

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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Eternal Life for Sale

While looking through a paper
That I found among the mail,
I read an advertisement,
"Eternal Life For Sale."

There were no special offers
And nothing need you send—
The one requirement asked of you
Is your own life to mend.

It offers now a comfort
That is equaled to by none,
And provides a guiding light to you
More brilliant than the sun.

It offers you Eternity
In a place that's minus strife,
And the only thing required of you
Is to live a worthy life.

RONALD YATES

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Our quarterlies are not dated, but numbered, because they contain a regular course of study, and if the schools 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.

Order all Quarterlies from the General Sunday School Association Treasurer.

EDITORIAL

THE CONFERENCE AND THE YEAR AHEAD

Our 1952 General Conference is now a part of history, and in this regard it gives pause for consideration as to just what effect, or impression, our step has made upon the sands of time—how durable, or, more plainly, how pleasing to God.

It is increasingly evident that we are living in the hastening times, the time when judgment is being meted out to the children of men, the time of Daniel's prophecy when "the wise shall understand:" These "wise" ones are not so in self-conceit, but rather in a realization of full dependence upon God—and when has He failed the truly obedient?

Such is the feeling of many who came.

In all candor, it cannot be said that the gathering was a huge success from point of numbers nor of outstanding experience, but the spiritual services produced peace, renewed hope, and a quiet determination to make the coming year more profitable for self and the church.

For the most part, the business sessions moved along with speedy dispatch of necessary action. An ever-increasing desire for peace and brotherly consideration is sure to bring about the best good of the church with a minimum of antagonism.

Perhaps the most important item of business to come before us was the report of the historian and revising committee. After three years of tedious research and assembly, the long-awaited outline of church history is nearly ready to go to press. The average person little realizes the work involved, and so we wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude particularly to Apostle B. C. Flint, as the historian, whose lot it was to bear the brunt of the labor, and also to Brethren L. A. Gould, A. M. Smith, and C. L. Wheaton, of the quorum of Twelve Apostles—these last comprised the Reviewing and Revising Committee.

Right here, your servant, whom the Conference saw fit to return to office as Editor in Chief of the ZION'S ADVOCATE, wishes to express personal gratitude for the valuable assistance rendered by the Associate Editors, Sr. Margaret Wheaton and Sr. Edith Bell Case. Few realize the work involved in this office—it is a comparatively thankless job. Sr. Edith has been relieved by Sr. Marion Sprague for the next year, with no regret, I am sure. We feel confident there will be as much harmony in the new association as there was in that which has just ended.

There was an outstanding example of what a unity of spirit, accompanied by determination, can do. We refer to the decision made last year by the Dining Hall Committee to accept donations of food and money in order that the Conference meals might be served free of charge. The response was gratifying as shown by the excellent meals thus served, and also in a substantial quantity of food and money in reserve for the next Conference. Thanks to Sr. Minnie Smith and those of the Dining Hall Committee, and we forget not the good sisters who assisted them in the many tasks connected with the preparation of the food and subsequent kitchen cleaning.

One wonders at the possibilities of a united effort to build up a storehouse, and the results of our people working together for their common good rather than

the present every-man-for-himself procedure. Are we beginning to yearn for this? It is much to be desired, but only to be accomplished by the action-manifested desire which may be expressed thus: As for me and my household, we will served the Lord—AND each other.

Though the future seems fraught with peril, we may indeed "lift up" our heads, and the Lord will surely lift us up, if we are not of little faith.

Incidentally, the General Bishopric has set up a larger budget this year than last year—even so, it is not what it should be by a long way. For lack of funds, the missionary arm of the church is deplorably short, and those who are making the sacrifice receive far too little.

What do you think when I tell you that sometimes there are those who must go hungry—some, whom the church is honor-bound to sustain by reason of the fact that some one must take the Gospel to a dying world. YES, SOME HAVE FOR MANY YEARS BORNE, UN-COMPLAININGLY, ACTUAL WANT, THAT THE TRUTH MIGHT ABOUND!

How long can we neglect to bear our share, financially, if at all possible, and still escape the evil which is falling rapidly upon the nations of the earth.

Let us determine, henceforth, and especially in the ensuing year, that we shall be found occupying the "holy place" where unto we have been called.

WILLIAM A. SHELDON

REPORT OF THE 1952 CONFERENCE

* Foreword *

In order to make the reading of the actions of the conference less tedious the Ministers' Conference directed the secretaries to report in the Advocate only those measures on which an affirmative vote carried. The full minutes of the proceedings as approved by the conference are held on file by the General Church Secretary for the information of any who might desire more particular information as to the actions of the body. Others having copies of the full minutes are: The Secretary of the Twelve, A. M. Smith; LeRoy Wheaton—Secretary of the Bishopric; and the Board of General Church Historians.

The guiding principles in reporting the "affirmative action" of the 1952 Conference will be as follows:

1. Organization of the conference is condensed.
2. Opening and closing exercises of the meetings are omitted.
3. Approval of minutes from session to session are omitted.
4. Ministerial reports are not shown or mentioned; other reports not acted upon will be mentioned in brief, if at all. Reports being spread in full in other pages of Zion's Advocate will carry only a note indicating that they are to be found in other pages of the Advocate.
5. Matters referred to committees are not shown in full.
6. Elections of officers and committees will show only the final results.
7. Motions and resolutions are shown in the form

finally adopted. Movers and seconders of the original motions will be shown where possible. No counted votes will be shown since there were no referendum matters.

8. Motions lost, tabled, or otherwise unnecessary to understanding the report are omitted.

As you read the "affirmative action" we beg you to keep in mind the above listed conditions.

Respectfully,
FOREST E. MALEY,
Secretary to the Conference

REPORT OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ
(Temple Lot) In Session April 6, 1952 to April 12,
1952 on the Temple Lot, at Independence,
Missouri

April 7, 1952 — 10:00 A. M. Session

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

The conference was organized by the body in the following manner:

Chairmanship: The members of the Council of Twelve.

Secretary: Bro. Forest Maley.

Ushers: Bro. Denver Chapman and Bro. Richard Wheaton.

Press Committee: Bro. B. C. Flint, Bro. A. M. Smith and Sr. Angela Wheaton.

Chorister: Sr. Metta Anderson, with power to select pianists.

Program for the Conference:

1. The morning hour from 9:30 A. M. to 10:45 A. M. shall be devoted to prayer and testimony service.

2. The hour from 11:00 A. M. to 12:00 should be devoted to preaching except when other provisions have been made for this hour.

3. At 2:00 P. M. the business session shall convene and close at 4:00 P. M.

The hour from 4:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. shall be for the School of the Ministry.

5. The evening service from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. shall be devoted to song service.

6. The evening preaching service shall be at 8:00 P. M.

7. When necessary, the morning hours may be used for meetings of the ministry such as quorum meetings; we also recommend that committee meetings be held in the early morning hours, whenever possible, that all may be free to attend the regular meetings of the conference.

8. When emergencies arise, these rules can be altered or changed by motion from the floor of the conference, and a majority vote of the body.

The Sunday School convention was given from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 on April 8, 1952 for their meeting.

The Young People's Christian League was given Friday evening, April 11, 1952 for their picnic.

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to Temple Lot literature was read:

Independence, Missouri
April 7, 1952

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve, feeling the need of certain literature which has been out of print now for some time, recommend to the conference that the Board of Publication be instructed to reprint the tract, "That Interesting Spot of Ground West of the Court House," by Apostle C. L. Wheaton, and "The Temple Lot Deed", by Apostle Arthur M. Smith, at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH
Secretary of the
Council of Twelve

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved to adopt the recommendation of the Twelve relative to Temple Lot tracts. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to the resignation of W. F. Jordan was read:

Independence, Missouri
April 7, 1952

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Greetings:

We, the Council of the Twelve, do hereby report to you the resignation of Apostle W. F. Jordan of Vice-roy, Canada, from the Council of Twelve, and do recommend that this resignation be accepted and that Bro. Jordan be honorably released from the responsibilities of an Apostle in the Church of Christ.

Respectfully,

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH
Secretary of the
Council of Twelve

(Done in meeting of the Council April 1, 1952).

The resignation of W. F. Jordan attached to the recommendation of the Twelve was read:

Apostle A. M. Smith
Secretary of the Quorum of Twelve
Dear Brother:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Quorum, not having been able to assume the responsibilities of the office and having no apparent likelihood of doing so in the near future.

Sincerely,
(signed) W. F. JORDAN

(Note—This was received by the Secretary of the Twelve too late to be presented to the Conference of 1951. The date of the letter accompanying this docu-

ment was March 28, 1951. A second letter confirming the resignation was received by the Council dated March 14, 1952. A.M.S.)

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation of the Twelve on the resignation of W. F. Jordan from the Council of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Amos Surbrook. Carried.

Among other documents the Report of the General Church Historian was read.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the Report of the General Church Historian be referred back to him with the instruction that the Historian and the Reviewing committee make a joint report to the Conference as touching their work. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Recommendation from the Twelve was read recommending that the Conference reaffirm the position taken by the Church in the Referendum Bill No. 4 of the 1935 referendum wherein the Sunday School was set up as an auxiliary to the Church.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that this whole matter before us relative to the Sunday School be referred to a committee of three, one of which shall be the present Sunday School Superintendent, to review and formulate a resolution that will more completely cover the ground. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

The other two members chosen to serve with the Supt. Bro. Denver Chapman were Bro. Clifford Surbrook and Bro. Arthur G. Smith.

There was some discussion of ministerial reports appearing in the Advocate.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the Secretary of the Council of Twelve, the Secretary of the Council of Seventy, and the Secretary of the General Bishopric each make a composite report of the activity of their individual departments, to be published in the Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that these composite ministerial reports have preference over other articles for space until they are all published in the Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

General Church Secretary: Bro. Forest E. Maley.

General Church Historians:

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that a committee of three be appointed as a Board of General Church Historians, with the one getting the highest number of votes serving for three years, the next highest for two years and the last for one year. Seconded by Sr. Angela Wheaton. Carried.

April 7, 1952 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Board of General Church Historians:

Bro. Clarence Wheaton (3), Bro. J. Maynard Case (2) and Bro. A. M. Smith (1).

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

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate: Sr. Marion Sprague and Sr. Margaret Wheaton.

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

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

Library Board: Bro. A. M. Smith for a three year term. Other members: Sr. Margaret Wheaton (2) and Bro. J. Maynard Case (1).

Board of Publications: Bro. Forest Maley and Bro. Denver Chapman for three year terms. Other members of the Board: Business Manager (permanent), Sr. Louise P. Sheldon (2) and Bro. LeRoy Wheaton (2).

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

Committee to Examine Historical Manuscript:

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved to abolish the committee to examine historical manuscript after they have finished their work on the present manuscript. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock. Carried.

General Church Chorister: Sr. Metta Anderson.
Dining Hall Committee:

Bro. Don Housknecht moved that Sr. Minnie Smith be chairman of the Dining Hall Committee with power to choose assistants. Seconded by Sr. Metta Anderson. Carried.

Auditing Committee: Bro. J. Maynard Case for a three year term. Other members: Sr. Dorothy Denham (2) and Bro. Rolland Sprague (1).

Building Committee: Bro. Harvey Bell for a three year term. Other members: Bro. Richard Wheaton—Chairman (2) and Bro. Vance Harris (1).

Report from the Committee to formulate a resolution on Sunday School was read:

April 7, 1952

To the Conference Assembled:

We, the committee appointed to review the conference minutes respecting the General Sunday School Association and local Sunday Schools, find that there has been no changes made in the relationship of the Sunday Schools to the General Church from 1935 to the present date; therefore we recommend the following resolution for adoption and publication to all the Church of Christ:

Be it resolved that we adhere to the position of the Church as set forth in the Referendum Bill No. 4 in the Zion's Advocate Supplement April 1935, wherein the General Sunday School Association was determined to be an auxiliary and subject to the General Church.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) DENVER G. CHAPMAN
ARTHUR G. SMITH
CLIFFORD SURBROOK

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved to approve the resolution and recommendation of this committee. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. Carried.

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved that it be a permanent arrangement that the regular offerings of the conference be turned over to the local church at Independence to defray expenses of the conference. Seconded by Bro. J. Maynard Case. Carried.

There were two resignations from the Forms Committee, both of which were accepted by the body.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to abolish the Forms Committee and that their work be given to the Board of Publications. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried.

April 8, 1952 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The United Workers (Ladies Auxiliary) were given from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. Thursday, April 10, 1952 for their business meeting.

The major part of this session was consumed by discussion in the committee of the whole of a proposal to change the allowance system. This was tabled to the following session.

April 9, 1952 — 10:00 A. M. Session

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

The report of the General Church Recorder was read:

April 8, 1952

To the Ministers' Conference
Assembled, Greetings:

As the General Church Recorder I beg to report for the Year 1951.

Reporting last year the membership of 2,273.
We have had 48 added to the Church this last year.
Those who have removed from us have been four.
Removed by death..... 9
Leaving a total membership of about..... 2308
Blessing of children this last year..... 40
Ordinations to the office of an Elder..... 1
Ordinations to the office of a Priest..... 1

This is all that have been reported, and I still believe that there are some that have not been reported to the Recorder.

Sincerely,

The General Church Recorder
(signed) Elder JAMES M. CASE

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the report of the General Church Recorder, and that we commend the recorder. Seconded and carried.

The Missionary Appointments were read:
Independence, Missouri
April 8, 1952

To the Conference of the

Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve hereby submit to the Conference their recommendations as touching the Missionary Appointments for the ensuing year.

Apostle William F. Anderson: South Central States; Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas.

Apostle Leon A. Gould: North Central States; North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith: Northeastern States; and Eastern Canada; Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton: American Indians.

Apostle James E. Yates: Southwestern States; California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Apostle B. C. Flint: Great Lakes, West; Wisconsin, Illinois, and the European Mission.

Apostle T. J. Jordan: Northwestern States and Western Canada; Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Western Canada.

Apostle R. R. Robertson: Colorado and Southeastern States; Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

Apostle T. E. Barton: Associated with Bro. Robertson.

Apostle Don W. Housknecht: Great Lakes, East; Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, with Flint, Michigan as a special objective.

Apostle William A. Sheldon: Missouri.

In connection with these appointments we also recommend to the Conference that Elder John G. Jenkins, of New Dock, Llanelly, Wales, who is a Seventy, shall be appointed to labor as circumstances may permit as an associate with Apostle B. C. Flint in the European Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH
Secretary of the Council of Twelve

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the missionary appointments. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried.

Full Time Representative in the Church Office: Bro. James M. Case.

Business Manager: Bro. Nicholas F. Denham.

The report of the General Sunday School Association was read: (See report in full in other pages of the Advocate).

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the report of the General Sunday School Association. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. Carried.

Joint Report of the General Church Historian and the Committee to Review and Revise Historical Manu-

script was read:

Independence, Missouri
April 9, 1952

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ,
Greetings:

The Church Historian and the History Reviewing and Revising Committee hereby submit for your consideration the following report.

1. After three years of effort in preparing and compiling the material for a History of the Church of Christ, we are able to report we have a manuscript history compiled, consisting of 25 chapters; approximately 250 pages of type-written material, on which both the Historian and the committee agree will be of great worth to the Church.

2. This material or Manuscript is now ready for the printer after a final proof reading can be had and a corrected copy prepared for the printer.

3. That in furtherance of this work, an index and table of contents as well as the numbering of the paragraphs is yet to be done.

4. We are agreed that this work should be carefully supervised during the printing by the committee for such work, that no changes should be made in the printing and proof-reading, and until this is accomplished the committee should not be discharged.

Most sincerely,

Historian (signed) B. C. FLINT
Committee (signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH
CLARENCE L. WHEATON
LEON A. GOULD

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as a substitute that we approve the report of the Historian and the Reviewing and Revising Committee; and concur in their recommendations with the exception of paragraph 4; and provide instead that the printing of this history shall be in the hands of the Board of Publications; and that proof reading shall be in the hands of the Committee to Review and Revise. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

April 9, 1952 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

The previous session had noted some omissions in the Auditor's Report relative to Advocate expenses, and had referred the report back to the Auditor for correction. These corrections were made during the time between sessions.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve the Auditor's Report as corrected. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried. (See Auditor's Report in full in other pages of the Advocate).

The report of the Auditing Committee was read:
Independence, Missouri
April 9, 1952

To the Church of Christ
Ministers' Conference Assembled.
Greetings:

We, your Auditing Committee, have accomplished

the work we are to do for another year. We have obtained an auditor for the office business manager's books; our work is completed.

(Signed) The Committee
DOROTHY DENHAM
ROLLAND D. SPRAGUE
JAMES M. CASE

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the report of the Auditing Committee. Seconded by Bro. Forest Maley. Carried.

The recommendation of the Joint Council on a fire-proof vault was read:

Independence, Missouri
April 9, 1952

Church of Christ
In Conference Assembled
Greetings:

I have been instructed by the Joint Council of the Council of Twelve and the General Bishops to present the following recommendation to the conference:

"We recommend to the conference that a fire-proof room be built on the rear of the church to house our library and other valuable papers and that the Building Committee be instructed to secure estimates and plans in accordance with their recommended Plan No. 1 (for a vault) for the Bishops as soon as possible and that they, the Bishops, set out to solicit funds to do this work.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH
C. L. WHEATON, JR.
Joint Secretaries of the Joint
Council

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to concur in the recommendations of the Joint Council of Twelve and Bishopric concerning this fire-proof vault, and that the Building Committee be authorized to proceed with the work at once. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

The report of the Building Committee was read:

REPORT
Building Committee
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri

To the Conference Assembled,
Greetings:

We, the undersigned members of the Building Committee wish to submit the following report and recommendations:

First—We wish to recommend that a fire-proof vault be built to preserve all of our old books and records against the existing fire hazard. Details listed under Plan No. 1 attached.

Second—We have checked the condition of the present building and find portions that have been eaten by termites; there is no solid foundation. New bracing and repair is also needed to the frame portions of the building. The siding is also in very bad condition. Details Plan No. 2.

Third—An Annex could be added, including fire-proof vault and repair of the present structure, and pro-

viding for the extra space needed. Details under Plan No. 3.

Fourth—A new fire-proof building could be built to provide for the expanded space, eliminating repair of old structure and getting away from fire hazard and so forth. Said building to be constructed by stages on a pay as you go basis. Details under Plan No. 4.

As a committee we have endeavored to secure factual information to present to the conference concerning the attached plans and all quotations are based on present prices.

We recognize the Church of Christ as a missionary church and any recommendations of a plan or plans for the raising of funds are to be considered as additional expense on the individual and are not in any manner to be advanced in preference to any present methods of tithing or offerings for meeting the General Church and Missionary needs.

We have discussed the enclosed plans with the newly elected member of the committee, Bro. Harvey Bell, and he has concurred with us in this report and the attached possible plans for housing the functions of the church.

We have considered all ideas presented to the committee by the membership and have endeavored to the best of our ability to include them in the plans submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Vance H. Harris (Chairman)
Richard A. Wheaton (member)

PLAN NO. 1—Fire-proof Vault.

Location: Joined to the west end of the present of-fices with doorway between, and four foot alleyway between.

Size: Twelve feet wide by twelve feet long and eight foot ceiling.

Materials: Concrete floor, concrete block walls, Hay-dite and steel roof. Entire structure to be water-proofed.

Cost: Materials \$588.75. Labor to be donated. Ma-terials estimated on present prices but does not in-clude interior fixtures except lights.

PLAN NO. 2—Preservation of the present building

1. Building to be raised and new foundation laid and building reset on new foundation.

2. Treatment of structure for termite control.

3. New door and window jambs and sill repair where needed.

4. New asbestos siding on entire structure.

5. New braces at top ceiling—second floor.

6. New ceiling on second floor.

7. New concrete walks and etc., at the entrance.

8. All exterior and interior woodwork painted where necessary.

9. Cost of materials, \$3,950.00. Fire-proof vault as per plan No. 1 should be added to this list making a total cost of \$4,638.75.

PLAN NO. 3—Annex added and present structure remodeled.

Location: Addition on North side of present building.

Size: Thirty feet wide by forty feet long and eighteen foot ceiling.

Materials: Steel frame, concrete block walls and concrete floors.

Changes in present structure: North half of lower floor composed of present quorum room and kitchen to be included with new Annex as auditorium, with pulpit and rostrum in north end. Present office to be left intact with vault added on west as per Plan No. 1. Stairway on the south side to be removed and that space to be used as kitchen. Stairway on the north side to be used as access to balcony and second floor rooms. South half of upper floor to be used as quorum rooms. North half of upper floor to be used as balcony for new auditorium.

Cost of materials—\$18,000.00.

PLAN NO. 4—New Building.

Location: Facing northeast with entrance at corner of Lexington and River Boulevard.

Size: Fifty by one hundred feet.

Materials: Concrete foundations and floors, concrete block and brick veneer walls, steel reinforced truss roof. Entire building fire-proof.

Building to be built on cash basis in stages as follows:

Unit No. 1: Basement fifty by seventy feet just northeast of the present building; to be built without disturbing present building. Concrete floor. Twelve inch side walls of concrete. Haydite ceiling and steel joists. All concrete to be reinforced with steel. Exterior to be waterproofed. Cost, approximately \$15,000.00.

Unit No. 2: Addition of thirty by fifty feet to be added to basement after old building is removed. Same construction as Unit No. 1. Cost—approximately \$6,000.00.

Unit No. 3: Main Floor. Concrete block walls, steel frame and truss construction. Entrance at corner of lot with altar in opposite end. Cloak rooms, balcony, service rooms near entrance. Main floor sloped toward the altar. Approximate floor space 3,200 square feet. Cost—approximately \$32,000.00.

Unit No. 4: Finish exterior walls with brick veneer, trim and finish of interior. Cost—approximately \$8,000.00.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to make Report of the Building Committee the special order of business at our next business session. Seconded by Bro. R. R. Robertson. Carried.

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved that we take the "HANDBOOK" from the table. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case. Carried 20 to 13.

Bro. Don Housknecht moved to adjourn this busi-

ness session to reconvene at 10:00 A. M. tomorrow morning April 10, 1952, and make the "Handbook" the second order of business. Seconded and carried.

April 10, 1952 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

By order of the previous session, the first matter of business was the consideration of the report of the Building Committee.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to consider Plan No. 4. (See report of the Building Committee spread on the minutes of the previous session). Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Plan No. 4 was read.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we consider the entire four plans in the following manner: that we ask the committee to explain these plans to us one at a time with a blackboard sketch if possible and without discussion from the floor; that we then seek the sentiment of the body as to which plan they prefer, or if they would rather return it back to the committee; then set out to determine how to accomplish the work. Seconded by Bro. Elmer Hunter. Carried.

The remainder of the session was consumed by the Building Committee explaining the plans with blackboard sketches.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to adjourn to 4:00 P. M. this afternoon for a two-hour session. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

April 10, 1952 — 4:00 P. M. Session

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

Recorder: Bro. J. Maynard Case.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved to take up these plans in turn and vote on them starting with the second plan. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case. Carried.

Plan No. 2 received 4 votes.

Plan No. 3 received 7 votes.

Plan No. 4 received 14 votes.

This was understood to be a vote of sentiment and preference, but not an order to start construction.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to accept the Building Committee's Report and concur in the recommendations of the Building Committee relative to raising money for carrying out this building. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Building Committee be authorized to work up plans and estimates on Plan No. 4, and that they present it to the next conference. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried 14 to 7.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved to adjourn to 10:00 A. M. tomorrow. Seconded and carried.

April 11, 1952 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

The matter coming before the house was the consideration of the "Handbook" which had been ordered taken from the table by the afternoon session of April 9, 1952. This same session had also ordered it to be the second order of business of the morning session of April 10, 1952. Owing to the fact that the first order of business, the report of the Building Committee, had taken up the morning and afternoon sessions of April 10, consideration of the "Handbook" had been delayed until this session, of April 11th:

In taking the "Handbook" from the table all the motions applying to it at the time it was tabled also were taken from the table. These motions were made in the April 7, 1950 — 2:00 P. M. Session and are as follows:

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

"Bro. A. M. Smith moved as an incidental motion that we study this matter of the handbook section by section. Seconded by Sr. Angela Wheaton."

Bro. Forest Maley moved that we refer the Handbook to a committee of three for reference in making a search of past conference actions and report to the Conference the legislation which is now of force. Seconded by Bro. Maynard Case. Carried, 20 to 14.

Committee on Past Conference Actions:

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved that it be the sense of this body that we appoint as this committee the Secretary of the Twelve, the Secretary of the Bishopric, and the Secretary of the Seventy. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock. Carried, 23 to 3.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to instruct the committee on past conference actions to report at the next conference their findings relative to resolutions of the conferences bearing on the articles in the compilation known as the "Handbook." Seconded by Bro. Arthur G. Smith.

Consideration of this question was still pending at the close of the session.

April 11, 1952 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Consideration of the matter carried over from the last session was temporarily suspended to allow the Dining Hall Committee Chairman, Sr. Minnie Smith, to make an oral report, the gist of which follows:

Total donations this year.....	\$337.61
Total Expenses	121.49
Unpaid Bills	42.42
Leaving a Balance of.....	173.70

Balance from previous conference operations \$74.00.

Present figures are not quite complete as the Bishopric hadn't opportunity to turn over some further funds that had been donated.

Surplus supplies bought for the conference would have to be sold bringing up the cash reserve.

Also, if conference continued beyond expectations, more would have to be bought.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approve the Dining Hall Committee report and give the committee a vote of thanks for their work in providing meals. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried with a unanimous standing vote.

Vote was called on the motion from the previous session to instruct the committee on past conference actions to report at the next conference their findings relative to resolutions of the conferences bearing on the articles in the compilation known as the "Handbook." Carried 17 to 9.

The budget recommended by the General Bishopric for the coming year was read:

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1952

Church of Christ
In Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The Bishops have prepared and recommend to the conference the following budget for the 1952 - 1953 conference year:

Family Allowances	\$ 9,240.00
Elders' Expense	1,600.00
Aid	1,000.00
General Church Expense	800.00
General Office Expense.....	260.00
Advocate Printing and Mailing.....	1,600.00
Books and Tracts	1,500.00
Vault	600.00
TOTAL.....	\$16,600.00

You will probably note that some items are increased over last year's budget.

The family allowance item was increased because we had another missionary in the field full time so this year we have increased our budget accordingly.

The elders' expense item has been increased because of increased activity to fill the calls from the fields.

The books and tracts account has been increased due to the fact that the church history manuscript is now ready to go to print.

We have also included the funds to build the fire-proof vault ordered by the conference.

We realize that this budget is for us a substantial increase, but we feel that if you will get behind the missionary program with your prayers and financial support, remembering that not only the missionary but every member has the great responsibility of carrying the gospel to the world, we shall meet this and the other needs of the church.

Your brethren in Christ,
The General Bishopric
(signed) C. L. WHEATON, JR.
Secretary of the
General Bishopric

Bro. Forest Maley moved to approve the Bishops' statement of the budget. Seconded and carried.

The document by Bro. L. A. Gould on financial custodians and trustees was given a reading:

Inasmuch as the General Bishopric have been and are constituted legal custodians over the finances of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), and are the proper ones to whom all our tithes, offerings, consecrations, etc., should be paid; therefore be it

Resolved that we, the Ministers' Conference, put our disapproval upon any attempt by any member of the Church, or anyone, to constitute any individual a steward or trustee in the name of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) over any moneys or properties of any kind, which are presumably intended for the use and benefit of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot); and

Further, that we, in conference assembled, do declare that the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) is and shall be absolved from any responsibility as a party to any such proceeding, except it has first been recommended by the General Bishopric, and approved by a general conference.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to adopt this resolution on financial custodians. Seconded by Bro L. A. Gould. Carried.

Report of the United Workers was read: (See other pages of the Advocate for the report in full).

Among other things reported was the election of officers for the coming year as follows:

Chairman—Sr. Minnie Smith.

Assistant Chairman—Sr. Ora Derry.

Secretary—Sr. Lois Harris

Treasurer—Sr. Marion Sprague.

Member-at-Large—Sr. Metta Anderson.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the report from the Ladies' Department. Seconded and carried.

April 12, 1952 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

Reading of the two sessions of April 11, 1952 were omitted since they were not in typed form. The Chair ruled that unless objected to, the unapproved minutes of this conference would be referred to the Council of Twelve for approval.

The report of the School of the Ministry was read: (for the report in full, see other pages of the Advocate).

Among other things reported was the election of officers for the coming year.

Bro. R. R. Robertson—Chairman.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht—Assistant Chairman.

Bro. Leon A. Gould—Secretary.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to receive the report. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried. The report of the Library Board was received and made a

matter of record.

Recommendation of the Twelve on a letter of protest was read:

Independence, Missouri
April 11, 1952

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

We the Council of Twelve recommend to the Conference that a committee of three be appointed to draft a vigorous letter to the President and Congress of the United States, protesting the sending of an Ambassador to the Vatican, and that such letter be prepared and sent at once.

Respectfully,

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH
Secretary to the
Council of Twelve

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation of the Twelve on the letter of protest, and the Committee on Church Relations be the committee. Seconded by Bro. J. Maynard Case.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was given a second reading:

April 11, 1952

To the Conference Assembled
On the Temple Lot, Independence, Mo.
Brothers and Sisters:

The Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report.

We were appointed by the Conference of 1949 and continued by the subsequent conferences for the purpose of "making necessary amendments, corrections, etc., to bring it (the Jurisprudence) up to date as a more simplified, practical procedure of Jurisprudence."

We have now finished our work and herewith present for your consideration as our final report the attached Rules of Jurisprudence as rewritten by us. We were careful to retain the basic characteristics of the former Rules adopted in 1941, but have arranged the ideas on the functional pattern, and have tried to give more specific instructions to guide those who use the rules.

We recommend that this conference adopt these rules and rescind the former rules; and that according to our custom these new rules be sent out to referendum for adoption by the church.

Respectfully,

The Jurisprudence Committee
(signed) Nicholas F. Denham, Chairman
Forest E. Maley, Secretary
Arthur M. Smith
J. M. Case
Rolland D. Sprague

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to receive the report and that these mimeographed copies of the Jurisprudence be mailed to the membership of the Church through the Advocate mailing list for their study; and that the Jurisprudence be the first order of business of the Conference of 1953. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that there be a committee of three to send the mimeographed copies of the proposed Jurisprudence to the membership of the Church only, and that the committee have as its Chairman Bro. J. Maynard Case, with power to choose his assistants. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee to mail the Jurisprudence noted that it was the express understanding of the body that any member of the Church desiring a copy of the proposed Jurisprudence can have one.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to continue the Committee on Jurisprudence. Seconded and carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the conference stand adjourned at the close of the meeting of the School of the Ministry this afternoon to reconvene April 6, 1953, 10:00 A. M. on the Temple Lot, in Independence, Missouri. Seconded and carried.

Bro. Don Housknecht moved that the Secretary of the Church give previous notice in the Advocate that the various Quorums of the priesthood meet April 2, 1953 at 10:00 A. M. on the Temple Lot to consider business that is to come before the conference. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the columns of the Zion's Advocate be kept free of discussion pro and con on matters referring to the committee to review past conference actions relative to the "Handbook" and also matters referring to the report of the committee on jurisprudence. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to adjourn. Seconded and carried.

Closing Song: "No. 232—"God will take care of you, be not afraid."

Closing Prayer by Bro. Don W. Housknecht.

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; which conference was had and held from April 6 to April 12, 1952 on the Temple Lot. I wish to express my gratitude to Sr. Mary Seevers and Bro. LeRoy Wheaton for their assistance in handling the secretarial work of this conference.

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

REPORT
 of the
 SCHOOL OF THE MINISTRY

The School of the Ministry has been permitted to hold three sessions thus far which have been well attended and of unusual interest.

The question of the sacrament of the Lord's supper, its purpose, the manner of its administration, and to whom, also the nature of the emblems to be used, was

taken up for consideration; and after discussion, the following was moved and adopted:

"Moved that we appoint a committee of three to go into the Advocates, and every other source of information necessary, and report back their findings as to the Church's stand on this matter."

Brothers James M. Case, Richard Wheaton and Rolland Sprague were chosen to be the committee.

By motion and vote it was then decided to take up the questions of marriage and divorce, using Articles 12 and 13 of the so-called Handbook as a basis for study.

The discussion of these questions continued through the remainder of that session and in both sessions following, but no final decision was reached as to a unanimity of opinion; but the discussion was to continue in the next session.

During the session of April 11, the election of officers for the School of the Ministry was taken up, and it was moved that the same officers be chosen for the coming year. Carried. They were: R. R. Robertson, Chairman; D. W. Housknecht, Assistant Chairman; and L. A. Gould, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
 L. A. GOULD, Secretary

**Report of the Business Session
 of the
 GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED
 WORKERS
 (Women's Auxiliary of the Church of Christ)
 (Temple Lot)
 April 10, 1952**

Meeting was opened at 2:0 P. M. in charge of the Chairman Sr. Minnie Smith.

Our Theme Song—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung followed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Our Chairman made a forceful pep talk.

A short program followed:

Reading by Sr. Metta Anderson titled "The World is Mine."

A duet "Sweet Peace" by Sr. Marion Sprague and Sr. Margaret Wheaton.

The report of our last meeting was read.

Reports from the following locals were read:

Houston, Missouri

Ava, Missouri

Riverview, Michigan

Independence, Missouri

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$8.54. Collection was taken amounting to \$7.48.

Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman—Sr. Minnie Smith

Assistant Chairman—Sr. Ora Derry

Secretary—Sr. Lois Harris

Treasurer—Sr. Marion Sprague

Member-at-Large—Sr. Metta Anderson

Sr. Smith made a talk presenting the subject of a Vacation Bible School.

Report from the committee which was elected last April to formulate plans was read:

We recommend that each local Vacation Bible School shall be under the supervision of the local pastor

and Sunday School Superintendent and Chairman of United Workers, and that these three be a committee to choose a Leader, Secretary and Treasurer to have charge of the Vacation Bible School; also pass on what subjects are to be taught."

Sr. Ora Derry made a talk outlining a lesson study. Sr. Bertha Case also outlined a lesson study. Others who spoke in favor of holding Vacation Bible Schools in our different locals were: Bro. Richard Wheaton, Sr. Metta Anderson, Sr. Angela Wheaton, Sr. Bowman of Michigan, Bro. Vance Harris, and Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Moved by Sr. Lois Harris, seconded by Sr. Bowman, that we have a Vacation Bible School. Carried.

Song No. 286—"Come Tell the Story of His Love" was used in closing.

Dismissed with prayer by Sr. Anderson.
(signed) Miriam Mason—Secretary
Minnie Smith—Chairman

**REPORT
of the
GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Independence, Mo.
April 8, 1952

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

The General Sunday School Association met in conference at 9:00 A. M. April 8, 1952 and wish to report their actions as follows:

The meeting was opened with Superintendent Bro. Denver Chapman in charge.

Opening Song—No. 295, followed with prayer by Bro. J. M. Case.

The Treasurer's report was received as follows:
Independence, Mo.
April 7, 1952

To the General Sunday School
Association, Greetings:

The Treasurer of the General Sunday School Association begs to report for the 1951 Conference Year.

Brought forward from the Quarterly
Fund from 1950 year.....\$108.09
Quarterlies sold for the year 1951..... 37.25

TOTAL.....\$145.34

The One-tenth Donation brought
forward from 1950 year.....\$ 76.37
Total Receipts or donations
from the different locals for
the year 1951..... 132.03

TOTAL.....\$208.40

TOTAL.....\$353.74

EXPENDITURES..... 15.07

Total to date in treasury.....\$338.67

The expenditures were for postage and for printing, and for paper, also for expenses of parking and for gasoline for delivery.

Sincerely,
Elder JAMES M. CASE

We received verbal reports from the Flint, Michigan and Wyandotte, Michigan Locals.

The Secretary's report was read and it was moved

that it be received and spread upon the minutes. Seconded. Carried.

The reports from the following locals were received: Maple City, Michigan; Puryear, Tennessee; Collins, Mo.; Morgantown, West Virginia; Independence, Mo.

The quarterly committee's report was read and accepted to be spread on the minutes. The officers were as follows:

Superintendent: Bro. Denver Chapman—17
Bro. Rolland Sprague—3
Bro. Leslie Case—4

Asst. Superintendent: Bro. Amos Surbrook, Sr.—12
Bro. Leslie Case—14

Secretary: Sr. Mary Seevers. Moved nominations cease and she succeed herself. Seconded and carried.

Moved we rescind the former actions and put the Treasury in the hands of the Assistant Superintendent. Seconded and carried, 19 for 1 against.

Quarterly Committee: Bro. A. M. Smith
Sr. Marion Sprague
Sr. Flint—Declined
Bro. Amos Surbrook
Sr. Margaret Wheaton
Bro. L. A. Gould

Moved nominations cease and these 5 constitute the committee. Seconded. Carried.

Closing song No. 343, followed with prayer by Bro. Leslie Case.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Mary Seevers—Secretary
General Sunday School Association

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
REPORT ON EXAMINATION
MARCH 15, 1952**

The General Bishopric
and
The Ministers' Conference,
Church of Christ,
Temple Lot,
Independence, Missouri.

At the request of your Auditing Committee, consisting of Mrs. Dorothy Denham, Mr. J. M. Case and Mr. R. D. Sprague, we have made an examination of the books of account of the Church of Christ, maintained by Mr. Nicholas F. Denham, Business Manager, for the twelve months from March 16, 1951 to March 15, 1952 and present herewith our report including the following statements:

Exhibit A—Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from March 16, 1951 to March 15, 1952.

Exhibit B—Funds Balance Sheet—March 15, 1952.

These statements are subject to the following comments.

Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Exhibit A

The verification of cash receipts consisted of comparing the data on the stubs of receipts issued by the Business Manager during the period under review, with the corresponding entries in the cash book and tracing deposits of equivalent totals to the bank statements.

All disbursements were by checks which contained

information regarding the nature of the disbursements. Thus each check, when properly endorsed by the payee, constituted a receipt for the purpose indicated thereon. The checks were signed jointly by the Business Manager and the Secretary of the Bishopric. Verification consisted of examining the checks paid by the bank and comparing them with the cash book entries. Invoices were also examined and covered most of the expenditures except those of such nature as obviously would not be supported by invoices.

The cash receipts from all sources, other than Temple Fund contributions, were deposited in a single account, with the First National Bank, of Independence, Missouri. The receipts indicated for "Indian Mission", "Mexican Mission", and "Special Missionary" are classified in this report with General Fund receipts because General Fund expenditures of amounts in excess of these items were made for purposes that apparently fulfill the intent of these specific offerings.

Receipts from Advocate subscriptions were \$337.25 which is \$1,267.65 less than the total expenditures of \$1,604.90 for printing and mailing. Receipts from sales of books and tracts totaled \$116.70 whereas purchase of these items for sale amounted to \$342.37. We were informed that there was a supply of books and tracts on hand, both at the beginning and end of the year but no inventory was taken and the unsold books and tracts at March 15, 1952 do not appear in the records as an asset. While receipts from the Dining Hall were in excess of the expenditures, the reverse situation existed in the previous year.

The General Fund disbursements exceeded the General Fund receipts by \$1,163.36, leaving an unexpended balance of \$1,980.07 at March 15, 1952.

Contributions of \$121.75 were received for the His-

tory Fund and deposited in the General Fund bank account. No expenditures were made against this History Fund.

Temple Fund contributions of \$40.34 were received and deposited in the special Temple Fund account with the First National Bank. No expenditures were made against this fund, the March 15, 1952 balance being \$2,235.14.

Funds Balance Sheet—Exhibit B

Cash in Bank has already been explained.

The several equipment figures represent nominal amounts of \$1.00 each recorded on March 16, 1940 in lieu of complete inventory figures, plus sundry additions purchased in 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1946.

The two real estate items represent nominal amounts of \$1.00 each recorded at March 16, 1940.

The books are kept on the cash basis and there were no recorded liabilities at March 15, 1952. We were informed by the Business Manager that he knows of no unpaid bills.

General

A fidelity bond of \$5,000.00 is carried on the Business Manager.

We wish to express appreciation for the excellent co-operation accorded us by the Business Manager and the Auditing Committee.

We shall be glad to furnish any additional information that may be required.

ALLAN & BLAND

Independence, Missouri
April 7, 1952

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From March 16, 1951 to March 15, 1952**

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL FUND:

Receipts:

Tithing	\$11,968.45
Offerings	961.75
Indian Mission	15.00
Mexican Mission	5.00
Special Missionary	16.00
Advocate Subscriptions	337.25
Books and Tracts	116.70
Dining Hall	223.12

Total General Fund Receipts \$13,643.27

Disbursements:

Family Allowances:

Anderson, Wm. F.	\$ 960.00
Case, J. M.	960.00
Flint, B. C.	960.00
Gould, Leon A.	960.00
Housknecht, Don	1,440.00
Robertson, R. R.	960.00
Smith, A. M.	1,080.00
Wheaton, C. L., Sr.	960.00
Yates, James E.	960.00
	<u>\$ 9,240.00</u>

Elders' Expenses		1,557.00
Aid		936.00
General Church Expenses:		
Maintenance of Temple Lot Grounds	\$ 391.36	
Maintenance of Building	186.44	
New Water Line	197.08	
Electric Heater	15.26	790.14
General Office Expenses:		
Telephone	\$ 79.91	
Stationery, Postage, Etc.	115.78	
Fidelity Bond	12.50	
Audit	35.00	
Typing	5.00	248.19
Advocate Printing		1,571.20
Advocate Postage		33.70
Books and Tracts		342.47
Dining Hall		87.33
Total General Fund Disbursements.....		\$14,806.63
Excess of General Fund Disbursements Over Receipts.....		\$ 1,163.36
General Fund Cash in Bank—March 15, 1951.....		3,143.43
General Fund Cash in Bank—March 15, 1952.....		\$ 1,980.07
HISTORY FUND—Receipts (deposited in General Fund Bank Account).....		121.75
Total General and History Funds Cash in Bank—March 15, 1952.....		\$ 2,101.82
TEMPLE FUND:		
Receipts		\$ 40.34
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1951.....		2,194.80
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1952.....		\$ 2,235.14

EXHIBIT B

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 15, 1952**

ASSETS:	General Fund	History Fund	Temple Fund	Total
Cash in Bank—				
General Fund Account.....	\$1,980.07	\$121.75	\$	\$2,101.82
Cash in Bank—				
Temple Fund Account.....			2,235.14	2,235.14
Equipment:				
Office	\$85.14			
General Church	56.43			
Organ	50.25			
Dining Hall	1.00	192.82		192.82
Real Estate:				
Temple Lot	\$ 1.00			
Stark Acres	1.00	2.00		2.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,174.89	\$121.75	\$2,235.14	\$4,531.78
LIABILITIES—(None Recorded)				
FUND EQUITIES (Present Worth)	\$2,174.89	\$121.75	\$2,235.14	\$4,531.78

(Editor's Note: The following article was detained in some manner so that it arrived too late for publication before the General Conference convened. W.A.S.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE WHEATONS IN YUCATAN

I think I wrote you last as we were leaving Veracruz for Yucatan. We are now leaving Yucatan for Veracruz on our return trip. We are going back on the "Emancipacion", a much larger boat than the one we came over on, hoping thus to avoid sea-sickness. Brother Wheaton was sick all the way over, scarcely able to eat a thing the whole seventy hours. I fared much better.

Our Mayan friends here were most happy to see us and we have made many more friends. Nemesio Xiu, a direct descendant of the Mayan kings, is quite ill. They say he is just feeble with age, but he had failed so terribly since we were here last year that we feel quite concerned.

On arrival we rented a Mayan "Casa" for 20 pesos per month or the equivalent of about \$2.31 American. It is built of stone with plaster inside and out, a cement floor and a thatched roof. It has four rooms, two quite large and two small. One of the small ones was built for a bath or a shower. It is just a bare room, no permanent fixtures. All fixtures are movable, consisting of a bucket of water or a basin, whichever you prefer, and a stool or box to sit on. It probably, at one time, was fitted with a tank fastened high on the wall or ceiling with a sprinkler attachment for a shower, as some have. For an extra 15 pesos per month our water is pumped for us from a deep well—good water—and is carried to the house and put in a large olla, or pottery vessel, which keeps it quite cool. On the inside door is posted a certificate that the water was government inspected in January 1952 and found to be pure.

Our Casa sets back from the dirt street far enough to keep us from getting all the dust. There is about an acre of ground with many tropical fruit trees, bananas and palms. Surrounding the whole place is a high stone wall as is true of all Mayan homes.

There are some shelves in one end of the room we use for living quarters which is handy for cupboard space. Four rather crude tables, a crippled stool, a large earthenware water keg, along with a surplus door is the furniture that went with the house. We got a board which we added to the width of the door to make a platform on which to lay our mattress—the inner-spring mattress from our bed in the truck. It is crudely like a Hollywood bed, set up on blocks of wood a few inches high—high enough off the floor to discourage insects from crawling in bed with us. Brother Wheaton improvised a clothes hanger by suspending a heavy stick from the rafters with ropes. Our broom was made from a sort of palm fastened to the end of a rough pole procured at one of the stores for 50 centavos or about 6¢. With our gasoline camp stove, folding table and chairs, and a supply of groceries brought with us from the United States we have managed to be very comfortable. Though it is crude quarters as compared with what we in the United States are used to, our Mayan guests come in, look about, and say, "Americans have many things!"

And they thought it strange that we preferred to sleep in a bed instead of a hammock. They were always prone to try it out.

The Mayan people are noted for the cleanliness of their persons. And it is a delight to see them gather together—the men in spotless white trousers and shirts with white hats, even at night, and the women in their beautiful flower-embroidered, white dresses. It was always an interesting sight, whether they were bare-foot or wore Mayan sandals. The women are rarely seen out of doors without their rebosas—a sort of long, head scarf which has many uses, from protecting their heads from the hot sun to making an improvised cradle in which to carry their babies while they work or walk.

Time and place will not permit me to tell you all about our experiences from the standpoint of the gospel but I will give you a few.

We have prayed earnestly that though our understanding of each other's language is limited, God would breach the gap with His Spirit and give them a testimony of the truth of our message. Our prayers have been answered even beyond our fondest hopes. Quite a number speak some English but even those who do not, find ways of conveying to us they believe our message and want more. There is a village back in the Yucatan jungles where we were invited to speak twice (and more if we had time), and we have never received such a warm response from a people anywhere as from them. Two or three hundred Mayan people turned out to the meetings. It looked like the whole village. We carry a Spanish Bible and Book of Mormon with us and by having them read passages directly from them with explanations and comments through an interpreter they were able to understand a great deal. After hearing our message they "kicked the priest out" (their language through the interpreter), and told us they wanted our church in their village, sending us a petition to that effect with forty-three names signed to it. Many took the altars and idols out of their homes after one sermon. The priest excommunicated all who would not renounce us. But they just laughed about that, saying that they were glad. Two other villages also ordered the priest to leave and want our church. It would have done your souls good to have seen the light spread across their countenances as they heard the Restoration message. The one priest is over several villages and they told us he had announced publicly that they should "chase us out" but the order seemed to work in reverse. The more the priest raved the more interest the people took in us and our church. They did not want us to come home and begged us to come back.

On one occasion we went with some friends to visit a ruins a short way from our "Casa." Workmen, while getting rock to crush for road work, had uncovered steps of a pyramid, about the middle of February. While we were at the ruins, the town's "Presidente", or mayor, came out with quite a number of city fathers. They were told who we were, by the press photographer and reporter who had just interviewed us, as the first Americans to visit these ruins. The mayor expressed the desire to see our pictures of the other ruins so we invited all, about 20, to stop at our place

and see them, and incidentally to have a cold drink. The day was so terribly hot. Almost the first thing the mayor did when they came in was ask to see the "Libro"—the Book of Mormon. He had evidently heard about it. We had them read certain passages from it and the Bible (in Spanish). They were very much interested and stayed for an hour or more. Upon leaving, the Mayor, who is a Catholic, made quite an appreciative speech, only part of which we could understand. Among other things, he said he was very "contente" to have been in our home and learn the things he had learned.

Many of the Evangelical Church want to come into our church. It looked to me like almost the whole group. One fine young man whose father is an Elder in the Evangelical Church wanted to come to the United States with us so he could be baptized and learn more about our church.

Since the Mexican revolution, only native born ministers can baptize and perform other ordinances in Mexico, so Brother Wheaton could not baptize him here. We could not arrange to bring him now although his father is willing and himself said it would make him very happy if Brother Wheaton could baptize him, the father, also now. But they all must wait until it can be done legally.

In the meantime they are willing to wait and study the Bible and Book of Mormon. We bought eight Bibles in Spanish—all we could afford and gave to leaders in some of the areas. Most of them have only heard of the Bible. We sent for Spanish Books of Mormon but so far they have not come.

Brother Wheaton taught them how to have Sunday Schools and arranged for some one to take charge. We pray that God will abundantly bless their efforts. It all makes me wonder if we of the Restoration, who have so much in the gospel way, even half appreciate what we have.

This letter or article has been written by piece meal because of our many activities. It is being finished aboard the "Emancipacion" as we await sailing time.

Our last act for the Lord's work before leaving Merida, Yucatan was to present a copy of the Book of Mormon in English to the Museum of Archeology and Anthropology at Merida. The heads of the department there became very much interested in it through our discussion with them of the American Archeology in relation to the Book of Mormon. The man, to whom we made the presentation, said he would read it very carefully. He said to us, "You look so good and so fine, your church must have done good things for you." I tell you this, not for the purpose of tossing bouquets to ourselves but to show you how God has heard and answered our prayers, wherein we prayed that the spirit of the gospel might radiate from us in such a way that those whom we came in contact with might receive a testimony of the truth and beauty of the message we bear, even though our conversation is limited. And to God be the praise and the glory.

Most sincerely, your sister in Christ,

ANGELA WHEATON

INVITATION TO THE REUNION AT COLORADO

The third annual reunion at Grand Junction, Colorado will be held this summer, June 7, 8, and 9. Plans are being made for a larger and more extensive Reunion. We urge everyone to try to attend.

The Lord wants us to gather together and be spiritually united. The Spirit has been with us in abundance both years, and we know that His Spirit will be with us again when we meet together for a spiritual feast.

Apostles R. R. Robertson, C. L. Wheaton, J. E. Yates, A. M. Smith, T. E. Barton, and also several of our younger ministers in the church, have been with us and we hope to have them with us again.

There will be a wonderful group of young people, with prayer services and activities planned for them. We need to get better acquainted with the saints everywhere and especially want our young folks to know each other.

Here is a chance to take your vacation and also receive a great deal of spiritual worth by coming and helping us enjoy those three days in Colorado. Those of us that have attended before can assure you it will be well worth your time and energy.

For further information or arrangements, write Brother and Sister Ted Ely, Route 4, Grand Junction, Colorado. We would like to hear from you. If you can be there, we will need your talents to make this Reunion a success.

SEE YOU THERE!

NOTICE

Remember the Missouri reunion at Independence, on the Temple Lot, the week-end of August 15, 16, and 17. Everyone is welcome.

Please notify the Reception Committee: Rolland Sprague, Nicholas Denham, J. M. Case, P. O. Box 472, Independence, Missouri.

Publicity Chairman,

J. M. CASE

OBITUARY

Brother Riley Pinder was born July 11, 1883, at Vernon, Pennsylvania and passed away January 10, 1952 at Flint General Hospital, Flint, Michigan. He was the son of Jason and Adeline Pinder. Brother Pinder was baptized by Elder Charles Burch at Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan in 1917, and remained true to the gospel all through the years.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife Nina, son Harold, one grandson and one brother Emery; also a great many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Lewis E. Welch at the Riegel Funeral Home in Flint, and interment was made in Gracelawn Cemetery.

Some of the readers of the Advocate will be interested to know of the passing of Sister Mary Ellen Spooner, born February 24, 1860, and departed this life February 28, 1952.

Monday, March 3rd at 2:00 P. M. the funeral services were conducted at the Brown-Page Chapel, with E. E. Long officiating. Burial at the Calvary Cemetery, Douglas, Arizona.