

# 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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## *Life*

Life is a blend of the good and the bad,  
A bit of the glad and a bit of the sad;  
A pinch of contentment, at time of unrest,  
A dash of the worst and a lot of the best;  
A little of failure, a little of luck,  
A bit of disaster and plenty of pluck;  
And who would live long must be willing to know  
Winter and summer and sunshine and snow.

Life is a mixture of laughter and tears,  
Hope and despair are a part of the years;  
Someone is born and then somebody dies,  
Someone is foolish and someone is wise;  
Someone is false to us, someone is true,  
Now it is play and then tasks we must do;  
Who grows to manhood must learn how to take,  
Joy with its laughter and care with its ache.

Life is a blend of the good and the ill,  
And we must bear what shall come by God's will;  
There must come tears to the brightest of eyes,  
Care visits the rich and the strong and the wise;  
No one escapes when the raindrops pour down,  
Today you may smile, but tomorrow may frown;  
So stand to your portion, be it sorrow or strife,  
And know that its all in the battle called Life.

—Selected

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## EDITORIAL

We often speak about properly preparing ground for the different crops that the farmer plants and usually much stress is placed on the thoroughness of his preparation if he is to expect an abundant harvest. We want to call your attention to something that is even more important; that is, the seed he uses.

We will suppose that this man is new to the farm. He goes to a dealer to buy his seed. The man is wanting to realize a full harvest so he asks the dealer to supply him with the proper seed and tell him what he can expect from it. We will suppose that the man does not know how to tell the different kinds of seed apart. He puts full confidence in the dealer.

Supposing the man wants to sow wheat and the dealer sells him rye. The man harvests the grain and tries to sell it for wheat and the grain dealer refuses to buy it. Imagine the man's chagrin when he finds that he has not been raising what he thought was wheat at all.

Supposing the man wanted sudan grass for summer pasture and the dealer sold him cane instead. When he turned his cattle on it the cane poisoned them and he lost several. If he inquired around about it and found that the dealer had sold him the wrong seed do you think that he would have any confidence in that dealer again?

Some farmers who have been either raised on the farm or have farmed for several years try to get by with using a poor seed, and many times it has a high percentage of weed seed. It is needless to say that they lose from this method, and sometimes their loss is heavy. If they were careful they could, with just a little more cost, get seed that would be certified free from these objectionable seed.

The gospel proclaimed by the various churches can be considered in the same way as the seed that the farmer uses.

We, of the Church of Christ can consider ourselves very fortunate. The gospel seed that we have received

is certified pure. If there is any contamination in it, we have placed it there ourselves. In the beginning the church was told to rely on the things that were then written. There were only the Bible and the Book of Mormon written at that time, therefore they were to be our standards.

Many accusations have been hurled at both of them and in particular at the Book of Mormon but never have these claims against them been proven true. They remain certified to this day. The plainness of the language in the Book of Mormon amazes many who read it. It, along with the Bible, is to confound false doctrines.

Let us examine some of the doctrines that there is much confusion about among the Christian people. One is Baptism. Some will say it is all right to sprinkle and call it baptism. Others will say water should be poured on the candidate when he is baptized. And still others are just as firm that immersion is the proper method to use. Let us examine the Book of Mormon and quote the words of Christ:

"And He said unto them, on this wise shall ye baptize; and there shall be no disputations among you.

"Verily I say unto you, that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words, and desireth to be baptized in my name, on this wise shall ye baptize them: Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them.

"And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying: Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"And then shall ye immerse them in the water, and come forth again out of the water."

There is no room for any misunderstanding. He plainly says that the one who officiates must stand in the water. He states the exact words which the minister shall say. Any minister who uses a different statement from this is not in full accord with the will of Christ.

Then He plainly says to immerse the candidate. This surely should confound any false doctrine on baptism.

The question often comes up concerning the necessity of one having authority to baptize. The question is: If a person should desire baptism and there was no one there with recognized authority, would the baptism be valid if it was performed by a lay member? The answer is, No.

The Bible tells of a time when Paul was travelling and came to Ephesus. He found some disciples of Appolos' there and asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost. They replied that they had not heard of the Holy Ghost. Let us follow it through as it is written:

"And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

"Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the bap-

tism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

This is plain enough that the one who does the baptizing must have authority to do so and that authority must come from Christ.

We could enumerate many false doctrine and show how they can be confounded by one or the other of these two books but we will not do so now.

Many, many people are as unwise in their way of obtaining knowledge of the plan of salvation as the man we first mentioned. They will ask most any minister they meet what they must do to be saved, then they will usually pick out the easiest way to follow and never examine the Scriptures to see if they were told the right thing to do. They may never ask this minister for the references in the Scripture to prove his advice to be good.

What will be the result at the Lord's harvest for a person who is careless as to what gospel seed he purchases to be used in his field of life? If he relies entirely on someone else to pick his seed for him, he is making flesh his arm. "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord."

And what will be the result at the time of the Lord's harvest for a person who purchases gospel seed that is full of weed seed (false doctrines) just because it is cheap and easy to get and use it in his field of life? "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

How much better it will be to be sure that you receive certified gospel seed when you make your purchase. Be sure that the dealer is authorized to sell it and knows one kind of seed from another. Be sure that the seed is properly planted in the Master's Kingdom and be sure to cultivate it properly after it is planted. Then when the time comes for your part to be gathered in you will be able to say as did Paul:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing."

A. F. B.

## FROM THE MISSIONARY FIELD

### Journeyings

It was on the evening of June the second I boarded a train in Kansas City and headed for Montfort, Wisconsin, having promised Brother Davies I would visit him. It was a tiresome journey as I had to wait over in Madison pretty much all one day; but I arrived at Montfort the evening of the third and found the Davies clan all well and happy.

There are a few of our church folk scattered in and around those parts. The Davies folk arranged for a get-together on Sunday afternoon for sacrament. About noon Sunday there came up quite a severe storm which hindered some from attending the meeting, but there were sufficient of us together to have a meeting. Those who were able to attend were pleased to have opportunity to partake of the sacrament, as they do not have that privilege except when a missionary comes along.

Arrangements were made for a service on Tuesday evening. The attendance was not large, but we had a very good service.

On Monday, Sister June Smith arrived to spend her vacation with the folks at Montfort and in Madison. A tour for the benefit of the visitors was arranged, so John harnessed up his automobile and we started out. Our first stop was at the Cave of the Mounds; a very interesting spot with a story all its own.

It seems that this cave was discovered through the workings of a stone quarry, and was leased by a contractor who had contracts to build roads. He, wishing to get out a lot of stone at one time, hired a well driller to come and drill holes for him. The driller set up his machinery and started in, drilling eight holes six inches in diameter. It happened that in drilling three of these hoels, which were to be thirty feet deep, that the drill dropped another thirty feet and it was decided that there was a cavity there. The powder was tamped in and set off, and it was discovered that there was a cave of some dimensions. It was finally explored and sealed up to keep folks out. In the exploring it was discovered that it contained much of beauty. It was finally leased by a Mr. Brechler, and a Mr. Hanneman, who installed lighting and arranged passage ways so the cave could be seen by folks who wished to explore it.

The cave of course is solid rock ceiling and floors and there are places where there is considerable water.

The formations in the cave are very interesting and I wish I were able to explain them all to the readers. Some of these formations take on the shape of persons, and of animals, and birds, and when pointed out are very easily distinguished. In one place the guide called attention to a formation that looked very much like a football huddle and others that have the form of people. In one instance it resembled a hen sitting on a nest. There are many stalactites which are very interesting to contemplate, and one is caused to wonder at the marvels of nature.

It, of course, is commercialized and it costs eighty cents to visit it. Of course there are many souvenirs to attract the eye of the visitor, and of course the pocketbook.

They told us that the cave held a temperature of forty-five and never varied from that winter or summer.

Leaving the cave we journeyed to Mound Park where John and the girls prepared lunch of hamburger sandwiches and coffee, having a small charcoal burn-

er. They did very well and we were satisfied for the time. The one drawback was, it was kind of cold and dreary.

After lunch John drove around the park and pointed out some of the most important places. From there we journeyed to another park or scenic spot which is known as Little Norway. It is a bit of Norway tucked in the woods and the claim is that it was brought out from Norway and is a little village. That which we were able to see was rather picturesque. We did not indulge in a visit there as that meant the expenditure of more money and we did not think it wisdom to go through the village.

Our next stop was at Tower Hill Park, which is a state park, and there was no charge there. The park has a bit of history attached to it.

As far back as 1830 there was a tower on the hill and there they had a place where they melted lead from which they made shot for the soldiers of those days. The shot was shipped down the Wisconsin river and from there consigned to St. Louis, Missouri.

At this point battles were fought against the Indians and the Indians under Black Hawk were driven across the Wisconsin River. Thus the battle ended, I presume.

At any rate it is said that a number of the soldiers homesteaded the land there. We did a little exploring and found where the old tower had stood with a cistern into which they poured the hot lead and the cold water separated it, and so they had shot. That of course is the story. The writer has no way of vouching for it.

From there we journeyed through some very fine country with its hills and valleys, finally getting back to where we started after a very interesting day.

This old world of ours does have many very interesting and beautiful spots if it were but possible for us to see them.

With good wishes for all,

Your Brother in Christ,

Wm. F. Anderson

## NEWS FROM LOCALS

### St. Louis, Missouri

On June 5 we had our Sacrament Service.

Brother Shankle was our speaker on June 12. His subject was: "The Lord cometh without observation." We should be prepared when the Lord does come. We should strive to be ready for him at all times. He quoted from Luke 11 and 17. He told us of the ten that were sick and when Christ healed them only one gave thanks. He spoke of how everyone, great and small, will have to stand before God and give account of himself.

Bro. Nichols was our speaker of that morning. Bro. Nichols told us a thought he had heard: to get rid of your enemies, make friends with them. He quoted

from Timothy 2. He told us to do all we can to bring people to Christ; also, we should study not to be ashamed so that we may be able to tell others of Christ.

It was called to my attention that I made a mistake in the March report. In Brother Shankle's sermon, it was Nicodemus instead of Lazarus, who had no knowledge of the Bible and how Christ explained to him about being baptized and why he should.

Edith Frey, Reporter

### Independence, Missouri

On the first Sunday of June the 5th, we held our regular monthly Sacrament service. Brother Rolland Sprague read from I John 1:1-10 and I John 2:1-10. These verses are a commandment to obey the laws set forth by the Gospel of Christ, and not let the fleshy man enter in.

Brother Richard A. Wheaton was the speaker in the evening service of June 5. His Scripture reading was St. Matthew 21:17-20, wherein Christ cursed the fig tree that bore no fruit so that it withered away. Our speaker compared our lives to a fruit tree, and in reading from the Book of Mormon, Jacob 3:105-153, showed us what happens to those trees which bear no fruit or evil fruit. This parable tells what was done to the trees that they might be saved from being destroyed by fire. If we consider these thoughts in the light of individuals, we can see what we must cast off if we are to be retained in the Lord's vineyard.

In the morning service of June 12, Brother Levi Maley used St. John 10:1-15 as his Scripture reading. He pointed out that "life . . . more abundantly" in verse 10 not only means spiritual life, but also temporal life. Everywhere people of the world are looking for something to satisfy their soul's longing. This dissatisfied condition is foretold in Mormon 4:37-54. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord," (Isaiah 1:18) does not seem to be the rule in the world today. Instead of reasoning, violence is used to settle disputations. It is imperative that we take advantage of this invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." St. Matthew 11:28.

At this morning service, we were happy to be able to extend the right hand of fellowship to two sisters who have transferred to our Church from another branch of the Restoration. These sisters, daughters of the late Sister Belle Arney, are Sister Nalda Volkl and Sister Hazel Dennison.

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." St. Luke 16:17. This was brought out in the evening service of June 12 by Brother Leslie Case. Everyone has a responsibility in the Kingdom of Heaven. Christ set the example for us by being baptized and telling us how to go on to perfection. We need not think we are not part of the body because we are not of the ministry. The ministers are merely vessels to carry the food of life, to strengthen and edify the body to keep it whole. The fruits of the body are all too often the works of the flesh as stated in Galatians 5:19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are

manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness . . . idolatry, witchcraft . . . revellings, and such like. . . " We should be reaping the fruits of the spirit: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22.

Brother Fernando Ojeda of Ticul, Yucatan, was the speaker of the morning service of June 19. Brother Ojeda expressed himself as being very happy since he gave himself to serve the Lord. In this work, God is giving us an opportunity to come back into His presence. We have to do our best to please him and bring the Gospel to those who know it not. There is a great work to be done in the future; may each of us have a place in it.

In the evening service of June 19, we heard a sermon from Brother Archie Bell, wherein he brought out the significance of the two records we now possess. When these two records have been believed, others will be brought forth. "Wherefore, go to, and call servants, that we may labor diligently with our mights in the vineyard, that we may prepare the way, that I may bring forth again the natural fruit, which natural fruit is good, and the most precious above all other fruit. Wherefore, let us go to, and labor with our mights, this last time; for behold the end draweth nigh: and this is for the last time that I shall prune my vineyard." Book of Mormon, Jacob 3:125-126. Everyone of us has some thing to do to assist in this work and be a laborer in His vineyard.

After a two-week course, the Bible School presented a resume of their learnings during the Sunday School hour on June 26. Each class, from three-year-olds to twelve-year-olds, portrayed a portion of their studies in songs and recitations. We feel that the Bible School is a great help in teaching our children the ways of the Lord.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:1-2. This Scripture was used by Brother Rolland Sprague in the morning service of June 26. He spoke of the blessings we would receive if we relied on the God above, instead of turning our thoughts elsewhere as the greater part of the world does today. The words of Christ in III Nephi 4:42-43 contain the promise that shall be fulfilled to us if we do turn to him. "Yea, verily I say unto you, If ye will come unto me, ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are those who come unto me".

The evening services of June 26 and July 3 were taken up with a sermon by Brother C. L. Wheaton, Sr., on the subject of the Godhead.

In assisting with the Sacrament Service on the morning of July 3, Brother Marvin Case read from I Corinthians 11:3, 23-28. This first verse points out that the head of mankind is Christ; and the latter tells of the administration of the Sacrament.

Brother Vance Harris, in the morning service of July 10, brought to us that there is one basic factor in

the Scriptures which has remained the same through all the ages. This is the plan of salvation. There is a reward promised to all of us for working for the Lord and observing His commandments. This reward is eternal life if we are found worthy in the judgment. Christ gave us one great commandment to live by which encompasses every point of the Gospel: "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 . . . 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." St. Matthew 22:37-40.

The evening service of this Sunday was devoted to a panel discussion. Brother Forest Maley was in charge of the five-member panel. The topic was: "Sin—the cause, the character, the prevention and cure." We discussed some different types of sin, including some broad types as those of omission and those of commission. Many times we are prone to sin and then give time-worn excuses for our action to try to clear ourselves of any blame. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest . . . they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Enid Bell, Reporter

#### News from the Colorado Reunion

What does it take to make a reunion? First there must be a desire in the hearts of people to want to get together with others of the saints, for the purpose of worshiping God. Second, there must be a time and a place appointed, and third, there must be some preparations made.

Those who live at the appointed place must prepare to care for those who will attend. They must arrange for housing and feeding of those who come from other places. This in itself, is quite a task. Those who come from distant places must plan and prepare for the trip to and from the reunion.

While these things that are mentioned are necessary, yet there are other important factors in the preparation for a successful reunion. The Spirit of God must be invited to attend. If His Spirit does not attend the people in their gatherings, all efforts, labor, and preparations are wasted.

Each individual is responsible for bringing a portion of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is invited in accord with our individual desires to worship Him. The Spirit of God is invited through prayer; the prayers of those who will attend, and also by the prayers of all those who are concerned in the welfare of God's kingdom here on earth.

I have just returned from the Colorado reunion and I can testify to all the saints that your prayers, and our prayers, in behalf of the reunion, have been answered. We had a three-day reunion and the Spirit of God was present from the very first hand shake through each meeting, and even to the last good-bye.

My wife and I, in company with Sisters E. J. McIndoo and Evalena Campbell arrived at Grand Junction in the evening of June, the third. As we walked

into the home of our dear brother and sister Ted Ely, we were met by Sister Sweem, of Hamilton, Missouri. As we greeted her we could feel the spirit of love and fellowship. It was the same spirit that we so often feel in our prayer meetings. That spirit increased as we greeted each of the other saints, those of Grand Junction, and those from distant places.

A reunion indeed, not only in fellowship, but also in spirit. After a pleasant evening we retired, and I am sure just as many prayers went up to God from there that night as there were saints present. I know, also, that many of you who could not be with us offered up your prayers in our behalf.

Some of those who traveled from distant places to attend were: Brother and Sister Sweem, Brother and Sister Harvey Bell, Brother and Sister Arthur Smith, and Brother Tom Jordan. The ministry was well represented. There were four Elders, one Bishop, one Seventy, and four Apostles present.

The order of our daily meetings were: Prayer service, 9:30 A. M. until we deemed it wise to close; preaching 2:30 until 4:00 P. M. At 7:30 in the evening we had a song service followed with a preaching service. On the last day the order was changed to include another sermon.

We were blessed with seven sermons in all. I say "blessed", because I mean just that. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon each speaker in great power, and as the scripture was opened to our understanding, we were indeed fed with that spiritual food that is so vital to spiritual life and growth.

The prayer services were of such spiritual quality that they shall ever live in my memory as high points in my spiritual experiences. Under the peaceful influence of the Spirit of God as we met there in the reunion of our spirits, we were permitted to hear prayers and testimonies of such high quality that they, for the moment, lifted us in spirit and fellowship out of this world and into the presence of Christ himself. We were permitted to witness the gift of tongues, and after several seasons of prayer, the gift of interpretation was given. We were spoken to by the voice of the Spirit, through one of God's servants. The Lord in this manner spoke directly to some of the ministry present. Also, by the voice of the Spirit the Lord called our young brother, Robert Ely, to the office of a priest. This same call had been made known to another brother several months ago. Thus, we see that through the mouths of two or three witnesses all things shall be made known.

Indeed and in truth we did feel the Spirit of God there in each of our meetings, and I hope and pray that God will grant each of you who read these words a touch of that same divine fire.

Our joy again increased as we were told that Robert Ely's wife, Shirley, had decided to be one with him in the gospel and had asked for baptism. We gathered at the river in the afternoon of June the sixth and there Brother Tom Barton led her into the waters of baptism. At the evening service she was confirmed a member of the Church of Christ, thus another soul was added to the Kingdom of God here on earth.

At the close of each of our reunions here in the past, our Brother and Sister Shaw have invited all who could go, to spend the day after the reunion with them at their ranch home fifty miles from Grand Junction. Again this year all who could, spent the day at the Shaw ranch. I know they had a wonderful time and we are sorry we could not stay to enjoy it with them.

We wish to thank each and every person who helped to make our reunion possible. This includes those of you who were there and those of you who were not, yet remembered us to God in your prayers.

To those of you who will yet have reunions this year, let me say, prepare yourselves now. Ask God to be there with you. When you go to bed at night do not forget to ask Him to bless your reunion. When you arise in the morning do not forget to ask Him again. When in your prayer meetings invite Him to attend your reunions.

To those of the priesthood who are going to attend any reunion or gathering of the people, if you intend to take part, if you desire to get the most out of it, prepare yourselves now that you may be a worthy vessel in the hands of God, prepared to feed the sheep and to take care of the flock.

Again let us consider what it does take to make a successful reunion.

1. A desire or a hunger and a thirst after righteousness.
2. A time and a place.
3. Preparation, both of the material and of the spiritual.

Each and every member of the body of Christ can help prepare for the spiritual needs. Let us pray for one another.

May God bless you and feed you that spiritual food of which we were privileged to partake at the Colorado reunion.

E. L. Yates

#### Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana District Reunion

The sound of the last hymn of this district Reunion has died out along White's Creek. Not even the echo repeats it. But the damp soil beside the big spring still shows the prints of the 97 pairs of feet which came and paused for awhile and the grass still bows in witness of the knees bent in worship there.

The big tent still stands waiting until tomorrow to be taken care of. And it seems proper that it should stand and tie together two reunion years because it is one product of this year's work which will be for our use during the coming years.

Our Reunion was some different this year than in those past. This difference began as a dream in at least one man's mind. This dream became a hint and the hint grew into a suggestion. The suggestion caught the imagination of others and turned into a plan. By work throughout the year this plan became a reality. At last year's reunion it was decided that the commit-



tee for the 1955 Reunion should be one representative from each local in the district. They decided to try for a tent meeting and chose Ava for the locality. A neighbor there, Bro. Jim Davis of the Reorganized Church, agreed to let us use a place on his farm. A tent was rented, a platform for the pulpit was built and other preparations were made. Yet the decision rested with the weather.

In one way the Reunion began on Thursday, July 14. On that day Brother and Sister Sweem of Hamilton, Missouri, Brother Leslie Case and his family and Brother J. M. Case from Independence came together with those from Ava to put up the tents and lights and get all in readiness for the meetings. Sister Ethel Holcomb and Enid and Delores Bell, and Brother Joe Yates and his family from Independence, Brother Marshall Jamison from Springfield and Brother Overcast and his family from Puryear, Tennessee, also arrived that day.

As the men gathered to put up the tent the rain began. But after a time of waiting they went ahead with the work. By noon their clothing was wet and the creek a few feet away was beginning to become muddy. In the afternoon they went back to work. The creek continued to rise and washed out the footbridge. The sky was still overcast but they moved in the benches and pulpit.

The next morning was sunny and the Reunion officially began at 11 o'clock with a preaching service.

The Friday activities included three preaching services. The opening sermon, by Brother J. M. Case of Independence, Mo., told of the "growing pains" that the church had suffered—from a small organization of approximately seventy members to the thousands that now comprise the Restoration. In the afternoon service of this opening day, we were admonished by Brother Rolland D. Sprague of Independence to "let your light so shine" before the world that our Father in heaven might be glorified. In the evening service, Brother John A. Sweem of Hamilton, Missouri, brought to us the two commissions that had been given to the disciples of old. These commissions were that they were to go first to the Jews; and later they were sent to the Gentile nations. He elaborated on the importance of these commissions and the influence they have on the lives of us today.

Through Friday and Saturday the group continued to grow. As some of them drove up during the service it did not seem as much of an interruption as a time of happiness as we recognized friends who had been ill in bed the last we heard. In these two days the Ava local welcomed Brother L. V. Aldridge from Noel, Mo.; Brother and Sister C. L. Wheaton and their granddaughter, Jackie, Brother Leroy Wheaton and his family, Brother Vance Harris and family, Brother and Sister Chas. Reed and Alice and Brother Rolland D. Sprague and family of Independence; Brother Alma Camp and his family from Springfield, Mo.; Brother Bob Maley and family from Valley City, Kansas; Sister Ernest Keeney, her daughter, Mary Jane Ware and little Johnny Ware and Truman Medders from Houston, Mo. On Sunday the group was swelled to record size by the arrival of Sister Darrah, Brother and Sister Mercer, Brothers Ernest and Ireatess Keeney and Mrs. Doerrer from Houston; Sister Vivian Olson from Minnea-

polis, Minn.; Brother Marvin Case and family, Brother Kenneth Smith and Brother Virgil Rudd from Independence; Brother D. Ray Bryant and family, Brother Gerald Bryant and family and Brother and Sister Loren Bryant from Cowgill, Mo.; and Brother and Sister Harvey Siebel and family from Arizona. Also visiting were Brother and Sister Jim Davis and Mrs. Edward Schnuelle of Ava.

Our services on Saturday started with a prayer meeting at 9:30. We feel we were blessed abundantly in this service for there were many inspirational prayers and testimonies. Brother Joseph F. Yates of Independence, Missouri, was the speaker in the morning service of this day. With testimonies of the goodness of God to His people, Brother Yates rendered an appeal to all to come out of the world and become Christ's. The speaker of the afternoon service, Brother L. V. Aldridge of Noel, Missouri, brought to our minds again the part that America (Joseph's land) plays in the great plan of God. The development of the talents we possess was the subject of the evening sermon by Brother C. L. Wheaton, Sr., of Independence. He asked that we examine what we have in our hands that might be used for the good of the Lord's work.

After these services, we all gathered around a campfire and enjoyed another grand part of any such gathering—a recreational activity. Marshmallows were provided and everyone enjoyed toasting them, while at the same time visiting among our friends. This combination resulted in a few burnt offerings, but did not lessen our enjoyment of the fellowship.

Sunday morning was devoted to a prayer service followed with preaching by Brother Archie F. Bell, missionary in charge of this district reunion. The prayers and testimonies offered in the prayer service are a strength and encouragement to all of us who heard. Brother Bell's sermon concerned the establishment of present truth, the only source of which is Jesus Christ. In the afternoon, we were pleased to witness the addition of three new members to the ranks of the Lord. Those baptized were: Sandra Vivienne and Daniel Sanford Camp, daughter and son of Brother and Sister Alma Camp of Springfield, Missouri; and Margret Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Brother and Sister Vance H. Harris of Independence. Laying on of hands for reception of the Holy Ghost followed in the service of the afternoon. We are filled with joy when new souls can be brought into the Kingdom at such gatherings as these.

Brother Vance H. Harris occupied in the afternoon service. We were again admonished to give of what we had even as God gave His only begotten Son that we might have life more abundantly. Our participation in the work must be active and steadfast. The sermon of Brother C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., of Independence on Sunday evening concerned the object of the Church of Christ. We are to be a missionary people to carry the Gospel of Christ throughout the world.

In spite of, as well as because of, some of the troubles of a tent meeting it was a time enjoyed by most of those present. There were showers during the

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLES

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### BY WHAT FRUITS?

Bill L. Morris

In Matthew 7:17, it says, "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." And so, and again I am quoting, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Is this then how we are to be judged by those people in the world around us? Is this then how the church is to be judged? We as individuals and as a church are judged—are evaluated—exactly that way, by our fruits—our results!

Is it necessary then that we be known by our wealth? Is this the fruit by which we wish to be known? It is not! Are we to be evaluated by the clothes we wear or the cars we drive? Let us hope not! How then do we as a church wish to be judged? There is only one standard of measure which has any value to the Church of Christ. That is, that degree to which we enjoy the fruits of the Spirit of God. This is the only criterion which sets our church apart from the others of the world.

All good things must come from God. If we begin with an ample manifestation of the Spirit of God we must demonstrate those good fruits of the good tree, and we can truly say, "These are the fruits by which we wish to be known.

Are we known by these fruits?

God gives to men the word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, the gifts of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues and interpretation. (I Cor. 12:8-10). These gifts of the spirit bring forth good fruit because they come from the good vine, and if they are given to members of the Church of Christ they must be manifest in the church, because: ". . . as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." (I Cor. 12:12).

Where then are these gifts? Where are the fruits of this vine? If this is Christ's church then it must be that those gifts be given to this church because, "Christ is one body." (I Cor. 12:12). Are these fruits then hidden from the world so that we may be known by other fruits? God forbid!

If these good fruits from the good vine are manifest in the Church of Christ they must be multiplied and manifest because Christ says: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (St. John 15:2).

If we are known by the fruits of the Spirit of God, let us seek to know why. Let us cast out those fruits of the evil tree—the doctrines of men. Let us stand

before the world complete in Christ. "By these fruits ye shall know them."

(In looking through the Advocate for May, 1933 we noticed some things that we thought would be of interest to the reader, so we are passing them on.—Ed.)

### YOUNG MEN OF THE MINISTRY ACTIVE IN THEIR CALLING

**Our Young Ministers of the Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, as Elsewhere, Are Preaching the Gospel With Spiritual Grace and Power**

Of these young men in Phoenix, mention is here made of the good work of Elders Oren A. Caviness and Hubert A. Yates, and E. Leon Yates, supported by the capable ministry of Elder H. K. Rogers, the pastor.

**Sermon Delivered Sunday, February 26, in Church of Christ Chapel at Phoenix, Arizona, by E. Leon Yates. Subject, "Life."**

Scripture lesson and text: Gen. 1:21-31; and 2:7.

God gave life to all, mankind, animals, plants, and to all that live.

He made laws to govern all life. He made the seasons of the year, and the law that after the snow melts and the warm days come, the trees, grass, flowers, and all plant life put forth new buds and blossom into something beautiful and become useful to man.

The law of the rose seed says, the proper amount of water, sun, and rich soil will cause it to grow and develop into a beautiful flower. If the seed should be carried up by the wind into a desert land it would not grow. Or perhaps it might get enough water from a passing shower to give it a little life; but it would be dwarfed and ugly instead of the beautiful rose its sister seed had become which had fallen in a fertile valley where the climate conditions were in harmony with the laws that govern the growth of the rose.

Plant life and animal life are victims of circumstances. The seed that lodged in the desert found itself handicapped in growth, and was a victim of circumstances. There was nothing it could do to progress or to better itself. It was not made capable to cope with the desert.

But God made man in his own image and breathed into him breath of life and man became a living soul. He gave man dominion over all that is in the earth, and surely he gave us dominion over our own destiny.

He gave man a mind capable of profound thought.



He gave man a quality of power that he gave to no other living thing. It is the power to climb and to better ourselves, no matter under what conditions we may find ourselves. We are not like the rose seed. Drought can conquer it. Too much water can conquer it. Wrong altitude can conquer it. In fact, it has many enemies that can conquer it.

All life, other than man, has enemies that are greater than that life.

But man is Ruler and Master of all on this earth, including the destiny of his own soul.

Drought and too much rain and other enemies can conquer the work of man, but there is no enemy living that is big enough or powerful enough to conquer the soul of man if he will but stand up and fight.

We have enemies the same as all life, but we are greater than our enemies.

Most of us are blind to the biggest and most fierce of all enemies, which is self. No enemy can harm us, as do the things which we do to ourselves.

#### **His Worst Enemy, by Edgar A. Guest**

"Here's how I look at the game," said he,  
 "I am the man that can injure me.  
 Day by day and year by year  
 I am the fellow I have to fear.  
 A thief with a pistol may steal my purse,  
 But the things which I do to myself are worse.

"I may be downed by a stronger foe,  
 May get a black eye from a vicious blow;  
 But no man living, who'er he be,  
 Has power to blacken the soul of me.  
 And no man can whisper that I'm untrue  
 Unless that crime to myself I do.

"I may be tricked by a cunning cheat,  
 May lose to the better man when we meet,  
 But what is the loss of a fight or game  
 Compared to the loss of a man's good name?  
 And the thing which I fear is that I may deal  
 A blow to myself which I'll really feel.

"Shall my life be a credit or just a botch?  
 I am the fellow I have to watch.  
 Thieves may rob me and rivals strong  
 May crush the dreams which I've cherished long;  
 But the greatest harm which can come to me  
 Is the hurt I may do to myself," said he.

What are the things that tear down character and spiritual progress? Evil thoughts, greed, selfishness, any bad habit, etc.

Who permits these things to enter in our lives? We do. I am responsible for my actions and you are responsible for yours.

I am the master of my soul's spiritual destiny and you of yours. William E. Hanley was a life long sufferer and a cripple, but he gave to the world of literature, in his poem, "Invictus," these heroic lines:

"It matters not how strait the gate,  
 How charged with punishment the scroll;  
 I am the master of my fate;  
 I am the Captain of My Soul."

God made us living souls. He gave us our free agency, to do as we will. He made us capable to win the race of life, yet we can lay down the burden before the race is run, if we choose. It is up to you. It is up to me.

Ask yourself: "Am I going to conquer, or am I going to be content with trifles."

The following is a sentence sermon by R. L. Smith.

#### **God made man capable:**

"Of great loves, but he has indulged in great hatreds.

"Of magnificent achievements, but he has been content with trifles.

"Of profound thinking, but most of us are satisfied with stray opinions.

"Of heroic action, but he has usually chosen that which pays a profit.

"Of building palaces, but we have dug many huts.

"Of mighty adventures, but we have failed to learn how to cooperate.

"Of sublime faith, but we have feared to walk without sight."

Most of humanity has been content with trifles. It will be well for each of us to examine his individual life and see if he is being content with trifles.

Is there not room for progress in your life, that you are disregarding? Surely there is. Who is it that is perfect?

If an air pilot examining his plane found a wing cracked and failed to do anything about it, what would happen? In his next flight the wing might crumple, either killing him or badly crippling him. The same is true of our self-examination. If we find a weakness in our life and fail to do anything about it, fail to correct it, we will either become spiritually dead or spiritually badly crippled.

#### **What Constitutes a Life of Trifles?**

1. Lack of organization in routine of daily life. Too many of us live from day to day without right mental or spiritual exercise.
2. Stray opinions.
3. All thoughts that are not progressive towards right.
4. Spending time and money to satisfy our desire for pleasures that are not mentally or spiritually uplifting.
5. One of the biggest things that causes us to be content with trifles is Lazy Mindedness. This is a weakness which, if not conquered, will dwarf the soul.

Activity is the law of life.

Activity is the law of achievements. The physical can not achieve mighty strength without activity. The mental can not progress and grow without activity of mind. Spirit can not progress without activity.

If we should find ourselves lost away from the fertile valley of knowledge as did the rose, what are we going to do about it?

If we would be a godly people we must practice godliness; must be active in doing good. "For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."—I Tim. 4:8.

We have the power through activity of mind and the spirit that is within man, to climb above the clouds that obstruct the view, and to climb on up to the mountain peaks of knowledge and spiritual wisdom where there will be more clear vision of the paths we are to tread, through life.

Progress of the spiritual mind gives a clear vision of life. This is according to the law of life. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace!"—Rom. 8:6.

Are we as individuals as active of mind as we should be? Are we developing our abilities so we might achieve great things? Or are we hiding our light under a bushel?

Are we finding through our present way of living the broadest interpretation of life? Life's fullest meaning can be understood only as we accept the great Life Giver and are willing to cast off the shackles of greed, lazy mindedness, and selfishness, that hinder us from spiritual progress. Are we willing to become a charitable, prayerful, and a humble people? Only in this way can we enjoy the riches of life. "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life."—Prov. 22:4.

We are made capable of mighty achievements through cooperation. But only through correction of our individual lives will we ever learn to cooperate collectively as God would have us do.

We as individuals must realize that upon our shoulders lies a sacred burden only we can bear; which is to develop our minds, our characters, and our spirituality, so we might become fit subjects for cooperation with our associates. It is within our power to do so. God made us capable.

We, the Church of Christ, have a goal for which we are working. We hope some day to see the law of All Things Common being lived by the people. We believe under this law people will enjoy the finer things of life. We believe under this law, the Spirit will be poured out upon the people and that we will enjoy blessings that under our present system of living we can not even comprehend.

In Section 42, verse 17, Doctrine and Covenants, the Lord speaking of what would take place if we were living under this law, says: "If thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation, knowledge upon knowledge, that thou mayest know the mysteries, and peaceable things; that which bringeth joy, that which bringeth life eternal."

We are capable of living under this law if we weed out the things in our individual lives that hinder spiritual progress.

We must learn to live for one another in order to enjoy the better and the finer feelings of life. Someone has said: "A man who lives only for himself can never experience the full happiness of living." Did not the Savior say, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; but he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it?" (Matt. 10:39).

A selfish, aimless life is a living death: "Activity is the law of life; idleness is death. He who refuses to impart that which he has, will at last find he has nothing to give. He is consenting to a process that slowly dwarfs and finally destroys the soul."

We as a people have the power to open the door to that more abundant life, where we can enjoy the warmth and power of God's life-giving Spirit. Are we going to open the door and step through to mighty achievements? Or are we to be content with trifles?

If we accomplish the goal we have set out to win, "The Law of All Things Common," we will have accomplished a great achievement, because we will have builded a community or communities wherein man might have that more abundant life, and where the spirit of man will be on a communicative basis with God.

For in such association the spirit of man may be in closer communion with the Spirit of the Great Life Giver of All.

We must be active, we must bear our burden.

"A sacred burden in this life ye bear,  
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly,  
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly.  
Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin,  
But onward, upward, till the goal ye win."

But in order to reach the goal we must be in harmony with the laws that govern spiritual life. And that can only be through right activity.

For activity is the law of life. Idleness is death.

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## POETRY

### LIFE IS A ROAD

Life is a road  
Down which we walk;  
Life is a road  
About which we talk.

Life is a road  
Down which we travel  
As we walk down it  
Our lives to unravel.

Life is a road  
Down which we are led  
As from the Book of Life  
Our lives are read.

Life is a road  
Altho' it may seem  
Just a dull, common place  
In which to dream.

Life was a road  
And as we looked back  
We saw many things  
We always had lacked.

Life was a road  
Down which we were lead  
By Jesus, our companion,  
As the "Good Book" we read.

Life was a road  
Down which we did our best;  
Now we're at the harbor  
Safely we rest.

Now the portals open,  
The harbor is near  
And we enter rejoicing,  
Without any fear.

Vivian Heath

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### MY PICTURE

I picture the cross on Calvary,  
The Savior who died for me;  
I vision standing not afar off  
His mother who there did see  
The Lord Jesus, who for God she bore,  
Bleeding, dying to make us free.

I think of His pain and suffering,  
That His blood was spilled for me;  
I feel how weak and how unworthy,  
The sons of men seem to be;  
Then I picture the world's condition—  
All of which He too can see.

I picture a place up in heaven,  
A loving Father,—at His right  
I vision the face of my Saviour;  
And th' glory that shines so bright—  
The greatest glory—'tis celestial;  
I long for more of His great light.

That I may understand His gospel,  
Not only to say, but do;  
And obey the gospel He left here—  
To my God and Christ be true—  
For there's only one way to Heaven,  
'Tis the way our Saviour knew.

Cora B. Bigham

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### "THE ROUGH ROAD"

The road Jesus traveled was rough all the way,  
But remember He trod it for many a day.  
He was tempted and tried but never did fall,  
He walked boldly onward and overcame all.

Chorus

So come weary sinners and stand by my side,  
While I tell you the story of Christ crucified.  
Help me dear Savior to be Thy true friend,  
To preach the true gospel till my life shall end.

Let us take this dear Shepherd as our only Guide,  
Let's follow His footsteps or walk by His side,  
Look in His sweet face and trust Him alway  
And know He will never lead us astray.

Let us follow the steps of our Master and King  
Who came to this world full salvation to bring.  
He will cleanse your heart from the vilest of sin  
And give you a life of contentment within.

Let's keep pressing onward, held up by His grace,  
Till heaven's door opens and we meet face to face  
And He bids us to enter the home of the blest.  
And there dwell forever in the haven of rest.

James W. Mosher

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### THE YOUNG LIONS

(Israel)

The gospel is restored to earth,  
The law of freedom wise  
Shakes off sin's shackled long dark night;  
Benighted Israel, Rise!

In Gentile bondage long hast lain  
God's cov'nant people all,  
Lo, Jacob's remnant, rise again,  
Cast off thy Tyrant's thrall.

Angel's anthems ring for thee,  
Thy wand'rings soon be o'er,  
From ev'ry nation thou shalt be  
Brought back to Eden's shore.

The last is first, the first is last,  
Thy Day-star now doth shine;  
Heirs of Peace thy fears be past—  
Thy Father's joy be thine.

As young lions midst beasts of prey  
To tread and tear and rend,  
(III Nephi 7:40)

Shalt Jacob's remnant at that day  
Rise, Gentile powers to end.  
(Mal. 4:3)

Lo, Babylon the Great shall fall,  
(Mal. 4:1)  
As kings of earth shall mourn  
Her powers o'er nations great and small  
That day from her be shorn.

Lo, Righteous Branch, as thou shalt rise  
With healing in thy wings  
(Mal. 4:2)

The Gentile times cease; their demise  
Israel's redemption brings.

Thou shalt increase as before  
(Zech. 10:8)

And to thy Sovereign bow,  
His Kingdom spread from shore to shore;  
(Zech. 14:9)

Rise! Build His Zion, now!

Forest Robison

### GOD HEARS PRAYER

If radio's slim fingers can pluck a melody  
From night—and toss it over a continent or sea;  
If the petalled white notes of a violin  
Are blown across the mountains or the city's din;  
If songs, like crimson roses, are culled from thin air—  
Why should mortals wonder if God hears prayer?

Get up, Get up for Jesus  
Ye Soldiers of the Cross,  
A lazy Sunday morning  
Means certain harm and loss.

If Christians on a week-day  
Begin their work at seven,  
They surely could on Sunday  
Start worship at eleven.

—Selected

### NEWS FROM LOCALS

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three days but people ran, laughing, to shut their car windows, or crowded back under the trees until these "leaky roofs" drove them into the big tent. The nights were unexpectedly chilly for those not used to creek valley temperatures and the mosquitos came to visit. The katydid, crickets and locusts sang or made their racket at night and while one of the speakers was talking of the work yet to be done an owl spoke his next thought of "Who? Who?" During the day busy chicken sounds came from the nearby barn lot and a curious dairy herd wanted to watch the baptisms. To some of the boys, sleeping in barn lofts, the hay seemed awfully hard the first night and in the sleeping tents there was a younger child or two who just didn't seem to fit on the narrow camp cot with his mother. On a night already cool enough for light wraps one little boy fell into the creek.

To have the Reunion is a setting which God had made was worth much to many of us. And as Brother Leslie Case said in prayer the closing day, "We thank Thee from the bottom of our hearts, yet reach out our hands for another blessing" in hopes for a growing, good year and an even better Reunion next year.

Ella Engle and Enid Bell

### HERE AND THERE

From Vivian Heath, Muskegon, Mich. (6-10), "The best argument I've heard on the subject of shows (taken from the Bible) was taken from the verse that says we should 'love the Lord with all our might, mind, strength, etc.' The idea is that if we do that we won't have time for shows, etc. Do you get what I mean? Tomorrow I'm supposed to go see the doctor about my shoulder. It feels like something is out of place. (6-14). It rained all day Saturday and a little on Sunday. Both Sunday and Monday were cool here for this time of year. Today it was warmer again. Sure hope it stays that way. (7-10). If everything works out the way I hope it will I may be able to get the first week of September off. If so, Missouri is the place I'll be heading for. I'm real anxious to see everyone again. I have

only gone swimming about half a dozen times so far this summer, I guess. Lake Michigan is so cold that I've only been in there two times this year. The weather has been quite hot and humid for the last three or four weeks. Since it rained a couple of times the temperature has gone down to about 80 degrees in some places this past week-end. Over the holidays it got up to 110 degrees. Daddy spoke today at our church meeting and answered a question for one of our members and his wife."

Vivian Olson, Minneapolis, Minn. (6-14). "We were given so many nice things for a house but as yet we haven't had a chance to use them. I suppose my day of washing and sewing and cooking will come. Stan is a transport truck driver so I get to see him only about two or three days at a time, if I'm lucky. This week he is to Sacramento, California. Last week it was Los Angeles. He hopes to get back home by Thursday. They hauled to Seattle most of the time this spring. It is actually a very nerve-wracking job. We were up home about two weeks ago. Had a wonderful time, though the weather wasn't too nice. I went minnowing with Dad one day. He certainly has a big time all by himself. He had a buyer come 150 miles for minnows and there were not the expected amount in the pond. Disappointing. Veda is working at a resort on Lake Bemidji. Seems to be quite a job. Room and board plus monthly wages and tips. Not bad pay for a job in the country. I was up to church Sunday. It seemed so good to be back. I haven't been there much lately. Seems like the first step (going back) is the hardest, then, as interest grows it becomes very easy. I would just love to come to Ava for church reunion this summer if I can possibly get away. How are the Marvin Cases and the Alvin Harris? And now Mary Lois is married. Please greet everyone for me."

Wanda Adams, Flint, Michigan. (6-17). "I got out of school June 8th, and did I have a tough time of it. I was sick one of the last three weeks of school and you should have seen the exams I had to make up. Sometimes I didn't even eat lunch because I had to take tests during my lunch hour and my study hour too. I can hardly wait until I get over to the Michigan reunion this next week-end. We are all praying it will be a wonderful reunion and that the Spirit will be there in fullness of power. I love to meet with the saints. It's so peaceful after being with the world. In church we have things in common, and we love each other, but it seems that out in the world it is not so. Everytime I'm out in the world with its people I have to be on my guard and I don't dare to let that guard down either, lest I should do something that wouldn't please the Lord. I have to be thinking of the Lord constantly or I do something that I regret. It's warm out today. I bet it's not cool down there either. I haven't even been swimming yet this year. It has been quite rainy though, except for these last two days. I haven't been doing hardly anything except a little housework. I think I shall look for a job downtown next week. I hope that the Lord will be with me as I've never applied for a job before. I know He will though, if I do my part."

Betty Lou Ledbetter, Moore, Oklahoma. (7-12).

"We have been so busy canning and having company that mother hasn't had time to write hardly any. We had several quarts of green beans and black-eyed peas. Mother canned some corn relish and we have been eating corn on the cob. Our tomatoes are bearing pretty good too. We've been having some good fried okra. Mother and I picked some crowder peas this morning and they are on cooking. We hope to come down this summer and visit Mrs. Ivy Kline and some other folks. It's been pretty warm here lately and we have had our fun on a few times."

Ella Engle

## OBITUARIES



**Corporal Everett Wesley Hart**

Corporal Hart was born April 26, 1929, at Detroit, Michigan. The family later moved to Royal Oak, Michigan, where he spent his boyhood days and attended school. He entered the army December 2, 1947, and took his basic training at Fort Ord, California. He was shipped to Japan July 17, 1950, where he entered the Military School of Cooking and Baking, later being shipped to Korea, and was reported missing in action August 12, 1950. The report was later changed to killed in action, thus he was in Korea a little less than a month when he was killed.

Everett was one of the boys who responded to the call of his country in the time of its need, little thinking he would not return. He with many others paid the supreme sacrifice that the world might be free.

He leaves to mourn: his mother, Mrs. Florine Ramsey of Royal Oak, Michigan, his father having passed away January 10, 1953; four brothers: Laurance Hart, Berkeley, Michigan; Bruce Hart, Hazel Park, Michigan; Merlin Hart, Clawson, Michigan; and Truman Hart, Highland Park, Michigan; three sisters: Mrs. Irene Mabbit, Orestes, Indiana; Mrs. Joy Cowell, Farmington, Michigan; and Mrs. Wilma Duruet, Detroit, Michigan; also, nieces and nephews and a host of friends who knew him as a boy.

He was laid to rest in the National Cemetery at Quincy, Illinois, with the Freiburg Hough Funeral Directors in charge of the body. Services were held at the graveside July 19, 1955, with Apostle William F. Anderson in charge.

### Lu Rena Frisbey

Sister Lu Rena Frisbey was born at Glasgow, Missouri, June 6, 1869, and passed from this life at her home in Independence, Missouri, June 18, 1955, at the age of 86 years and 12 days.

Sister Frisbey was baptized a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), April 6, 1902, and was a faithful member till the end of her life.

She was married in 1903 to the late Carey C. Frisbey, who as a boy in 1867 came to Independence with his parents in the first wagon train of Saints from Illinois, and who was a brother of Sister Marion O. Denham. To him, she was a good wife and mother to his children. The surviving children are:

Mrs. Allie Cogan, Independence, Missouri.  
Mrs. Almeda Himes, Independence, Missouri.  
Mrs. Laura Burkhardt, Guymon, Oklahoma.  
Mrs. Nora Denham, Independence, Missouri.

There are also forty-three grandchildren, a large number of great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

To many of us in the Church of Christ, Sister Frisbey was known and called by us, "Aunt Renie", for we had long been associated with her in the activities of the church of which she took an active part. It was, therefore, with much sorrow that we witnessed her passing. We recall many pleasant and happy occasions of our early life in connection with her church activities, which will remain long in our memories.

The services were conducted at the Kepley Funeral Home, Independence, Missouri, by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, assisted by his son, Bishop C. Leroy Wheaton, pastor of the Independence Local Church of Christ. The burial was in Mound Grove Cemetery.

When we think of the transition from this mortal state to the life beyond the grave, many thoughts and reflections come to mind, and to those who have a hope in Christ, this passing only represents a change, as the passing of a person from one room to another

where we look forward to new experiences and rest from labors well done.

We wish to make a few observations and contrasts on this subject. Shakespeare pictured life as a stage on which we as the players spent our time as, "a poor player, that struts his hour upon the stage, a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing". Mazzini, an Italian patriot and philosopher, called life "a mission," and his was that. "Life is real; life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal, 'Dust thou art, to dust returneth' was not spoken of the soul", said Longfellow in his Psalm of life. Benjamin Franklin called life a "state of embryo . . . A man is not completely born until he has passed through death." And Goethe, the greatest figure in German literature, said, "life is the childhood of immortality."

Thus we learn the views of others concerning life, and we agree that "life is a mission", "and the grave is not its goal", that it is a "state of embryo" (or of the rudimentary or undeveloped condition of life), which is only to be completed in immortality; that "a man is not completely born until he has passed through death," for "life is the childhood of immortality." Thus if we could realize these truths concerning life, it would surely be a different world in which to live.

"Aunt Renie," as most of us called her, tried in her way to make her life a mission by being a good wife and mother. She tried to teach her children the Way of Life that Jesus spoke of when he said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). To her, life was real; and she enjoyed life, her friends, her church, and her loved ones. It was serious and earnest to her also, to the extent that when health would permit, she was in her usual place at church; critical, where she felt it justifiable; she was always happy and pleasant, able to chat and exchange wit with the best. Yet, she looked forward to the new experience of life, which we call death, as a release from the experience of this mortal life. She did not consider that the grave was her goal, but believed in the immortality of the soul and the life beyond the grave, and tried to so live that that life would be a new and thrilling experience to be enjoyed in a happy reunion with those she loved.

The last few years of her life were hard for her as paralysis had impeded her speech so that she could not talk freely, yet her hope was in the Son of God and she was able to finish her course with resignation and say,

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and staff they comfort me." . . . (Psa. 23:4).

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19:25-26).

This was the burden of her testimony through life, and now she has passed from death unto life, and to her there remains no mystery of life. May we all cherish the memory of "Aunt Renie" and strive earnestly to make our lives such a mission, that when we are called home, we too can go on in anticipation of a new and happy experience in the life to come.

### Emma Pember Case

There has passed from our midst one who has been associated with the Restoration Movement for a good many years.

Emma Pember Sherer was born at Little Sioux, Iowa, November 20, 1878, the third daughter of John and Margaret Sherer. She was baptized October 9, 1889, by Charles Derry at Garner's Grove, Iowa, and was confirmed by J. T. Turner and Joseph Seddon.

She was married to Martin M. Case December 24, 1896, at Moorehead, Iowa, by Oscar Case, brother to Martin. To this union were born three children, Alta, James M. and Atla.

During their life together, among other places, they lived at Council Bluffs, Pisgah and Taber in Iowa; Decatur, Nebraska; and Cameron and Independence, Missouri.

She passed from this life April 24, 1955, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sheldon, at 516 North Osage, Independence.

Funeral services were in charge of the Geo. C. Carson Funeral Home of Independence. Elder Lloyd Ford was the officiating minister. Elder Cliff Richard preached the funeral sermon.

Interment was in the Salem Cemetery.

"The Old Rugged Cross" and "There is a Land Immortal" were the opening songs, and "Beyond the Sunset" was used as a closing song.

She leaves to mourn her departure four sisters and one brother, besides her three children, Alta Richardson, 229 East Elm; James M. Case, 1106 Gudgell; and Atla Sheldon, 516 North Osage; all of Independence. Also there are nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love.

### Bertha Lettia Joseph-Goff

Sister Goff was born November 3, 1913 to Charles W. and Ethel Joseph of Morgantown, West Virginia. She passed from this life at her home near Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, Saturday evening, July 2, 1955, at the age of forty-one years and eight months.

She met Mr. Glenn Goff and they were married



November 23, 1939. To this union two sons were born: Lorne Glenn and Monroe Wesley, both of the home.

Sister Goff was baptized November 19, 1920 and united with the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, continuing as a member of that church until December of 1929, when she transferred her membership to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). She has ever been a devout and faithful follower of Christ and sought to live in harmony with His teachings.

She had a lovable disposition, ever willing to forgive a wrong and unwilling to hold ill will against anyone. She had many friends, was a good wife and mother, and a good neighbor.

She had been ill for quite some time with cancer which had weakened her heart which was not able to stand the strain placed upon it. She was a patient and silent sufferer. At no time was she known to complain. When asked how she felt, she would reply with a smile, "Pretty good".

Left to mourn her passing are her husband and two sons of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Audry Strosnider, by a former marriage, who lives not far from where her mother lived; her father and mother, Brother and Sister Charles W. Joseph of Morgantown, West Virginia; two brothers: Truman Wesley Joseph of Williamstown, New Jersey, and Charles William Joseph of Morgantown, West Virginia; five sisters: Lela Marie Hose, Mary Cloe Corey and Evelyn Arizona Huff of Morgantown, West Virginia; Gweneth Wanda Loury of Tunnelton, West Virginia; and Marjorie Fay Smith of Baltimore, Maryland; two grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends by whom she will be missed. It could be said of her that she had fought a good fight and there was laid up for her a crown of righteousness.

The funeral was held in the parlors of the Fred L. Jenkins Funeral Home in Morgantown, West Virginia. She was laid to rest in the Mount Morris Cemetery. Apostle William F. Anderson was in charge of the services.

#### Elder Horace Darby

Horace Darby was born in England, December 22, 1880, and passed away May 24, 1955, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he had made his home since becoming identified with the Church of Christ. He was baptized in Canada in 1914, when a young man, by Elder Birch Whiting of the Reorganization, being ordained to the ministry some time later. Coming to Minnesota, he did missionary work in the vicinity of Henning, where he met and married Miss Alice Henderson.

He was among the first to transfer to the Church of Christ in Minneapolis, and was a vigorous defender of the Restored Gospel to the end. He passed through much trial and tribulation, and some persecution, but through it all his delight was to tell the story of the gospel. To look upon his peaceful countenance in death, one could not but feel that it bore mute but sure testimony to the words of Victor Hugo. "When I go down to

the grave I can say, like many others, 'I have finished my day's work,' but I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight—it opens on the dawn." So with our departed brother; his day begins again in the joy of an eternal dawn, unfettered by human limitations.

He is survived by his wife, and daughters, Mrs. George Paxsa, Mrs. Allen Lehtinen, Miss Elva Darby; and sons, Justin and Joseph; nine grandchildren; also a sister in England, Gertrude Showell.

Funeral services were held at the New Billman-Hunt Chapel, Minneapolis, Minn., which was filled to capacity, with Apostle T. J. Jordan officiating, assisted by Leon A. Gould.

His earthly tabernacle awaits the resurrection of the just in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

L. A. Gould.

Minneapolis, Minn.  
July 3, 1955

Brother Archie F. Bell,  
Editor Zion's Advocate.

It has been a long time since I have written a letter to the Advocate but I wish to write and thank all who were so kind during our recent bereavement when Brother Darby passed on.

I didn't know I had so many friends but people were wonderful. Regardless of church affiliation they were truly friends and we appreciate it very much and at a time when we needed it. I believe that most people are basically good. We make mistakes and do a lot of things we shouldn't but let trouble come and people come forward and help in any way they can which, after all, is the right way.

I am sure Horace is happy over there. He is free from suffering and will be able to carry on.

It is just as natural to die as it is to be born; all a part of nature; part of God's plan for the human race. Every person born must go through it. Death is but the opening and closing of a door from this life into the next and those who pass through are still living on, only in a different place. They have passed from our view and when we grieve it is not so much for them as it for our own loss in not having them any more.

Let us live to be worthy to meet them on the other side.

We who understand the Gospel of Christ know there is hope and our hope and faith will give us comfort in this life and hope for the life to come. Let us strive to so live that we will have God's blessings in this life and worthy of a home on the other side.

Thank you all again.

Yours in the Gospel Bonds,

Alice Darby and Family  
7545 5th Avenue South

**MANN-LARKIN**

The wedding of Nellie Mann, the daughter of Brother and Sister Robert Mann of Noel, Missouri, and Carl David Larkin of Southwest City, Missouri, took place in the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) at Noel, Missouri, on Friday, July 8.

The double ring ceremony was solemnized by the pastor, Elder L. V. Aldridge.

After a trip to Texas, the young couple will return to Noel to visit in the homes of their parents before going on to Odgen, Utah, where the groom, a member of the Air Force, is stationed at Hill Air Force Base near Odgen.

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**REUNIONS**

**Lima Center, Wisconsin**

The Lima Center Reunion will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. We invite as many as can to come and meet with us.

The Reunion Committee is:

Elder Rollo Addie, Lima Center, Wisconsin.

Elder Clyde Babcock, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Route No. 3.

Harry Hutchison, 2502 North 67th Street, Wauwatosa 10, Wisconsin.

Anyone desiring to come should contact Brother Addie.

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**Puryear, Tennessee**

A Reunion "Down South in Dixie" will be held at Puryear, Tennessee, on August 19, 20, 21, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome and invite all to come. We urge you to come prepared to receive the best we have to offer, temporally. We are assured the Lord will provide for our spiritual needs more abundantly.

R. R. Robertson  
Missionary in Charge

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**LETTER OF THANKS**

July 21, 1955

Elder and Mrs. James Davis  
Ava, Missouri.  
Dear Brother and Sister Davis:

Please accept our thanks for the use of your Camp Grounds, where you so graciously permitted us to hold our reunion on July 15, 16 and 17. We very much appreciate the use of the grounds and your excellent hospitality.

Most, if not all, of those who attended the Reunion expressed their admiration of the site and their appreciation of your Christian act in permitting us the use of it.

May the blessings of God attend you in Spiritual and material needs and may He extend your days here on earth, is our prayer for you.

Again, please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

The Reunion Committee  
Archie F. Bell, Chairman  
Leslie P. Case, Secretary

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God and the soldier we adore  
In time of danger, not before:  
The danger passed and all things righted,  
God is forgotten, the soldier slighted.

—Selected

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Please send all Articles, Missionary Reports, Bishop's Reports, Activities from the School of the Ministry, Questions and Miscellaneous Items to Archie F. Bell, 1101 West Orchard, Independence, Missouri.

Send Letters and Reports from Locals to Lois Harris, 1920 South Osage, Independence, Missouri.

Send all Poems and Reports from Auxiliaries (Sunday Schools, United Workers, Young Peoples' Christian League) to Marion Sprague, 424 East Walnut, Independence, Missouri.

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May we urge all who have material to be published in the Advocate to be sure to have it in the hands of the Editors by the 15th of the month previous to its mailing. Example: Material for the August issue should be in the hands of the Editors by July 15. This will help us to get the paper out on time.

The Editors

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**INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDERING**

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

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

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