

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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Five score and nineteen years ago our fathers brought forth upon this world the old Gospel conceived in revelation, and dedicated to the purpose for which Christ taught. We are always engaged in a great conflict against evil, because that Gospel so conceived and so dedicated must endure. We are met together on a great battlefield of that conflict. We have come to bring to remembrance the things which the brave men who lived long ago bore record of. It is altogether fitting and proper that we do this. But, let us remember that we can not change, we can not misconstrue this record. The divinely directed men of long ago, have born record far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they stood for. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they, who fought before us, have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these great disciples we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these men shall not have died in vain—that this Gospel of God, which has had a new birth, and that this ministry of Christ, by God, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Leslie Case.

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EDITORIAL

"THE ROCK"

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the Prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee; That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matthew 16:13-18.

A most important revelation comes to the children of men in the foregoing scripture, not as yet fully comprehended by all believers in Christ. And it is a source of some speculation by various professors of religion.

The identity of the **rock** as mentioned above comes in for consideration, and is essential to one who would have a true understanding of the text as quoted.

By some professors it is contended that Peter is the rock referred to. But it requires quite a stretch of the imagination to picture fallible Peter, who not long after the event above, cursed and swore and denied his Lord, as the sure and invincible foundation upon which the Church of Christ would be built.

Others contend that the **fact** of revelation, that enlightening communication coming from heaven to man, quickening his spiritual understanding, by and through which, "if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself," (see John 7:16, 17), is the sure foundation upon which the Church of Christ is builded, and hence is the **rock** referred to.

But, reader, as sure as you live there is something more far-reaching than the **fact** of revelation, or the verity of the inspirational power given of God to his people; for we must not ignore the **substance** of the revelation as well as the **fact**. It requires both the **fact** and the **substance** of the revelation combined to form the **Rock**, (and without the **substance** the **Rock** is not there,) upon which His church was to be built.

Going back to the text, we find the substance of the revelation expressed in these words:

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This was the **substance** of the revelation, and this, coupled with the **fact** that the Father in heaven had given this divine assurance to Peter that this man who stood amongst them at that time in the flesh, was the "Son of the Living God," was the foundation upon which the Church of Christ would be builded, and there could be no other foundation, for the Apostle Paul said,

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 3:11.

To attempt to build upon any other foundation is antiChrist.

John the beloved disciple devotes a large portion of his first and second epistles to the emphasizing of this fact in such expressions as these:

"Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

He gave that record to Peter as well as to others. God, the Father in heaven, gave this record to Peter by the Spirit of truth, that the man Jesus, standing by them in the flesh, was the Christ, "the Son of the living God." One revelation, given to one man in that generation, was sufficient to condemn or to exalt that generation; but there were many such revelations given. John adds:

"Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from **God the Father**, and from the **Lord Jesus Christ**, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath **both the Father and the Son.**"

Both the **Father** in heaven who spoke by his Spirit to Peter, and Jesus, and the Son, Jesus, who stood by Peter's side—the believer in Christ hath them **both**. But he who believeth not God's record that he gave Peter of His Son, makes God a liar: "Because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." And so he that **believeth not** does not have **both**.

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son of God hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, received him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Why? Because he is aiding and abetting antichrist, which they had heard would come into the world, and which was already there.

Jesus, in his question, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" told them, so far as flesh and blood could tell them, who he was. And he had already told them upon many other occasions. But that was not sufficient. Because of the widespread hatred among the Jews of the very thought of there being a Son of God, it was needful that his apostles who must go out and establish his Church upon that foundation, should have the authority of God in heaven to proclaim Jesus as the Son of the living God, and the Rock upon which the church must be built. To build or to attempt to build the Church of Christ upon other foundation than that embodied in the **fact** and the **substance** of Peter's revelation was

Antichrist

What was antichrist then, is antichrist today. John said that the spirit of antichrist was already in the world in his day; and Paul agreed that the "mischief of iniquity doth already work," and "I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."—Acts 20:29-31.

But in spite of Paul's three years' warning to every one, with tears and prayers, many were deceived by antichrist. It seemed so impossible that these grand men who had taught them the principles of the gospel, had baptized them, blessed their children, and laid on hands to heal them of their ills, could go so far into apostasy that they would deny the revelation of God to Peter, which was such a blessing to him and to all those who believed on his word. And so when these men began to ease the thought on to them a little at a time that God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit were "one person" with three names, they were caught in the snare, and became ready victims of those who were seeking "to draw away disciples after them," and lure them away from the "foundation" which God had laid, and had revealed through Peter.

This false doctrine became wide-spread in the second and third centuries after Christ, and was known as "Monarchianism." (See Webster's New International Dictionary, or any good Encyclopedia, or Theology). This doctrine was treated as heresy by the Church, and all its leading advocates were excommunicated. This doctrine took on different forms in various localities; but they all denied God's revelation through Peter. It was an antiTrinitarian doctrine or theory, in several forms, the common principle of which was that God was a single person as well as a single being. Some of these adherents maintained that Christ was a mere man, chosen of

God and by him supernaturally inspired and exalted, and was son of God by adoption and not by any metaphysical relationship. Others maintained that Christ was truly divine, but as divine was indistinguishable from God the Father, being one of the three modes or manifestations of the divine being. They asserted that the flesh made the Father the Son, and the spirit (god, Christ) was the Father. Sabellius, probably the chief of the Monarchists, held that the Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost, were identical in person, but with three names. Ehipianus states that they derived their entire heresy from certain apophrychal books, especially from the gospel of the Egyptians. (Scharff-Herzog Religious Encyclopedia).

This whole mess was a contradiction and a denial of God the Father's (the person in heaven) revelation to Peter that Jesus Christ (the person on earth, standing by Peter in flesh and blood) was the Son of the living God, embracing within the very fact and substance of the revelation that they were two persons, and that upon this truth, this Rock, and this foundation, the Church must be built, that it might withstand even the gates of hell.

The Rock—The Foundation

"Upon this Rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Jesus.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 3:11.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."—Isaiah 28:16.

"Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."—I Peter 2:6.

"Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."—Ephesians 2:19-20.

The term "Rock," is used in scripture, in various places, to denote, alternately, everything that is represented by the terms **Jehovah, God, Father, Redeemer, Christ**, including the very power and attributes belonging to them. Here are a few of the many many usages:

"Moreover, brethren I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them (went with them—Margin): and that Rock was Christ."—I Cor. 10:1-4.

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer."—II Sam. 22:2. (See also Psalms 18:2 and 92:15.)

"The God of my rock."—Verse 3.

"O Lord, my strength, (Rock—Margin) and my Redeemer."—Psalms 19:14.

"Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: (Heb. the rock of ages.—Margin)."—Isaiah 26:4.

"Behold I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."—Romans 9:33.

Jesus Christ the Son of the living God was surely a rock of offense to those who rejected Peter's revelation in his day, and is yet today; but to those who accept Peter's revelation he was and is the "chief corner stone, elect, precious," and the sure foundation upon which to build.

Saw Two

To some Monarchists it "makes no difference who saw two personages." But to those who accept Peter's revelation it does make a difference, and his statement is far, far ahead of the declaration of any Monarchist to the Apostolic Church, or to the Restoration of to-day.

Stephen, the martyr, saw two personages, as he was about to be stoned to death for his testimony:

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, (not the spirit of antichrist) looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."—Acts 7:55, 56.

But the monarchists cried out with a loud voice against this sort of blasphemy, and stopped their ears so they could not hear his testimony, and stoned him to death. And so monarchists of to-day stop their ears at his testimony; and yet that one testimony was sufficient to condemn that generation who believed not, and the generation of today as well, who believe not his testimony.

Stephen's testimony is amply supported by other scriptures:

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."—Col. 3:1.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: . . . And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places."—Ephesians 1:3, 19, 20.

"It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God."—Romans 8:34.

"The Lord (the Father) said unto my Lord (The Son of the living God), Sit thou (the Son) at my (the Father's) right hand, until I (the Father) make thine (the Son's) enemies thy footstool."—Psalms 110:1. (Quoted also by Christ and by Peter.)

"From his (the Father's) right hand (where Christ sat) went a fiery law for them."—Deut. 33:2.

The fiery law was the Mt. Sinai law, and of it Christ said: "I am he who gave the law."—Book of Mormon, page 643.

Sitting at the right hand of God, Christ gave the law from that right hand.

Christ was the Only Begotten Son, beloved of the Father, before the foundations of the earth were laid—

“For thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.”—John 17:24. “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”—John 17:5.

He came from the Father, and went to the Father (See John 16:28). Stephen saw him there, glorified with the glory that he had before the world was—saw the **two** of them; so it does make a difference who saw two, and who testifies to that fact, monarchiasts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Contradictory Scriptures.

“Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem.”—II Chron. 22:2. Reading the context, this makes the man two years older than his father.

“Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem.”—II Kings 8:26. Reading the context, this makes the man 18 years younger than his father.

If these two scriptures cannot be harmonized, then one of them is wrong and should be rejected. And if one is to be rejected, it would be foolish to cling to the one that declares a man to be two years older than his father, and reject the hundreds that convey the fact that a man is always younger than his father.

And so it is with the question of two persons, at least, in the Godhead.

There are three statements in the Book of Mormon that **may be construed** by those so minded, to mean that God and Christ are identical in person; but there are hundreds in the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Latter-day Revelation, that prove that God and Christ are two persons, but one in spirit and purpose.

If these three seemingly contradictory statements can not be harmonized with the other hundreds, then the **three** or the **hundreds** must be rejected. And it would be just as foolish in this, (as it would in the case of Ahaziah,) to reject the hundreds that agree with Peter's revelation, and cling to the three that seemingly conflict with it, especially in view of the fact that the Book of Mormon itself declares:

“And now if there are faults, they are the mistakes of men.”—Preface to Book of Mormon.

And speaking of faults, Moroni said:

“And if there be faults, they be faults of man. But behold, we know no fault; nevertheless, God knoweth all things; therefore he that condemneth, let him beware lest he shall be in danger of hell fire.”—Page 706.

“Condemn me not because of my imperfections; neither my father, because of his imperfections; neither them who have written before him, but rather give thanks unto God that he hath

made manifest unto you our imperfections, that ye may learn to be more wise than we have been.

“And now behold, we have written this record according to our knowledge in the characters, which are called among us the reformed Egyptian, being handed down and altered by us, according to our manner of speech. And if our plates had been sufficiently large, we should have written in the Hebrew; but the Hebrew hath been altered by us also; and if we could have written in the Hebrew, behold, ye would have had no imperfection in our record.”—Page 713.

We are satisfied that the few statements that seem to present a direct opposite to the other hundreds of statements can be harmonized with the hundreds to support every aspect of Peter's revelation.

On the contrary, we are just as satisfied that the hundreds on the one side can NOT be harmonized with the few to support in any degree the monarchist doctrines of those who may arise, “speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them,” or, as Peter prophesies of false teachers that shall be among US, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you (us): whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”—II Peter 2:1-3.

Who denies “the Lord that bought them” with his blood on calvary, but those who deny his sonship as clearly defined in the word of God? and in Peter's revelation?

We are entering into the second century after the Restoration of the gospel and the organization of the Church of Christ (1820-1830), and need not be surprised if the spirit of apostasy creeps in and drags in some of the abominable heresies of the dark ages that finally engulfed the apostolic church in complete apostasy. It would be strange if that did not happen. And the fact that it would, has been fully covered in the prophecies of the scriptures.

Visions of Today.

Joseph Smith in his first vision, when he went to ask God for wisdom as to which church to join, “saw two personages” in the air, and one pointing to the other said: “This is my beloved Son, hear him.”

If Joseph Smith's testimony be true, then all his subsequent teachings, both in the Book of Mormon, and in all latter-day revelations must be interpreted in harmony with Peter's revelation. If his testimony be not true, and he never saw “two” as he claimed, then the Restoration falls to the ground and the teachings of the Book of Mormon and of latter-day revelation can be no more depended upon than his testimony of his vision.

Had Joseph Smith claimed that in his first vision he saw one personage in the air who said,

I am Jehovah God, and (pointing to himself) I am my only Begotten Son, Hear me," we would reject it, knowing it to be out of harmony with all previous scripture.

Again, Joseph Smith and Sydney Rigdon were in the Spirit on the 16th day of February, 1832, and beheld a vision together, and were commanded to write it while yet in the Spirit, before their minds became engrossed in other things, and they would lose part of it; and as a result there was given to the children of men one of the grandest documents ever written. From it I quote the following:

"The Lord touched the eyes of our understandings, and they were opened, and the glory of the Lord shone round about; and we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father, and received of his fullness; and saw the holy angels, and they who are sanctified before his throne, worshipping God and the Lamb, who worship him for ever and ever. And, now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him, that he lives; for we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father; that by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created; and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters of God."

This statement harmonizes completely with Peter's revelation, and with Stephen's vision, and with all the scriptures that have been quoted and can be quoted, when rightly understood, and will condemn any and all of this generation who hear and reject it.

O Lord God of heaven and earth, grant that thy people may be led in paths of eternal light and truth, rather than in the paths of monarchial darkness that engulfed the apostolic church in apostasy. May we join with David in:

"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: LEAD ME TO THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I."

"Oh, then to the Rock let me fly,
To the Rock that is higher than I,
Oh, then to the Rock let me fly,
To the Rock that is higher than I."

Leon A. Gould.

NOTICE.

To Whom it May Concern:

The new Chairman of the General United Workers, Sister A. M. Smith, called a meeting of the new officers for Wednesday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Only three officers were able to attend, the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The chairman instructed the secretary to write to each local of the Church as soon as she can obtain the name and address of the Pastor, or the name and address of some one of the women of the local. So any of you who have not sent in

your name, please do so soon; for I do want to carry out her instructions.

Address:

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Secretary of the General Organization
of the United Workers (Ladies' Department).
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ADDRESSES

Can you supply any of these? Names and Addresses for missionary contact for Gospel Services, or for distribution of Church of Christ literature to persons in, or near this Missionary Field of Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington, Western Canada and Alaska. Apostles Wm. F. Anderson and James E. Yates are in associate charge of said Mission Field for the year. They will be pleased to receive names and addresses for the purpose of extending this Latter Day Gospel Warning Message to the nations as now authorized of our Lord.

Do your part in helping to spread the Message of Life and Salvation through Christ. Kindly address Apostles James E. Yates and Wm. F. Anderson at 2964 Newton Avenue, San Diego, California, with names and addresses for Missionary contacts in the West and Pacific North-West. We endeavor to sow the Gospel seed humbly and in faith, trusting God to give the increase. Pray with us, and may we hear from you, please.

—GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE—

We are taking this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you as the officers of the General Sunday School Association. Many of you know us, but we hope in the year ahead that all of you will come to know us by personal contact or correspondence. We want you to feel that you and your General Officers are ONE in purpose. We have made some forward steps at this conference. It is going to be easier for us to get out to visit local Sunday Schools and to help organize Sunday Schools where the membership so desire. The Sunday School is a place for team work. When we hear of the fine Sunday Schools already established over the country we experience great joy because the Sunday School is one of those helps spoken of in the Bible as a function of the Church that Christ organized. As the Superintendent of the General Sunday School we call on each school, and members where there is no school, to give us the help you can from your experience.

We have wonderful people to work with all over the field, and we are going to try very hard to give you what you need for all school work. If you have problems that we can help with please let us know.

Sincerely—In Gospel Bonds
Elder Rolland D. Sprague.

Several years ago at one of our General Sunday School meetings, a motion was made, seconded and carried, that each Sunday School

throughout the church should send one-tenth of their collections to the General Sunday School Association, to help with the Sunday School work, in printing quarterlies, literature and etc. A few of the Sunday Schools have done this, but only a few. I am sure if each school realized if they would send this one-tenth to the General Sunday School Treasurer that it would not be long until we could have all our own Sunday School supplies. We would not have to send out into the world for our lessons to teach our children.

That is one big reason we do not have the three years course in the different grades complete—Wee Mite, Primary, Junior and Seniors—the lack of money to have them all printed.

I am pleased at the orders for quarterlies that have come in since the last conference, when I was made Treasurer. I hope that we will be receiving orders from all the Sunday Schools throughout the church during the coming year.

Ora B. Derry
Box 342, Rt. No. 3
Independence, Mo.

Greetings to the Advocate Readers:

As your new secretary of the General Sunday School Association I would like to introduce myself. I would like to hear from all of the different Sunday Schools, and to get acquainted with the different secretaries. I am new at this job and would like to have your co-operation in all things.

I shall try to fill the job to the best of my ability and not disappoint you in your choice. I would like to hear from the different members in isolated places and I shall try to help them so that they may become more encouraged in the Sunday School work.

Sincerely,
Miss Mary E. Case
1106 Gudgell Avenue
Independence, Mo.

I wish to introduce myself to the Advocate and to the Church abroad as the new assistant Superintendent of the General Sunday School Association. I would like to give our aims for the future. We would like to make personal contact if possible with the different Locals, and localities, in regard to organizing Sunday Schools, and working with our Brothers and Sisters.

The printing of Sunday School literature, thus furthering the gospel in our quarterlies, and helps in our Church, by bringing out those things that are in the minds of those who are able in writing for the good of all. This will help lift us up as a people, being another missionary arm of the Church.

We want to (if possible) be of assistance to you and to your community. Let us know.

Your Brother in Christ
Elder James M. Case
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REPORT OF THE 1949 CONFERENCE

Before perusing this report, please notice the action of the 1949 Conference which is responsible for the proceedings of the conference appearing in the form here in reported:

1. Minutes of April 11, 1949—2:00 p.m. Session. Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the secretaries of the conference be instructed to send out in the Advocate only such matters as have been affirmatively approved. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried.
2. Bro. Rolland Sprague moved as an incidental motion that a complete copy of our minutes be given to the Secretary of the Council of Twelve, the Secretary of the Bishopric, and the General Church Historian. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

A certain amount of trepidation accompanies this attempt to abide by the above instruction. Therefore, if the following interpretation of that generalized instruction seems other than what might be desired, we beg the kind indulgence of all. Should more particular knowledge of the details of the minutes be desired, please notice that the Secretaries of the Council of Twelve and of the Bishopric as well as the General Church Historian are to have copies of the minutes. All may be reached by mail at the Church address in Independence, Missouri. Likewise, the General Church Secretary will be glad to respond to any questions about the conference minutes.

Your attention is called to the method used in preparing this report for publication:

1. Motions lost by vote, lack of second, or tabled are omitted.
2. Motions of the previous question are omitted.
3. Points of order are omitted.
4. Opening and closing exercises of sessions are omitted.
5. Reading and approving of minutes are omitted.
6. Review of matters in the hands of the secretary are omitted.
7. Matters referred to committees are not mentioned in full.
8. Resolutions will be shown in their final form as amended and adopted by the body, omitting technicalities of procedure.
9. Officers, committees, and policies regulating those departments are shown in their final form, with personnel as elected.
10. All other affirmative actions are shown in full; such as motions, resolutions, reports with recommendations etc., as approved by the body. Mover, seconder and recorded vote is shown if possible.

With these things in mind, we present to you our report of the affirmative action of the 1949 Conference of the Church of Christ with head-

quarters on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri.

Respectfully,
Forest E. Maley
Secretary of the Conference

REPORT OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Of the Minister's Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) convened at Independence, Missouri, April 6, 1949

April 6, 1949—10:00 A.M. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

Bro. J. A. Sweem moved that the members of the Twelve preside over this conference. Seconded by Bro. Roland Sprague. Carried.

Secretary: Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that Bro. Forest Maley act as the secretary to the conference with power to choose assistants. Seconded by Bro. A. O. Frisbey. Carried.

Press Committee: Bro. Forest Maley, Bro. A. M. Smith, Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Chorister: Bro. Forest Maley moved that the regular General Church Chorister, Sr. Betty Morgan, be the chorister of the conference with the power to choose pianist help. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Ushers: Brethren William Graham and Denver Chapman.

Program for the conference: Communication from the Twelve:

The Council of Twelve hereby offers the following recommendation to the General Conference Assembled, as the outline of services for the meetings that shall follow throughout these conference sessions:

1. The morning hour from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. shall be devoted to prayer and testimony services.
2. From 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. shall be devoted to preaching.
3. Business session shall convene at 2:00 p.m.
4. The School of the Ministry shall begin its meetings at 4:30 p.m. and continue till 5:30 p.m.
5. The evening service shall begin at 7:30 with a song service and the preaching service at 8:00 p.m.

It is further recommended that should the necessity arise, the Ministry should hold its Quorum meetings during the morning hours.

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved the adoption of this program, with the exception that the prayer meeting meet at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. and that it be closed ten minutes before the 11:00 o'clock service. Seconded by Bro. A. O. Frisbey. Carried.

Petition was received from the General Sunday School Association requesting from the conference the use of Saturday afternoon April 9, starting at 2:00 p.m., for the handling of their Convention.

Bro. Wm. Sheldon moved that the conference grant the request of the General Sunday School Association. Seconded by Bro. J. A. Sweem. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the limitation of time for the introduction of new business be at the opening of the Thursday afternoon session. Seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to adjourn to 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Bro. Maynard Case. Carried.

April 6, 1949—2:00 p.m. Session

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle James E. Yates.

Report of the Committee on Publishing Revelations:

Independence, Mo.
April 6, 1949

To the Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

Whereas we your committee have not been able to accomplish the work of collecting and preparing the revelations for publication; and in view of the resignation of Sr. Louise Sheldon as third member of the committee, we hereby submit our resignations therefrom and recommend that the committee be dissolved.

C. L. Wheaton
A. M. Smith.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the report and accept their recommendations. Seconded by Bro. James E. Yates. Carried 13 to 6.

Bro. Leon A. Gould moved that this whole matter that was before us: i.e., the committee to compile revelations and also this motion before us to appoint a committee to compile an index be all referred to the committee to compile a Church History and make it a part of their work. Seconded by Bro. James E. Yates. Carried 22 to 4.

Meeting stood adjourned.

April 7, 1949—2:00 p.m. Session

Apostle James E. Yates in charge assisted by Apostle Leon A. Gould.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved as a resolution:

Be it resolved, that this conference shall go on record as petitioning the President of the United States to take such measures as are necessary to correct the unhappy lot of the Navajo and Hopi people on their reservations by a thorough investigation and correction of the policies of the Indian Service in its relationship to them; and that we urge our members throughout the United States and its territories to write and petition their representatives in Congress to enact laws that will correct this blot of shame upon the fair name of our Government from among the people, for it is apparent to all that a more humane policy is maintained to the underprivileged minorities of foreign lands than toward these helpless and unoffending minorities in our own land.

Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried unanimously.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that this conference shall authorize Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to represent the Church of Christ on the Temple

Lot in bringing the matters in the previously adopted resolution in regard to Indian affairs to the attention of the President of the United States; either to contract him or to wait upon him as he may feel led. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Report of the Board of Publication:

April 6, 1949

To the Ministers Conference
Church of Christ
Independence, Mo.

Greetings:

The Board of Publications has instructed me to present the following report of our activities during the past year.

We have reprinted 1000 copies of the Book of Commandments, which are now available at 60c each.

We ordered the stock of cards for General Conference Appointments and Elder's Ordination cards to be replenished. We have reviewed several tracts that are out of print with the idea of reprinting some of them and revising and reprinting others. We also studied new material which has been presented and hope to have some of it in print soon.

The Board recommends to the conference that a committee be appointed to review and revise our present system of forms, as they are overlapping and in some instances outmoded.

Respectfully submitted
The Board of Publications
C. L. Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approve the report and recommendations from the Board of Publications and that we proceed to elect the committee. Seconded by Bro. J. A. Sweem. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Secretary of the Council of Twelve, the Secretary of the General Church, and the General Church Recorder constitute this committee on forms. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The Committee on Forms: Bro. A. M. Smith, Bro. Forest Maley, and Sr. Ora Derry.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we adjourn. Seconded and carried.

April 8, 1949—2:00 p.m. Session

Apostle Leon A. Gould in charge assisted by Apostle T. J. Jordan.

Report of Bro. B. C. Flint on the Committee to Compile Church History was read; reporting his progress on the task assigned.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved that this report of B. C. Flint be referred to the General Church Historian. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to consider and concur in the recommendations of the Twelve for the Young People's use of Saturday night. Seconded and carried.

Communication from the Independence Local was taken up for consideration in which action of the local was reported:

"Moved that we request the General Church to look with favor on building a new church on this Temple Lot."

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that a committee of three be appointed to take this matter up for consideration and report back to this body. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

The Committee as elected: Bro. Vance Harris, Bro. Archie Bell and Bro. T. R. Ely.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that a committee of three be selected to report back to this present conference a report of their suggestions for a revised partitioning arrangement in the lower part of the present building embodying the following features:

1. More ready access to sanitary facilities.
2. Quorum room that need not be a thoroughfare.
3. General Offices near the front of the building.

These arrangements to be approved by the conference, giving their permission to the Independence Local to make the changes necessary to bring the committee's recommendations into reality. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried, 24 to 12.

The Partitioning Committee as elected: Bro. Forest Maley, Bro. LeRoy Wheaton and Bro. Nicholas Denham.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to adjourn to 10:00 a.m., tomorrow morning. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

April 9, 1949—10:00 a.m. Session

Apostle T. J. Jordan in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Report of the Committee to Beautify the Temple Lot.

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1949

To the General Conference
Church of Christ

Greetings:

We, your committee to beautify the Temple Lot wish to report our activity this past year is negative, as little has arisen requiring our attention. We feel that the caretaker has done the best he could to keep the property in good order, and improved the appearance of the surroundings.

Since filling the excavation, we find that the ground has settled and needs further filling. Flowers have been donated by the Ava, Missouri local church for landscaping, and by this means we thank them for the Church, and urge the people of the Church to follow a similar example.

Clarence L. Wheaton
Wm. F. Anderson.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the report of the committee to Beautify the Temple Lot be received and spread upon the minutes, and the committee be discharged, and the matter of the beautification of the Temple Lot be referred to the General Bishopric for their further care. Seconded by Bro. A. O. Frisbey. Carried.

Recommendation of the School of the Ministry relative to jurisprudence:

April 6, 1949
Independence, Mo.

To the Ministers'
Conference Assembled
Brethren:

As secretary of the School of the Ministry, I transmit to you the following recommendation to the conference with regard to the changing of our rules of jurisprudence:

"Recommend to the conference to appoint a committee of five to hold hearings and review the present rules of jurisprudence with the view of simplifying our procedure, and report back to the next following conference; and that the present rules hold until then."

In our meeting of April 4, 1949 this was moved by Bro. Rolland Sprague, seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Carried 12 to 2.

Respectfully,
Forest E. Maley
Secy. of the School
of the Ministry.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved we concur in the recommendations of the School of the ministry that a committee of five be appointed to review the Jurisprudence of the Church, holding hearings with the view of making necessary amendments, corrections, etc., to bring it up to date as a more simplified, practical procedure of Jurisprudence; and when said committee has been elected, that the motion published, or the document published in the Zion's Advocate relative to jurisprudence changes be referred to this committee for their consideration. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

The Committee on Jurisprudence elected: Bro. Forest Maley, Bro. Rolland Sprague, Bro Maynard Case, Bro. B. C. Flint and Bro Nicholas Denham.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

April 11, 1949—2:00 p.m. Session

Apostle A. M. Smith in charge assisted by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Missionary Appointments:

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1949

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve in special session assembled to consider the appointing of the fields of labor for the members of the Council of Twelve, do hereby offer the following as the fields of labor and supervision for the conference year of 1949, subject to the approval and endorsement of the conference:

Apostle William F. Anderson and Apostle James E. Yates associated together shall have the supervision and care of the following: Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon Territory.

Apostle J. E. Bozarth: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas.

Apostle Leon A. Gould: Michigan and North-eastern States.

Apostle T. J. Jordan: European Mission.
Apostle A. M. Smith: Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

Apostle R. R. Robertson: Southeastern States, Utah, Colorado, Idaho and Montana.

Apostle C. L. Wheaton: The North American Indians.

Apostle B. C. Flint: Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Eastern Canada.

Apostle W. F. Jordan: Saskatchewan, Manitoba in Canada; and Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

No field is assigned to Apostle Thos. E. Barton.
Respectfully Submitted
Arthur M. Smith
Secy. Council of Twelve.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to approve the appointments of the Twelve in their entirety. Seconded by Bro. J. A. Sweem. Carried.

Auditor's Report: (See other pages of Zion's Advocate)

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the Auditors Report. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Minutes of the General Sunday School Association:

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved that we refer these minutes back to the General Sunday School Association and that we instruct them to only report to the conference such recommendations as may be found in their minutes for our action. Seconded by Sr. Miriam Mason. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the secretaries of the conference be instructed to send out in the Advocate only such matters as have been affirmatively approved. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried, 25 to 9.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved as an incidental motion that a complete copy of our minutes be given to the Secretary of the Council of Twelve, the Secretary of the Bishopric and the General Church Historian. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried 20 to 0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Full Time Representative in the Office:

Recommendation from the Joint Twelve and Bishopric:

"Resolved that each member of the Council that is in active ministerial service in the field take turns about to act as spiritual advisor for a period of time of a month each and the care of the lawn and other expenses be cared for by letting out these jobs."

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the recommendation of the Joint Council. Seconded by Bro. Archie Bell. Carried 13 to 10.

Bro. T. J. Jordan moved to adjourn to 7:30 tonight. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

April 11, 1949—7:30 p.m. Session

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

Business Manager and Secretary of Transportation: Nicholas F. Denham.

General Church Secretary: Forest E. Maley.

General Church Recorder: Ora B. Derry.

Assistant General Church Recorder: Edith Bell.

General Church Chorister: Betty Morgan.

General Church Historian: B. C. Flint.

Editor-in-chief of Zion's Advocate: Leon A. Gould.

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate: Edith Bell and Wm. A. Sheldon.

Bro. James E. Yates moved that in the matter of separating the material that might go into the Advocate, making one suitable for handing out in missionary work; that in the matter of separating the material, that we do not interfere with the editor or his associates in their judgment of the matter. Seconded by Sr. A. M. Smith. Carried.

Report and recommendations of the Business Manager of Zion's Advocate was read, it was pointed out that 338 of 413 subscriptions are paid up; at present rates its costs seven times its income; and recommended a cut in size from 16 to 8 pages and in increase in price of 100%.

Bro. James E. Yates moved that we leave our paper at its present size and increase the price to \$3.00 per year. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Bro. T. J. Jordan moved that we request each member of the Quorum of Twelve to make himself a special agent to solicit subscriptions for the Advocate over his entire field. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Auditing Committee: Now a standing committee by order of the conference: Bro. Maynard Case, three years; Sr. Dorothy Denham, two years; Bro. Rolland Sprague, one year.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to adjourn until tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Seconded and carried.

April 12, 1949—10:00 a.m. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

Dining Hall Committee: Sr. Nina Frisbey, Sr. Minnie Smith, Bro. Rolland Sprague, Sr. Arra Gentry and Sr. Hazel Frisbey.

Referendum Committee: Bro. Nicholas Denham for three year term. Other members: Sr. Marion Sprague (2) and Sr. Ora Derry (1).

Relations Committee:

Report of the Relations Committee:

Independence, Mo., April 12, 1949

To the Conference Assembled

Greetings:

We the relations committee wish to report as follows:

During the past year we have had a number of occasions to contact our neighbors across the way, which has been generally speaking pleasant and profitable as we believe; the relief mission to the Indians was one of these occasions, and the success of this mission was greatly enhanced by the liberal and most generous cooperation of the Brethren of the Reorganized Church. We are hopeful and feel reasonably assured that the near future will develop even greater cooperation if

we can maintain a proper brotherly attitude toward all the different divisions of the Latter Day movement.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Smith
C. L. Wheaton
R. R. Robertson.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to accept the report of the relations committee and spread the report on the minutes. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon.

Committee member elected: Bro. A. M. Smith for three year term. Other members: Bro. R. R. Robertson (2) and Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton (1).

Library Board:

Report of the Library Board:

Independence, Mo., April 12, 1949

To the Conference Assembled

Greetings:

The Library Board wish to submit the following report:

Upon a careful check of the books that are in the book case in the office of the Church building, we find there is quite a number of books and pamphlets missing from the list of books that was given to the Church by Bro. Willard J. Smith a few years ago.

Following is a list of the books missing:

Book on Physiology
Forty Years in the Mormon Church
Undying Soul, and Intermediate
History of the Mormons—Gullison
The Mormons and Their Bible—Lamb
Female Life Among the Mormons
Christian Baptism
Spiritual Wife System
Four of Rome's Awful Tragedys
Living Oracles
The True Christian Religion
Errors of Mormonism
The Seer of Palmyra—Blair
The Seer of Palmyra—Bond
The Book Unsealed
The United States in Prophecy
Annihilationism Examined

One of these books is loaned out and properly accounted for, but this still leaves sixteen books and pamphlets unaccounted for. Besides this there is a number of books with the stamp of the Church of Christ in them that are not listed on this list. It is not surprising that this should be, in as much as these books are not locked up or any system of control placed over them, but are open to any and all persons that may come into the office.

There is quite a collection of books in the cabinets that so far as we can learn have no name on them or other mark of identification. The Library Board does not know as to who these belong, neither have they found out up to the present time.

We wish to recommend to the Conference that provision be made for the proper care and protection of the books, to be provided for in such a

manner that this library, which strictly is a reference library, shall be available to the members of the Church under proper supervision. Further, that a catalogue and index shall be made of all the books, in order that they can be obtained from the custodian of the library without the doubtful method of searching through the books for the one that is wanted. That the free and uncontrolled access to these books be shut off at once or as soon as it is possible to do so.

Further, that some disposition of the unmarked and unclaimed books in the cabinets shall be made at once to give this storage room for use to the General Church Office.

We also wish to call attention that the file of bound Advocates is incomplete. We have five volumes of bound Advocates dating from 1925 to 1940. We recommend to the conference that the file of bound Advocates be brought up to date, placing two years in a volume, or four volumes, bringing us up to the present date.

Respectfully,

Arthur M. Smith,
Rolland D. Sprague,
Margaret E. Wheaton,
Church of Christ Library Board.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the report of the Library Board. Seconded by Bro. Maynard Case. Carried.

Committee Member Elected: Bro. A. M. Smith for three year term. Other members: Sr. Margaret Wheaton (2) and Bro. Rolland Sprague (1).

Board of Publications: Bro. Forest Maley for three year term and Bro. Denver Chapman for three year term. Other members: Nicholas F. Denham, as Business Manager, Wm. A. Sheldon (2) and LeRoy Wheaton (2).

Committee to Compile Church History

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to abolish the committee to compile Church History. Seconded by Bro. R. R. Robertson. Carried.

Committee to Review Historical Manuscript:

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to proceed to elect a reviewing committee of three to review historical matters compiled by the Church Historian before publication. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried, 19 to 7.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that the committee appointed to review the Historian's manuscript shall be authorized to make such corrections as seem necessary to obtain the truth of the matter presented. Seconded by Bro. James E. Yates. Carried.

Committee to Review: Bro. A. M. Smith, Bro. L. A. Gould and Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.

Standing Building Committee:

Report of Building Estimate Committee on standing committee:

Independence, Mo., April 9, 1949
To the General Conference
Greetings:

We the undersigned, wish to submit the following recommendations:

That a permanent building committee of three

members be established for the General Church, beginning with this conference.

The members of this committee to be elected at this conference as follows: one member for a three year term, one member for a two year term, and one member for a one year term. When a member's term expires, a new member shall be elected for a three year term.

The member elected for a two year term at this conference shall be chairman of the committee for one year, and each succeeding year the chairmanship shall fall to the member with two years left to serve.

The duties of this committee shall be as follows:

1. To inspect all General Church buildings annually or more often if necessary.
2. To see that proper plans, specifications, estimates, and architects data and services are secured for all building construction.
3. To select materials needed and supervise all building construction.
4. To submit an annual report of all activities to each general conference.
5. This committee is subject to the direction of the General Conference and supervision of the Quorum of Apostles.
6. This committee is prohibited from receiving, disbursing or handling any church monies unless specifically directed by order of the General Conference.

Very respectfully submitted,

Vance H. Harris,
T. R. Ely,
Archie F. Bell.

Bro. James E. Yates moved that we approve the recommendations of this building estimate committee on providing a standing building committee. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried.

Standing Building Committee elected: Bro. Vance H. Harris (1), Bro. T. R. Ely (2), Chairman for the year and Bro. Archie F. Bell (3).

Resolution from the Twelve as amended by the conference:

Whereas it is the belief and teaching of this Church of Christ, that the foundations of the Restoration are predicated on the fact that, in answer to prayer, Joseph Smith was given a vision in which he saw two personages standing before him, bathed in a most glorious light, and that one of these personages pointed to the other and said, "This is my beloved Son; hear Him," thereby indicating that there are at least two personages in the Godhead; and

Whereas, this Church of Christ, since its beginning, has been and is committed to the trinity of three personages in the Godhead; i.e., The Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, who are unified in purpose, unified in work, unified in being perfectly righteous, unified in their attitude toward Mankind, but are not contained together in the same identical body or identical personage, whether spiritual or otherwise; therefore be it

Resolved, that this Church of Christ, with Headquarters on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri, does at this General Conference of April 6, 1949 go on record as reaffirming its belief in the said doctrine of the trinity, as testified of by all the scriptures of the Bible, Book of Mormon, and early revelations, when prayerfully reviewed and interpreted; and be it further

Resolved, that inasmuch as this insidious, cunning doctrine of Infinite God, holding that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one in person as well as one in spirit and purpose, has disrupted the peace and unity of the Church; that we now call upon our ministry everywhere to desist from further teaching this heresy, either in private, by the printed word, or from the pulpit, as acts of unChristian conduct, subject to such discipline as the laws of the Church provide.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the document. Seconded by Bro. A. O. Frisbey.

Owing to lengthy discussion of this topic, the Chair announced that the conference would stand adjourned to 2:00 p.m. that same day.

April 12, 1949—2:00 p.m. Session

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle James E. Yates.

After further discussion, the vote was called for on the resolution from the Twelve on Godhead doctrine. Carried 36 to 0.

Report of the General Bishopric:

Independence, Mo., April 11, 1949
To the Ministers Conference
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri
Greetings:

As your humble servants the General Bishopric, after careful consideration of the Business Manager's yearly report together with the Report of the Audit, wish to present the following report, with certain recommendations.

Receipts General Fund	
Advocate Subscriptions	\$ 251.85
Tithes	5,862.84
Offerings	1,122.83
Sunday School Quarterly	1.05
Missionary Funds	12.00
On Sale of Mower	5.00
Sale of Books and Tracts	41.48
European Relief	6.00
Received on Notes	420.00
Dining Hall Committee	111.16
Total Receipts	\$7,834.21
Disbursements General Funds	
Advocate Printing	\$ 841.30
Advocate Post. and Exp.	68.94
Missionary Allowances	3,790.00
Elder's Expenses	238.64
Aid	600.00
General Church Expense	
Caretaker	\$1,600.00
Painting of Building	462.50

Repairs and Supplies	78.61
Building Cabinet	75.00
Power Mower	150.00
Audit and Bond Prem.	42.50
Linotype Storage	22.50
Total	2,431.11
Office Expense	71.51
Printing Books and Tracts	498.85
European Relief	75.06
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,615.41
Excess of Disbursements over receipts General Fund	781.20
General Fund Bal. on Hand March 15, 1948	\$10,187.03
General Fund Bal. on Hand March 15, 1949	9,505.83
Temple Fund Bal. on Hand March 15, 1948	\$2,051.03
Receipts during year	86.36
Temple Fund Bal. on Hand March 15, 1949	\$2,137.39

It is to be noted that two items have caused our disbursements to have been greater than the receipts. These are:

Painting Building	\$462.50
Printing Book of Commandments	424.96
Total	\$887.46

The painting of the building should not be counted against the expense for one year in as much as the church will not need repainting for several years. The printing of the Book of Commandments is an investment which will reimburse the General Funds. Therefore we have actually stayed within our yearly income.

It might be well to note that the Advocate has paid approximately 28% of its way during this last year. However, the cost of printing is about double the cost for last year so we can expect it to pay only approximately 15% this coming year.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the humble service rendered by the Business Manager during the past year and recommend to the conference that Bro. Nicholas F. Denham shall continue in this office for the coming year.

We further recommend, that we request that the General Conference to look with favor upon the General Bishopric opening a Storehouse at Independence, Missouri on the Temple Lot using such available space in the present church building until necessity admonishes us to increase facilities and that we invite the people to send in their tithes and offering of both monies and commodities that there may be meat in the Lord's house to distribute to the needy as Malachi says in Chapter 3:10, 12.

We also recommend to the conference that they look with favor on the Quorum of Twelve and General Bishopric working on a plan to go on the radio with the Gospel Message.

Very respectfully,
Secretary of General Bishopric.
C. L. Wheaton, Jr.,

Bro. Wm. Sheldon moved to concur in the recommendation of the Bishopric relative to a store house. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried unanimously.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to approve the entire report of the Bishopric not hitherto approved. Seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Carried 21 to 2.

Report of the General Sunday School Association:

Independence, Mo., April 11, 1949

To the Minister's Conference
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

Greetings:

The Sunday School Association met in their convention on April 5, and April 9, 1949. We wish to report the following actions taken and officers elected and present them for your approval.

Officers elected: Supt. Bro. Rolland Sprague, Asst. Supt. Bro. Maynard Case, Secretary Sr. Mary case and Treasurer Sr. Ora Derry.

Quarterly Committee: Bro. Thos. S. Maley, Sr. Amy Gould Schraeder, Sr. Ora Derry, Sr. Angela Wheaton and Sr. Freda Flint.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the General Sunday School petition the General Conference for a page in the Advocate for General Sunday School use.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we petition the General conference for an appropriation of \$200.00 to be set aside by the Bishopric for General Sunday School work, to be used for literature, contacting local Sunday School organizations; the \$200.00 to be allocated at \$50.00 quarterly.

The Sunday School General Association approved the operations of its Treasurer; the totals follow:

Cash on hand April 1948	\$ 58.92
Monies received Apr. 48 to Apr. 49	75.17
Paid out May 6, 1948	6.63
Total Cash on hand April 5, 1949	127.46

We hope that this report meets with your approval and that our petitions will be granted.

Respectfully,

Denver Chapman,
Secretary to the General
Sunday School Association.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the report of the General Sunday School Association. Seconded and carried.

Report of the Handbook Committee:
To the Conference Assembled:

We your committee appointed to prepare a Hand Book of Conference Resolutions and Enactments, beg to report further that we have completed our work as a committee. We submit for your consideration Articles 8 to 17 inclusive.

We recommend that when approved, the complete Hand Book be turned over to the Board of Publication to be printed in pamphlet form and sent out as a supplement to Zion's Advocate to be studied by the Church for one year before the final vote is taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence L. Wheaton,
C. L. Wheaton, Jr.,
Archie F. Bell,
Leon A. Gould
of the Committee.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we concur in the recommendations of this Hand Book Committee to have this matter published as the supplement to the Zion's Advocate and that no action be taken either to approve or disapprove of this report until the conference of 1950. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried 18 to 11.

Recommendation of Building Committee on Building Fund:

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

We the undersigned beg to submit the following recommendation:

Authorize the Bishopric to start a General Building Fund by subscription offered for that purpose. Such Fund to be used for remodeling or new building construction authorized by the General Conference or Referendum at such times as they may direct.

Very respectfully submitted,

Vance H. Harris,
T. R. Ely,
Archie F. Bell.

Bro. Vance Harris moved to accept the recommendation and instruct the Bishopric to set up the General Building Fund. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

Estimate of the Building Committee:

Independence, Mo., April 9, 1949

To the Assembled Conference
Greetings:

In pursuance of our appointment for the purpose of considering the erection of a new building, we hereby submit the following report. After a brief investigation we find that a one story, modern building with full basement, built of brick, tile, and concrete, could be built for approximately \$100,000.00. This estimate is based on present rates of labor and materials and does not include any furniture or movable fixtures.

This building would have approximately seven thousand square feet of floor area and a seating capacity in the main auditorium for 400 persons.

There would be sufficient room for a kitchen, dining room, furnace room, toilet facilities, general office, printing press, main auditorium and two council chambers.

We assure you that we did our best in such a short space of time and therefore we respectfully request that our report be accepted.

Vance H. Harris, chairman,
Archie F. Bell, member,
T. R. Ely, member.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that this report be accepted and be referred to the Building Committee for their future report and recommendation. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Report of the School of the Ministry:

Independence, Mo., April 11, 1949

To the Minister's Conference
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri
Greetings:

On April 9, 1949 the School of the Ministry met and among other things adopted the following resolutions which we wish to recommend for your consideration.

Resolved that we continue the School of the Ministry for the coming year. Carried.

Resolved that we continue our present officers for the coming year. Carried.

These officers are: Apostle A. M. Smith, chairman, Elder Archie F. Bell, Vice-chairman and Elder Forest E. Maley, Secretary.

Very respectfully,

Forest E. Maley,

Secy, of the School of the Ministry.

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved to accept the report from the School of the Ministry. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Report of the United Workers:

Independence, Mo., April 12, 1949

To the General Conference Assembly
Greetings:

During the past year one new group has been organized at Ava, Missouri, so now we have three very active groups who are busy doing all the good their hands find to do.

Each group has one project that we are all doing and that is sending help to our needy saints and friends over seas.

The Independence group has sent 35 boxes during the past year. The Ava, Missouri group has sent one box each month since they were organized. Flint, Michigan has also been sending regularly to the needy saints in Wales.

Through the efforts of some of our members, and letters that have been written, others who are not yet organized into a group have sent help to the foreign saints.

Flowers, cards and fruit have been given to help cheer the sick and needy. Christmas boxes were given to shut-in and lonely people. Used clothing was sent to the Indians.

We have received money and used clothing from our isolated saints, who wish to help in this good work of helping those in need. This help has been received from Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri.

During the Conference we held two meetings and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman-Sr. Minnie Smith, Ava, Missouri; Vice Chairman, Sr. Ora B. Derry, Independence, Missouri; Secretary-Sr. Miriam Mason, Independence, Missouri; Treasurer-Sr. Bertha Case, Independence, Missouri; Member to assist where needed-Sr. Irene Yates, San Diego, California.

Our great desire is to be ready to do all the good we can where ever we find the need.

The United Workers of the Church of Christ.

Ora B. Derry, secretary.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the report of the United Workers and that it be spread on the minutes. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Sheldon. Carried.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that we give a resounding vote of thanks to the kitchen committee for their excellent services during the year. Seconded and carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the committee report on remodeling the partitioning be referred to such members of the Twelve and Bishopric as are available, for their action and consideration. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved that the Twelve and Bishopric present be empowered to supply the finances for this remodeling if they so desire. Seconded and carried.

Bro. James E. Yates moved that we now adjourn to April 6, 1950 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

In making the above and foregoing record and report, I am greatly indebted to Sr. Jean Chapman, Bro. LeRoy Wheaton, and Bro. Nicholas Denham for their most valued assistance at the table of the secretary.

In gospel bonds,

Forest E. Maley

Secretary to the Conference and
General Church Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

March 31, 1949

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 16, 1948 to March 15, 1949, and submit as my report the following statements.

Exhibit

Cash Receipts and Disbursements, From March 16, 1948 to March 15, 1949	"A"
General Ledger Trial Balance, As at March 15, 1949	"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 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 the general ledger accounts was not further verified.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Guyton, C. P. A.

Exhibit "A"

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS From March 16, 1948 to March 15, 1949

RECEIPTS		
Advocate Subscriptions		\$ 251.85
Offerings		1,122.83
Tithing		5,862.84
Sale of Books and Tracts		41.48
Collection of Notes Receivable		420.00
Sale of Lawn Mower (old)		5.00
Special Funds:		
Missionary	12.00	
Dining Hall Committee	111.16	
Sunday School Quarterly	1.05	
European Relief	6.00	
Temple Fund	86.36	
Total Receipts		7,920.57
DISBURSEMENTS		
Printing of Advocate	\$ 841.30	
Advocate Postage and Expense	68.94	
Elders Family Expense:		
Mrs. Wm. F. Anderson	\$ 240.00	
Mrs. B. C. Flint	930.00	
Mrs. A. M. Smith	810.00	
Mrs. James E. Yates	930.00	
Mrs. C. L. Wheaton	160.00	
Mrs. R. R. Robertson	720.00	3,790.00
Elders Expenses		238.64
General Church Expenses:		
Salary of Caretaker	1,600.00	
Painting of Building	462.50	
Repairs and Supplies	78.61	
Equipment—Cabinet	75.00	
Equipment—Power Mower	150.00	
Audit and Bond Premium	42.50	
Storage of Linotype	22.50	2,431.11
General Office Expenses:		
Telephone	40.32	
Postage and Box Rent	19.30	
Repairs and Supplies	11.89	71.51
Printing of Books and Tracts		498.85
Special Fund—European Relief		75.06
Special Fund—Aid		600.00
Total Disbursements		8,615.41
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		694.84
Cash in Bank, March 15, 1948		12,238.06
Cash in Bank, March 16, 1949		\$11,543.22
Distributed as follows:		
First National Bank, Independence, Missouri.		
General Fund	\$ 9,405.83	
Temple Fund	2,137.39	
Total	\$11,543.22	

Exhibit "B"

GENERAL LEDGER Trial Balance at March 15, 1949

	Debit	Credit
First National Bank, Independence, Missouri	\$11,543.22	
Temple Fund		2,137.39
Dining Hall Equipment	1.00	
Linotype Printing Equipment	1.00	
Office Furniture & Fixtures	85.14	
Temple Equipment—Organ	50.25	
General Church Property	56.43	
Real Estate—Stark Acres, Independence, Missouri	1.00	
Real Estate—Temple Lot	1.00	
Personal Loan Account—Local Church	43.00	
Note Receivable—A. S. Wheaton	170.00	
Present Worth		9,814.65
Totals	\$11,952.04	11,952.04

But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.—Isaiah 53:5.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS

This is the first local news from Independence since adjournment of the General Conference, as it was believed there would be little space in the May issue of the Advocate other than that required for the conference minutes. However, it turned out that time consumed in preparing the minutes prevented publication of the same until this month.

It seems we have had an over-abundance of rainfall for this season; perhaps it is better so than the opposite. Thus, with proper sunshine, food is supplied for a hungry nation and world. If only man would use this blessing as God intends!

Apostle A. M. Smith has been with us since conference time in compliance with the enactment that the "twelve" should take turn in occupying the General Office. A month having expired, then, he has just recently returned to Ava, Mo. Apostle B. C. Flint will, I believe, be at the office for awhile. He hopes, as soon as health will permit, to go to his appointed field of labor, and we pray the Lord will make it possible. Most of you know that Bro. Flint has been quite ill for several months. He is considerably improved, though still weak and limited in activity.

Bro. and Sr. Harvey Bell, and baby daughter were with us for a short time last month—a visit enjoyed especially by daughters Irene Case and Edith Bell, and also by the local membership.

Since then, Sr. Fern Bell has arrived, but is to depart soon for Nebraska to visit Sr. Alice, we understand.

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson has departed for his field of labor, which is shared by Apostle J. E. Yates.

Apostle C. L. Wheaton and Elder J. Maynard Case left for a short trip to Bro. Wheaton's field, on church business, and have returned.

Services were held at Omaha, Nebraska, recently in which several of the local membership were in attendance, including our pastor Elder Rolland Sprague.

Some of the priesthood have visited Collins, Mo., to hold services, recently. Collins is about 150 miles from here and we hope and trust God's Spirit will continue to direct us to manifest sincere interest in the spiritual welfare of our people there and elsewhere. We are proud to own these humble folks as brothers and sisters in the Gospel, for I am sure that all who have contacted them will testify of their earnestness in the work and express appreciation for their kind hospitality. Normally, they do not have any priesthood there, but as often as is possible, they hold their Sunday School, inviting as many neighbors as will come. I believe Bro. Sprague, as the General S. S. Superintendent, organized the school, Bro. Everett Martin being their superintendent.

Perhaps the Advocate readers will excuse us for writing so particularly about this little group, but we believe you are interested in all the Saints everywhere—anyway, because of closeness of distance, among other things, we feel they are almost a part of our own local.