

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.”—I Nephi 3:187.

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Through Peace to Light

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Ought of it's load.
I do not ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet;
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things too sweet.

For one thing only, Lord! dear Lord! I plead:
Lead me aright
Though strength should falter, and though heart
should bleed—
Through peace to light.
I do not ask, O Lord, that thou shouldst shed
Full radiance here;
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without a fear.

I do not seek my cross to understand—
My way to see.
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand
And follow Thee.
Joy is like restless days, but peace Divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine
Through peace to light.

—Selected

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INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDERING

Our quarterlies are not dated, but numbered, because they contain a regular course of study, and if the school desire to make this study, they should order the quarterlies according to number so as to avail themselves of the entire course, so far as the study has been extended up to the present time. None of the courses are, as yet, complete. This is due to lack of funds.

EDITORIAL

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST—OR RELIGION?

Part I

The question here posed is, to me, a vital one, the significance of which we hope to impress upon the consciousness of all who peruse these pages. Surely, to the serious observer of these the LAST of the latter days, there could be nothing more worthwhile than to sit down and count the cost to see whether he has had sufficient to finish building the tower he has begun (see Luke 14:25-35.) Surely, in the coming DAY OF THE LORD, when earthly dominions shall be shaken to the very foundation stones, when "the scorners is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off" (Isaiah 29:20) we ought to be found in holy places.

The purpose of this discussion is to help us determine, through our search of the scriptures, if we have begun to build upon the foundation rock of the only and true gospel of the Father as revealed through His Son. Perhaps this may help us to understand just what we mean when we indicate a difference between the belief of the Church of Christ and would-be churches of Christ, or religionists of today. Of course, when we speak of religion, we realize it covers a much broader field than the scope of Christianity—indeed, numerically speaking, this phase of religious thought its probably of minor status in the overall world picture. But that it is destined to remain so, we are sure, is not the case. Jesus said, "This gospel shall be preached in all the world as a witness, and then shall the end come." What gospel? why evidently the words of instruction to His disciples which He said His Father taught Him (John 8:25-32).

Comparison of Christian faith with other belief, however, has no part in this discussion since our assumption is that the reader is at least a confessed believer in Jesus Christ. So, then, our consideration shall be held within the confines of the various precepts of the doctrine of Christ, of the establishment and building up of His Church, and the determination, if possible, of it's existence today.

This subject has been covered exhaustively, many times, no doubt, and yet, because of insufficient circulation, the blinding influence of the adversary, and various other reasons, it seems necessary, from time to time, to bring the facts to light, trusting in the Holy Spirit to bear testimony to the truth. It was the sad experience of even the Master of men in the presentation of truth, that many turned away, refusing words of life; neither can we hope to fare better with those who will harden their hearts. But we labor, if perhaps just one or two may be touched by the Spirit to inquire more diligently concerning their soul's welfare.

It may seem strange that a subject of missionary importance should be brought to the attention of people who, presumably, are members of the church, for the most part, but if, thereby, we may become more firmly grounded in the faith, I believe the effort is justified.

First then: what is the Church of Christ? It is important to establish the answer to this question firmly

in our minds at the outset, for if it is in existence today, there will be the same characteristic earmarks which identified it at its founding and early growth. Furthermore, we may say: if those earmarks have disappeared, or if, little by little, they were, or are, being replaced by substitutes, perhaps bearing some resemblance, that organization IS NOT CHRIST'S CHURCH. Whatever undergoes change, whether for good or bad, loses its former identity, though the name should remain or though the most vigorous denial should be made that there was any change.

I believe a striking example of this is found in the conversion and obedience of one to the gospel of Jesus Christ. This one has made a striking change in his life (the Holy Spirit giving strength). Evil is now abhorred, being replaced by holy desires for all that is good, wholesome and uplifting. The change may vary in individuals, depending on former desires for evil and good but it is apparent, nonetheless. He may not change his name, and probably would not, but he has surely lost his former identity; he has become a new man; he has been reborn.

Do I hear someone say, "But, the primitive church wasn't complete; as it grew, the organization had to expand, and doctrine perfected and enlarged." Well, if we take this position, we do one of two things: either we charge God with being a blunderer, or we infer that the time was not ripe that the gospel should be proclaimed. Let us examine these thoughts briefly. The first is undoubtedly out of the question, else God is no God and our worship is truly in vain; and yet it is the apparent opinion, conscious or unconscious, of many, many people. Their hearts are hardened that they will not hearken to the plain words of the gospel of Christ.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, have itching ears; and they shall turn their ears away from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." II Tim. 4:3-4.

"This people draweth nigh unto me (Christ—W.A.S.) with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **But in vain do they worship me,** teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:8,9.

What about the time of the gospel proclamation given by Jesus—was it ripe? Would it be effective? Well, it must be admitted that the Jews to whom Jesus ministered were, largely, a stiffnecked and untoward generation, which was rebuked severely by the Master. As a nation, they rejected him, and as a consequence, were scattered among the nations, becoming a hiss and a byword. Only during the past century has there been the slightest gleam of hope toward their emancipation. Be this as it may, there were those at the outset who believed on His words, whose eyes and ears were open that they might understand. Later, under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit, those whom Christ had appointed to carry on His work, ministered effectually, and the church grew numerically and spiritually:

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. However, because of

general unbelief, the Lord directed His servants to carry the gospel to the so-called "gentiles", thus ushering in the "gentile dispensation". This period is now rapidly coming to a close for the same reason that the gospel was taken from the Jews—UNBELIEF.

The idea of that which God has fashioned being in need of development is absurd, to put it briefly. Man, only, needs development, and that in the direction of God. The word has been bent and distorted to fit preconceived ideas of men, rather than they being willing to submit to their Creator, who speaks no words of foolishness, and has given plain directives in which a man need not err.

The teachings of the Master were sound and calculated to point the way to salvation."

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." Matt. 7:24.

If, by these words, there is a sure foundation to build upon for eternity, what more is needed in the way of doctrine?

To be sure, there is more in the doctrine of Christ than that which may conduct one into the kingdom, such as the principles of resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment, but those conditions are yet future and have no immediate value in this present discussion. However these things were well understood by the early apostles.

That God has, and will, give additional light upon His myteries and give new commandment, when necessary, we firmly believe. In this, though, He has bound himself; He will never speak anything contrary to that which has gone before.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

Here, then, is where we must start in our search for the Church of Christ. If it is in the world, today it must be fashioned after the original pattern; it will be strictly adherent to the "law"; it will be a LIVING church, receiving the life-giving Spirit.

We can depend on the scriptures to help us out, for Jesus said:

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

But Paul, the apostle, rightly instructs:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

In II Timothy 3:16, he says:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Ofttimes, we have seen the careful selection of isolated passages of scripture, which by themselves, and

because of the imperfections of human language—possible unintentional error in translations—would seem to point in a certain direction. This procedure is unwise, and usually harmful to the truth, for most frequently, there may be found an abundance of "testimony" pointing in the exact opposite direction. If you really want the truth, which direction will you go?

It truly has been said: "You can prove anything by the Bible" but I add: if you are not particularly desirous of the truth. The secret of Bible study is, first of all: to really want to know the truth of the matter; second, to approach it prayerfully; and lastly, to see if harmony cannot be found—one text with another, and another, if possible. If they do not harmonize, the chances are that our idea was wrong in the first place. Are you willing to reject it? Flat refusal to accept a portion of scripture should be done only with extreme caution, for we become too liable to shut our minds, and in which condition, it is possible to fall away from the knowledge of the truth and into transgression. We tread dangerous ground when we say: "I don't care what it says there—."

One church has brazenly declared that the scripture is not necessarily the final word in the interpretation of doctrine, but as it's ministry is, presumably, the rightful successors to the apostolic authority given through Christ, it has the right to enlarge upon and add to the written word. If this later interpretation differs from that of the early writer, then which is correct? I refuse to believe that God will change His mind in matters relative to salvation.

The Bible being a history of God's dealings with men, it follows that any attempt on His part to set up a kingdom on the earth, should be recorded there, and so it is. His church cannot be anything but what He has said it should be, otherwise it is not His church, but rather the church of a man or of the evil one. Rather simple to understand, isn't it? Our appeal for light to find His church shall be directly to that which is written, then, as the only sure guide.

In any organization, there must be some basic principle, or motivating force to attract membership. The kingdom of heaven is no exception. To one and all is offered greater possibilities of enjoying happiness and fulness of life than can be found anywhere or in any other pursuit in the wide world—but alas, so few are willing to meet the entrance requirements; only a few will maintain the by-laws in constant effort. What is the inducement? Jesus said:

"Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, **for the kingdom of God's sake**, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Luke 18:29-30.

And again:

"Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:31-33.

I wonder if these were idle words? If not, are the promises worthwhile? Here are benefits for now and for eternity. Which is more important—the "now" or eternity? We might well ask, as those who tremblingly listened to Peter's bold affirmation of the divinity of the Son of God:

"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Listen to his answer:

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:37-39.

The Master was probably a little more definite concerning the necessary first steps. He said:

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he **cannot** enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5.

What? Man must be born of WATER as well as the Spirit.

Despite words being as plain as these, some have the temerity to say, Oh you can be baptized if you wish, but it isn't absolutely necessary—all you need to do is confess Christ and you become a member of His Church.

Others say, baptism of water is a spiritual thing. In that case, in place of water we may use the word, Spirit. Let us see how Jesus' words sound in that usage:

"Except a man be born of Spirit and of the Spirit—."

Well, still others say, surely you must be baptized, by water, but you need not necessarily be covered completely by water—a little sprinkling is sufficient; after all, the water doesn't literally wash away our sins. I have yet to see where the record says it isn't necessary to be baptized and not necessary to be buried beneath the water, or completely covered. But I do read this:

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, **to be baptized of him**. But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

Jesus was without sin, but being come to earth to lead the way, He had to obey His own law, to "fulfill all righteousness."

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water;" Could He come up out of the water unless He had first gone down into it?

"And, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:13-17.

Now if the Father manifested such pleasure because of the obedience of this holy child of his, how

much more should the same act of obedience be required of us who are unholy?

Again Jesus said:

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

"But ye believe not, because ye are not my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and **they follow me.**" John 10: 9, 26, 27.

That the early disciples followed in that way, it is shown quite clearly. See here the experience of Phillip with the eunuch:

"Then Phillip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached** unto him **Jesus**. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and **they went both down into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." Acts 8:35-40.

Read of Paul's conversion. He said:

"Lord what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

He evidently was told what he **must** do, for it says he was baptized. See Acts 9:1-19.

Much more evidence could be brought to bear on this subject, but this ought to be enough. The principle of baptism is a natural follow-up of the principles of faith toward God and repentance. The Spirit of God begets faith, and this, in turn, brings shame and remorse for unrighteousness. We repent, vowing to forsake those former desires, and show forth desire to do good by yielding obedience to the teachings of Christ, being baptized by one having authority to officiate.

The question of authority will be discussed a little later. We believe it definitely has a proper place in the subject under consideration, so, perhaps, it may be dealt with rather extensively.

In brief summary:

I have tried to show that there must be a distinct line of cleavage between that which God has done, and does, and that which may be set up by any other group;

That his works are good and perfect;

That the written word may be relied upon for instruction, and to help us to find the kingdom;

And to show those preparatory steps for entrance thereto.

May we all be helped by the Holy Spirit to understand truth and given strength to follow where our Lord has directed.

William A. Sheldon

APPRECIATION

We express our appreciation to all who have so freely given us their confidence and support in our efforts to serve as editor-in-chief of the Advocate during the term just closed; and we solicit your hearty co-operation with the new editor in the duties that now devolve upon him.

One of the ways you can be of great help, is to send in accounts of local news that will be of general interest, and also of personal experiences that have come to you in the past, and that will come to you in the future; as well as by writing original stories upon gospel topics that will be of interest to the readers of the Advocate.

With the reduction of price ordered at the recent conference, it should now be within the reach of all; and a concerted action by everyone, in the spirit of unity and singleness of purpose, such as is now being manifested in other fields of activity, would soon see the Advocate self-supporting and fulfilling its mission as one of the most effective missionaries of the Church in the spread of truth.

We lay down the editorial burden with a sigh of relief, and with gratitude that it now rests upon younger and more active shoulders, and plead for him and his staff your loyal support.

LEON A. GOULD

REPORT OF THE 1950 CONFERENCE

This report does not include the full minutes of the conference, but only such measures as were passed on affirmatively by the body. This method of reporting is according to the secretary's interpretation of the order of the 1949 Conference.

Therefore, the presentation of the actions of the conference will be governed in the following manner:

1. All motions and resolutions are shown in their final adopted form, by-passing the intermediate steps. Original movers and seconders will be shown where possible. No counted votes will be shown except where referendum measures are passed.
2. Elections will show only those elected and such actions of the conference as pertain to the operation of those departments.
3. All matters tabled, with the motions and actions relating thereto, will not be shown or referred to except where an understanding of the progress of the conference seems to require it.
4. Motions lost will not be shown.
5. Previous questions, points of order, and matters of privilege are not shown.
6. Approval of minutes are not shown.
7. Opening and closing exercises, as well as motions pertaining to adjournment are not shown unless of special note.
8. Listing of matters on the table to come before the body are not shown.

9. Matters referred to committees are not shown in full.

10. Organization of the conference is condensed.

11. Ministerial reports are not shown or mentioned; other reports not acted on will be mentioned only.

Anyone desiring more detailed information relative to the full minutes of the conference are invited to also write to any of the following persons, into whose hands the conference has ordered me to place a full and unabridged carbon copy of the original minutes. They are:

Sec'y. Council of Twelve—A. M. Smith, Ava, Missouri.

Sec'y. of Gen'l. Bishopric—LeRoy Wheaton, Independence, Missouri.

General Church Historian—B. C. Flint, Independence, Missouri.

We beg, then, your earnest consideration of the report of the affirmative action of the 1950 Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot).

Yours respectfully,

FOREST E. MALEY,

General Church Secretary

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Kansas City 3, Missouri

REPORT OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Convened at Independence, Missouri, April 6, 1950.

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April 6, 1950 — 10:00 A. M. Session

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

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved that the Quorum of Twelve preside over the conference. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

The further organization of the conference was ordered by the body in the following manner:

Secretary: Bro. Forest Maley, with power to choose assistants.

Chorister: Sr. Metta Anderson.

Pianist: Sr. Doris Housknecht.

Ushers: The Independence Local Priests.

Press Committee: Brethren A. M. Smith, Maynard Case and Edw. Podhola.

Program for the Conference: A 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 9:30 to 10:45 shall be devoted to prayer and testimony services.

2. From 11:00 to 12:00 shall be devoted to preaching.

3. At 2:00 P. M. the business session shall convene.

4. The hour from 4:30 to 5:30 shall be devoted to the School of the Ministry.

5. The evening service shall begin at 7:30 with a song service followed by a preaching service beginning at 8:00 P. M.

6. Whenever necessary meetings of any of the ministry shall arise, such as a meeting of the Seventy, Elders or any of the several Quorums of the Priesthood, these meetings shall be held in the morning hours, so far as possible.

7. We further recommend that all committee meetings be held in the early morning that all may be as free as possible throughout the business sessions of the day.

8. That when the emergency arises, these rules of regulation may be changed by a motion and vote from the Conference floor.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the time limit for the introduction of new business be at the close of the afternoon conference session on the 8th of April, 1950. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

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April 6, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the Handbook be made a special order of business at the opening of the 2:00 P. M. session tomorrow afternoon, April 7, 1950. Seconded by Bro. James E. Yates. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that the petition from Michigan on the appointment of the Missionary to Michigan be referred to the Quorum of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

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April 7, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that we adopt the "Handbook." Seconded by Bro. L. A. Gould.

(This referred to the Handbook of the Conference resolutions and enactments published as a supplement to Zion's Advocate—Sept. 1949.)

Discussion of the motion to adopt filled the remainder of the session.

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April 8, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Discussion was resumed on the motion to adopt the Handbook from the previous session.

Bro. James E. Yates moved to lay the whole matter of the Handbook on the table. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Communication from the Independence Local requesting the taking of steps to fill the Quorum of Seventy was called up for consideration.

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved that this matter be referred to the Quorum of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell. Carried.

Communication from the Independence Local nominating Bro. Wm. Sheldon as Editor-in-Chief of the Advocate was called up for consideration.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that this matter be deferred until we take action on the Editor-in-Chief. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

Report of the Auditing Committee was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri

To the Conference
Of the Church of Christ Assembled
Greetings:

We of the auditing committee wish to report; we have obtained the auditor for auditing the books of the General Office Manager.

The books have been audited and our services completed.

The Auditing Committee,
(signed) Elder James M. Case
Dorothy Denham
Elder Rolland D. Sprague

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the report of the Auditing Committee. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

The Auditor's Report was called up for consideration: (See other pages of the Advocate for this full report.)

Bro. Archie Bell moved to receive and approve this report. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

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April 10, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The report of the Building Committee was called up for consideration:

April 6, 1950

To the Conference Assembled

Greetings:

We, the undersigned committee, wish to submit the following report.

Attached hereto is a rough draft of a floor plan showing a new one-story addition joined on the north side of the present building, including alteration plans to the existing structure.

As drawn, the new addition would be fifty by seventy feet, with an entrance on the north. On either side of the entrance would be a cloak room with toilet facilities. The main auditorium would be approximately 3,000 square feet in area and the rostrum, fount, and service rooms would be in the south end. There would be a fire exit door near each service room.

The following changes are suggested to be made to the existing building:

First floor: Removal of existing stairs and landings. Present entrance closed and new entrance made near southeast corner of building with a landing and stairs directly ahead of entrance to service second floor. Toilet facilities to be placed under stairs. A kitchen with serving counter, approximately 14' x 16' in the southwest corner of building. A furnace room in the northwest corner of building, with outside entrance. Balance of floor area to be used for dining hall, class meetings and so forth.

Second Floor: Remove rostrum in west end, and wall partition in east end of building. Set new partitions to form an office in southwest corner, a council room in the northwest corner, a closet over head of stair well, and the balance of area to be used for a conference room for the ministry and other like meetings.

Alternate Plan:

A new building of the same size as quoted above, to be separate and placed ten feet north of present structure with an east entrance and to be located ten feet nearer to the sidewalk than old building. The floor plan to be the same as quoted above. The changes to the present building would be approximately the same as were listed with the first plan.

We have tried to list the main points of building and alterations, omitting minor details, as that part would be determined by later specifications.

Recommendations:

We recommend to this conference now assembled, that action be taken as follows:

First: That a budget be set up, stating the amount or amounts of money that the church would like to spend for building or alterations.

Second: That a letter be prepared by the Bishopric, setting forth the conference action and stating the need of building and alteration.

Third: That this letter be sent out to referendum to all church locals for their acceptance or rejection.

Fourth: That each local be asked to submit a figure denoting the amount of money that they would contribute towards the building plan.

Very respectfully submitted,

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

(signed) T. R. Ely, Chairman

Archie F. Bell, Member

Vance H. Harris, Member

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that a Joint Session of the Twelve, Bishops and Building Committee study the plans and ascertain the cost and draw up a budget and letter to be sent to the Church in accordance with the Building Committee's recommendations. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

The report of the School of the Ministry was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 8, 1950

To the Ministers' Conference
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri

Greetings:

On April 8, 1950 the School of the Ministry met in charge of the Chairman Apostle A. M. Smith and elected officers for the coming year as follows:

Chairman—Apostle R. R. Robertson

Assistant Chairman—Elder Maynard Case

Secretary—Apostle Leon A. Gould

We submit this report asking your approval, and urge that all the Ministry give these new officers their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully,

(signed) FOREST E. MALEY
Past Sec'y. and Sec'y. of the
Elections

Bro. James E. Yates moved that the conference approve the report and recommendations of the School of the Ministry. Seconded and carried.

The recommendation of the Bishopric relative to Business Manager was called up for consideration:

April 10, 1950
Independence, Missouri

To the Ministers' Conference
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri

Greetings:

The General Bishopric take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the faithful service rendered to the Bishopric and the Church by our present Business Manager Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. We are well aware of the many busy hours he has devoted to this work.

At a regular meeting of the Bishopric by unanimous action we moved to once more recommend Bro. Denham to the Church to be General Business Manager for the coming conference year.

Your brethren in Christ,

The General Bishopric
(signed) C. L. Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. of Gen'l. Bishopric

Bro. James E. Yates, moved that we approve the recommendations of the Bishopric relative to the Business Manager. Seconded and carried.

Missionary appointments were called up for consideration: these were contained in a recommendation from the Twelve:

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1950

To the General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommends that the petition coming from the Saints in Michigan concerning the missionary in charge of that field be granted, and that Apostle Leon A. Gould be placed in charge of Michigan and the Northeastern states just as he has been the past year.

We further recommend that the Western slope states be in the care of James E. Yates.

That William F. Anderson be in charge of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

That all the other appointments be the same as they were the past year.

(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Secretary Council of Twelve

Sister Miriam Mason moved to approve the appointments of the Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Wm. Postma. Carried.

Election of Officers and Committees:

Full Time Representative in the Church Office:

Bro Nicholas F. Denham moved that this office be referred to the Joint Council of the Twelve and Bishopric. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

General Church Secretary: Bro Forest Maley.

General Church Recorder:

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that the appointee for the Full Time Representative in the Church Office recommended by the Joint Council be the General Church Recorder. Seconded by Bro. Bert Cooper. Carried.

Assistant General Church Recorder:

Sr. Metta Anderson moved that we dispense with the office of Assistant Recorder. Seconded and carried.

General Church Chorister: Sr. Metta Anderson.

General Church Historian: Bro. B. C. Flint

Editor-in-Chief of Zion's Advocate: Wm. A. Sheldon

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April 11, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Bro. James E. Yates moved that the matter of the membership and the record of Sr. Wm. Postma be turned over to the missionary in charge, Bro. A. M. Smith.

Election of Officers and Committees Continued:

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate: Sr. Edith Bell and Sr. Margaret Wheaton.

Dining Hall Committee: Srs. Minnie Smith, Bertha Case, Mable Burns, Elvina Bell, Sybil Ely.

Sr. Freda Flint moved a standing vote of thanks to our cooks. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Reception Committee: Nicholas F. Denham, J. Maynard Case and Rolland Sprague.

Standing Boards and Committees:

Auditing Committee: Bro. Rolland Sprague for three years, the other members being Bro. Maynard Case (2) and Sr. Dorothy Denham (1).

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

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

Library Board: Bro. Maynard Case elected for three year term. The other members: Bro. A. M. Smith (2), Sr. Margaret Wheaton (1).

Board of Publications:

Bro. Wm. Sheldon offered his resignation from the Board of Publications.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to accept the resignation. Seconded by Bro. R. R. Robertson. Carried.

Sr. Louise P. Sheldon elected to fill out the unexpired one year of Bro. Sheldon's term.

The other members of the Board: Bro. Nicholas Denham, Business Manager, Bro. Forest Maley (2), Bro. Denver Chapman (2), Bro. LeRoy Wheaton (1).

Building Committee: Bro. Vance H. Harris elected for three year term. Other members: Archie F. Bell (2), T. R. Ely (1).

Committee on Jurisprudence:

Bro. B. C. Flint offered his resignation from this committee.

Bro. Wm. Sheldon moved to accept this resignation. Seconded by Bro. Bert Cooper. Carried.

Bro. A. M. Smith was elected to fill the vacancy on this committee.

Committee to examine historical manuscript:

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that inasmuch as this committee has a long job, that we vote on the present members of this committee and the one receiving the highest vote serve for three years, the next highest for two years, and the last for one year, making this a standing committee. Seconded by Bro. Archie Bell. Carried.

The voting resulted as follows: Clarence L. Wheaton (3), A. M. Smith (2), L. A. Gould (1).

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon and Bro. Don W. Housknecht rose and made known their willingness to accept ordination to the office of Apostles in response to the call which had been given.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that in view of the statements of these brethren that provision be made for their ordination at the first of the preaching service tonight. Seconded by Bro. R. R. Robertson. Carried.

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April 12, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle L. A. Gould.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to take up the recommendation from the Twelve affecting the articles of faith and conference regulations. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The Chair considered that the effect of this motion to be that of taking from the table two specific sections of the "Handbook."

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to material in the Handbook:

Independence, Missouri
April 11, 1950

General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve hereby wish to submit the following resolution:

A Resolution to take from the Table
The Handbook of General Conference
Resolutions

Preamble:

Whereas, we have overlooked one or two very important features of the Handbook which we need to consider and adopt at this conference,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we now take from the table the Handbook material for the following specific purposes:

1. To divide the material in said Handbook, so as to consider Article Five, which defines our Rule of Faith, with a view of adopting it in its present amended form, to engross actions taken by former conferences, that it may now be approved in that form for clarification of the points amended.

2. To separate from the rest of the material Article Ten, which defines the Conferences of the Church, with the view of adopting it as rules governing General Conferences, State Conferences and Local Conferences.

Be it further resolved that in the event this conference shall approve these two articles, that they be sent out for a referendum vote of the whole church for final adoption, and when so adopted the Rule of Faith shall govern our teachings, and the Conference Rules shall govern our representation at the next and succeeding conferences. And should these measures be defeated in the Conference, that a minority vote of ten members of this Conference may send it out for a vote according to our referendum rules.

Moved by Clarence L. Wheaton, Seconded by T. J. Jordan.

Respectfully,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. Council of Twelve

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we, as a Con-

ference, approve this Rule of Faith as offered by the Twelve, and then it be sent out to referendum as Bill No. 1. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Carried 19 to 1, the ministry only voting.

The matter as passed:

RULE OF FAITH

The Rule of Faith of this Church of Christ shall consist of the Bible and Book of Mormon, and such revelations purporting to be of God, past, present, or future, that agree therewith.

The Articles of Faith and Practice of the Church of Christ is our synopsis or interpretation of our doctrine and belief.

Articles of Faith and Practice

(These are the same as formerly adopted and published by the Church with the exception of the following paragraphs in which the amendments, by additions, are underscored.)

2. We believe in Jesus Christ, **the Only Begotten Son of God.** The manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only Leader, Witness, and Commander.

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood **of God**, and the universal brotherhood of man in all affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustment that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the general church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the direction of the general conferences of the church **and under the supervision of the Council of Twelve.** The temporal affairs of the local churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregation.

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

The section of the matter from the Twelve relating to conference regulations was read; the intent of which regulations was to set up a delegate conference in place of the present ministerial conference.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to defer action on the conference rules until tomorrow morning. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

The recommendation from the Twelve for further missionary appointments was called up and read for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

At the early morning session of the Council of Twelve the following recommendation to the Conference was made and adopted as follows:

"We recommend to the conference that Apostle Don Housknecht be associated with Apostle Leon A. Gould in Michigan and the Northeastern States Mission," and that "Apostle William Sheldon shall be associated with Apostle A. M. Smith as missionaries in charge of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska."

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. Council of Twelve

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve these two appointments of the new members of the Twelve. Seconded by Bro. B. A. Winegar. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to the Quorum of Seventy was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

To the General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve believe the time has come for more active work in the missionary fields of the Church; and in order that this may be done we hereby recommend the following brethren be set apart to the office of the Seventy:

Elders Maynard Case, Rolland Sprague, B. A. Winegar, John Sweem, Hubert Yates, Ernest Hazard.

We further recommend that Bro. Vernon Burns be ordained to the office of an Elder and set apart to the office of a Seventy.

That the setting apart of those who are present at this conference be provided for, and those who are not present be left to the missionary in charge of the field wherein they live.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. Council of Twelve

By motion and vote the body approved the above named brethren for their new calling and also the provision for setting them apart, and in the one case of ordination.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation of the Twelve for the setting apart of these brethren to the Seventies at 7:00 P. M. this same day. Seconded by Bro. Podhola. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Twelve to have two business meetings tomorrow; one in the morning, one in the afternoon, and if necessary one in the evening. Seconded by Bro. Archie Bell. Carried.

The above two motions approved recommendations found in the following:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve wishes to offer the following recommendation:

"That the Prayer Service of 9:30 A. M. tomorrow morning be dispensed with and that we hold a business meeting at 10:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. and that should the Conference accept the recommendation of the Council pertaining to the setting of certain men apart for the work as Seventies, that the hour of 7:00 P. M. shall be for ordination of those men who are chosen and are now with us at this time."

Furthermore "We recommend to the Conference the purchase of 1,000 Books of Mormon, with the name of the Church printed thereon as (Published for the Church of Christ).

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. Council of Twelve

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April 13, 1950 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle Don Housknecht.

The matter of conference regulations having been referred from the previous session was the matter before the body. There was a motion to adopt the rules providing for a delegate conference as recommended by the Twelve and a motion to amend to provide for an Elder's Conference. This amendment was referred to a committee which reported to the next session and the whole matter of conference regulations was tabled and therefore does not show here. Discussion and handling of this matter filled this session.

April 13, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The recommendation of the Bishopric relative to Zion's Advocate was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

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

On April 11, at our evening meeting the General Bishopric took action in regard to the printing of the Zion's Advocate and instructed me to present it to the conference as follows:

"Resolved that we recommend that 1,000 copies of the Advocate be printed for the next 6 months and that complimentary subscriptions be sent for 6 months, to member families of the church who are non-subscribers, and that the subscription rate be reduced to \$1.50."

Respectfully submitted,
Your Brethren in Christ,
The General Bishopric
(signed) C. L. Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. of the Bishopric

Bro. Edw. Podhola moved to approved the recommendation of the Bishopric relative to the Advocate. Seconded by Bro. L. A. Gould. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved as a matter incidental to the Advocate, that all controversial articles, which might be speculative in nature, be turned over to the Board of Publication before being printed in the Advocate. Seconded by Sr. Jean Chapman. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to the Missionary in Europe was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommended to the Conference that Apostle T. J. Jordan be empowered to set in order the Church of Christ in the European Mission to which he has been placed in charge, and that the General Church Secretary of the Church shall provide him with such papers and documents as may be necessary to establish this authorization.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. Council of Twelve

Bro. A. M. Smith moved to approve this recommendation from the Twelve providing suitable papers to the missionary in Europe. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried.

The recommendation of the Joint Council of Twelve and Bishops relative to Full Time Representative was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

General Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

At the joint session of the Bishops and the Council of Twelve the question of the care of the Church office and Recorder was taken up and we recommend that Elder Maynard Case be placed in the office to care for this work. That he shall be placed on the family allowance the same as the active men of the missionary force engaged in the work of the Church.

Respectfully,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. to the Joint Council

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved the adoption of the recommendation on Full Time Representative. Seconded by Sr. Ollie Wentworth. Carried.

The report and recommendations of the Joint Council of Twelve, Bishops and Building Committee was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

To the General Conference
Of the Church of Christ
Independence, Missouri
Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve and Bish-

opric and the Building Committee met in the Council room April 11, at 4:30 P. M. to "study the plans and ascertain the cost and draw up a budget and a letter to be sent to the Church in accordance with the Building Committee's recommendations."

After considerable study and consideration the following resolution was offered and adopted:

"Moved that we refer these plans back to the Building Committee, with instructions to prepare further plans, consisting of Plot plans, Elevations, and specifications with approximate cost; send their report to the Secretary of Council of Twelve, he to circulate this report among the other members of the Joint Council."

Further instruction to the Building Committee was given as follows:

"Moved that provisions be made in these plans for a basement with a concrete floor, that the main floor should be of concrete construction with a wood floor on top; that this building be built facing the northeast corner of the lot."

Respectfully,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Sec'y. Joint Council of Twelve,
Bishops and Building Committee

Bro. R. R. Robertson moved to approve the report and recommendations of the Joint Council of the Twelve, Bishops and Building Committee. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

The report of the Committee to Review Forms was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1950

To the Ministerial Conference
Independence, Missouri
Greetings:

We the committee appointed by the 1949 conference at the request of the Board of Publications, wish to report.

The press of other duties during the past year has interfered with the working of this committee.

We therefore request that our time be extended to the 1951 Conference, with the privilege of reporting then.

We call to the attention of this conference that the last conference provided that the persons occupying the offices of the Secretary of the Twelve, Secretary of the General Church, and the General Church Recorder constitute this committee. Therefore we recommend that the new appointees for these offices this year constitute this committee.

Respectfully,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Forest E. Maley
Ora B. Derry—(not present)
Committee to Review Forms

Bro. Ed. Podhola moved to approve the report and recommendations of the committee to review forms. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve on Books of Mormon was called up for consideration: (see full communication in April 12, 1950 session.) "Furthermore we recommend to the conference the purchase of 1,000 Books of Mormon, with the name of the Church printed thereon as (Published for the Church of Christ.)"

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation of the Twelve relative to purchasing 1,000 copies of the Authorized Version of the Book of Mormon with the words, "Published for the Church of Christ" printed on the title page. Seconded by Sr. Mabel Burns. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the Board of Publication be instructed to take this matter in hand and find out what can be done with regard to having our name printed on the title page; find the price of these books and that they be authorized to inaugurate a subscription throughout the Church to raise the amount necessary to purchase the 1,000 Books of Mormon. Seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was called up for consideration:

April 13, 1950

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The Committee on Jurisprudence has not been able to sufficiently consider the matter assigned to it, and requests another year to study the matter and formulate a recommendation.

The Committee,
(signed) Forest E. Maley, Secretary
by consent and order of the committee.

Bro. Cleo Heath moved to approve the report and grant the request of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Seconded and carried.

The report of the General Sunday School Association was called up for consideration: (this report is to be published in full in other pages of the Advocate). In addition to reporting the new officers and the financial status there was a motion to urge the quarterly committee to produce child and adult studies on the Book of Mormon and its divinity.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation on quarterlies. Seconded and carried.

The communication from the Bishopric to the Joint Council was called up for consideration:

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1950

To the Joint Council
of Twelve and Bishopric
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri
Greetings:

At our meetings of the General Bishopric on April 8, and 9, 1950, the following matters were considered and approved and recommended that they be referred to the Joint Council for their consideration and approval or recommendations:

"In as much as the Church of Christ has expressed its belief in the practice of tithing a tenth of one's income, therefore be it resolved that it be the sense of the General Bishopric that tithing as referred to in the scripture means one tenth of one's net income, (one's income after the actual cost of producing that income.)

We therefore call upon all members of the church to send your tithes and offerings into the storehouse that there may be meat in the Lord's house and that the work of the Lord may prosper."

Our purpose in the above was that we might in unity send this forth to the church for the present; that some of the confusion in the minds of some may be absolved to the extent that they may again begin to temporarily support the work.

We went further in defining "Cost of producing that income" as follows:

"That one's house expense and living shall not be considered as expense necessary in producing net income."

After hearing the report of the Business Manager to the Bishopric and considering it in conjunction with the report of the Auditor, we moved to consider the matter of a budget to be sent out to the church so that they may know the immediate financial needs of the church.

A tentative budget was presented by Bro. Denham after which it was "moved to accept this report on a budget and take it up with the Joint Council." The report follows:

BUDGET

We need \$1,000.00 per month to keep up at the present rate. The present rate of income is \$597.00 per month. Funds to be allocated as follows:

Entire Year	Per Month
\$ 1,560.00	Advocate Printing\$ 130.00
7,680.00	Family Allowance 640.00
850.00	Elder's Expense 70.00
400.00	Gen'l. Church Exp. 35.00
230.00	Gen'l. Office Exp. 20.00
420.00	Printing 35.00
840.00	Aid 70.00
\$12,000.00	TOTAL\$1,000.00

We present the above for your consideration and approval or recommendation.

The General Bishopric
(signed) C. L. Wheaton, Jr., Sec'y.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendations and interpretation placed on tithing along with the recommendations on our budget. Seconded by Bro. Vernon Burns. Carried.

Bro. Archie Bell rose and made verbal report to the body in behalf of the Building Committee. This report was to the effect that the building needed work to overcome the wracking in windy weather. It was suggested that the old siding be removed, the sheeting re-nailed to the studding and waterproof felt placed on the side of the building with suitable new siding installed.

Bro. Don Housknecht moved to approve and accept the report of the Building Committee and that the Build-

ing Committee be authorized to determine the cost of the project; and that they report back and confer with the General Bishopric on the matter of repairing the building. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to adjourn to April 6, 1951 — 10:00 A. M. Seconded by Bro. R. Robertson. Carried.

The above and foregoing is the secretary's report of the affirmative action of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ with headquarters on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri; had and held from April 6 to April 13, 1950 on the Temple Lot.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the assistance and timely suggestions of Bro. LeRoy Wheaton which made easier the task of recording the Conference.

Yours in the service of Christ,
FOREST E. MALEY
Secretary to the Conference and
General Church Secretary

AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 1, 1950

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, 1949 to March 15, 1950, and submit as my report the following statements:

	Exhibit
Cash Receipts and Disbursements, From March 16, 1949 to March 15, 1950.....	"A"
General Ledger Trial Balance, As at March 15, 1950.....	"B"

Comments

The cash receipts were verified by examination of the stubs of receipts issued during the period under review and tracing the amounts into the bank after checking their proper entry in the cash book. The tithers were shown less the checks returned for insufficient funds.

The cash disbursements were verified by auditing the checks drawn and paid during the period under review and by examining the receipted bills. The Elders expenses were not supported by itemized reports.

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.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From March 16, 1949 to March 15, 1950

Exhibit "A"

RECEIPTS

Advocate Subscriptions		\$ 405.50
Offerings		843.06
Tithing		5,521.68
Sale of Books and Tracts.....		42.07
Sale of Stove		7.50
Special Funds: Manuelito—Navajo Relief		38.20
Dining Hall Committee		107.95
Sunday School Quarterly		2.90
Missionary		42.00
European Mission		108.00
Temple Lot—Beautifying—Mowing		22.00
Temple Fund		29.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 7,170.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Advocate		\$1,740.00
Advocate Postage and Expense		43.08
Elder's Family Expense:		
Mrs. Wm. F. Anderson	\$ 880.00	
Mrs. J. M. Case.....	640.00	
Mrs. B. C. Flint.....	960.00	
Mrs. Leon A. Gould.....	720.00	
Mrs. A. M. Smith	1,080.00	
Mrs. James E. Yates	960.00	
Mrs. C. L. Wheaton	960.00	
Mrs. R. R. Robertson	960.00	
Mrs. B. A. Winegar	160.00	7,320.00
Elder's Expenses		902.00
General Church Expenses:		
Salary of Caretaker	270.00	
Labor and Mowing	295.24	
Repairs and Supplies	205.27	
Storage of Linotype	19.50	
Attorney Fee	100.00	890.01
General Office Expenses:		
Telephone	56.23	
Postage and Box Rent	23.00	
Auditing and Bond Premium	47.50	
Filing Cabinet and Supplies	40.50	
Printing and Stationery	62.40	229.63
Printing of Books and Tracts		60.79
Special Fund—Aid		835.00
Special Fund—Dining Hall—Supplies		50.33
Special Fund—Dining Hall—Stoves		227.89
Special Fund—Manuelito		38.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$12,326.93
Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts		5,156.82
Cash in Bank, March 15, 1949		11,543.22
Cash in Bank, March 15, 1950.....		\$ 6,386.40
Distributed As Follows:		
First National Bank, Independence, Missouri		
General Fund	\$4,219.76	
Temple Fund	2,166.64	
TOTAL		\$6,386.40

Exhibit "B"

GENERAL LEDGER
Trial Balance, (After Closing) at March 15, 1950

	Debit	Credit
First National Bank, Independence, Missouri.....	\$6,386.40	
Temple Fund		\$2,166.64
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 — Stark Acres, Independence, Missouri.....	1.00	
Real Estate — Temple Lot.....	1.00	
Notes Receivable — A. S. Wheaton	170.00	
Present Worth		4,585.58
TOTALS	\$6,752.22	\$6,752.22

MINUTES OF GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

April 13, 1950
 Independence, Mo.

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

Greetings:

The General Sunday School Association met in conference at 11:00 A. M. April 12, 1950, and wish to report their actions as follows:

Reports were received from the Sunday Schools at Ava, Missouri; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Collins, Missouri; and oral report from Riverview, Michigan, and Sand Lake, Michigan.

The Treasurer's report was received as follows:

April 11, 1950

To the General Sunday School Association Greetings:

Quarterly Fund	
On Hand April 5, 1949.....	\$ 59.99
Received from sale of quarterlies.....	91.45

TOTAL	\$151.44
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Paid out for postage and stamps.....	4.60
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Balance on hand.....	\$146.84
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Association Fund	
On hand April 5, 1949.....	\$ 67.47
Received during the year.....	58.58

TOTAL	\$126.05
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Paid Out	95.04
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 31.01
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Note: The Banner Journal of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, was paid \$94.65 for printing quarterlies.

For money order and stamps, \$0.39.

Ora B. Derry, General Sunday School Treas.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved that we urge our quarterly committee be requested to make a study, with a view to compiling a quarterly for children, setting forth affirmatively our belief in the Book of Mormon and its divinity; and further be it resolved that they seek to compile a quarterly for adult study setting forth affirmatively our belief

in the Book of Mormon, showing from the Bible that it was to come forth and its purpose.

The officers selected were:

Superintendent, Bro. Denver Chapman.

Assistant Superintendent, Bro. Maynard Case.

Secretary, Sister Mary Case.

Treasurer: It was resolved that the full time representative in the office act as treasurer.

It was further resolved that we leave the office of treasurer in the hands of the General Sunday School officers, in case this is not satisfactory.

It was resolved that our present quarterly committee succeed itself.

The above is the business conducted by the General Sunday School Association, which the former Superintendent and Secretary asked me to present to the conference.

Respectfully,

C. L. WHEATON JR.

Atcng, Assistant Secretary

General Sunday School Association

MINUTES OF THE UNITED WORKERS

Ladies Auxiliary of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

9:30A. M. April 10, 1950.

Meeting opened with the Chairman, Sr. Minnie Smith in charge.

Singing of our theme song "Blest be the tie that binds."

Repeating of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Our Chairman read a poem of admonition.

The minutes of our last session of April 8 and 9, 1949 were read and approved.

Our secretary reports she has written to fifteen different branches of our Church and received answers from three. These branches state that their members are so scattered it is hard to hold womens' meetings.

The Treasurer reported we had \$9.06 on hand and the collection today was \$5.09, making a total of \$14.15.

The Ava, Missouri local reports they held 14 sessions with an average attendance of 5 per session. They have sent 5 boxes overseas and have sent clothing to the Navajo Indians by way of Independence. They canned 70 quarts of vegetables to be used at the General Conference meals. They held a bazaar and have \$28.08 on hand.

No report was received from the Flint, Michigan local.

The Independence local reports they quilted a quilt for which they received \$10.00. They made three warm comforters and sent them to the Navajo Indians and sent 5 boxes of clothing overseas and 8 boxes of clothing to the Navajos. They have sent fruit and flowers to the sick in their group. They sold 72 jars of shampoo for which they received the large 48 cup coffee urn as a premium. This urn is the property of the Local United Workers but is available to all social events and conference dinners. At the last all-day meeting they cleaned and painted the church kitchen. They have taken in \$137.07 and spent \$124.61 and have a balance on hand of \$12.46.

A letter from the Navajo Indians was read thanking all United Workers for all boxes sent to them.

Election of officers was held in which all officers were re-elected as follows:

Chairman—Sr. Minnie Smith

Vice-Chairman—Sr. Ora Derry

Secretary—Sr. Miriam Mason

Treasurer—Sr. Bertha Case

Member at Large—Sr. Irene Yates

Sr. Lois Harris expressed her appreciation of our sending her a card last year signed by all the ladies present.

It was moved and seconded that we give Bro. and Sr. C. L. Wheaton \$10.00 to help bear the expense of sending a collection of clothing to the Navajo Indians. Carried.

The minutes of this session were read and accepted and approved as read.

MIRIAM MASON, Secretary
MINNIE SMITH, Chairman

OBITUARY

John E. Bozarth was born February 4, 1870 at Ashley, Illinois. He passed from this life April 12, 1950 at Warrensburg, Missouri, at the ripe age of 80 years and 2 months, after an extended illness which kept him inactive, and mostly confined to his home. He felt keenly the inability to be in the active work of the church, or gospel.

In early life, Brother Bozarth learned the carpenter trade, and for several years he did contract work.

During his twentieth year he came in contact with

the gospel as taught by the Restoration, and on August 26, 1891, he was baptized into Christ by Elder T. C. Kelley, uniting with the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Parish, Illinois. He was ordained an elder in that church March 3, 1901, later entering the mission field, laboring for some years in that church.

On June 19, 1927 he transferred his membership to the Church of Christ with headquarters on the Temple Lot in Independence, Missouri, having his membership with the local church at Holden, Missouri. He labored as a missionary, as his circumstances would permit, for several years. On August 2, 1936, he was ordained an Apostle in the Church of Christ, and entered in on his duties as missionary in charge of fields appointed through the years. He was faithful to the trust imposed on him.

As a young man, he met and married Livia Johnson, and to this union were born four sons.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his companion, Sister Bozarth of the home; four sons: Rolford Bozarth of Warrensburg, Missouri; Curtis E. Bozarth, of Independence, Missouri; Huber Bozarth of Warrensburg, Missouri and Andy Bozarth of Warrensburg; 13 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren, and a host of friends and acquaintances.

The funeral was held at the Brauning Funeral Home at Warrensburg, Missouri, service in charge of Wm. F. Anderson, assisted by B. C. Flint. Brother Bozarth was carried to his last resting place by eight of the apostles of the church, which was as he would have liked.

NOTICE

To Whomsoever This May Concern:

This is to give notice that on the evening of the 14th and the morning of the 15th of April, 1950, an Elders' Court which had been called to hear the complaint of unchristianlike conduct upon the part of Richard B. Trowbridge, did meet and carefully examine and hear all evidence presented in this case, in full harmony with the Jurisprudence of the Church; and after so considering did render a decision, finding Richard T. Trowbridge guilty of the charges and complaints filed against him, and did recommend that he **"be placed under permanent silence as a Minister, and disfellowshipped as a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)."**

Be it further known; that on May 2, 1950, the Independence Local Church of Christ, did meet to consider the action of this Court of Elders and did sustain the findings of the Court and did disfellowship Richard B. Trowbridge from the Church.

Therefore be it known to all the Church, and to whomsoever it may concern that the findings of the Court and the action of the Church at Independence concerning this matter, shall be binding throughout the whole Church, until such time as he (R. B. Trowbridge) shall make proper reconciliation and restitution in harmony with the Scriptures and the Jurisprudence of the Church.

Respectfully,
Apostle Arthur M. Smith
Missionary in Charge of Missouri