

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.

Volume 31

Independence, Missouri, May, 1954

Number 5



AWAKE, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion, and strengthen thy stakes, and enlargen thy borders for ever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled.

Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God.

Moroni 10:28-29



CONTENTS

Editorial	Page 66	Y. P. C. L. News.....	Page 78
To Conference Visitors	Page 67	Obituary	Page 79
Report of 1954 Conference.....	Page 67	In Memoriam	Page 80
News From Locals	Page 76	Church Books	Page 80

ZION'S ADVOCATE

Official Publication of the Church of Christ

Headquarters on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri

EDITOR: Archie F. Bell, Ava, Missouri.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: Margaret E. Wheaton, 1101 W. Orchard St., Independence, Missouri; Lois Harris, 1920 South Osage, Independence, Missouri.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Box 472, Independence, Missouri.

Entered as Second-Class Matter May 14, 1929, at the Post Office at Independence, Missouri, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One Year, \$1.50. In bundles of twelve or more, for missionary purposes, \$1.00. Canadian and all foreign rates, \$1.75.

Send all donations for the Temple Fund, the Storehouse, Consecrations, Tithes, Offerings, and subscriptions for the Advocate to: The Church of Christ, (Temple Lot), Box 472, Independence, Missouri.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

	Price Each
Wee Mites, Picture Stories to color, 5 sets, 1 to 13 ea.....	\$. 15
Primary, Vol. 1, No. 1, Childhood of Jesus.....	.20
Primary, Vol. 1, No. 2, Jesus' Ministry.....	.20
Primary, Vol 1, No. 3, Jesus' Ministry, cont.....	.20
Primary, Vol 1, No. 4, Life of Jesus.....	.20
Junior, Vol 1, No. 1, Principles of the Gospel.....	.20
Junior, Vol. 1, No. 2, God's Revelments to Mankind20
Junior, Vol. 1, No. 3, Fruits of the Spirit.....	.20
Junior, Vol 1, No. 4, Sermon on the Mount.....	.20
Senior, Vol. 1, No. 1, Principles of the Gospel (Sold Out)20
Senior, Vol 1, No. 2, First Causes In Creation.....	.20
Senior, Vol. 1, No. 3, In the Beginning, and Fall of Man20
Senior, Vol. 1, No. 4, Study of Israel's Begin- ning20
Senior, Vol. 2. No. 1, Israel Under Moses.....	.20
Senior, Vol. 2. No. 2, Israel in the Promised Land....	.20
Kingdom of Heaven Tract, No. 1.....	.20

INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDERING

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.

Send ALL remittances for the Sunday School Association to: General Sundry School Ass'n. Treasurer, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Box 472, Independence, Missouri.

EDITORIAL

This conference year is now in its beginning. The conference has closed and many have returned to their homes. There are, no doubt, various opinions as to what has been accomplished. Our accomplishments are not usually realized at such an assembly. We must wait on time to prove the wisdom of the beginning or the continuation of a proposition. Our duty is to lend our efforts to the progress of those things we believe to be Divine.

This conference had a significance to some. This year, for instance, was the first time in many years that all twelve Apostles met together at one time. This signified to some that we are on the threshold of a new era or time. Many are looking forward, some with anticipation, to the opening up of new fields. Some of the fields are of labor; some of the fields are of thought.

Concerning the fields of labor: There is much work to be done among those of the Gentile nations, many of whom have not heard of the restored gospel and multitudes have not heard it. We must bear witness to them of it.

The work is getting underway among the seed of Lehi. They have been, as Isaiah prophesied, "Scattered and peeled", "Meted out and trodden down." But the promise was made to Nephi that they should, some day, come to a knowledge of their forefathers and to a knowledge of the covenants made with them as a remnant of the house of Jacob. They are to be found throughout all the land of North and South America. Will our task be finished when this has been accomplished? The answer is: Verily no!

We have sung songs, quoted scripture and preached sermons about how in the latter days the Jews would return to their covenant land and build up Jerusalem again. We say that we believe there will be a holy people there once more. Let us ask our individual selves if we truly believe this. If we do, what are we doing about it? We declare that the Gospel was to be restored, first to the Gentile then the Jew. In this way, fulfilling the words of Christ, "The first shall be last and the last shall be first". When the gospel of Christ was first preached, it was to the Jew. Then the disciples of Christ took it to the Gentile. Now the order is reversed. After being preached to the Gentile for over one hundred years it must soon go to the Jew. But, we cannot stop there.

When Christ was here among His people on this land, He told them that He had another people which were not on this land, neither of the land of Jerusalem, neither in any part of that land round about. Nephi writes of the Lord's people being "in the east, and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea."

These passages of scripture have been known among the members of the Church of Christ for over one hundred years. Many times we hear the thought expressed, "I wish these other people with their records would be discovered." The American Indian was discovered in the seventeenth century and nothing was known of his record (The Book of Mormon), until three hundred years later. This was a people discovered by those of the world. If Ephraim and Manasseh are to push the people of the earth together then it is reas-

REFERENDUM

NOTICE TO ALL BRANCHES AND MEMBERS

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE VOTING

Each organized local church is to hold a business meeting during the third week of June to consider and vote upon this referendum bill.

The secretary or clerk of the meeting shall record the number voting in favor of the bill and the number voting against the bill in the proper box at the end of the bill. Both the presiding minister and the secretary or clerk of the meeting shall sign this ballot before mailing. The secretary or clerk shall submit with this ballot a complete list of the members who attended the meeting when this bill was considered and voted upon.

All scattered members and members of a local church who did not attend the business meeting when this bill was considered and voted upon may

send in their votes on a ballot by signing their names in the lower left hand box and placing the number of votes in favor of or opposed to the bill in the proper box immediately under the bill.

This ballot when properly marked shall be mailed and postmarked not later than July 31, 1954 to the following address:

THE REFERENDUM COMMITTEE
CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)
Box 472
Independence, Missouri

Any ballot postmarked after July 31, 1954 will not be counted.

BILL NO. 1

"When the missionary in charge of a field shall see a need of increased missionary activity in that field, he shall by the inspiration of God select a Seventy preferably or an Elder who is willing to go into that field; he shall so recommend to the Council of Twelve and after their approval and upon consultation with the General Bishopric find the funds for his family's needs are available he shall be sent out.

"Nothing in the foregoing shall deny the right of the Conference to appoint a Seventy to a field of labor."

NUMBER OF VOTES IN FAVOR OF
BILL NO 1

NUMBER OF VOTES OPPOSED TO
BILL NO. 1

(Scattered Members Sign In This Space)

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Local Churches Use This Space)

Signed by:

Clerk

Pastor

Name of Local Church

(All Local Church Voters Sign on the Reverse Side)

unable to believe that they should know where all of these people are. We do not believe that they should wait for the world to take the lead.

Ether declares, in his writings, that the people of the Lord, in the last days, shall exercise faith as did the brother of Jared. If they will do this, they will inquire of the Lord concerning the scattered tribes of Israel and when this kind of faith is exercised the Lord will hear and answer the inquiry. As a result, knowledge of the lost tribes can be given to the Lord's people.

All nations of the earth, whether Gentile, Jew or the scattered tribes, must have the gospel of the Kingdom preached unto them, for a witness, before the end.

Many hearts were saddened, during conference, with the news that an old General in the Lord's army had laid down his armour of flesh to retire into the rest of the Lord, there to await his reward from the Most High. This old General was Apostle James E. Yates. He was widely known and respected among most, if not all, of the various churches of the Restoration. His voice, now silent, will be missed by the thousands who heard him. He will long be remembered for the fearlessness he displayed in the face of any danger. His strong heart and courage will stand as a bulwark for those who strive to carry on in his stead. A chronicle of his experiences during the many years in the Lord's service would be a gem highly cherished among those who knew him.

The heartfelt sympathy of all the church is extended to those who are left to mourn the departure of Brother Yates.

A. F. B.

DEAR CONFERENCE VISITORS

In behalf of the local saints in Independence, I wish to express a welcome that I would like to have given each of you when arriving here. There are some that I failed to meet and talk with, however we pray that your stay here was a pleasant and a joyous one. We here in Independence enjoyed beyond words the privilege of meeting with you in the capacity of the General Church. Though our home was not blessed with the joy of providing a resting place for any of you, because of its inconveniences, we felt the joy of the other homes as they shared them with you. This brings more closely the family tie that we share in the House of God.

We pray that you all enjoyed your brief stay in Independence as much as we did, and that He watched over you on your return trip. We are looking forward to the passing of the coming year when we hope to again welcome you and those you left behind this year back to the little white church of Christ on the Temple Lot.

God be with you until we meet again.

Leslie P. Case
Pastor, Independence Local

REPORT OF THE 1954 CONFERENCE

—Foreword—

In accordance with the instructions of the conference to the secretaries, there will appear in the following "Affirmative Report" only those actions and measures on which an affirmative vote carried. The complete minutes of the Conference are held on file by

the General Church Secretary. Copies are also held by the General Church Recorder, James M. Case; The Secretary of the Council of Twelve, Arthur M. Smith; Secretary of the Council of Bishops, C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.; and also the Board of General Church Historians.

The following principles will be followed in making the Report of the Affirmative Action of the 1954 Minister's Conference:

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; other reports not acted upon will be mentioned in brief, if at all. Reports of auxiliaries, etc. which are being spread in full on other pages of the Advocate will carry only a note showing 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 seconders of the original motions will be shown where possible. Counted votes will show only on matters of a referendum nature.
8. Motions lost, tabled, or otherwise unnecessary to the understanding of the report are omitted.

As you review the "affirmative action" we beg you to keep the above listed principles in mind.

Respectfully,
Forest E. Maley
Secretary of the Conference

REPORT OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION Of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

In Session April 6, 1954 to April 12, 1954 on the
Temple Lot, at Independence, Missouri

April 6, 1954 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Thomas E. Barton in charge assisted by
Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

The body organized the conference as follows:

Chairmanship: The Council of Twelve.

Secretary: Bro. Forest Maley.

Press Committee: Brethren Arthur M. Smith, J. Maynard Case and C. LeRoy Wheaton.

Ushers: Deacons present at the conference.

Program for the Conference:

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

11:00 A. M. to 12:00 A. M. Preaching except when other provisions have been made.

2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. Business session.

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

7:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. Song Service.

8:00 P. M. Preaching service, unless otherwise directed by the body.

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 prayer service, and the business sessions of the Conference. When emergencies arise, these rules may be changed by a motion from the conference floor, and a majority vote of the body.

The General Sunday School Association was given

from 9:30 A. M. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 10th for their convention.

The United Workers (Women's Auxiliary) was given from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. Thursday, April 8, for their convention.

The Young People's Christian League (Independence Local) were given the evening and night of April 10, Saturday, for their activities in entertaining the visiting young people of the Church.

April 6, 1954 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Don W. Housknecht in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon.

The secretaries were about to read a communication from Bro. Clarence Wheaton containing a purportedly divine message.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that this document from Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton be referred to the Ministry. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. Carried.

April 7, 1954 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we set aside the next few minutes to sing "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" in memory of our Brother, Apostles James E. Yates who has departed this life, and authorize the Chairman to send suitable condolences and flowers to the family in Phoenix. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried. The singing of the song was immediately carried out.

The remainder of the session was spent in considering the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was referred back to them in a later meeting, return report was received, and their work finally laid on the table where it remained at the end of the closing session. Therefore, this report will not be shown in this presentation of the conference actions.

April 8, 1954 — 11:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

Consideration was given to the recommendation of the Council of Twelve and Bishops relative to incorporating the Church. It follows:

April 7, 1954
Independence, Mo.

To the Ministers' Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

At the recent special called Joint Council of the Council of Twelve Apostles and General Bishopric on April 1, 1954 the following resolution was adopted to recommend to the Ministers' Conference. We present it for your consideration:

"We recommend to the Conference that we take such steps necessary to incorporate the Church of Christ."

Respectfully submitted
Secretaries of the Joint Council
(signed) A. M. Smith—Sec'y. Council of
Twelve Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec'y.
General Bishopric

Bro. T. J. Jordan moved to appoint a committee of three to take this matter under advisement and report back at the earliest possible date; and that they be

authorized to seek legal counsel in connection with their investigation. Seconded by Bro. Don W. Housknecht. Carried.

Committee on Incorporation: Brethren Vance H. Harris, Nicholas F. Denham, and LeRoy Wheaton.

April 9, 1954 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton arose on personal privilege to request the return to himself without further action of the body a document from himself to the conference which had been referred to the body of the Ministry.

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved that the document be returned to Bro. Wheaton. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Council of Twelve on two ordinations. The document follows:

April 9, 1954

To the Conference
Of the Church of Christ

The Council of Twelve met at 8:00 A. M. April 9 in special prayer that if it be pleasing to our Heavenly Father, that He might make known to us His pleasure as touching some of the problems that have come up before them, that unity and understanding might be theirs in carrying out the obligations and responsibilities that have been placed upon them.

After a season of prayer in which they all responded, Apostle B. C. Flint arose, and stated that during this season of prayer, he had received spiritual direction that Brother Archie F. Bell is called to the office of an Apostle in the Church of Christ.

After further consideration of this matter in which the Council was united in their testimony of this call, of which the Spirit bore witness to all, the Council by unanimous vote agreed to send to the Conference the following recommendation:

"We the Council of Twelve do recommend to the Conference, that inasmuch as it has been made known to us by the Spirit, that Archie F. Bell of Ava, Missouri, and Leon Yates of Phoenix, Arizona, have been called to serve in the office work of an Apostle, that they be set apart and ordained to this office at the earliest date possible."

We therefore recommend that provision be made for their ordination by this Conference.

Respectfully,
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Secretary of the Council

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendation of the Twelve concerning these two brethren and provide for their ordination. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried 41 to 12.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the ordination of these two brethren be provided for at the prayer service Sunday afternoon. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

During the discussion of the above business the Chair asked for statements from the two brethren with regard to their call to be Apostles.

Statement of Bro. Archie F. Bell. "It was asked if I have a statement to offer. I know it is true that I should be placed in the Council of Twelve and I have known it for years. I came to conference in 1930 expecting to be (placed in the Twelve). It was not told

me by anyone. God told me. I hope this answers your question. The only thing to decide here is which of the two spirits manifest here is of God. The question is, is this of God or of man?"

Statement of Bro. Leon Yates. "Somehow I'm not very excited. There have been occasions when I spoke to people when I was upset. But I have never been more calm than now. I believe God called me as was Aaron. I never realized, before, that after they were called as was Aaron that there should be such a discussion. I have known since the age of accountability that the Gospel had a work and I had a work in the Gospel. I have been taught the value of truth. I have had to school myself. I have made mistakes. I tried to correct them as fully as possible. And I fully expect to make some mistakes in the future. As far as my beliefs are concerned, I believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and try to teach."

Upon the request of Bro. Don Housknecht Bro. Archie F. Bell made a further statement. "I have nothing to cover up. When a person is 'called' it isn't a matter of belief. If you will notice in Paul's writings, it says they were not called because of their works but because of God's purpose. When they moved the Ark of the Covenant from one place to another and it looked like it would upset, a man put up his hand to steady it. You know the result. I want you all to take warning of it. Most of you know my past and my work. I don't believe I have done anything to upset the Ark of God restored in these last days. Never will I at any time do anything to disrupt it or upset it. I think too much of this work of Christ's to do anything to hinder it. My belief is that I have not. My personal beliefs will be kept to myself unless I am asked for them. Any man of God should not be ashamed nor afraid to state and give reasons for his personal beliefs if he is asked to do so."

April 10, 1954 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The return report of the Jurisprudence Committee was considered and tabled.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved we express our appreciation for the effort of this committee and discharge them. Seconded and carried.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Auditing Committee and the report of the Auditor. The report of the Auditor appears in other pages of the Advocate.

The report of the Auditing Committee follows:
Independence, Mo.
April 8, 1954

To the Ministers' Conference Assembled.

We, the Auditing Committee, report once more we have accomplished our work for another year, having obtained the auditor, and he having finished his work, the report coming to the conference.

Respectfully,
(signed) R. D. Sprague
Dorothy Denham
J. M. Case

Bro. Richrad Wheaton moved that we approve the Auditing Committee report. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

Consideration of the report of the General Church Recorder was taken up. (This report will be shown in other pages of the Advocate.)

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that the report of the

General Church Recorder be approved. Seconded by Bro. Leon Yates. Carried.

Consideration was given to the report of the United Workers. (This report will be shown in other pages of the Advocate.)

Bro. R. R. Robertson moved to accept the report of the United Workers. Seconded by Bro. Charles Reed. Carried.

Consideration was given to the Recommendation of the Joint Council relative to missionary help and the handling of spiritual manifestations. The document follows:

April 1, 1954
Independence, Mo.

To the Ministers' Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

At the recent special called council of the Council of Twelve Apostles, General Bishopric and Seventy on April 2 and 3, 1954 the following resolutions were adopted to recommend to the Ministers' Conference. We present them for your consideration:

1. "We recommend to the conference of the Church that when the missionary in charge of a field shall see a need of increased missionary activity in that field he shall by the inspiration from God select a Seventy, preferably, or an Elder who is willing to go into that field, he shall so recommend to the Council of Twelve and after their approval and upon consultation with the General Bishopric find the funds for his family's needs are available, he shall be sent out." "Nothing in the foregoing shall deny the right of the Conference to appoint a Seventy to a field of labor."

2. "Be it resolved that when a purported revelation comes and is substantiated by two or more witnesses that it shall be presented to the people (if given to a local, be presented to a local; if given to the General Church, then it be presented to the General Church; if given to a quorum or individual, then it be presented to that quorum or individual, etc.) and they shall be counselled to compare it with the Bible and the Book of Mormon and if it is found to be in harmony therewith, they may if they desire, take action concerning it and such action by a majority of the body considering it shall be the rule of that body, be it a local, quorum, or the General Church, etc., until it has been amended or rescinded. It shall then be that the arbitrament of time shall prove if the revelation and that action were of God." "Be it further resolved that any action of the past conflicting therewith be hereby rescinded."

Respectfully submitted,
Joint Council Secretaries,
(signed) A. M. Smith, Sec'y. Council
of Twelve Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec'y.
General Bishopric
J. M. Case, Sec'y. Quorum
of Seventy

Bro. Forest Maley moved to consider this matter item by item, separating Item No. 1 from Item No. 2. Seconded by Bro. Orin Caviness. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve Recommendation No. 1 on missionary help. Carried 22 to 1, with only the ministry voting since this was ruled to be a referendum matter.

Bro. Orin Caviness moved that we do not accept this portion (recommendation No. 2) of the Joint Council report. Carried 25 to 0 with only the Ministry voting.

April 10, 1954 — 7:30 P. M. Session

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

Communication from the Saints in Wales asking for the return of Bro. A. M. Smith to the European Mission was considered.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that action on this letter be deferred until the Missionary appointments are considered. Seconded by Bro. Leon A. Gould. Carried.

Consideration was given the recommendation of the Joint Council of Twelve and Bishops on the budget, Business Manager, etc. The document follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 10, 1954

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

Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve Apostles and the General Bishopric in their sessions of April 9 approved the following actions to be presented to the Conference for your consideration and approval:

"We approve the recommendation (coming from the Bishopric) that Bishop Vance H. Harris be the Business Manager for the coming year."

"We took up the consideration of the budget as follows:

Family Allowance	\$12,000.00
Elders' Expense:	
European Mission	\$1,200.00
Mexican Mission	1,200.00
Fernando Ojeda	300.00
Misc. Elders' Expense	1,000.00

TOTAL

Aid	900.00
Home For Aged, Needy and Orphan Children.....	2,000.00
Advocate	1,800.00
Printing and Tracts	600.00
Building and Maintenance	1,500.00
General Office Expense	500.00
General Church Expense	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,000.00

TOTAL

"We recommend the approval of the item for the home for the aged, needy and orphan children."

"We recommend the approval of the allowance for Bro. Fernando Ojeda."

"We recommend the approval of the remainder of the Budget."

"We recommend the approval that we move forward with providing this (Missionary home near Dzan, Yucatan) and the purchasing of the land in Yucatan."

"We recommend to the Bishopric that the expense of providing this home shall not exceed \$600.00."

"We recommend to the conference that Elder J. M. Case be the representative of the Twelve in the office and the caretaker of the property."

Respectfully submitted,
Secretaries of the Joint Council
(signed) A. M. Smith, Sec'y. Council
of Twelve Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec'y. of
The General Bishopric

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved as a substitute that we approve the report of the Joint Council on the Budget, etc., and concur in the recommendations. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Consideration was given to the Opinion of the Twelve on the Gathering and Temporal law. The doc-

ument, being a part of a report of the Joint Council of Apostles, Bishopric and Seventy, follows:

**OPINION OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES
RELATIVE TO THE GATHERING AND THE
TEMPORAL LAW**

To the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
In Conference Assembled:

"We your servants of the Council of Twelve, wish to recommend the following course of action relative to the gathering to Independence, Missouri, and the regions round about, and action to be taken relative to the Temporal Law related thereto:

Whereas, the Church of Christ, through its Articles of Faith and Practice has expressed its belief in the 'literal gathering of Israel,' (Article 22), which incorporates the gathering of the Jews to Jerusalem, as well as the gathering of the seed of Joseph, descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, upon this land, to-wit:

"That a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the seed of Joseph,' etc., (Ether 6:6).

And, whereas we have further affirmed that this New Jerusalem shall be built 'beginning at the Temple Lot' (Article 24),

Which Temple Lot is at Independence, Missouri, the center place of Zion,

Therefore be it resolved, as a guide in our present need, that we as a people should look forward with hope and faith, making all necessary preparation against the day of a greater return and gathering to this land, which return and gathering had its beginning in the year 1867, at which time it was revealed that we should 'begin to gather,' (Truth Teller, page 4).

And whereas we have further been commanded that we should not gather in haste, but in order, be it further resolved:

That we advise the members of the Church abroad, desiring to gather here at the center place, that they consult with the (General) Bishopric who reside in this locality, and they gather not in haste but only after proper preparations have been made."

The above document was presented to the Joint Council of Twelve Apostles and General Bishopric on April 1, 1954 and was concurred in by all five Bishops present.

The following appendage was then adopted by the Joint Council:

"That in giving counsel and advice to those abroad who desire to gather, that such advice and counsel be given in harmony with the law of the church; and that a failure to do so shall subject them to a reprimand."

The above document and appendage was presented to the Council of Twelve Apostles, General Bishopric and Seventy in Joint Session at the evening session of April 2, 1954 and the following was adopted:

"Resolved that we send this document and the appendage as our Joint Action to the Conference."

Respectfully submitted,
Joint Council Secretaries
(signed) A. M. Smith—Sec'y. of
Twelve Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec'y.
General Bishopric
J. M. Case, Sec'y. of the
Seventies

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the first part of the document as to the opinion of the Twelve, all ex-

cept the section about the reprimand, be approved. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that the appendage of the foregoing document be laid on the table. Seconded by Bro. Vance H. Harris. Carried.

Consideration was given to the report of the General Bishopric. It follows:

Independence, Mo.

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

The General Bishopric have prepared a budget and several recommendations in line with our temporal responsibilities which come to you as the joint action of the Council of Twelve and General Bishopric. However, we wish to call your attention to the fact that during the past seven years our receipts have increased from \$6,158.37 in 1946-47 to \$20,219.76 or nearly three and a half times the 1946-47 figure. It is of striking significance that the income increased in 1950-51 nearly 70% over the previous year. It was at that time that the missionary effort was begun in Mexico, we had also increased all our missionary effort, and about the time that the Church approved a clearer definition of Tithing.

Last year we felt that the budget we had proposed was high for so small a people. May we of the Bishopric express our deep appreciation for your response, for as you review the Auditor's Report you will see that we not only met the budget but in exceeding it we were able to put a small amount into a reserve fund.

In our budget this year we have taken into account the desire not only of the people of the Church but the ministry for an increase in our missionary effort. We have proposed to provide for this increase in enlarging the item for family allowances, as well as the item for Elders' Expense.

We have also provided for a fund of \$2,000.00 for offerings as a start for the home for the aged, needy and orphan children. We realize that this is only a beginning but feel that if you will come forward and support this over and above your regular tithes and offerings we shall soon see such a home in operation here at the center place.

In considering the living conditions in Yucatan, which we can hardly imagine, we have proposed to provide in our work this year the establishing of a missionary home near Dzan, Yucatan.

We wish to express to this conference and to the Church abroad our appreciation for the tireless effort of Brother Nicholas F. Denham over the last seven years that he has served the Church as Business Manager, and although we have recommended that he be given a much needed rest and that Brother Vance H. Harris be the Business Manager, it is impossible to tell you of the long hours of detailed work required to discharge this responsibility. The Council of Twelve and the General Bishopric in joint action have endeavored to show our appreciation of the tireless effort of Brother Denham.

In the year ahead much more is required of us than many may realize. May God give us sufficient of His Spirit and strength to accomplish the work which He has set before each of us.

Respectfully submitted,
The General Bishopric
(signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. of the General Bishopric

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved that we approve this report of the General Bishopric. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

Consideration was given to the report of the General Sunday School Association. It will be spread in full in other pages of the Advocate.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved as a substitute for the whole matter that we approve the report coming from the General Sunday School Association and in the preparation and publishing quarterlies that they be submitted to the Board of Publications of the Church for their approval before printing. Seconded by Bro. Don W. Housknecht. Carried.

April 12, 1954 — 11:00 A. M. Session

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

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Twelve on Missionary Appointments. The document follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 10, 1954

To the Conference of
The Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommend to the Conference for their consideration of the following list of appointments as the fields of missionary labor for the Council of Twelve.

William F. Anderson—Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

T. J. Jordan and Leon A. Gould—In joint charge together in Western Canada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa.

Leon Yates—Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and California.

Thomas E. Barton—Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Clarence L. Wheaton—New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Mexico.

William A. Sheldon and Don W. Housknecht—In joint charge together in Eastern Canada and Northeastern States including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Archie F. Bell—Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

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

B. C. Flint—Wisconsin and Illinois.

A. M. Smith—European Mission.

The Council further recommends that Elder Fernando Ojeda be commissioned as a full-time missionary, and that he shall labor in Mexico in conjunction with Apostle C. L. Wheaton, with Yucatan and the surrounding territory as his special objective.

Also recommends to the Conference that Bro. Don McIndoo be appointed to labor in Yucatan as circumstances will permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Council of Twelve
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Secretary of Council

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendations coming from the Quorum of Twelve on Missionary Fields. Seconded by Bro. Elmer Hunter. Carried.

Since it was deferred until this time, the letter from the Saints in Wales was given consideration. It follows:

18 Biddulph St.
Llanelly
Carmarthenshire
Wales
22-2-54

To the Conference,
Greetings:

As the pastor of the Branch at Gilfach Goch, which has just been organized, (I) wish to thank the Church in general for having sent Apostle Arthur M. Smith and his good wife to this country. We are pleased to report to you that they have done much good, not only inside the Church, but outside as well.

They have won the esteem of all whom they have come in contact with. They have had a great influence on non-members of which is taking great effect. They have done a great work and we as a branch trust you will see the wisdom of sending them back after the conference. Sister Smith is a splendid example of a minister's wife. She surely knows the way to defend the Church, and you will make no mistake in returning them.

Bro. and Sister Smith have cleared up and have opened the way for the Gospel of the Kingdom to be preached once again in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and it is the desire of all the members to return them. Even non-members have grieved after their return. So we do hope you will see the wisdom of sending them back to us, as they can do a lot more good.

Very sincerely,

Silvanus Mason, Pastor

Bro. T. J. Jordan moved that we instruct the secretary of the conference to write the Saints in Wales acknowledging receipt of their letter and showing them that we have concurred in their request. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Consideration was given to the report of the Building Committee. It follows:

Church of Christ
Temple Lot
Independence, Mo.
April 10, 1954

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

Your Building Committee regrets to report no activity of note during the past year, due to various difficulties, primarily in the nature of personal affairs and activities too pressing to enable us to commence the work set up for us to accomplish.

Respectfully submitted,
The Building Committee:
(signed) Harvey J. Bell, Chairman
Vance H. Harris
Richard Wheaton

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved to accept this report of the Building Committee. Seconded and carried.

April 12, 1954 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Thomas E. Barton.

Sr. Minnie Smith of the Dining Hall Committee made oral report as follows:

I cannot give you a full report of all the money that came in. You will see that in the Advocate. We have spent \$105.17. There is one bill yet to pay, of \$15.84 for milk. I have on hand \$104.00 and I had turned in \$54.60 that I have taken in from here and a check for

\$17.00, making us take in here—I have \$175.60 and spent \$105.17, you figure it out. The Dining Hall Committee were Sr. Bertha Case, Sr. Katy Moyer, Sr. Ora Derry, Sr. Rudd and myself.

Bro. Leon Yates moved that we accept the report and also give to this Dining Hall Committee a rising vote of thanks. Seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

General Church Secretary: Forest Maley.

General Church Recorder: James M. Case.

General Church Chorister: Metta Anderson.

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

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

Dining Hall Committee: Sr. Minnie Smith, Chairman with power to choose assistants.

Reception Committee: James M. Case, Rolland Sprague and Nicholas F. Denham.

Auditing Committee: Sr. Dorothy Denham elected for a three year term, the other members being Rolland Sprague (2) and James M. Case (1).

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

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

Board of General Church Historians: James M. Case elected for a three year term, the other members being Arthur M. Smith (2) and Clarence L. Wheaton (1).

Library Board: Archie F. Bell elected for a three year term, the other members being James M. Case (2) and Arthur M. Smith (1).

Building Committee: Richard Wheaton elected for a three year term, the other members being Vance H. Harris (Chairman) (2) and Harvey Bell (1).

Bro. A. M. Smith made verbal report for the Library Board as follows:

During the year the Library has been open to those desiring to use it. Many of the books have been repaired during the year. There have been added to the Library a complete set of the Utah Church History and a complete history from the R.L.D.S. The Library obtained the library of the late Hessel Vanderflute of Lamoni, Iowa, which contained the following items:

- The True Latter Day Saints Herald. Vol. 1, Number 1.
- Josephus' Complete Works by Whiston.
- Life of Joseph The Prophet by Edward W. Tullidge.
- The Social Life of the Hebrews by The Rev. Edward Day.
- Instructor by G. T. Griffiths.
- Joseph The Seer by William W. Blair.
- An Exegesis of the Priesthood by G. T. Griffiths.
- Descent of Man by Darwin.
- Presidency and Priesthood by Wm. H. Kelly.
- Origin of Species by Darwin.
- The Art of Debate by Raymond MacDonald Alden, Ph. D.
- Pearl of Great Price.
- Parsons' Text Book by A. H. Parsons.
- Book of Commandments—Reprinted Verbatim, Charles F. Putnam & Daniel MacGregor.
- An Address to All Believers in Christ by David Whitmer.
- Also the following pamphlets:
Temple Lot Deed by Arthur M. Smith.

The Life and Teachings of Jesus by Mary Jenness and S. Ralph Harlow.

Minority Rights, by E. E. Long.

Factional Mormonism by R. M. Maloney.

Money by B. C. Flint.

Origin of Polygamy Among Latter Day Saints by John R. Haldeman.

A Message of Hope by B. L. McKim.

Satan's Secrets to Master Mahon by James E. Yates.

Seek Ye the Old Paths and Walk Therein by C. A. Swanson.

Temples by D. J. Morgan.

Which is The Divine Law by D. J. Morgan.

The Angel's Message to the Church of Latter Day Saints by J. Elmer Brown.

The Gospel of Christ Restored by D. J. Morgan.

Four Women Who Loved the Lord by A. F. Moore.

Light in the Darkness, John the Baptist by Otto Fetting.

A Marvelous Work and a Wonder by Daniel MacGregor 1911.

The Restoration by H. H. Vanderflute (A full box of them).

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the report of the Library Board be received and spread upon the minutes. Seconded by Bro. Leon Yates. Carried.

Board of Publications: James M. Case and LeRoy Wheaton elected for three year terms, the other members being: The Business Manager, Chairman, permanently, Denver Cahpman (1) and Forest Maley (1).

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Board of Publications be instructed to take inventory of the tracts and books that are for sale as of March 15 each year, to be reported to the Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

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

The above and foregoing is the "Affirmative Report" of the actions of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) which was had and held from April 6 to April 12, 1954 on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri. A great debt is owed to Brethren C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr. and Donald E. McIndoo for their very valuable assistance in the making of this record.

Respectfully,

Forest E. Maley

Secretary of the Conference and
General Church Secretary

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
REPORT ON EXAMINATION
MARCH 15, 1954**

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

At the request of your Auditing Committee, consisting of Mr. R. D. Sprague, Mrs. Dorothy Denham and Mr. J. M. Case, 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, 1953 to March 15, 1954 and present herewith my report including the following statements:

Exhibit A: Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for year ended March 15, 1954.

Exhibit B: Funds Balance Sheet at March 15, 1954.
Schedule 1: Family Allowances for year ended March 15, 1954.

These statements are subject to the following comments.

Cash Receipts and Expenditures—Exhibit A

The verification of cash receipts was confined to 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 payee, constituted a receipt for the purposes 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 "History Fund" are classified in this report with General Fund receipts for the reason that the excess of the History printing costs over receipts of the current and previous years was paid from the General Fund.

Expenditures for the Advocate and the Dining Hall activities were in excess of the receipts for these purposes by \$1,457.81 and \$83.95 respectively. Purchases of Books and Tracts were \$134.97 in excess of receipts from sales, etc., but it should be kept in mind that inventories of unsold books were not taken at the beginning and end of the year. The Cost of printing the History was \$1,829.45 in excess of total receipts from sales, etc. It was estimated that approximately three-fourths of the total number printed were still on hand unsold at March 15, 1954. The results of annual operations would be more accurately disclosed if inventories of the saleable items were taken at the beginning and end of each year.

General Fund expenditures for the year exceeded the receipts by \$89.89. Contributions for the Mexican Mission were \$310.80 more than expenditures for Aid. Included in this amount is \$30.00 representing offerings for the Yucatan Building Fund. Temple Fund contributions were \$30.88. There were no disbursements from this fund, the present balance being \$2,289.86.

Funds Balance Sheet—Exhibit B

Cash in bank and on hand is self-explanatory by reference to Exhibit A.

The several equipment figures are nominal amounts of \$1.00 each for the three groups indicated. In previous reports I referred to the incompleteness of the equipment accounts as carried on the books of account. This year, the Business Manager authorized the reduction to nominal values of \$1.00 for each category. I suggest that a memorandum inventory of all equipment items now owned be compiled and that subsequent additions and disposals be entered thereon even if such changes are not shown in the asset section of

the books.

The two real estate items are 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, 1954. We were informed by the Business Manager that he knows of no unpaid bills.

General

Fire and extended coverage insurance is carried in the amount of \$2,500.00 on the building and \$500.00 on the contents. 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.

Amos E. Allen
Certified Public Accountant

Independence, Missouri
April 5, 1954

SCHEDULE I

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
FAMILY ALLOWANCES**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 15, 1954

Anderson, William F.	\$ 960.00
Case, J. M.	960.00
Flint, B. C.	960.00
Gould, Leon A.	960.00
Housknecht, Don	1,680.00
Robertson, R. R.	960.00
Smith, A. M.	960.00
Wheaton, Clarence L., Sr.	960.00
Yates, James E.	960.00
TOTAL	\$9,360.00

EXHIBIT A

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 15, 1954**

	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Mexican Mission</u>	<u>Store- house</u>	<u>Temple Fund</u>
RECEIPTS:					
Tithing	\$17,581.81	\$17,581.81			
Offerings	1,291.07	683.19	\$577.00		\$ 30.88
Advocate Subscriptions	367.90	367.90			
Dining Hall	193.45	193.45			
Book and Tracts	174.03	174.03			
History Fund	505.00	505.00			
Sale of Old Desk	5.00	5.00			
Total Receipts	\$20,118.26	\$19,510.38	\$577.00		\$ 30.88
EXPENDITURES:					
Family Allowances—per Schedule I.....	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 9,360.00			
Elders' Expenses	618.47	618.47			
Aid—General	564.77	564.77			
European Mission—A. M. Smith.....	1,062.00	1,062.00			
Mexican Mission:					
C. L. Wheton, Sr.	\$1,575.00				
D. McIndoo	305.00				
F. Ojeda	300.00	2,180.00			
Mexican Mission Aid	266.20		\$266.20		
Advocate Printing, Postage, Etc.	1,825.71	1,825.71			
Dining Hall	277.40	277.40			
Books and Tracts	309.00	309.00			
History Fund—Cost of Printing.....	2,511.20	2,511.20			
General Office Equipment	120.92	120.92			
General Church Expenses:					
Maintenance of Temple Lot.....	\$ 253.06				
Maintenance of Building	6.50				
Insurance	115.25				
Secretary's Supplies	19.13	393.94	393.94		
General Office Expenses:					
Telephone	\$ 73.82				
Stationery, Postage, Etc.	240.54				
Fidelity Bond.....	12.50				
Audit	50.00	376.86	376.86		
Total Expenditures	\$19,866.47	\$19,600.27	\$266.20	\$	\$
Excess of Receipts or (Expenditures)	\$ 251.79	\$ (89.89)	\$310.80	\$	\$ 30.88

Cash in Bank—March 15, 1953:

General Fund	\$ 5,152.99	\$ 5,152.99			
History Fund (Transferred to General)...	176.75	176.75			
Storehouse Fund	5.00			\$5.00	
Temple Fund	2,258.98				2,258.98

Cash Balances—March 15, 1954:

General Fund—In Bank	\$5,513.65				
Cash A/C On Hand	42.00				
	\$5,555.65	\$ 5,239.15	\$310.80	\$5.00	
Temple Fund Account	2,289.86				\$2,289.86
	<u>\$ 7,845.51</u>				

EXHIBIT B

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 15, 1954**

	General Fund	Mexican Mission Fund	Storehouse Fund	Temple Fund	Total
ASSETS:					
Cash in Bank and on Hand—General Account.....	\$5,239.85	\$310.80	\$5.00	\$	\$5,555.65
Cash in Bank—Temple Fund Account.....				\$2,289.86	2,289.86
Equipment:					
Office	\$1.00				
General Church	1.00				
Dining Hall	1.00	3.00			3.00
Real Estate:					
Temple Lot	\$1.00				
Stark Acres	1.00	2.00			2.00
Total Assets	<u>\$5,244.85</u>	<u>\$310.80</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$2,289.86</u>	<u>\$7,850.51</u>
FUND EQUITIES:					
Balances—March 15, 1953.....	\$5,347.81		\$5.00	\$2,258.98	\$7,611.79
Balance Church History Fund—March 15, 1953.....	176.75				176.75
Add—Excess of Receipts over Expenditures for year ended March 15, 1954.....		310.80		30.88	341.68
Deduct—Excess of Expenditures over Receipts for year ended March 15, 1954.....	(89.89)				(89.89)
Reduction of carrying values of equipment.....	(189.82)				(189.82)
Balances—March 15, 1954.....	<u>\$5,244.85</u>	<u>\$310.80</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$2,289.86</u>	<u>\$7,850.51</u>

**REPORT
OF THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Independence, Mo.
April 10, 1954

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

The General Sunday School Association met in Conference at 9:30 A. M. April 10, 1954 with the Superintendent, Bro. Leslie Case in charge. The actions of the Association are as follows:

The meeting was opened by singing song No. 267, "Tenderly Lead Thou Me On." Prayer was offered by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague. Second song No. 322, "Take Time To Be Holy."

Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, and Quarterly Committee were read. Each was approved and accepted as read to be spread upon the minutes.

The Treasurer's report showed that the bank balance is \$576.36. Cash on hand \$13.08 making a total balance of \$589.44.

Reports from the different locals were received and read. Those read were from Council Bluffs, Iowa; Racine-Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Morgantown, West Virginia; Sparta, Wisconsin; Phoenix, Arizona; Vesta, Minnesota; Grand Junction, Colorado; and Independence, Missouri. These reports were accepted to be spread upon the minutes. Oral reports were given from Flint, Michigan and Bemidji, Minnesota.

The election of officers was the next order of business.

The results follows:

Superintendent, Bro. Leslie P. Case.

Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer, Bro. Roland D. Sprague.

Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris.

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

There was extensive discussion concerning the desire for Quarterly material and Sunday School papers for use among our children. It was learned that some progress has been made in the preparation of material to be presented for printing. Work is being gathered for lessons on the Book of Mormon and on our Articles of Faith and Practice. The question of printing when material is available was discussed.

It was moved and seconded that the General Sunday School Association (being interpreted to mean officers) be authorized to investigate the "Ditto" machine and if it is suitable and can be bought reasonably, to purchase same, and that it be made available for Church use. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we, the General Sunday School Association, withdraw from our quarterly supply the Senior quarterlies and seek to have them rewritten with the King James version as reference material. Carried.

Vote to adjourn was called. Carried.

Closing song No. 100—"This God is the God We Adore."

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Lois Harris
Secretary General Sunday
School Association

**REPORT
OF THE UNITED WORKERS
(Women's Auxiliary)**

April 9, 1954

To the Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The meeting, in charge of the Chairman, Sr. Minnie Smith, was called to order at 2:00 P. M. on April 8, 1954 with 22 present.

Song No. 343, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was sung. Sr. Mabel Bergey accompanied on the piano.

Prayer was by Sr. Willie Grace Yates.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance from the 1953 report of \$19.19. Collection at present meeting, \$7.43. Total balance on hand, \$26.62. This report was read and spread upon the minutes.

Reports from the locals at Wyandotte, Michigan and Independence, Mo., were read and accepted. Sr. Mabel Bergey gave an oral report from Flint, Michigan.

The Independence Vacation Bible School report was given by Sr. Katie Moyer and Sr. Lois Harris.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Chairman, Sr. Minnie Smith.
Assistant Chairman, Sr. Katie Moyer.
Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris.
Treasurer, Sr. Bertha Case.
Member-at-Large, Sr. Frances Yates.

Our Chairman suggested that we keep in mind our thoughts from the previous year concerning a building with provisions for sleeping quarters and a dining room and kitchen for use especially at conference time. It was suggested also that we accumulate pennies in a small box for that purpose and that we bring our sav-

ing to the next meeting.

Moved and seconded that we use the Bible and Book of Mormon and the Church of Christ History for our regular study instead of rule number ten of our enactments which reads that we use the Bible and Book of Mormon for our regular study, commencing with the Book of Mormon reading the sermon of King Benjamin. Carried.

The minutes were read and approved by the body. Song No. 257—"What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

Dismissed with prayer by Sr. Mary Jordan.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Lois Harris, Secretary
Minnie Smith, Chairman

NEWS FROM LOCALS

From Flint, Michigan

We had a visit from Brother and Sister Brantner of Cedar Springs in March. Brother Brantner exhorted us to a life of service, not to seek the glorious spots and positions but to realize that each individual has his job and all such are important to the accomplishment of the desired ends.

Sisters Mabel Bergey, Gertie Adams and her two daughters, have returned from their trip to the Conference. They were the only representatives from this branch. They enjoyed themselves immensely and wish to thank their hosts for their pleasant and profitable visit.

Our pastor talks to us of the need of continual prayer in behalf of this conference, those to come, and the general forwarding of the work. We know that this is the prayer of God's elect everywhere. May our Lord hear us according to the true desire of our hearts.

Winona Adams, Reporter

Columbus, Ohio

It affords me much pleasure to report yesterday's activities. There were three precious souls added to the fold, by baptism. They are: Robert G. Wagner and Pauline Ruth Wagner, his wife; and a young man by the name of Robert Alvin Daye, Jr. They were confirmed at the service the night of April 11. Three others were added to the fold by transfer. So, the work here in Columbus is progressing very nicely.

We do not have a church home as yet. We are still meeting at the home of Brother Fred C. Welsh, 2575 Findley Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Phone JE. 0187. We had a very large crowd the night of April 11. Brother Jenkins spoke and his topic was "The Great Restoration". It was very spiritual.

We were very much pleased to have Brother and Sister Arthur M. Smith with us from February 27th to March 3rd. Apostle Smith's car broke down but we were very fortunate in getting it repaired here. They left us on Wednesday, March 3rd. We were very sorry to see them go. We enjoyed their company so much.

On January 15th, we had the pleasure of having Brother William F. Anderson with us. He gave us some interesting talks. He stayed until January 27. We hated to see him go too for he was so interesting to visit with. We will be glad when he can be with us again, and Brother and Sister Smith too. May God

bless them wherever they may be. May God bless the effort put forth for the salvation of souls is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

Marion D. Gross

Littleton, Colorado

We are so happy to report that we are organizing a group of Denver folks into a church here. It has been many years since there was an organization of our church in this vicinity.

We have met here in my home for the past four Sundays and average an attendance of eleven. Elders Alva Halverson and Tom Barton, Jr., officiate. Those who have attended are Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Halverson, Tom Barton, Jr., Mrs. Tom Barton, Sr., Mrs. Bladorn, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Linstrom and daughter, Arthur Halverson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Halverson and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Mead Malone and their four children.

Sunday, March 21, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Malone was blessed. Her name is Becky Ruth and she is four months old.

We have had preaching, round table discussions and testimony meetings.

We especially want to urge anyone who may be around Denver, whom we do not know, but who might like to worship with us, to contact us. If you know of anyone stationed at any of the Armed Service bases near here, please let either them or us know so we can get together. We are such a small group, we certainly need others of like faith to join us, as well as needing the prayers of all the saints, that we may prosper in our endeavor to form another Church of Christ local.

Mrs. Meredyth Malone

Ava Visits Again

March 7th, we had our Sacrament Service. How we rejoice that we again have the time to renew our covenant with our Heavenly Father, and to pledge our lives and services to His cause.

Visitors from Independence over the 14th were Sister Caroline Hedrick and Brother and Sister Warren Sarratt. Brother Harvey Bell spoke to us concerning Revelations, the Gospel of Christ and Christ the Rock of our salvation. II Sam. 22:2-3, "And he said; The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence." Psalms 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the thorn of my salvation, and my high tower." I Cor. 10:4, "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

Monday evening, the 15th, Brother and Sister Arthur Smith arrived home spending the rest of the week visiting and doing necessary work before returning to Independence. Also during the week, Brother Don Housknecht and Brother Leon Gould arrived at the

home of Brother and Sister Alex Smith, staying over night and leaving the next day for Independence, taking Sister Gould with them.

Jack Bell of Independence is spending his vacation with his parents, Brother and Sister Archie Bell of Ava.

Visitors over Sunday the 21st, were Brother and Sister Charles Reed and Alice Reed and Brother Maynard Case, all of Independence. We were glad to have Brother Case speak to us Sunday morning, reading again the first two commandments, Matt. 22:37 to 40, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Then he reminded us again of the parable of The Good Samaritan, comparing with it the heavy responsibility resting on the ministry, that they bring the Gospel of Christ in its purity to the "hungry sheep"; for if the sheep are confused, bewildered, buffeted and beaten by every wind of doctrine, they are as the man who fell among thieves, robbed of the simple Gospel, and it is the Good Shepherds, or Samaritans that see the need of the sheep and feed them. Also, how the ministry need the co-operation of the people and especially their prayers. Hebrews 13:17-18, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

The subject of Brother Archie Bell's sermon, March 28th, was "Stewardship". For a text he used the 8th verse of chapter 16 of Luke, having first read the chapter down to verse 13, where it tells of the rich man which had a steward, who was accused of wasting his goods, and he was called to give an account for the wasting of his master's goods. Because he was fearful of being discharged he went quickly, calling his Lord's debtors, he made a discount of their debt of half or more, then verse 8 reads, "And the Lord commanded the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Using this to illustrate that a man called to the ministry, is given a stewardship, and is responsible to God that he waste not his Master's goods, or neglect the preaching of the Gospel, the gifts of the Gospel, the welfare of the members of the church.

Darleen Smith, Reporter

Independence, News

The 1954 Conference is now over, and again we renewed many of our past friendships and also met new friends. The church was well represented from all directions. We had visitors from Canada, Michigan, Minnesota, West Virginia, Colorado, Ohio, Arizona, Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri, and probably a few others I was unable to meet. With so many attending and with all the duties to be accomplished this reporter was kept rather busy.

During our Conference services we enjoyed many good sermons and testimonies. Wonderful testimonies

of healings, and God's protection among the Saints. It truly strengthens us, and gives us hope, to hear these things.

The last Sunday of Conference we served over one hundred and sixty dinners. It seems that the Conference group grows larger every year. That same afternoon, April 11, Brother Archie Bell of Ava, Missouri, and Brother Leon Yates, of Phoenix, Arizona, were ordained to the office of Apostle. Our prayers are for their protection and assistance from the Lord to do a good work.

Some of our guests were returning to their homes by Sunday, and Monday closed the Conference in the afternoon. So, much as we hated to see everyone leave, we said good-byes, and hope to meet together again soon. We also thought of those who were unable to attend. Our prayers are for you all, and we look forward to the time when we can all be together.

Prior to Conference, March 14, we were happy to welcome back Brother and Sister A. M. Smith from their missionary voyage to the British Isles. We enjoyed hearing of the faithful souls who are still striving for the gospel there, and we are thankful that the Lord has watched over them. Brother Smith was the speaker of the morning service. He gave us a timely sermon concerning faith in the Lord. He quoted much from Matthew, the sixth chapter.

In the evening Brother Elmer Hunter gave us much food for thought in a sermon warning us to have more faith. He quoted also from I Cor. 10:12.

Our Sister, Gladys Nast, returned home after an operation at the Independence Sanitarium. She is doing well, and has a wonderful testimony to bear because of the Divine help she has received.

Sunday, March 21, Brother William F. Anderson spoke, admonishing us that "we can not legislate Zion to be a reality". He also taught us "that when men should keep all my commandments, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself." (Inspired Translation) Gen. 9:21. We were also reminded that Zion is the pure in heart. D. C. 94:5.

We had, at the evening service, a timely sermon given by Brother Don Housknecht, who had recently returned from the missionary field for the meeting of the Twelve, prior to the Conference. In this sermon we were taught from the fifth chapter of Galatians. We were admonished also that much of our strife collectively has been over things not pertaining to our soul's salvation.

Sunday, March 28, Brother T. J. Jordan from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, was the speaker of the morning. We were first favored by a vocal special from Misses Martha and Margret Harris, entitled, "Trust and Obey". It was well enjoyed by all. Brother Jordan used much of chapter 28 of Deuteronomy, so we know that there are blessings for the obedient, and much punishment for the disobedient.

We had the pleasure of meeting a new family who visited our morning services. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cuffell and five fine children. Mrs. Cuffell is the daughter of Sister Lillian Brown of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot).

Sunday, April 4, was our Sarcament Service preceding Conference. It was well attended, and we were near the end of the period set aside for fasting and prayer. I'm sure though, that many have still remained in a prayerful attitude because of the seriousness of the times, and our need for divine direction. We held this meeting in the afternoon after dinner was served in the dining room. In the morning service, Brother A. M. Smith was the speaker. He likened us to the people in Noah's time before the flood. He mentioned how we are hastening to a sudden destruction and our own annihilation, but if we are faithful, we need not fear the destroyer. At the evening service Brother Archie Bell's sermon taught us to pray over our flocks, birds, household, and against the devil who is the enemy of all righteousness. Also pray over our fields and crops. Much of his text was Mark, chapter 11, verses 11-22; Hebrews 11:1; also John 17:4 and 7.

Monday, April 5, we received a sermon from Brother C. L. Wheaton. We were told to look in our hearts and minds to see what we have to offer God. It seemed that the Conference had already started at this time because so many had arrived from all parts of the country. So with hopeful anticipation we prepared for the coming days of conference.

Katherine Moyer, Reporter

Y. P. C. L. NEWS

From Flint, Michigan

Our people are working fervently on their original Easter play for which they have made their own costumes, props, and ideas. Only the songs used are of outside conception. We are happy that we are able to work together without anger and jealousy and that nearly every one is willing to take part and co-operate.

We are, nevertheless continuing our studies on Tuesday evenings and having play practice on Thursday.

We are seriously considering beginning a youth choir or possibly one mixed with adults. We know that the more activities that we can share together the more we shall be apart from the activities of the world.

After their return from conference, our sponsor and two members gave an account of the highlights of their delightful trip.

Our prayers are for the youth, who will some day carry on the work of those who have toiled in past generations to establish and maintain Zion.

Winona Adams, Reporter

From Independence, Missouri

The Independence young people have had a busy month.

March 18, we had a box supper to raise money for our conference social. The whole church was invited. We succeeded in raising sufficient funds and everyone had lots of fun and plenty to eat.

Our Church History class was held March 25, when we had an interesting discussion concerning the Urim and Thummim used in translating the Book of Mormon.

On April 1 and 15, we held our regular Church History meetings. There was no meeting April 8 because of Conference meetings.

The Y. P. C. L. Conference social was held on Saturday, April 10, at Slover's Park. We had a weiner roast with all the trimmings and then finished the evening by playing some of our favorite games as well as some new ones. We had young people visiting from West Virginia, Bemidji and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Flint, Michigan. We hope all the visitors enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed them.

Enid Elizabeth Morris and John Edward Bell were married at the church the afternoon of April 17 in a double ring ceremony. The ceremony was performed by Brother Vance H. Harris. The flower girl was Lois June Bell, sister of the groom. Alice Fawn Hooker was maid of honor and Jack Bell was best man. Margaret and Martha Harris were the candlelighters and Marvin and Leslie Case, Warren Sarratt and Bill L. Morris were the ushers.

We offer Enid and Johnny congratulations and hope they will be as happy as they both looked the day of their wedding.

From time to time I will be publishing the name and address of a church member who would like a pen pal. The name and address for this month is as follows:

Bob Eddy (age 16)
6160 East Bristol Road
Flint 7, Michigan

If you would like to submit your name or get the name of some one else, please write to:

Y. P. C. L. Reporter
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Box 472
Independence, Missouri
Mary Lois Harris, Reporter

A MIND'S PICTURE

Leslie P. Case

On January 3, which was the first Sacrament Sunday this year, the Independence Local met in the usual manner. After the opening songs and prayer, we partook of the sacrament, then entered into a season of prayer. Among some of the thoughts, expressed in some of the prayers, were blessings of healing for those who were sick, both physically and spiritually, and for God's blessings as we gathered around His table. My mind's eye began to piece these thoughts, with others which have passed through my mind lately, together. Some of these thoughts came from the scriptures and others I gained from discussions with my brothers and sisters. Soon there was a complete picture before my mind.

It was as if we were entering into a cafeteria where it was required to wear clean, white garments. This is the way the scriptures describe righteousness and obedience in the gospel as it appears on the children of God. Without this clothing we would not be admitted.

We then took our trays and passed along the counter where all of the food, gifts and promises of the gospel, were displayed. There we but had to ask with

a prayer of faith for the things which we desired. Here the thought, which Paul gave us, comes into light, where he admonished us to seek the best gifts. Those which we understand to be for our good. Some might seek healings, tongues and interpretation of tongues, the spirit of prophesy, discernment of spirits, wisdom and knowledge in spiritual matters, while others might seek other signs and blessings promised to the faithful children of God. Upon the asking in faith believing, these things would be given in the infinite wisdom and power of God. Upon receiving these gifts, we should use them as the talents which the man traveling to a far country gave his servants and required of their hands on his return. If we use them to the good of God's work, we can return many fold the increase of fruits from these gifts and blessings.

After passing by the table, we then came to the cash register or the place where we are asked to give. Here God only asks us to give thanks and bear testimony of His kindness to us, and recognize His divine presence.

Again, we would like to point to the beginning, where it was required to be wearing the garments of righteousness and obedience to the gospel, with the appearance of whiteness and cleanliness, to be permitted to enter the door where these blessings were granted. It is my prayer that I, with all of you, may have this appearance and be worthy of coming before this table and asking for these gifts, and then be diligent in using and giving thanks for them.

OBITUARY

Hattie Agnes Bruch was born at Junction City, Kansas, December 17, 1904, and departed this life March 30, 1954, at the age of 49 years. She attended various elementary schools in Kansas. After her graduation from Morehead High School, she attended Parsons Junior College.

She was united in marriage to Ralph Hatcliff, May 28, 1924, at Independence, Kansas. To this union two sons were born, Earl Richard and Winston John of the home.

After her marriage she and her husband attended Pittsburg State Teachers College where they graduated. They also did graduate work at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo. She and her husband have made a career of teaching, which began in the rural schools of Wilson County, then at Dearing and Tyre in Montgomery County.

In 1937, they moved to Cherokee, N. C., where her husband was principal of the Big Cove Indian School on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. She began teaching in the same school in 1943, and continued there until her illness in November, 1953.

At the age of 10 years she was baptized and became a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and in later years she united with the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). She has always been a faithful worker in Sunday School and church in every community in which she lived.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, her mother, Mrs. Kate Bruch, Wheatland, Wyoming; five sisters, Mrs. James Alley, Chisney, Ind.; Mrs. Harvey Honeywell, Omaha, Nebr.; Mrs. Floyd Pickett, Osceola,

Mo.; Mrs. Glen Trout, Mrs. Myrtle Laymon, Independence, Kansas; three brothers, John Bruch, Cherryvale, Kansas; Glenn Bruch, San Bernardino, Calif.; Theron Bruch, Parsons, Kansas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted at Cherokee, N. C., by Apostle R. R. Robertson assisted by Elder H. F. Kidd, and again at Cherrvale, Kansas with Apostles R. R. Robertson and W. A. Sheldon.

Interment at the Cherryvale Cemetery.

IN HONOR

(A Tribute to Mrs. Hattie Hatcliff)

She was loving, kind and true;
She always had a smile for you.
She was like a flower in May
That bloomed on earth and went away.

She was a friend to every body,
And was a neighbor kind and true;
But the Blessed Saviour called her
To that home beyond the blue.

We can not hear her voice so gentle
Nor her foot steps soft and lower.
She has gone to be with Jesus
On that bright Eternal Shore.

Sister Eliza Jane Bradley
(A Cherokee Indian Lady)

CHURCH BOOKS

On Temple Lot and Historical Facts

"An Outline History of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)." A History of the "Church of Christ" from 1823 to 1950, \$2.50 each or three or more for \$2.25 each.

"Book of Commandments Controversy Reviewed." Historical references and data concerning the "Book of Commandments," 65¢.

"Historical Facts Concerning the Temple Lot." Our answer to President Israel A. Smith's, "The Temple Lot Suit Again" in the Saints' Herald, May 12, 1952.

"Temple Lot Deed." Tracing title to "Temple Lot" from State of Missouri, December 12, 1831 to Church of Christ through purchase by 1877.

Order From Business Manager

Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
P. O. Box 472
Independence,
Missouri.

TRIBUTE TO MY DEAR HUSBAND

James Elmer Yates

Born March 12, 1874 — Died April 7, 1954

Another soul has taken flight,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

God in His mercy hath recalled
Our weary pilgrim home;
And left a richer heritage
Then we have ever known.

His pen and ink are laid aside;
The books he loved are near;
The memory of a life well spent
Our aching hearts now cheer.

With help of God, we will improve
Our days in service sweet;
So when our time shall come at last,
We'll meet at Jesus' feet.

Irene F. Yates

APRIL 8, 1954

There is sadness in all our hearts,
For a friend has passed away.
We loved him very dearly,
He left us yesterday.
We will miss that friendly handshake,
We will miss that kindly smile,
As we walk along life's pathway,
Till we've reached that last long mile.
And when we cross o'er Jordan's tide;
And look with joyfull eyes,
I am sure we'll see our brother,
In the mansions of the skies.

Chas. Reed

UNITED WORKERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)

Dear Sisters:

In behalf of the whole family and myself I wish to thank one and all for the beautiful flowers and card of sympathy sent to us in our hour of sorrow. We are sure, though absent for a time, his sweet spirit and influence will still help us in trials to come.

I thank all of my sisters for the kindness and love shown to me on many occasions. God bless and help us to keep on with our good work.

Your Sister in Christ,

Irene F. Yates