

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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The Love of God

Like a cradle rocking, rocking
Silent, peaceful, to and fro;
Like a mother's sweet looks dropping
On a little face below,
Hangs the green earth swinging, turning,
Jarless, noiseless, safe and slow;
Falls the light of God's face bending
Down and watching us below.

And as feeble babes that suffer,
Toss and cry and will not rest,
Are the ones the tender mother
Holds the closest, loves the best,
So when we are weak and wretched,
By our sins weighed down, distressed,
Then it is that God's great patience
Holds us closest, loves us best.

O, great heart of God! whose loving
Cannot hindered be nor crossed,
Will not weary—will not even
In our death itself be lost—
Love divine! of such great loving!
Only mothers know the cost:
Cost of love, which all love passing,
Gave a Son to save the lost.

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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.

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EDITORIAL

VALEDICTORY

Pursuant to the action of our General Church Conference, now a matter of history, I turn over the editorial pen to Elder Archie F. Bell, who is a member of the Quorum of Seventy. Bro. Bell has been a member of the Church, and active in missionary work, for many years, and so we feel that his background will be of much value to him and to you of the Church in maintaining a missionary Gospel publication.

For this reason, I willingly relinquish the responsibility which has been mine, and as I believe I realize the seriousness of the task, I earnestly solicit for Bro. Bell, and his associates, your brotherly consideration and prayers. More than that, if the ADVOCATE is to be a representative force for the Church and the Restoration Movement as a whole, it will require your contributions as people who are vitally interested in the promotion of this work.

You of the ministry should submit written matter which will "feed" the "sheep"—sermons, original articles, gospel experiences, etc. Anyone who has a personal testimony of the goodness of God to himself, or of your knowledge; let us not be timid in writing of these things, for they are invaluable to your brothers and sisters. Tell of the progress of the work of God in your part of the vineyard.

I ask that you support your editorial staff in this way, so that it will not be "their" paper, but "yours". Bro. Bell lives in Ava, Missouri, and your material should, henceforth, be sent to him. Do NOT send money for your subscriptions to him, but to the General Office here in Independence.

I am greatly indebted to my associates, Sr. Margaret Wheaton, and Sr. Marion Sprague, for the many, many hours they have given to the "mechanics" of producing the monthly editions, and the co-operative spirit shown. Many of you little realize just how much work is required, but I do, and so express my appreciation.

Now for a personal word, if I may: I have enjoyed my labors connected with the ADVOCATE, though in some respects it is a thankless job. I do not ask for thanks, for I realize that our Heavenly Father has been fully cognizant, as He is with everything which is done or said, and has blessed me richly. I know there have been mistakes, but even so, they were of the head, and not of the heart. I have done what I thought was best, and am in good conscience concerning my labor.

May Divine favor rest upon us as a people that we may see ourselves more as He sees us, and help to make such correction to our lives as will merit the addition of knowledge and wisdom to each one—and more important, CHARITY.

In Gospel Bonds,

WILLIAM A. SHELDON

Greetings to the Readers of Zion's Advocate:

We of the Church of Christ are engaged in the work for our God, building for Him a House that is to stand forever. This House, having such a requirement, must be constructed of approved materials. It must also be built by qualified workmen.

We find through our experiences in life that there are three types of labor engaged in work having to do

with construction. They are Builders, Remodelers, and Wreckers.

To be a Builder requires knowledge of blueprints and specifications. Along with this knowledge must be an understanding of properly fitting a structure together, piece by piece. This knowledge must be accompanied by the proper skill if the structure would be perfect.

The Remodeler comes onto the work when a mistake is found in the construction of the structure. He, of a necessity, must have the knowledge and skill of the Builder, and in addition to this he must know how to remove the mistake without injuring the structure. And if the detail belongs in another place in the structure he must know how to properly install it in its designated place so it will add its intended strength to the structure.

The Wrecker needs no skill. The tools he uses may be crude. He may even use an explosive and destroy in a few minutes a structure which has taken years of highly skilled labor to construct.

In studying these three types it doesn't take the serious minded person long to decide he wants to be a Builder. And when he has made this decision his next move is to qualify himself by developing whatever talents he has that will add help to the Lord's work. He will not want to make a mistake.

The blueprints we find in the Sacred Records entrusted to us are so far superior to anything offered by the world that we do not even need to offer a comparison. We need only to tell, show and demonstrate that which we have to those of the House of the Lord and to those who are interested in His house. By doing this we are qualifying ourselves to be numbered among those of His forces.

ARCHIE F. BELL

REPORT OF THE 1953 CONFERENCE

* Foreword *

In order to reduce to a minimum the time required to read the actions of the business sessions, the Ministers' Conference has instructed the secretaries to report in the Advocate only those measures on which an affirmative vote carried. The complete minutes of the proceedings as approved by the conference are held on file by the General Church Secretary; the General Church Recorder, James M. Case; the Secretary of the Council of Twelve, Arthur M. Smith; LeRoy Wheaton, the Secretary of the Council of Bishops; and the Board of General Church Historians.

The following principles will guide the report of the affirmative action of the 1953 Conference:

1. Organization of the conference is condensed.
2. Opening and closing exercises of the meetings are omitted.
3. Approval of minutes from session are omitted.
4. Ministerial reports are not shown; other reports not acted upon will be mentioned in brief, if at all. Reports being spread in full in other pages of the 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 or other bodies 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 secondeders 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 principles.

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, 1953 to April 11, 1953 on the Temple Lot, at Independence, Missouri

April 6, 1953—10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle James E. Yates. The body organized the conference as follows:

Chairmanship: The members of the Council of Twelve.

Secretary: Bro. Forest Maley.

Press Committee: Brethren J. Maynard Case, Clarence L. Wheaton and Edward McIndoo.

Ushers: Deacons of the Independence Local Church.

Chorister: Sr. Metta Anderson.

Program for the Conference:

9:30 — 10:45 A. M. Prayer and devotional service.

11:00 — 12:00 A. M. Preaching, except when other provisions are made.

2:00 — 4:00 P. M. Business Session.

4:30 — 5:30 P. M. School of the Ministry.

7:30 — 8:00 P. M. Song Service.

8:00 P. M. Preaching.

Meetings of the Ministry in quorum capacity, committees, etc., shall be held during the early morning hours as much as possible, that all may be at liberty to attend the business session of the Conference in the afternoon. When emergencies arise, these rules may be changed by a motion from the conference floor, and a majority vote of the body.

The Young People's Christian League was given Friday evening, April 10, for their annual picnic.

The General Sunday School Association was given Saturday forenoon April 11, from 9:30 to 12:00, for their convention.

The United Workers were given Friday afternoon April 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. for their convention.

A petition from membership in Canada requesting the setting aside of April 9 for considering the establishment of Zion was referred to a committee to formulate a program for that day. The committee: T. J. Jordan, Leon A. Gould, and Joseph Yates.

April 6, 1953 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The committee on a program for Zionic study brought in their recommendations. Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved that we convene at 9:00 A. M. April 9, 1953 in the capacity of a prayer meeting and continue in prayer meeting through the time required that we feel necessary. Then discontinue the prayer meeting and take up the discussion in the School of the Ministry as long as they desire. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to Fernando Ojeda was considered:

Independence, Missouri
April 6, 1953

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommends that the Conference provide for the ordination of Fernando Ojeda to the office of an Elder in the Church of Christ, at the 8:00 P. M. o'clock service Monday April 6th.

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

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we concur in the recommendation of the Twelve relative to the ordination of Brother Fernando Ojeda and that the three named in the spiritual communication Sunday (A. M. Smith, L. A. Gould, and Clarence L. Wheaton) be the ones to officiate. Seconded by Bro. Leon Yates. Carried.

April 7, 1953 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was considered:

April 6, 1953

To the Ministers' Conference of 1953
Independence, Missouri.
Brethren:

The conference of 1952 ordered this Jurisprudence Committee to submit our final report to this 1953 conference.

We have now made our final revisions in our former reports on the Jurisprudence and are attaching a copy showing these revisions. Our appointed work is now finished.

We request that this Jurisprudence Committee now be relieved of further responsibility in this connection and that the committee be dissolved.

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

Bro. Forest Maley moved that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received and the Committee be discharged. Seconded and carried.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that in consideration of this final revision of the Jurisprudence that we first allow the body the privilege of transferring the final revisions to copies of their own and then defer further action on this report until the morning session of Friday, April 10, 1953 to allow study and comparison with the old Jurisprudence. Seconded by Bro. James E. Yates. Carried.

April 8, 1953 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle T. J. Jordan in charge assisted by Apostle Arthur M. Smith.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved the following:

Be it resolved that following the first reading of all Ministerial Reports in the Conference they shall be returned to their respective quorums for compiling for reporting to the Advocate and for filing with their respective secretaries. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried.

Election of Officers:

General Church Secretary—Forest Maley.
General Church Recorder—J. Maynard Case.
General Church Chorister—Metta Anderson.
Editor-in-Chief of Zion's Advocate.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to defer action on the editors of the Advocate until the report of the Board of Publication comes in. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

Dining Hall Committee—Sr. Minnie Smith as chairman with power to choose assistants.

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

Auditing Committee—Rolland Sprague for a three year term; the other members being J. Maynard Case (2) and Dorothy Denham (1).

Referendum Committee—Ora Derry elected for a three year term; the other members being Nicholas F. Denham (2) and Marion Sprague (1).

Relations Committee—Leon A. Gould elected for a three year term; the other members being A. M. Smith (2) and R. R. Robertson (1).

Board of General Church Historians:—A. M. Smith elected for a three year term; the other members being Clarence L. Wheaton (2) and J. Maynard Case (1).

Library Board—J. Maynard Case elected for a three year term; the other members being A. M. Smith (2) and Margaret Wheaton (1).

Building Committee—Vance Harris elected for a three year term; the other members being Harvey J. Bell (2) and Richard Wheaton (1). Bro. Bell Chairman.

The Auditor's Report was considered. (See other pages of Zion's Advocate).

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the Auditor's Report and that it be spread upon the minutes. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

April 10, 1953 — 10:00 A. M. Session

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

The report of the Board of Publications was considered.

Independence, Missouri
April 8, 1953

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Board of Publications wish to report their activities for the past year. We met in four formal sessions and several informal consultations.

Our major concern was in securing a printer to publish the Church History and in formulating the style of type and binding for it. We were able to obtain the services of Lambert-Moon Printing Co., for 1,000 copies and the history will be off the press about May 1, 1953.

We have revised and reprinted the application for membership blanks. We have ordered 1,000 copies of the following tracts reprinted:

"Book of Mormon" by B. C. Flint, "Church of Christ, Where Is It?" by Wm. F. Anderson and "Church of Christ and Temple Lot Decision" by C. L. Wheaton and J. M. Case.

We have under study two revised tracts ordered at the last conference, "Brief History" by A. M. Smith and "Historical Facts Concerning the Temple Lot Suit" by C. L. Wheaton.

We have under study the revision of the following

forms: Reinstatement of Membership blanks, Baptismal Certificates and Ordination Certificates.

We recommend that the Conference take action to clarify certain responsibilities given to the Board of Publication by the Conference of 1950 relative to their reviewing "controversial and speculative articles" prior to their being printed in the Advocate. We recommend rescinding the action taken in 1939 which is in conflict therewith.

Respectfully submitted,
 (signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
 Sec'y. of the Board of Publications
 Nicholas F. Denham
 Chairman of the Board of Publications
 Forest E. Maley
 D. G. Chapman
 Louise P. Sheldon

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we refer this to a committee of three; one of the Twelve, one of the Bishops, and one of the Seventy, to take all the resolutions we have adopted regarding the editorial work of the Advocate and Board of Publications and make a correlations of these things so that there is no conflict in these regulations and bring a report to this conference. Seconded by Sr. Angela Wheaton. Carried.

The Committee on Advocate and Board of Publications legislation: A. M. Smith, LeRoy Wheaton, and Archie F. Bell.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Report of the Board of Publications be received and spread upon the minutes. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague. Carried.

The Jurisprudence, as finally revised by the Jurisprudence Committee, was considered:

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to defer final action on the Jurisprudence for one year and to appoint a committee of three to take this matter under consideration and report to the 1954 Conference as the first order of business. Seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Carried.

Jurisprudence Committee: Joseph E. Yates, Archie F. Bell and Wm. A. Sheldon.

The missionary appointments were considered:

To the Conference of the Church of Christ
 Greetings:
 Independence, Missouri
 April 8, 1953

The Council of Twelve wish to submit the following as the proposed field of labor for the members of the Council of Twelve, subject to changes such as the Conference may direct.

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson—South Central States: Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas; also associated with Apostle T. J. Jordan in his field.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton—Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and the Republic of Mexico.

Apostle Thomas E. Barton—Associated with Apostle Wheaton in Colorado.

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

Apostle Don W. Housknecht—Northeastern States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland; and Eastern Canada.

Apostle T. J. Jordan—Northwestern States: Wash-

ington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana; and Western Canada.

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

Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon—Missouri.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith—Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana; Bro. Anderson to be in charge of this field during the absence of Bro. Smith.

Apostle James E. Yates—California and Nevada.

Apostle B. C. Flint—Wisconsin and Illinois.

The Council further recommends that Elder Fernando Ojeda be commissioned as a full time missionary to labor with and in conjunction with Apostle C. L. Wheaton, with Yuactan as his special objective. European Mission

The Council further recommends that Aopstle Arthur M. Smith be placed in charge of the European Mission, to go to this Mission as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, and to remain as long as expediency and safety would permit, and that his wife Sister Minnie C. Smith shall accompany him on this mission.

In connection with these appointments we also recommend 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 Arthur M. Smith, in the European Mission.

The Council also recommends that Elder Sylvanus Mason shall be appointed to labor as circumstances may permit, as associate with Apostle Arthur M. Smith in the European Mission.

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

Bro. Joseph E. Yates moved that we approve and concur in this complete recommendation with no changes relative to missionary appointments. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

The body took up for consideration the Report of the General Bishopric:

Independence, Missouri
 April 10, 1953
 To the Church of Christ
 In Conference assembled
 Greetings:

The General Bishopric have prepared, and recommend to the conference, the following budget for the 1953-1954 conference year:

Family Allowances	\$ 9,360.00
Elders' Expense	400.00
Aid	800.00
Advocate	1,620.00
Board of Publications	2,250.00
General Church Expense	600.00
General Office Expense	350.00
Mexican Mission	1,500.00
European Mission	1,200.00
Vault	600.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00

TOTAL\$19,680.00

We have included in the family allowances sufficient to provide for the increased allowance for dependent children as recommended by the Joint Council.

We have also included funds to carry on the mis-

sions in Yucatan and Europe as recommended by the Joint Council, and also under miscellaneous are funds to provide for the proposed parking area.

The Board of Publications fund is to cover the printing of the history and also such needed tracts and books as may be needed.

We wish to express the deep appreciation of the Bishopric for the splendid manner in which you have answered the call for increased funds. We received for the first time this year tithes and offerings over and above our expenditures, which enabled us to build up a small reserve rather than fall back on the reserve accumulated in previous years. For this we are thankful to the Lord for blessing you and in putting into your hearts to come forward and assist in His work. In the year ahead much is required if we are able to accomplish the work before us, however we are sure that by the Lord's help and your faith this and more shall be accomplished.

May God bless each of His children.

Respectfully,

(signed) C. LEROY WHEATON, JR.
Secretary General Bishopric

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the Bishopric Report. Seconded by Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

April 10, 1953 — 4:00 P. M. Session

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

The Report of the Joint Council of Twelve and Bishopric was concided:

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1953

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ

Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve and the General Bishopric on April 9 approved the following actions to be presented to the conference for your consideration and approval:

"We concur in the recommendation of the Council of Twelve that Elder Fernando Ojeda of Ticul, Yucatan be allowed \$300.00 per year to do full time missionary work in Yucatan."

"We recommend that \$1,200.00 to be made available to Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton if needed to carry on this year's missionary work in Yucatan."

"We recommend that \$1,200.00 be made available to Apostle A. M. Smith if needed to carry on this year's missionary work in Europe, and that the Bishops be allowed latitude in furnishing funds for these missions."

"We recommend that Elder Vance H. Harris be placed in the General Bishopric to fill the present vacancy."

"We concur in the recommendation of the General Bishopric that the allowance for dependent children be increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month."

"We recommend that Bishop N. F. Denham be the Business Manager for the coming year."

"We recommend that Elder J. M. Case be the Caretaker for the coming year."

"We recommend that the conference authorize the General Bishopric to proceed to provide parking at the rear of the lot."

"We recommend the approval of the recommendation coming from the General Bishopric as follows:

The need for a church home for the aged, needy,

and orphan children has been long apparent. The project of providing such a home for a long time seemed to be impossible in view of the difficulty encountered in providing means for the necessary missionary work. However, the hour is late and need for such a home is increasing; therefore it is recommended by the General Bishopric that the church look with favor toward such a project being started as soon as means can be provided and that the General Bishopric be authorized to begin such a project with such monies as may be available.

It is further recommended that this home shall be established in or near Independence, Missouri, and shall be designated for the use of the needy, aged, and orphan children from the entire church. This home shall be self-sustaining as far as possible and shall be operated in harmony with such regulations as shall be prescribed by the General Bishopric.

Comfortable quarters should be provided in designated sections; one for men, one for women, and one for couples. A central living room, dining room, and kitchen should be provided for all the residents of the home. The individual quarters shall consist of a combination living room and bedroom and a bathroom.

Those who desire to enter the home as residents who have means such as real and personal property and pensions shall contribute of their means to their own support in the home; nevertheless an individual shall not be refused entrance into the home merely because he has no means to provide for his support, as such means shall be provided by the church.

Be it further recommended that the General Bishopric be authorized to solicit offerings of both real and personal property that may be set up as a fund to establish such a home and that such tithes and offerings as may come in over and above our budget may also be used if it is deemed advisable by the Bishopric."

Respectfully,

(signed) C. LEROY WHEATON, JR.
Secretary Joint Council

Sr. Angela Wheaton moved that we consider each recommendation separately. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

Recommendation relative to Fernando Ojeda:

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Leon Yates. Carried.

Recommendation on Mexican Mission:

Bro. Leon Yates moved to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Edward McIndoo. Carried.

Recommendation on the European Mission:

Bro. Edward McIndoo moved to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

Recommendation to place Vance H. Harris in the General Bishopric:

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to concur in the recommendation and the setting apart of Bro. Harris to the General Bishopric be at the 6:00 P. M. prayer meeting the following Sunday night. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried.

Recommendation on missionary allowances:

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to approve of the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Horace Darby. Carried.

Recommendation to have Nicholas F. Denham as Business Manager:

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to concur in the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Recommendation that Bro. Case be Caretaker:

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve of this recommendation and that Bro. J. M. Case be the Full Time Representative in the Church Office. Seconded by Bro. Geo. Brantner. Carried.

Recommendation on parking facilities:

Bro. A. M. Smith moved to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Leon A. Gould. Carried.

Recommendation on home for the aged, etc:

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation coming from the Bishopric in this matter. Seconded by Bro. Horace Darby. Carried.

The body considered the report of the Committee on Advocate and Board of Publications legislation:

The Editorial Staff

There shall be an Editorial Staff consisting of an Editor and two Associate Editors, whose terms of office shall run conjointly and whose duties shall be:

To share the responsibility of conducting the Zion's Advocate.

To consult together in establishing all editorial policies not specifically authorized by the Conference.

To decide upon matters to be published in Zion's Advocate. In event of a division on the decision as to whether an article or letter should be published, a majority vote of the three editors shall decide.

The policy of Zion's Advocate shall be to affirmatively emphasize the fulfillment of prophecy, the signs of the times, and to promote the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ as accepted by the Church of Christ.

Board of Publications

The Board of Publications shall consist of five members. The Chairman shall be the Business Manager of the Church. The remaining four shall be elected for three year terms running alternately; two to be elected each third year. The Board shall have charge of approving and printing all books, tracts, etc., published by the General Church, except the Zion's Advocate. They shall only have charge of its publication. All official publications of the Church of Christ shall carry the following statement: "Published by Board of Publications Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Box 472, Independence, Missouri."

Be it resolved that if there be any previous resolutions or enactments contrary to the above provisions as relating to the Board of Publications or the Editorial Policy of Zion's Advocate they are hereby rescinded.

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH

ARCHIE F. BELL

C. LEROY WHEATON, JR.

Bro. Joseph Yates moved to concur and approve of that entire recommendation from the committee on Advocate and Board of Publications. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved as matter incidental to the Board of Publications the following:

Whereas the books and papers now in the Church Library have been placed under the care of the Library Board by enactment of conference,

Be it resolved that if there be any resolutions or enactments contrary to the above provision, that it is hereby rescinded and annulled. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

April 11, 1953 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The matter coming before the body from the previous meeting was the election of the editorial staff of Zion's Advocate.

Editor of Zion's Advocate: Archie F. Bell.

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate: Lois Harris and Margaret Wheaton.

The body considered a recommendation of the Twelve on Indian Relations:

Independence, Missouri

April 10, 1953

To the Conference of the Church of Christ

Greetings:

Inasmuch as there has come to the Council a letter from our Brother Howard LaHurreau, asking that something might be done to help them (the Indians) in their struggle to regain their freedom and independence, and that we might help them against the influence of the many evils that threaten them now, the Council of Twelve recommend to the conference:

"That a committee of three, to be known as the Indian Relations Committee, be set up to function along the lines suggested by Brother LaHurreau in his letter to Brother Smith; and be it further

Resolved, that Brother Howard LaHurreau shall be one of this committee; the other two shall be selected, one from the Council of Twelve and one from the Council of Bishops."

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH

Secretary of the Council of Twelve

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approved the recommendation from the Council of Twelve to set up a committee known as the Indian Relations Committee. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

Indian Relations Committee: Arthur M. Smith, Vance H. Harris and Howard LaHurreau.

The Report of the Library Board was considered:

April 3, 1953

We, the members of the Library Board beg to report to the Ministers' Conference assembled April 6th, 1953.

Greetings:

Our Church Library is complete as checked with the records. This last year we were able to get bound six volumes of "The History of the Roman Empire" by Gibbons, that had been given the Church by Brother Burt McKim.

We were able to get two complete sets of Histories; one, the four volumes of the Reorganized Church Histories; and seven complete volumes of Utah "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" histories.

Perhaps this year we may be able to get things in such shape as to have a complete card file system for the church privileges, for those books that would be eligible for loaning, for the study of the ministry and membership of the church.

Sincerely the Library Board,

(signed) ARTHUR M. SMITH

MARGARET E. WHEATON

JAMES M. CASE

Bro. Forest Maley moved to approve the report of the Library Board. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Yates. Carried.

The body considered a resolution on seating equipment:

Independence, Missouri
April 6, 1953

Because of general deterioration, as well as the design of the seats in the auditorium being uncomfortable, the need is great that provision be made for obtaining more comfortable and better designed seats;

Therefore be it resolved that this conference authorize the Bishopric to proceed at the earliest time possible to secure and have installed new, or nearly new seats to replace the present seats, and dispose of the old seats as seems best to them.

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to refer this matter of seating to the Bishopric and the Building Committee to act on as they deem advisable. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

The body considered a recommendation from the Twelve relative to Wilbur Yates.

The document is shown in its finally adopted form:
Independence, Missouri
April 6, 1953

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

Inasmuch as there has come to the Council positive evidence that Elder Wilbur F. Yates, of Canoga Park, California, has for some time been affiliated with and supporting an organization known as the "W.K.F.L. Fountain of the World" which has for its leader a man who claims to be the Christ, and whom his followers call "Master", and inasmuch as his letters indicate that he intends to continue to follow that which the Council believes to be a delusion and a heresy; therefore

The Council of Twelve recommends to the Conference that Elder Wilbur F. Yates be temporarily silenced in accordance to the Jurisprudence, and that the Missionary in charge of California be instructed to proceed with whatever action may be necessary in harmony with the Jurisprudence of the Church.

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

Bro. James E. Yates moved to adopt the recommendation of the Twelve relative to Wilbur Yates. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried.

The body considered the Auditing Committee Report:

To the Ministers' Conference April 3, 1953
April 6th, 1953
Greetings:

We the Auditing Committee beg to report. We have obtained the Auditor. The books are audited as of April 3rd, and are in the Auditing Committee's hands; being turned over the respective copies to each one of the Bishopric, and the Conference.

Respectfully,
(signed) The Auditing Committee
JAMES M. CASE
DOROTHY DENHAM
ROLLAND D. SPRAGUE

Bro. Forest Maley moved to approve the report of the Auditing Committee. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

The body considered the Report of the General Church Recorder:

To the Ministers' Conference
Assembled April 6, 1953
Greetings:

As the General Church Recorder I seek to report the findings for the 1952 and 1953 Conference Year. The number reported last year being a total of 2,308.

Those removed by death this year.....	5
Those found deceased on the records.....	3
Removed from the Church of Christ Records....	1
Baptized this year into the Church of Christ.....	65

Gives the total membership on the records.....2,364

I have found that there are some, that is five, individuals that are supposed to be members of the Church for some years standing, but as yet have not been put on the records of the Church. I have not, as yet, been able to get their records, but just as soon as I can, will see that their names shall be recorded.

Babies blessed the past year.....	42
Elders ordained	4
One being received with transfer, making total....	5
Priests ordained	2
One received with transfer, making total.....	3
Teachers Ordained	1
Deacons Ordained	1

Five Locals being organized this last year:

Organization of the Orchard Mesa Local, Grand Junction, Colorado; by Apostle R. R. Robertson. Pastor, Elder Marvin Ely.

Organization of the Cowgill, Missouri Local, Cowgill, Missouri; by Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon. Pastor Elder D. Ray Bryant.

Organization of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Local, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; by Apostle B. C. Flint. Pastor, Elder Ray Hunholz.

Organization of the Oak Ridge, Tennessee Local, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; by Apostle R. R. Robertson. Pastor, Elder Herbert F. Kidd.

Organization of the Columbus, Ohio Local, Columbus, Ohio; by Apostle Don W. Housknecht. Pastor, Elder Elmer H. Jenkins.

As ever for the cause of Zion,
Sincerely,

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

Bro. Forest Maley moved to approve the report of the General Church Recorder. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

Sr. Minnie Smith made verbal report for the Dining Hall Committee:

We received over 200 quarts of canned vegetables and fruit; also some lard, flour, beans and eggs. We took in donations of \$302.58.

We paid out for equipment and supplies \$243.43. \$36.00 of that was for equipment such as dishes, which didn't include the new silverware. It was for our clock, and dishes, and mop.

We have a \$19.82 unpaid bill for milk. On hand we have \$64.64. In the Bishopric's hands we have \$308.56.

I want to thank all for your co-operation.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to accept the Dining Hall Committee report and spread it on the minutes; and give a rising vote of thanks to the Dining Hall Committee. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

The report of the General Sunday School Association was considered: (See other pages of this Advocate for the full text).

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the report of the General Sunday School Association. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

The report of the United Workers was considered: (See other pages of this Advocate for the full text).

Bro. Forrest Maley moved to approve the report of the United Workers. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

The Report of the School of the Ministry was considered: (See other pages of this Advocate for the full text).

Bro. Forrest Maley moved to approve the report of the School of the Ministry with the provision that the word "Chairman" be substituted for the word "President." Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

The report of the Building Committee was considered: it follows in its finally adopted form:

April 11, 1953

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

The Building Committee of the Church of Christ wish to submit the following report and recommendations. Our activities for the past year have been as follows:

The building was treated for termite protection. Broken siding was replaced and painted where needed and the foundation was repaired and cemented around the entire building.

The expense of redecorating the upper auditorium, including a new ceiling was shared equally with the Local Church and Sunday School; each paying one-third of the expense. The cost to the General Church was approximately \$51.00.

After further study concerning the building of the fire-proof vault, we recommend that we be authorized to increase the size of the proposed building to 12 ft. by 30 ft. instead of the original 12 ft. by 12 ft. This increase is very necessary to properly house all of the books and records to be placed therein. We recommend this increase be made and the cost not to exceed \$250.00 additional, said cost to be subject to approval of the Bishopric.

By doing this, the 4 foot space between the church building and the vault could be covered and used as a place of storage for the lawn mower, tables, canned goods and other miscellaneous items.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Richard A. Wheaton, Chairman
Vance Harris, Member
Harvey J. Bell, Member

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we receive the document and concur in the recommendations with the exception that we recommend that the Building Committee consider an addition to be 12 feet wide and 30 feet long. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that this conference be adjourned tomorrow evening at the close of the preaching service; and that when it does adjourn, it does so to convene April 6, 1954—10:00 A. M. at Independence, Missouri. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Bro. A. M. Smith had reported that the Committee on Past Conference Enactments had not been active during the past year.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to dispose of the Committee on Past Conference Enactments. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

The Chairman, Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton declared the session to stand adjourned, since there was no further business.

The above and foregoing is the affirmative report of the Ministers' Conference held on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri starting April 6 and ending April 11, 1953.

In this I am indebted to Bro. LeRoy Wheaton for his valuable assistance at the desk of Secretary.

Respectfully,
FOREST E. MALEY
Secretary of the Conference

REPORT of the

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Independence, Missouri

April 11, 1953

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

The General Sunday School Association met in conference at 9:30 April 11, 1953 and wish to report their actions as follows:

Opening Song—No. 221 followed with prayer by Bro. Leslie Case.

Special—by Sr. Alice Fawn Hooker.

The report of the last meeting was read.

The reports from the different locals were read. They were from the following locals: Morgantown, West Virginia; Cowgill, Missouri; Grand Junction, Colorado; Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Independence, Missouri. There were verbal reports from Sparta, Wisconsin and Phoenix, Arizona.

The secretary's report was read. It was moved that it be approved and spread on the minutes.

The treasurer's report was read and it was moved that it be approved and spread on the minutes.

It was suggested that it be put in the Advocate how to make out the checks and money orders for the one-tenth out to the General Sunday School Association.

It was moved that we use whatsoever channels that are proper and fitting to petition the General Church body for material for the instruction of the very young and the junior and senior classes in our Sunday School classes of the Church. Seconded.

It was amended that we add that our needs should be submitted and itemized from the bottom up. Seconded and carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Moved that we have election of officers. Seconded. Carried.

Superintendent: Bro. Denver Chapman, declined.

Bro. Bob Maley—5.

Bro. Vance Harris, declined.

Bro. Leslie Case—12.

Bro. Rolland Sprague—8.

Moved that nominations cease and we proceed to vote. Seconded. Carried. Bro. Leslie Case was our new superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer:

Bro. Denver Chapman, declined.

Bro. Rolland Sprague.

Moved that nominations cease and Bro. Sprague be our assistant superintendent and treasurer. Seconded. Carried.

Secretary:

Sr. Mary Seevers, declined.

Sr. Lois Harris.

Moved that nominations cease and Sr. Harris be our secretary. Seconded. Carried.

Quarterly Committee:

Bro. Marvin Ely, declined.

Bro. Bob Maley—17

Bro. Denver Chapman—12.

Bro. Bob Case—17.

Sr. Lois Harris—17.

Sr. Ora Derry—16.

Sr. Arra Gentry—16.

Sr. Doris Sheldon—1.

Sr. Marion Sprague—13.

Sr. Irene Maley—6.

Moved that nominations cease and we proceed to vote. Seconded. Carried.

The new Quarterly Committee was Bro. Bob Maley, Bro. Bob Case, Sr. Lois Harris, Sr. Ora Derry, and Sr. Arra Gentry.

Moved that we adjourn. Seconded. Carried.

Closing Song—No. 220 followed with prayer by Bro. Denver Chapman.

Respectfully submitted,

SISTER MARY SEEVERS

General Sunday School Ass'n.

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

At the request of your Auditing Committee, consisting of Mr. J. M. Case, Mrs. Dorothy Denham and Mr. R. D. Sprague, I 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, 1952 to March 15, 1953 and present herewith my report including the following statements:

Exhibit A—Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for year ended March 15, 1953.

Exhibit B—Funds Balance Sheet at March 15, 1953.

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 "Mexican Missions", "Special Missionary" and "Books of Mormon for missionary work" 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, in the opinion of the Business Manager, apparently fulfill the intent of these specific offerings.

Receipts from Advocate subscriptions were \$297.60 which is \$1,164.19 less than the total expenditures of \$1,463.79 for printing and mailing. Receipts from sales of books and tracts amounted to \$170.10 compared to purchases of \$209.80. Inventories of the unsold books on hand at the beginning and end of the year were not taken. Receipts of the Dining Hall were \$308.56 in excess of the expenditures.

The General Fund receipts exceeded the disbursements by \$3,172.92 leaving an unexpended balance of \$5,152.99 at March 15, 1953.

Contributions of \$55.00 were received for the History Fund and deposited in the General Fund bank account making the total now held for the History Fund, \$176.75. There have been no expenditures against this fund.

A contribution of \$5.00 was received for the Storehouse Fund and deposited in the General Fund bank account. There have been no disbursements against this contribution.

Temple Fund contributions of \$23.84 were received and deposited in the special Temple Fund account with the First National Bank bringing the total of this fund to \$2,258.98. There have been no expenditures.

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. Not all additions since March 16, 1940 have been charged to these equipment accounts as some items have been charged to expenses, such as the new lawnmower purchased during the year under review.

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, 1953. 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.

Full co-operation was accorded me by the Business Manager and the Auditing Committee.

I shall be glad to furnish any additional information that may be required

Independence, Missouri
April 3, 1953

AMOS E. ALLEN
Certified Public Accountant

CHURCH OF CHRIST		EXHIBIT A
GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS		
FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 1953		
Receipts:		
Tithing		\$16,266.43
Offerings		399.92
Mexican Mission		15.00
Special Missionary		17.00
Books of Mormon—for Missionary Work.....		24.64
Advocate Subscriptions		297.60
Books and Tracts		170.10
Dining Hall		314.54
Independence Church—For Lawnmower.....		25.00
Sale of Posts		21.13
		\$17,551.86
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.	1,050.00	
Wheaton, C. L., Sr.....	960.00	
Yates, James E.	960.00	\$ 9,210.00
		1,863.75
Elders' Expenses		672.00
Aid		
General Church Expenses:		
Maintenance of Temple Lot	\$ 311.68	
Maintenance of Building	174.76	
New Lawnmower	100.00	
Legal Expense	25.00	611.44
		General Office Expenses:
Telephone	\$ 88.03	
Stationery, Postage, Etc.	156.65	
Fidelity Bond	12.50	
Audit	50.00	
Typing	35.00	342.18
		Advocate Printing, Postage, Etc.
		1,463.79
Books and Tracts		209.80
Dining Hall		5.98
		14,378.94
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 3,172.92
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1952.....		1,980.07
		Cash in Bank—March 15, 1953.....
		\$ 5,152.99
HISTORY FUND:		
Receipts		
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1952	\$ 55.00	
	121.75	
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1953.....		\$ 176.75
STOREHOUSE FUND:		
Receipts—Cash in Bank—March 15, 1953.....		5.00
Total Cash in General Fund Account, March 15, 1953, Comprising General, History and Storehouse Funds.		\$ 5,334.74
TEMPLE FUND:		
Receipts:		
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1952.....	\$ 23.84	
Cash in Bank—March 15, 1953.....	2,235.14	
		\$ 2,258.98

EXHIBIT B

CHURCH OF CHRIST
FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 15, 1953

ASSETS:	General Fund	History Fund	Store-house Fund	Temple Fund	Total
Cash in Bank:					
General Fund Account.....	\$5,152.99	\$176.75	\$5.00	\$	\$5,334.74
Temple Fund Account.....				2,258.98	2,258.98
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.....	\$5,347.81	\$176.75	\$5.00	\$2,258.98	\$7,788.54
LIABILITIES—(None Recorded)					
FUND EQUITIES—(Present Worth):					
Balances—March 15, 1952.....	\$2,174.89	\$121.75	\$	\$2,235.14	\$4,531.78
Net Increases for Year Ended					
March 15, 1953—per Exhibit A.....	3,172.92	55.00	5.00	23.84	3,256.76
Balances—March 15, 1953.....	<u>\$5,347.81</u>	<u>\$176.75</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$2,258.98</u>	<u>\$7,788.54</u>

REPORT
of the
BUSINESS SESSION
of the
GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED
WORKERS
Women's Auxiliary of the Church of Christ

April 11, 1953

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

Meeting was opened at 2:00 P. M. on April 10, 1953 with 23 present and in charge of the Chairman, Sr. Minnie Smith, by singing the theme song "Blest be the Tie That Binds." The Lord's prayer was repeated in unison.

The minutes of the meeting of April 10, 1952 were read, approved as read and spread on the minutes.

The treasurer's report shows a balance from the 1952 report of \$16.02. Expenses for the past year, \$2.23. Collection at present meeting, \$5.40. Total balance on hand \$19.19. This report was read and spread upon the minutes.

Officers were elected as follows:
Chairman, Sr. Minnie Smith.
Assistant Chairman, Sr. Ora Derry.
Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris.
Treasurer, Sr. Bertha Case.
Member at Large, Sr. Angela Wheaton.

Reports from the following locals were read: Ava, Missouri; Riverview, Michigan; Independence, Missouri.

The Bible School report was given by Sr. Bertha Case and Sr. Lois Harris.

The Secretary read the enactments of the General

Organization of United Workers from the time of organization in 1947 through 1952, which contained the program adopted by the first meeting. It was moved and seconded that we strike out the words "No money making projects" from our program and add "that we not make the amassing of money our main object." Carried.

Moved and seconded that instead of repeating the Lord's prayer in unison as provided for in the program that we be led in prayer by a member. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we strike out all after the word "singing" from the third item in the program, and substitute "a hymn". Carried.

Presented to us for our future action was the thought that we plan to buy a lot with a building, or buy a lot and build and building to accommodate sleeping quarters upstairs and a dining room and kitchen on the first floor, for use of visitors at conference time.

The minutes were read and approved by the body. Dismissed with prayer by Sr. Mason.

(signed) LOIS HARRIS, Secretary
MINNIE C. SMITH, Chairman

REPORT
of the
SCHOOL OF THE MINISTRY

April 11, 1953

To the Conference Assembled:

The School of the Ministry has held seven sessions to date. The first one, April 2, seemed to have been called through a misunderstanding of the action of the conference relative to the calling of a meeting for the Quorums, and was adjourned at once.

The sessions of April 6, 7, and 8, took up and discussed matters relating to marriage and divorce, but

the discussion was not brought to a conclusion by any action of the School.

On April 9, two sessions were held, one from 10 to 12 A. M. and one from 2 to 5 P. M., in which matters relating to the Zionic question were discussed in some of its various phases, emphasizing a wide degree of opinion and thought, but the subject was by no means exhausted.

A short session was held at 1:15 P. M. April 11, at which time officers were chosen for the coming year as follows: Chairman, Archie F. Bell; Assistant Chairman, James M. Case; Secretary, L. A. Gould. A motion prevailed that subjects be assigned various men upon which to write for use in the School of the Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. GOULD, Secretary

INDIAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

By the recent Conference enactment a change was made in the mission fields, affecting the Mission to the American Indian. For a number of years Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton has had the Indian Mission, which took in all North and South America; this of course was more than any one man could cover and do justice to the work, nevertheless Apostle Wheaton did cover a goodly portion of this field, especially within the United States and some of Mexico. The past year he labored more intensively in Yucatan with the result that when he returned to his home from his recent trip to this part of his field, he brought back with him a young man from the Mayan tribe, who having been converted to the Gospel under the teaching of Brother and Sister Wheaton, had come back with them that he might be baptized, and become a member of the Church of Christ.

This young man had been working with Bro. Wheaton as an interpreter in Yucatan for some time, and in this way had received much instruction concerning the Gospel work. He attended the Conference with the Wheatons, and soon endeared himself with all those who came in contact with him, by his deep devotion and sincere attitude towards the work. It was not surprising then that on April 5th during the Sacrament service he should be spoken to and called to the service of Christ as an Elder in the Church of Christ, to many this was indeed the opening of a door to His people (the Mayan people of Yucatan) who have been held in bondage and darkness for so many ages, and now a way out of that darkness and into the light of the Gospel had been opened to them, that they with us might rejoice in the blessings of the Restored Gospel and the Church of Christ.

Bro. Wheaton also brought with him a petition and a long list of names of those to whom they had been able to take the story of the Gospel and who, having learned that sweet old story that never grows old, but rather "grows sweeter as the days go by" desired that they might have the opportunity to join the church and be baptized, with us in the Kingdom of God. It would seem but natural under these circumstances that the Council of Twelve, would think it necessary that Brother Wheaton should be released from a portion of the responsibility he had carried for many years, and be permitted to go as quickly as possible to these waiting people, that he might assist this young man, Fernando Ojeda, in establishing the church among his people; Therefore, the Council recommen-

ded to the Conference that Brother Wheaton's field of missionary labors should be changed from former years, and that he now be given as his field, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and the Republic of Mexico.

This change brought another problem to the Conference, the care of the rest of the Indian Mission. The Council received a request from Howard LaHurreau, that something be done to help and assist the Indians on reservations within the United States; and advised the setting up of an "advisory board" to help the Indians find their way back to "safety and independence."

In answer to this request the Council sent to the Conference the following recommendation:

"The Council recommends to the Conference that a committee of three, to be known as the Indian Relations Committee, be set up to function along the lines as suggested by Brother LaHurreau . . . and be it further

Resolved, that Brother Howard LaHurreau shall be one of this committee, the other two shall be selected, one from the Council of Twelve and one from the Council of Bishops."

The Conference approved this recommendation coming from the Council of Twelve and did elect the committee, but it did not give to that Committee the responsibility of the missionary work among the Indians. The committee will do all it can possibly do to further the work among the Lamanite people but the responsibility of this will be with the Missionary in the fields of their appointment.

During the recent years many of our people have been giving aid to the needy Indians, by sending this relief to Brother Wheaton here at Independence for him to carry to the Indians as he went among them in his missionary work.

Brother Wheaton will not be able to do this work now except the handling of such relief as may be designated for the states within his field. However this feature of the work will be cared for by the Indian Relations Committee as soon as they can become more fully organized in their work. The Committee therefore asks that you hold whatever material you may have or desire to be used for this specific work until we can become more fully established in our work. The Committee will give notice concerning the needs of these people through the columns of the Advocate from time to time, and in this way we hope to do a more satisfactory work of reaching these people who really need our help. We suggest you contact the Indian Relations Committee before sending material to them as by so doing they may be able to direct you to some that are near you, and thus save considerable expense in the distribution of this material.

The names and addresses of the members of this Committee are:

Arthur M. Smith, Ava, Missouri

Howard LaHurreau, 2108 Woodrow, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Vance Harris, 1920 South Osage, Independence, Missouri.

COMPOSITE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE

A careful study of the individual reports that were read to the Conference of the activity of the Council of Twelve, show that this group of the Ministers of the Church of Christ have been quite active during the

past year; Seven of the Council reported to the Conference in harmony with the instruction of the Conference and three reported verbally. Because of this it is rather difficult to make a report of the work accomplished during the year. Apostle Anderson's report indicates he was active and quite successful in his work, and did cover quite a bit of the field with encouraging results; Brother Anderson is the Senior member of the Council.

Apostle Leon A. Gould's work for the year was much among the scattered sheep, in which he was able to turn some that were wandering away from the fold, back to the care of the Good shepherd; Besides his work in the field he was required to stay close to the home in caring for his wife in her recent illness; Several weeks were also required in the preparation of the manuscript of the Church History for the printer. His report shows an increased interest in his field among the Saints as well as an interest in others to hear more of the Gospel. He, with the assistance of Brother Winegar, organized a new Sunday School that promises to be fruitful in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Apostle B. C. Flint reports a growing interest in his field and with the organization of a new local Church of Christ in this part of the vineyard, we can look forward with anticipation to another successful year ahead. One of the outstanding events of the year in this field was the Lima Center reunion, which has been steadily growing in interest and importance the last few years, and many of the Saints are looking forward to the one for 1953 to be the best yet. Brother Flint's health has not been good for some time, yet he covered his field in the usual manner, and reports good interest and an encouraging outlook for the year.

Apostle R. R. Robertson in covering his field was enabled to organize two new local churches. He has been in the field constantly during the year, as Sister Robertson travels with him. Brother Robertson's field is one of those where the Saints are few and far between, yet he has established the work there in a firm, sure way that may help in developing this large field more definitely in the future.

Apostle Don Housknecht has been quite successful in opening a new church at Columbus, Ohio. We look forward with much anticipation to further developments there. Here the old time spirit of love and devotion burns with a promise of good things to come. In Michigan Bro. Housknecht sees a slow but sure recovery from the trouble that has torn this part of the vineyard in the years so recently passed. Brother Housknecht reports a great need of local men to take up the work of the Priesthood, and urges that those who do hold the priesthood should be more diligent in spreading the Gospel. He reported many openings that are asking for missionary work.

Apostle William Sheldon was quite busy the past year in and around Independence; Establishing a new Church at Cowgill, Missouri, and the opening of a church building there is one of the interesting features of this field. Apostle Sheldon has not been able to spend all his time in the field but has labored as circumstances would permit, using his vacation to reach some places too far from Independence for the customary week-end trip. Besides this our Brother has been quite busy as the Editor of the Advocate the past year, which required much of his time. Because of his experience along this line, he urges the membership as

well as the priesthood, to support the new Editorial Staff by sending in material for the Advocate.

Apostle James E. Yates gave verbal report of his labors during the past year and from his testimony, which he bears, we can rest assured he has done what he could for the Master. Apostle T. J. Jordan also gave verbal reports of his labors and he also bore witness to all who heard him of his steadfast faith and love for the work. Brother Jordan, like Brother Sheldon, laboring as circumstances would permit, was enabled to make several missionary trips of quite some distance from his home. Apostle Jordan is quite optimistic concerning the work and believes the times are very near at hand when the Lord will do a mighty work among the people and it is high time that we should be concerned about Zion and her redemption. Apostle Thomas E. Barton, has not been able to do much church work owing to his work and the condition of his companion. It will be remembered that some time back Sister Barton suffered a severe stroke from which she has never fully recovered, although a letter from Brother Barton tells us she is much improved. We all earnestly pray that she might speedily recover and that Brother Barton might be relieved to take the work of his ministry more fully for the Master.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, our missionary to the Indians gave his report to the Church in an illustrated lecture on his work down in Yucatan. He had with him one of the Mayan Indians, Fernando Ojeda. Brother Wheaton stated that some forty members of this tribe of Indians were waiting to be baptized as soon as the necessary steps could be taken. The Mexican law would not permit Bro. Wheaton to do any of this baptizing, since he is not a native born citizen of Old Mexico; so he had to bring this young man out of Mexico and into the United States to be baptized. He, Fernando Ojeda, was called and ordained an Elder while here at the Conference, and will be able to open the door into the sheep-fold for his people upon his return home.

As for myself, well I did what I could. Much of the summer was taken up with the preparation of the History Manuscript, which is now in the hands of the printers and will soon be out and for sale. We spent the fall and winter out in the field where we were able to do some good. We baptized two and transferred two. We found a ready welcome among our people and enjoyed the work with them very much. We are encouraged very much. The people are awakening to the need of a more consecrated effort upon their part to build up the cause of Zion and to be ready at that day when the cry shall go forth, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him."

Sincerely,

ARTHUR M. SMITH

PASTORAL

To the members and friends of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Having been appointed to do missionary work in the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, and Western Canada, I would be glad to hear from any who would care to have a visit from a missionary with the possibility of holding meetings where ever possible.

The work lying before us is very great, and it is entrusted to all. Each has a responsibility, and the

missionary is to a great extent dependent on the members to assist in getting the gospel before the people.

I will be pleased to visit any who wish such a visit, and will be glad to hear from any who may be interested.

In hope of a successful conference year.

Your Brother in Christ,
WM. F. ANDERSON

Having been appointed as Missionary in charge of the Northeastern States, which include: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland, also the Provinces of Eastern Canada, I would like to make known my desire to help and and all of this particular field, who know of the need of missionary labor.

I shall make every effort to answer any requests for visits in your homes, with thoughts of holding meetings wherever there may be places available.

Knowing somewhat of the disappointments that you have had in the past, I shall, if God be willing, do my best to attract others to this great work, that you might find increase in your numbers and therefore companions with you in hope of Eternal Life.

Not with thoughts of setting this particular field on fire, but just humbly praying that I can be helpful should you feel to call for me.

Hoping to hear from any of you in the near future, I am

Your brother and servant for Christ,

Apostle Don W. Housknecht
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INDEPENDENCE Y.P.C.L. NEWS

This has been a busy month for the Young People's Christian League of Independence. We have had several out of town visitors here for conference. Among the visitors were: Bob Williard who was here for a few days from his home in Sedora, Arizona; Grace Bryant from Cowgill, Missouri; Virgil Rudd who was home on leave from Forth Worth, Texas, where he was stationed with the Air Force; Vivian Wentworth who lives and works in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Arlene Hoover, a member of the Reorganized Church, who lives in Independence; and Fernando Ojeda, a young Indian boy from Yucatan who sang in Spanish and Mayan for several of the conference sessions.

The annual conference social of the Y.P.C.L. was held Friday night, April 10. After having what we called a "fox hunt", we proceeded to a park in the city where we had a hamburger fry and then played some games. From all reports everyone had a wonderful time.

We all enjoyed the conference and the visitors and hated to see the week come to an end. We wish to extend a hearty invitation to all those who were here for conference, and also those who were unable to attend, to be sure and come next year and also to come to the Independence reunion this summer. We will be looking forward to seeing all of you and promise to do our best to see that you enjoy yourself any time you might drop around in Independence.

Your Y.P.C.L. Reporter,
MARY LOIS HARRIS

PLEA FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The General Sunday School Association officers and the Quarterly Committee feel the need for a more extensive program in our quarterlies and other printed matter. We feel that the Advocate reader can help us with our problem. We will welcome any information concerning your needs in Sunday School materials in the localities away from Independence. If you can give us a greater idea of the needs of the entire Church of Christ Sunday School, it may be that we can meet at least a few more of your requirements in the future than we have in the past.

The Association is setting forth a few needs which we know about. Our plea to you readers is not only to make known your needs, but also to let us know your talents. If you will, sit down and write to us your ideas, especially those which can be used for small children. There is a need not only for quarterlies or lesson books, but also a weekly paper and work sheet that the children may take home to remind them of the teachings of Jesus at all times. There is a need for simple and plain material that can be translated into Spanish to be used in Mexico and Yucatan. This should be on both the Bible and the Book of Mormon. We also need quarterlies for senior classes to carry on where the old ones left off.

If you do not have a complete idea now, send us a sample or beginning of an idea that we might start our extended program as soon as possible.

(signed) Leslie P. Case, Chairman

INDEPENDENCE NEWS

The Conference of 1953 is now a part of history, and the Local here is back to the routine of regular services. We were happy to renew friendships and to become acquainted with brothers and sisters from other parts of our land whom we had not met before. It was our pleasure to meet the McAdoos, Yates, and Williards of Arizona; the Elys from Colorado; Sr. Krause and family from Minnesota; the Hoses, Sr. Huff, and the Coreys from West Virginia; the Overcasts from Tennessee; and Sr. Keeney from Houston, Mo. Then we saw the Morrises from Nebraska; the Elliots and Bob Maleys from Kansas; Bro. Darby and Sr. Vivian Wentworth from Minneapolis; the Bashams, Bryants, and Sweems from Georgeville, Mo.; Bros. Harvey and Archie Bell from Ava, Mo.; Sr. Bishop and the Davises from Iowa; the Brantners and Wilkinsons from Michigan; all the Apostles (except Bro. Barton) and most of their wives; Bro. Fernando Ojeda from Yucatan; and with the home folks, we had a nice crowd. On Wednesday the dining committee served to a few over one hundred people at the noon meal, which was the most served at one time. We hope our memory has not caused us to miss some one for we were truly pleased to see and meet all. We missed Bro. Housknecht's family and send greetings to all who were not able to attend.

Sister Anna Keeney of Houston, Mo., is in the Thornton & Minor Hospital in Kansas City, where she is recuperating from surgery which she underwent during Conference week. We solicit for her your prayers and best wishes that her recovery may be rapid and complete.

The young people sponsored a social and shower at the church the evening of March 24, in honor of Brother and Sister Warren D. Sarratt who recently

were married. All the local church folks were invited and the couple received many nice things for their home. Several pictures to commemorate the occasion were taken while the gifts were being unwrapped. An interesting pose was that of the groom in a large white apron and a cap with the lettering BOSS upon it. The bride then donned the apron and cap and her picture was recorded also. Refreshments of punch and hors d'oeuvres were served to climax the evening and best wishes were extended to the happy couple.

On Tuesday evening, March 31, all the folks gathered at the church and with the aid of Bro. and Sr. C. L. Wheaton, a surprise reception for Bro. and Sr. Richard Wheaton was given in honor of their recent marriage in Phoenix, Arizona. The young couple and a few of the older ones went to the Wheaton home and after a bit of noise to announce their arrival, and an intrusion upon a peaceful scene in the home, the couple were separated and taken to the church in cars by different routes. Refreshments of cake and punch had been prepared at the church. The couple were asked to serve the refreshments to "their guests". Sister Wheaton is the former Velma Caveness of Phoenix, Arizona. It is our pleasure to welcome her and her little son and daughter to our midst. We extend to Bro. and Sr. Wheaton our very best wishes and pray that health and happiness may attend them and their little family throughout many prosperous years to come.

Since our last contribution of news, and preceding the Conference, we were privileged to hear from Bros. A. M. Smith, L. A. Gould, Wm. F. Anderson and our pastor, LeRoy Wheaton. These speakers called our attention to the importance and solemnity of the coming Conference, and that it was necessary that we devote much of our thoughts to prayer asking divine guidance, that by the proper preparation through fasting and prayer, we should expect to be able to move forward in the work of the Lord. During the Conference we were privileged to see pictures from Yucatan and Mexico which Bro. Wheaton obtained while on his mission to that country, and to learn of the progress of the work in that area from the lecture accompanying the pictures. Bros. Wm. F. Anderson, Wm. A. Sheldon, James E. Yates; T. J. Jordan, L. A. Gould, B. C. Flint, LeRoy Wheaton, N. F. Denham, and Don W. Housknecht, other speakers of the Conference, admonished us that we must love God and our fellowmen as ourselves if we were to become the pure in heart and be able to see the redemption of Zion. We were also warned of trials to come for which we must prepare by obeying the commandments. On Saturday night, Bro. Horace Darby spoke on "Ephraim in the Light of History."

As provided for by the Conference, Bro. Fernando Ojeda was ordained an Elder, that he might be enabled to institute the ordinances of Christ's Church, when he returns to his native Yucatan. Bro. A. M. Smith officiated in this ordination assisted by Bros. Leon A. Gould and Clarence L. Wheaton. This took place at the eight o'clock service the evening of April 12. At this service also, Bro. Ojeda and our young sister, Elaine Wheaton, granddaughter of Bro. C. L. Wheaton, demonstrated the native dress of the Mayan people. She was wearing the simple but beautiful white cosquero with a square neckline of the dress Jacqueline

wore was brodered with fine handwork or embroidery in beautiful colors.

On Sunday evening, April 12, at the six o'clock prayer service, Elder Vance H. Harris was set apart to fill the vacancy in the Bishopric, as provided for by Conference action. Bro. Archie F. Bell officiated in this ordinance assisted by Bro. A. M. Smith.

Warren Richard, Maurice Leigh, and Allen Wayne, the three small sons of Bro. and Sr. Frank A. Elliott of Wichita, Kansas, were brought before the Elders preceding the preaching service Sunday morning, April 12, that the beautiful ordinance of the Blessing of Little Children might be observed. Bros. Wm. F. Anderson, A. M. Smith and Don W. Housknecht were called upon to administer in this ordinance.

We have often heard our people from other places express the desire to be able to attend Sunday School in "the center place", so Sunday School was conducted as usual on Easter Sunday morning, the opening day of the Conference. The enrollment for that day showed a substantial increase among all age groups. This had been anticipated by the Local Sunday School officers and teachers. Because of the nature of the services for the day it was realized that small children would become hungry and restless, thereby creating noise and confusion, if they were held in a long service. By a pre-arranged plan, immediately following the dismissal of Sunday School, the children from the wee tots through the age of 12 years were divided into two groups. The older group was taken to the Harris home and the younger ones to the home of Sr. Arra Gentry. Some nine dozen eggs had been colored and hidden in advance about the two places and the first thing for the youngsters was an Easter egg hunt. Then they were served a lunch of sandwiches, milk, cookies and ice cream, which had been provided by the Local Sunday School. Not having to worry about the youngsters, the older folks were able to give their attention to the service. The children were under the care of the Sunday School teachers until called for by their parents.

Dana Dianne Sprague was born to her parents, Bro. and Sr. Rolland Sprague, on March 24. Already in the family to welcome her are two sisters, Janice and Joyce, and a brother, Jon D. We share in the joy of the family and pray that health and happiness may be theirs always. Little Dana Dianne made her first public appearance at the morning Church service very recently.

LOIS HARRIS, REPORTER

Ministers are not called to be dictators, but shepherds. As shepherds they should lovingly lead the flock, not drive it. A driven flock will be a divided flock before long.—From "Called of God" by Gilbert L. Guffin (Revell).

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet shed on the heel that crushed it.