matthew.

Minutes of April 8, 1948—2:00 P. M. Session were read and ruled to stand approved as corrected.

New matter on the table in the hands of the secretary was reviewed: Report from the Joint Council of Twelve and Bishopric, Report from the Bishopric, Resolution relative to a delegate conference, Report from General Church Historian, Report from the General organization of the United Workers.

The matter of the report and recommendations from the Board of Publication under discussion at the close of the previous session was reopened for discussion.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved as a substitute for the whole matter before the body:

That a committee of three, of which the General Church Historian shall be one, be selected to compile the facts of the Church's history, using source material as far as possible, to be compiled and reported to the Conferences of the Church that they may be published, that the funds necessary for this research shall be furnished by the General Bishopric, that a special fund be set aside and donations be solicited toward this work.

Seconded by Brother A. M. Smith. Carried.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that the report of the Board of Publication be accepted and spread upon the minutes. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The Report:

April 7, 1948

To the Conference
Of the Church of Christ:

The Board of Publication wish to make their report of activities during the past year. We have met several times to study the tracts and publications of the Church. We have requested the Bishops to pay for several tracts which were reprinted, which they did in the amount of \$151.00. We are seeking an estimate on another tract with the view of reprinting it.

In studying the requests for information that came to our attention we find there is a need for a Church History. We therefore on March 8, 1948 made the following resolution which we recommend to you for approval:

Resolved: that we the Board of Publication request the Conference to authorize a committee to gather and compile all of the facts obtainable, from whatsoever source they may be, relative to the History of the Church of Christ as restored in 1830, from its beginning down to the present time, and that the General Bishopric be called upon to furnish the necessary funds to publish the same.

Your brethren in Christ,
The Board of Publication
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Secretary.

Report of the Joint Council was called for by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. The Report was read.

Brother A. M. Smith moved that the recommendations of the Joint Council be adopted. Seconded by Brother Archie Bell. After considerable discussion the vote was called. Motion carried.

The Report:

April 9, 1948

To the Conference
Of the Church of Christ

The Joint Council of the Quorum of Twelve and the Bishops recommended the following:

The Brother Derry be placed back in the office and as caretaker for the coming year at his former salary of \$30.00 per week, and that he have one week's leave of absence.

We further recommend that the allowances of the Missionaries' families be increased from \$50.00 to \$80.00 per month to be prorated according to the current income, and that the allowance for dependents remain as at present.

Your brother in Christ
LeROY WHEATON,
Secy. of the Joint Council.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton called for reading and consideration of the report from the General Bishopric. Report was read.

Brother Clyde Babcock moved to accept the report. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague.

Brother Leon A. Gould moved as a substitute that we accept the report and approve of it's recommendations. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The Report:

April 9, 1948

To the Conference
Of the Church of Christ:

The General Bishops wish to make the following report and recommendations:

On May 3, 1947 the Stark Acres building was sold to Mr. Roy Graf for the sum of \$50.00. The property (real estate) could not be sold until the question of the taxes was settled. That has since been settled and the property can now be put up for sale.

On August 7, 1947 a check was received from John F. Thice in the amount of \$402.18; the amount remaining after taxes, the abstract bill and the attorney's fee were taken out for sale of the Evansville Lots.

We have compared the Author's report with the Business Manager's report to the Bishops, and find it to be satisfactory; we recommend its approval.

We further recommend that Brother N. F. Denham be selected to succeed himself as Business Manager of the Church.

Your brother in Christ,
LeROY WHEATON,
Secy. of the Bishopric.

Since the vote has been reconsidered on filling the vacancies in the Board of Publication, until the report and recommendations of the Bishopric were received, this question now was opened again.

Brother Forest Maley moved that the vote on the nominations for the vacancies in the Board of Publication be ruled to stand as was formerly voted. Seconded by Sister Doris Sheldon. Carried.

This placed Brethren Wm. Sheldon and LeRoy Wheaton on the Board for three year terms.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton called for the report of the General Church Historian. Report was read.

Brother Archie Bell moved that the report be approved. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Motion carried.

The Report:

To the General Conference
Of the Church of Christ

Greeting:

As your Church Historian I beg leave to report that I have been greatly handicapped in my work for lack of means to carry on the research work

that has been and is necessary in order to get the unbiased historical facts which I have believed you wanted.

I have at intervals, during the years I have acted in this office, asked both from the conference floor and of the Bishopric that an appropriation be made to carry on this research which I consider very important in order to do an effective work. My request was not granted. I consider it so important that what research work I have done I have done at my own expense—some of it from the very meager missionary allowance I was receiving for my family at the time. In that way we were able to get some very important material.

I have been so anxious to get more source material that I conceived the idea of printing in pamphlet form the history of the Book of Commandments, for instance, at our own expense and using the proceeds from its sale to do more research and print such material in pamphlet form, etc., using the material for a chapter later in the complete history.

I explained my plea to some who were interested in this work and they were anxious to help with the expense. As these contributions have come into my hands I have put them in a savings account and issued receipts to all contributors. Since other avenues of doing this work which I have been so vitally interested in doing were closed to me I have taken this means, which I understand has been criticized by some as making a private or personal matter of it, but which I am sure will in the end benefit the whole church.

As to a financial report of the donations received to carry on this research work, I feel that only those who have thus contributed are entitled to a report. They may have it at any time. But I feel that a financial report should no more be required of me by this body under the above stated circumstances than is required of a missionary to give a report of contributions made to him to carry on his work and his disbursement of same.

I have enjoyed my work in this capacity even though I have labored under real handicaps. And I assure you that should you see fit to replace me by another, I shall continue as much as I am physically and financially able, to do this sort of work and shall feel well paid if in the end the Church is benefitted even in a small way by my efforts.

Most sincerely,

Your sister in the Gospel

ANGELA WHEATON,
Church Historian.

Since the report of the Church Historian was now handled, the office of General Church Historian, which had been deferred to this time now came before the body.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved that Sister Angela Wheaton succeed herself as Church Historian, and that she continue her work. Seconded by Brother L. L. Boyce. Carried.

Committee to Compile Church History

Nominations:

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| R. R. Robertson | 13 |
| Wm. F. Anderson | 7 |
| B. C. Flint | 16 |
| Ora B. Derry | 3 |
| A. M. Smith | 12 |
| Leon A. Gould | declined |
| L. L. Boyce | declined |

Brother Robertson and Brother Flint were declared elected to serve on this committee with Sister Angela Wheaton.

Inasmuch as the Sunday school had surrendered their allotted time to the Conference, Brother Rolland Sprague requested the time from 11 to 12 o'clock the next day, April 10, 1948 for the Sunday School Convention.

Brother Clyde Babcock moved that the request of the Sunday School for the time from 11 to 12 o'clock tomorrow be granted. Seconded by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Announcements were made:

- Quorum of Twelve meet—6:30 P. M.
- Young People's Social—6:30 P. M.
- School of the Ministry—4:00 P. M.
- Round Table Discussion—8:00 P. M.
- Prayer Meeting next day—10:00 A. M.

Closing Song: No. 237—"More like the Master."
Closing Prayer by Brother A. M. Smith.

Minutes of the Conference, April 10, 1948—2:00 P. M. Session.

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

Opening Song: No. 256—"We praise thee Oh God."

Opening Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Second Song: No. 249—"To the work, to the work."

Scripture was read by Brother A. M. Smith which consisted of the first thirteen verses of the Hebrew Letter.

Minutes of the previous session of 2:00 P. M. April 9, 1948 were read down to and including the selection of the Committee to Compile the Church History, the remaining portion being reviewed from the notes of the Secretary, there having been insufficient time to present the minutes of that session fully typed. There being no objections, the Chair ruled the minutes would stand approved as far as read from the typed record.

Matters on the table in the hands of the secretary were reviewed: Auditor's report, General organization of United Workers report, General Sunday School Report, Resolution to call back from the Joint meeting of the Priesthood a document on delegate type of conference, Resolution of five elders—reconditioned, Report of committee on conference resolutions and enactments.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we take up

the resolutions that may pertain to a change to a delegate conference. Seconded.

Question was raised over some of the matters on the table not having been read in full for the first time.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to defer action on the above motion until reports not read in full were given a first reading. Seconded by Brother Archie Bell. Carried.

The following matters were then read in full: Resolution of the five elders, reconditioned, Report of committee on conference resolutions and enactments, Report from the General Sunday School, and a newly received recommendation from the Twelve relative to missionary appointments.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton called for reading of the matter regarding a change to a delegate system of conference.

The document:

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1948.

To the General Conference

Greeting:

Whereas a motion to change our present form of Church government from a Minister's Conference to a delegate Conference was offered one year ago to the Conference, having been properly published in the Advocate and due notice given; and whereas this said motion was then referred to the Committee then preparing the proposed Constitution for the Church of Christ; and whereas the provisions and changes desired and provided for by this motion have not as yet been brought before the body, even after a year of waiting, we therefore now move that this resolution pertaining to the changing of the Ministers' Conference to a Delegate Conference be now recalled from this Committee and offered to this assembly now in session.

Signed,

Arthur M. Smith
Archie F. Bell.

Brother A. M. Smith moved the above document as a motion. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved the adoption of the resolution on changing to a Delegate Conference which has now been recalled from the Committee. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint.

The resolution:

Whereas, for about fifteen years or more the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot at Independence, Missouri, has been seeking to conduct their general affairs through a system known as a "Ministerial Conference," and a "People's Conference," in which it was desired that, through a referendum of the whole church the "Voice of the People," might be had.

However, now after all this long testing period, we are confronted with a situation that proves beyond question that this system is a failure, because with the passing of the years fewer and fewer vote on the bills sent out to referendum. It is getting to where out of a membership of several thousand, the best we can get on a referendum ballot is in the neighborhood of three hundred votes. Can that be considered the "voice of the people?"

True, much of the difficulty is in the bungling method in which our ballots have been formulated, and all through the field where we go, we hear something like this, "We wanted to vote but we could not understand the ballot." In one instance some years ago, a majority and minority report were sent out to referendum and BOTH were approved by the referendum vote.

It cannot be denied that interest in the affairs of the church are waning. Folks will say, "We are unable to attend conference so we don't know what they are doing down there, so we just take what the conference gives us."

Therefore, be it resolved, that in view of the above facts, that General Conference of 1948 hereby propose to return to the system of a REGULAR GENERAL CONFERENCE, made up of delegates in the old fashioned manner where the delegates are apportioned to one delegate for a certain number of the membership. In this there is no intention of abrogating the principle of referendum when matters arise which it would seem necessary to refer them to the people for a vote.

We feel that the membership will feel a keener interest in the work of a General Conference when they know they have an accredited representative in the person of a delegate there to represent them.

Signed,

B. C. Flint
Wm. F. Anderson.*

Brother A. M. Smith moved as a substitute for the above resolution the adoption of the following; seconded by Brother Archie Bell:

CONFERENCES

(a) General Conferences:

The General Conference of the Church of Christ shall convene April 6, at 10 A. M., in the upper auditorium of the Church of Christ, on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri with the Council of Twelve in charge of the first meeting.

(1) The General Conference shall be a delegate conference.

(2) Delegates shall be chosen on a basis of one delegate for every six members in good standing, and an additional delegate for a remaining fractional part of four or more members.

(3) Delegates may be chosen from the priesthood or membership in good standing.

(4) No person shall be a delegate from any local except the one in which he or she holds membership.

(5) For the purpose of choosing delegates, scattered members should register their membership with the local church nearest them.

(6) Only delegates and the priesthood shall have voice and vote; except, by courtesy of the body, a voice may be granted to a non-delegate member.

(7) The Council of Twelve, General Bishopric, and other members of the Priesthood after the Order of Melchisedec, in attendance at the conference, shall be entitled to one vote in an ex-officio capacity.

(8) All matters to be sent out for referendum must be so ordered by conference with two-thirds vote.

(9) All matters sent to referendum shall be prepared in ballot form and sent to the churches in the first issue of the Advocate following the conference; and a return of the votes shall be made and tabulated as of midnight July 31st each year.

(10) No argument either for or against the proposed legislation shall be published in the Advocate; but it shall be the duty of the delegates to report to their local churches full information relative to the matters under referendum consideration.

(b) Filling of Vacancies—Election of Officers:

(1) The filling of vacancies in quorums, selection of all officers, editors, standing boards, standing committees, etc., and all routine matters pertaining to the conference shall be taken care of at the conference, and shall not be sent out to referendum.

(2) All officers and standing committees elected by the conference shall take office the first of the month following the adjournment of conference.

(3) Missionary appointments, filling vacancies in the Council of Twelve, General Bishopric, or Seventy, shall become effective as soon as appointed by the conference, and after having been ordained or set apart as the case may require.

(4) Ordinations of others called to the priesthood at the conference shall be deferred until approved by the missionary in charge of that field and by the local in which they have membership.

(c) Program for Conference Business Sessions:

The opening session shall convene at 10 A. M., and shall be for the purpose of organizing the conference as follows:

(1) The presiding authorities of the Conference shall be the Council of Twelve, they to preside in turn as the Council may direct.

(2) The General Church Secretary and Assistant General Church Secretary shall act as secretaries of the conference, with power to choose assistants as needed.

(3) Registration of delegates and presentation of letters or certificates from local church secretaries.

(4) Registration of the priesthood according to their order.

(5) Announcement of the daily order of meetings, as outlined by the Council of Twelve, whose responsibility it is to direct and arrange the order of the meetings.

(6) The remaining time of this first session, before the noon adjournment, shall be used for prayer, testimony and devotional service.

(d) Order of Daily Conference Sessions; Except Sunday

The second, and succeeding morning business session shall be held from 10 A. M. to 12 A. M., daily, and shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Opening, with appropriate song, prayer and scriptural reading.

(2) Seating of delegates.

(3) Roll call of priesthood registered with the Secretary.

(4) Reading and approving the minutes of the previous session, except the minutes of the final session shall be approved at the close of that session.

(5) Reading the reports of the delegates, ministry and committees that are received to date. Proposed resolutions shall be presented for reading at this time.

(6) Reading the slate of all business to come before that session of conference; first, unfinished business; second, new business.

(7) Filling of offices, committees and other routine business of the conference, according to the accepted rules of order.

(8) New legislation may be presented by any delegate or member of the priesthood, and shall be disposed of by an orderly discussion before the conference as follows:

(a) First Reading: At the first reading the sponsor, if present, or his representative, may without motion or vote set forth reasons for introducing the resolution, and the object to be attained. If the body wishes to consider this resolution they shall by motion and vote instruct that the sponsor present it to whichever quorum of the priesthood, or committee, the body sees fit. After the resolution has been considered by the quorum or committee, in conjunction with the sponsor and all parties interested, it may be called up for the second reading by any member of the assembly.

(b) Second Reading: After having been called up for a second reading, it shall be reported by a member of the quorum of committee (chosen by the quorum or committee) which considered it. If a sharp division of opinion shall develop in a quorum or committee relative to the matters referred to them by the conference, it shall be proper for both a majority and minority recommendation to be reported back to the assembly. In this case a representative for both the majority and minority shall be selected to make an affirmative report. No rebuttal from either side represented shall be permissible. He shall without preju-

dice give the reasons for the quorum or committee action. It shall then be put to vote with no further discussion, unless a majority of the assembly shall request it.

Discussion of this matter continued to the adjournment hour of 4:00 P. M.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved as incidental motion to extend the time of this business session to 5:00 P. M. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Brother B. C. Flint moved the previous question. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Vote was called for on the motion made as a substitute that we adopt the measure on a delegate conference as offered by Brother A. M. Smith and seconded by Brother Archie Bell. Motion carried, 24 for and 9 against.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved to send this matter to referendum as Bill No. 1. Seconded by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton. With only the ministry voting, motion carried 20 for and none against.

Brother B. C. Flint called for reading and consideration of the recommendations from the Council of Twelve relative to missionary appointments. The appointments were read:

Brother Achie Bell moved that the appointments be approved in their entirety. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The document from the Twelve follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1948.

To the Conference assembled:

Greetings:

The Council of Twelve wish to submit the following appointments of missionary fields for the conference year of 1948, subject to the approval of the Conference:

Apostle William F. Anderson—Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Apostle James E. Yates—California, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona.

Apostle Leon A. Gould—North and South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota.

Apostle T. J. Jordan—Northwestern Canada, Washington, Oregon, Eastern Canada, and Alaska.

Apostle Frank Jordan—Associated with his brother T. J. Jordan.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith—Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Apostle B. C. Flint—Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and the European Mission.

Apostle C. L. Wheaton—Michigan and Northeastern states.

Apostle R. R. Robertson—Utah, Colorado and Southeastern states.

In as much as no word has been received from Apostle Thomas E. Barton for quite some time, and in the absence of any knowledge concerning him,

as to his willingness to accept responsibility for a Missionary field, no field has been assigned him.

It is with deep regret that Apostle J. E. Bozarth's health is such that no field has been assigned to him for the ensuing year. Apostle James E. Yates is also in poor health, which is the reason Brother Yates is not present with us at this Conference. In a letter from him he states he will be with us in spirit and in his prayers.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR M. SMITH,

Sec. Council of Twelve.

In connection with the missionary appointments a communication from Brother B. C. Flint was read, it follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 10, 1948.

To the Conference,

Greetings:

Having been reappointed to the European Mission, and having been deeply concerned about the seeming unusual activity and interest in our work that seems to be manifest among the people there, and the faithful efforts of our Brother Johannes Denninger, who without priesthood authority is doing his utmost to promote the interests of our work in Germany and elsewhere within his environs, have called the attention of the Twelve and Bishops to the very evident needs of this part of my field and having had favorable reactions therefrom, I respectfully request the approval of the conference toward any sensible provisions being made to properly care for this field as may develop, as we continue our efforts in behalf of these people.

Before the war the Twelve and Bishops appointed Elder James Evans of Caerphilly, Wales to go to Germany and ordain our Brother Denninger to the office of Elder. The war came on and this was never done. Elder Evans has since passed away.

Sincerely,

B. C. FLINT.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved that provision be made to bring Bro. Denninger to the United States, to Independence, Missouri, with the view of instructing him further in the ways of the Church, and providing for his ordination to the office of Elder if it is possible for him to arrange to come; and if it is possible for him to come, the General Church authorities will arrange with the Federal authorities his entry into the United States and for his maintenance while here. Seconded.

Brother Archie Bell moved as a substitute the following seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague:

In as much as this mission work in Germany is purely spiritual, therefore be it resolved that this matter of the mission work in Germany and the matter of Brother Denninger be turned over to the members of the Council of Twelve present at this conference to act as they deem wisdom, with power and authority to draw on the Bishopric for what financial assistance they need to expedite their decision.

With the consent of the body and the seconder, Brother Clarence L. Wheaton withdrew his motion, leaving the motion by Brother Bell to stand as a regular motion and not a substitute.

Vote was called on the motion by Brother Bell to assign this work to the Twelve, with power to act. Carried.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to now take up the reconditioned resolution by five elders. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The resolution:

April 8, 1948.

The undersigned members of the priesthood make this substitute motion to the resolution before us, and signed by the same:

Be it resolved that it is the sense of this body that the purpose of our meeting together is for the edification of the body and the caring for of such business as is necessary for the progress of the Church. Therefore, let it further be resolved that any matter of attempted personal implication (verbal or written) shall not be permitted on the floor of the conference unless full recourse has been made through the courts of the church.

In all cases it is directed that all proceedings be carried out in the spirit of meekness and humility before God and in gentleness toward each other.

Signed,

William A. Sheldon
Clyde Babcock
Forest E. Maley
Rolland D. Sprague
Chas. E. Derry.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved to adopt this reconditioned resolution of the five elders. Seconded by Brother Forest Maley.

Brother Wm. Sheldon moved as a substitute that we reaffirm the original draft of the resolution of five elders. Seconded by Brother Clyde Babcock.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to lay the matter of the resolution of the five elders on the table indefinitely. Seconded by Brother Archie Bell. Carried—13 for and 9 against.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to adjourn to 7:30 P. M. and have a business meeting at that time. Seconded by Brother B. A. Winegar. Carried.

Announcements were made of the Sunday program:

10:00 A. M.—Sacrament Service
3:00 P. M.—Preaching by Brother B. C. Flint
7:30 P. M.—Song Service
8:00 P. M.—Preaching by Brother A. M. Smith

Closing Song: No. 199—"I will sing of my redeemer."

Closing Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 10, 1948—7:30 P. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge assisted by Apostle C. L. Wheaton.

Opening Song: No. 346—"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."

Opening Prayer by Brother Clarence L. Wheaton.

Second Song: No. 347—"Let the lower lights be burning."

Scripture was read by Brother R. R. Robertson consisting of the eighth chapter of the Roman Letter.

Minutes of the previous session were reviewed from the secretary's notes, not having been presented in typed form at this time. Chair ruled that they would have to be approved at the next conference.

Matters yet on the table in the hands of the secretary were reviewed: Report from the General Sunday School association, Report from the General Organization of the United Workers, Auditor's Report, Report of the committee on conference resolutions and enactments.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved to take up the Auditor's Report. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

The Report of the Auditor was read. (See other pages of Advocate)

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the Auditor's Report. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Brother Rolland Sprague called for reading and consideration of the Report from the General Sunday School Association. The report was read.

Brother Wm. Sheldon moved to approve the Sunday School Report and to concur in the action of the Sunday School Association. Carried.

The Report:

April 10, 1948.

To the Conference
Of the Church of Christ:

The Sunday School Association met in their convention Saturday, April 10, 1948 at 11:00 A. M. and we wish to report the following actions taken and officers elected and present them for your approval.

Verbal reports were received of the Sunday School activities from:

Brother Heath of Muskegon, Michigan; Brother Boyce of Chambers Park, Missouri; Brother Case of Independence, Missouri; Brother Overcast of Puryer, Tennessee; Sister Bell of Ava, Missouri; and Sister Harris of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the association officers put a flag in the Advocate giving a list of materials available and their price. That an appeal be

included that we are in need of funds to publish quarterlies and other supplies and that we solicit your subscriptions or donations for this cause.

The Treasurer's report was received and approved as follows:

Balance on hand April, 1943:
 General Fund\$19.56
 Quarterly Fund 6.94
 TOTAL\$26.50
 Received in 1947 from
 Independence Local\$39.36
 TOTAL on Hand\$65.86

Officers elected were: Brother Rolland Sprague, Superintendent; Brother William Graham, Assistant Superintendent; Brother Denver Chapman, Secretary; Sister Irene Maley, Treasurer. Quarterly Committee: Brother Tom Maley, Sister Amy Gould, Sister Ora Derry, Sister Angela Wheaton, and Sister Freda Flint.

Your brother in Christ,
 LeROY WHEATON,
 Secretary of the Sunday
 School Association.

Report from the General organization of the United Workers was read:

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved to accept and approve the minutes of the United Workers. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint.

Sister Angela Wheaton moved to amend the motion by adding the words, "as a report." Seconded by Brother Forest Maley.

Vote was called on the motion to amend. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion as amended. Carried.

The Report follows:

April 9, 1948.
 11 o'clock A. M.

Meeting of the United Workers opened with Sister Metta Anderson in charge.

Song, "Blessed be the tie that binds" was sung.

Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

Sister Metta Anderson was elected to act as Chairman at this meeting.

Sister Dorothy Denham elected to act as Secretary of this meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The treasurer offered a verbal report.

Sister Angela Wheaton moved that it be the sense of this body that it is better not to have the officers succeed themselves. Seconded and carried.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairman Sister Lois Harris
 Vice-Chairman Sister Metta Anderson
 Secretary Sister Ora Derry
 Treasurer Sister Gladys Nast

Moved and seconded that we have Sister Irene Maley for our fifth member of the Board. Carried.

Moved by Sister Edna Smith that our Secretary be instructed to write a form letter to all our locals stating the rights and prerogatives of the duties of the officers and the program that was adopted by the general organization. Seconded and carried.

A reading was given by Sister Nina Frisbey.

A solo was sung by Sister Edna Smith.

A reading was given by Sister Willie Yates.

Collection taken up\$2.20

Closing prayer offered by Sister Miriam Mason.

Signed,

DOROTHY DENHAM, Acting Secretary.

Verbal report was offered by the secretary of the School of the Ministry to the effect that that body had elected officers for the coming year, consisting of Brother A. M. Smith as Chairman; Brother Archie Bell as Assistant Chairman; and Brother Forest Maley as secretary. Further, that the study was being continued and consideration being given to expanding and improving the study.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton moved to accept and approve the verbal report from the School of the Ministry. Seconded by Brother Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Matter remaining on the table in the hands of the secretary was only the Report of the committee on conference resolutions and enactments, formerly the "Constitutional Committee." It was read. It consisted of articles 8, 9, and 10 intended to be added to the "handbook" ordered printed by the 1947 Conference. The articles covered respectively: Church government and duties and prerogatives of officers; duties of members of the Church of Christ; and details of a delegate conference and lesser conferences.

Brother Wm. Sheldon introduced to the table a document entitled a "substitute" intended to take the place of the Report of the committee on conference resolutions and enactments.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton who was in the chair at the time ruled that in as much as this document entitled "A Substitute" had been referred by the 1947 Conference to a joint meeting of the Priesthood along with some other documents and had not been reported or referred back to this body, the document entitled "A Substitute" was still the property of the Joint Meeting of the Priesthood and as such could not be brought onto the floor.

Brother B. C. Flint appealed from the decision of the chair.

After considerable discussion the previous question was called for. On the question "Shall the decision of the chair be the decision of this body?" the decision of the chair lost, 8 for and 12 against.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved to consider the report of the committee on conference resolutions and enactments and hear the "Substitute" afterwards. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint.

Brother A. M. Smith moved as a substitute for the whole matter before us to adopt the report and recommendations of the committee on conference resolutions and enactments. Seconded by Brother LeRoy Wheaton.

Brother B. C. Flint moved as an amendment to the substitute for the whole matter, that we strike out all after the word "ADOPT" and add the following:

Resolved:

As a substitute for the matter presented by the Committee on a Constitution, that we reaffirm our belief in, and adherence to the Restored Gospel brought to earth by angelic ministry. That the Church of Christ, in doctrine and organization is of divine origin, hence, not subject in any way to the manipulation or interpretation of men.

That Jesus Christ gave his life on the cross to initiate the plan of salvation, which is divine. This plan is clearly and explicitly outlined in the sacred Scriptures, the Bible and the Book of Mormon, our recognized Constitution up until now, and that these truths have been successfully and consistently taught by the ministry of the Restoration for over one hundred years, and have had divine endorsement through the giving of the spiritual gifts, which constitute a component part of the scriptural gospel, and have been enjoyed when Christian conduct has harmonized with such gospel teaching.

Resolved, further; that in the matter of our temporal affairs which are ALWAYS subject to the will of the body, the custodianship of church property shall remain as at present, and that the safeguards now prevailing in the handling of our finances in our general office shall remain in force, always, of course, subject to any future action by the body.

Signed,

B. C. Flint
R. R. Robertson
Wm. F. Anderson
William A. Sheldon
Chas. E. Derry
Forest E. Maley
Clyde Babcock
Rolland Sprague
Louis L. Boyce
James M. Case.

After considerable discussion of the relative merits of the various proposals before the body, Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved the previous question. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Brother Louis L. Boyce moved to waive a re-reading of the complete text of the two documents before body before voting. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion to amend the substitute for the whole matter. Carried, 16 for and 14 against.

Vote was called on the substitute for the whole matter as amended. Carried, 18 for and 14 against.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to expunge from the records all conference enactments from 1852 down to the present time. Seconded by Sister Angela Wheaton.

After some discussion, Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved the previous question. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Vote was called. Motion lost.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved that the matter in the "Handbook" as printed in the Advocate for March, 1948 be sent out to referendum as bill No. 2. Seconded by Brother A. M. Smith. Carried 15 for and none against with only the ministry voting.

Sister Freda Flint moved that the document signed by ten of the priesthood that was accepted in the place of the report of the committee on conference resolutions and enactments this session be also sent out to referendum. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Motion lost with none for and 13 against, the ministry only voting.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved that when this conference adjourns, it adjourns to meet at 10:00 A. M. April 6, 1949. Seconded by Brother A. M. Smith. Carried.

Question was raised as to the status of the Committee originally directed to formulate a "Constitution," part of which committee report was ordered printed as a "handbook."

Sister Freda Flint moved that this body request the committee on conference resolutions and enactments to finish its work by next year and that this final report be sent out to referendum. Seconded by Brother Rolland Sprague.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved as a substitute that this committee on conference resolutions and enactments be directed to bring in a full report to the 1949 Conference as the completion of their work. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved to adjourn this conference tomorrow evening at the end of the preaching services. Seconded by Brother Bert Cooper. Carried.

Brother Rolland Sprague moved to adjourn this session of the conference. Seconded by Brother B. C. Flint. Carried.

Announcements were made of the Sunday program:

10:00 A. M.—Sacrament Service
3:00 P. M.—Preaching by Brother B. C. Flint
7:30 P. M.—Song Service
8:00 P. M.—Preaching by Brother A. M. Smith

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

Closing Prayer by Brother R. R. Robertson.

The above and foregoing is the business transacted at the late Conference of the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot which was held from April 6 to April 11, 1948. In this connection I am indebted to Sister Jean Chapman, Brothers William Graham, William Sheldon and Nicholas Denham for their assistance at the secretaries' desk.

Respectfully,
FOREST E. MALEY,
 Secretary to the Conference and
 General Church Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

March 24, 1948.

Bishop C. L. Wheaton, Jr.,
 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 March 28, 1947 to March 15, 1948, and submit as my report the following statements:

EXHIBIT

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|---|-----|
| Cash Receipts and Disbursements, From March 28, 1947 to March 15, 1948 | "A" |
| General Ledger Trial Balance at March 15, 1948 | "B" |

COMMENTS

The cash receipts were verified by examination of the stubs of receipts issued during the period under review and tracing the amount 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,
 RG-O **ROY A. GUYTON, C. P. A.**

EXHIBIT "A"

**CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From March 28, 1947 to March 15, 1948**

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Advocate Subscriptions | \$ 228.00 |
| Offerings | 574.76 |
| Tithing | 5,288.83 |
| Sale of Tracts | 37.30 |
| Sale of Real Estate | 452.18 |
| Collections of Notes Receivable | 139.00 |
| Refund Insurance | 1.35 |
| Special Funds: | |
| Missionary | 52.50 |
| Sunday School Quarterly | 5.10 |
| Lawn Machinery | 89.25 |
| Aid | 81.10 |
| Temple Fund | 56.28 |
| Total Receipts | \$7,005.65 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Printing of Advocate | \$ 935.29 | \$ |
| Advocate Postage and Mailing | 32.45 | |
| Elders Family Expense: | | |
| Mrs. J. E. Bozarth | 500.00 | |
| Mrs. B. C. Flint | 550.00 | |
| Mrs. J. E. Yates | 250.00 | 1,300.00 |
| Elders Expense | | 146.00 |
| General Church Expenses: | | |
| Salary of Caretaker .. | 2,050.00 | |
| Insurance | 112.23 | |
| Topping Trees | 75.00 | |
| Repairs and Supplies .. | 103.59 | |
| Storage of Linotype ... | 12.00 | 2,352.82 |
| General Office Expenses: | | |
| Printing & Stationery .. | 39.35 | |
| Postage and Box Rent .. | 21.88 | |
| Telephone | 36.66 | |
| Audit and Bond Premium | 52.50 | |
| Repairs and Supplies.. | 5.20 | 155.59 |
| Printing of Tracts | | 151.00 |
| Special Funds — aid ... | | 68.08 |
| Aid to Mr. and Mrs. Bozarth | | 150.00 |
| Total Disbursements | | 5,291.23 |
| Excess of Receipts over Disbursements | | 1,714.42 |
| Cash in Bank, March 28, 1947.... | | 10,523.64 |
| Cash in Bank, March 15, 1948.... | | 12,238.06 |

Distributed as follows:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| First National Bank, Independence, Mo. | |
| General Fund | \$10,187.03 |
| Temple Fund | 2,051.03 |
| TOTAL | \$12,238.06 |

EXHIBIT "B"

GENERAL LEDGER

Trial Balance

at March 15, 1948

| | Debit | Credit |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| First National Bank, Independence, Mo. | \$12,238.06 | \$ |
| Temple Fund | | 2,051.03 |
| 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 | |
| Personal Loan Account—Denver Gibbons | 610.00 | |
| Personal Loan Account—Local Church | 43.00 | |
| Note Receivable—A. S. Wheaton | 290.00 | |
| Present Worth | | 11,326.85 |
| TOTALS | \$13,377.88 | \$13,377.88 |