

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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Friendship

Friendship needs no studied phrases,
Polished face, or winning wiles;
Friendship deals no lavish praises,
Friendship dons no surface smiles.

Friendship follows Nature's diction,
Shuns the blandishments of Art,
Boldly severs truth from fiction.
Speaks the language of the heart.

Friendship favors no condition,
Scorns a narrow-minded creed,
Lovingly fulfills its mission,
Be it word or be it deed.

Friendship cheers the faint and weary,
Makes the timid spirit brave,
Warns the erring, lights the dreary,
Smooths the passage to the grave.

Friendship—pure, unselfish friendship,
All through life's allotted span,
Nurtures, strengthens, widens, lengthens,
Man's relationship with man.

—Author Unknown.

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EDITORIAL

It is with a bit of trembling that we take up the editor's pen due to the great responsibility which is involved. For this reason we humbly request an interest in the prayers of the readers of the Advocate that the Lord may guide us in our efforts to carry out our responsibilities to His honor and glory. At this time we are made more conscious than ever before of the importance of the Advocate to the members of the church.

From its beginning, Zion's Advocate has had as its primary purpose to act in the role of a missionary. The statement has often been made that the Advocate is one of the most important missionaries which the church has. It is a regular and frequent visitor into the homes of many isolated members of the church who seldom have opportunities to enjoy other church associations. It contacts many who are not acquainted with the many wonderful blessings of the Gospel as it has been restored.

In order to serve the purpose as a missionary, it must present the pure, simple truths of the Gospel. The testimonies of the followers of Christ are not the least of these simple truths.

At a prayer meeting one morning during the recent conference, the elder in charge made some statements something like these: We believe in prayer and that God answers prayer. If you have prayed to God and he has answered your prayer, you have a testimony. It is your duty to share your testimonies with others that they may also be strengthened in the faith.

We who have had testimonies should share them with one another and, to many of our scattered members, the Advocate is the only medium by which this can be done.

The readers of the Advocate are invited to take the time to submit recounts of their testimonies to the editor that we may all have opportunities to benefit from their blessings.

N. F. D.

REPORT OF THE 1956 CONFERENCE

Foreword

According to the instructions of the conference the minutes are to be condensed for publication in order to show only the "Affirmative Report" of those measures upon which an affirmative vote carried. Complete copies of the minutes have been distributed to the following officers whom you are free to consult for particulars: General Church Secretary, General Church Recorder, Secretary of the Council of Twelve, Secretary of the General Bishopric, and the Board of General Church Historians.

In making this condensation certain principles have been followed. Organization of the conference is brief. Opening and closing exercises of the sessions are omitted, as well as the approval of the minutes. Ministerial reports will not be shown and other reports not acted upon will be shown in brief if at all. Reports from auxiliary organizations will carry a notation that they will be spread in other pages of the Advocate.

Motions and resolutions will be shown in their finally adopted form. Movers and seconders of the original motions will be shown where possible. Motions lost, tabled, or otherwise unnecessary to the understanding of the report will be omitted.

Respectfully,

Forest E. Maley
Secretary to the Conference

REPORT OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) In Session April 6, 1956 to April 13, 1956 on the Temple Lot, at Independence, Missouri

April 6, 1956 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Thomas E. Barton. The conference was organized as follows:

Chairmanship: The Council of Twelve.

Secretary: Bro. Forest Maley.

Press Committee: Brethren Arthur M. Smith, John Gill and Robert L. Maley.

Ushers: Bro. Rolland Sprague in charge of choosing ushers for the services.

Program for the Conference:

1. Two business sessions each day of the week except Sunday, or such time as may be set apart for special service by this body.

2. Prayer and testimony meeting each morning of the week except Sunday from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M.

3. Business meeting from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 each day except Sunday.

4. Business meeting from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 each day except Sunday.

5. Song Service 7:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. followed by preaching.

On recommendation from the Council of Twelve the General Sunday School Association was given from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 for their convention on April

13, the local Young People's Christian League was given the afternoon and evening of April 14 for their social occasion, and in the next session the United Workers were given April 10 from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M. as well as a meeting of the Pastors from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. April 7.

April 6, 1956 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Thomas E. Barton in charge assisted by Apostle Archie F. Bell.

Election of Officers and Committees:

General Church Secretary: Forest E. Maley.

General Church Recorder: James M. Case.

General Church Chorister: Marion Sprague.

Editor of Zion's Advocate: Nicholas F. Denham.

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate: Marion Sprague and Lois Harris.

Dining Hall Committee Chairman: (with power to choose assistants): Minnie Smith.

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

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

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

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

Board of General Church Historians: LeRoy Wheaton elected for a three year term, the other members being James M. Case (1) and Archie F. Bell (2).

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

Board of Publication: (No vacancies this year) the members being Leslie P. Case (2) Forest E. Maley (2) James M. Case (1) and C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr. (1) and the Business Manager as permanent chairman.

Archeological and Visual Aid Committee: Forest Maley and E. J. McIndoo elected for three year terms, the other members being Clarence L. Wheaton (1) and Archie F. Bell (1), L. V. Aldridge (1) and Fernando Ojedo (2).

April 7, 1956 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Archie F. Bell in charge assisted by Apostle Leon Yates.

Two documents on the table in the hands of the secretary were given a first reading:

1. A preamble and resolution signed by a number of the Saints in Michigan offering to change from our present Articles of Faith back to the old Epitome of Faith.

2. A preamble and resolution signed by a number of the Saints in Michigan requesting a change in our method of approving membership transfers of applicants from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Brother Thomas E. Barton, Sr., moved that this matter be referred to a committee to draft a reply to these people who signed the documents as to why their documents could not be entertained. Seconded by Bro.

Rolland D. Sprague. Carried. The Committee to Draft the reply: Wm. A. Sheldon, Leroy Wheaton and Forest Maley.

(Secretary's Note: This appeared to be a matter of rules under which the conference was proceeding.)

April 9, 1956 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Leon Yates in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon.

Among other things having a first reading was the Auditor's Report.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved that we ask the Bishopric to give us an itemized account of the expenditures of the Yucatan Mission. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

April 9, 1956 — 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon in charge assisted by Leon A. Gould.

By a series of motions applying to each appointment individually the body voted to approve the Missionary Appointments of the Apostles. The document follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 7, 1956

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve hereby recommends to the Conference the following as the fields of appointment for ministerial labor of the members of the Council of Twelve, during the Conference year of 1956. These fields of ministerial labor and oversight are subject to the ratification of this body.

1. Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas. This field shall be under the care of Apostle Archie Bell.
2. Minnesota, North and South Dakota. Apostle Leon A. Gould.
3. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Northeastern States (Maine, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland.) Apostle William A. Sheldon.
4. Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida. Apostle R. R. Robertson.
5. Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico. Apostle Arthur M. Smith.
6. Arizona, Southern half of California, and the Mexican Republic. Apostle Leon Yates.
7. Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, and the Northern half of California. Apostle Thomas E. Barton.
8. Wisconsin, Apostle B. C. Flint.
9. Canada, Apostle T. J. Jordan.
10. European Mission. Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge.
11. Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, to labor as "Mis-

missionary at Large," with special reference to work among the Lamanites.

12. Apostle Wm. F. Anderson, to labor as "Missionary at Large" as much as his strength will permit.

13. The Council of Twelve further recommends that Elder Fernando Ojeda shall labor as full time Missionary in Yucatan, under the direction of the Missionary in Charge of the Republic of Mexico.

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

The body considered the report of the General Church Recorder. It follows:

April 9, 1956
Independence, Missouri

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

As the Recorder of the General Church I report the record for March 15th, 1955 to March 15th, 1956.
Those removed from the records by death
this last year 15

Those added to the Church this last year:
By Baptism 39
By Transfer 7
By Reinstatement 3
By finding them that have been baptized
and sent for record..... 3

TOTAL..... 48
Membership last year 2,428
Making a total membership accounted for..... 2,465
Number of children blessed this year..... 39

Ordinations

Elders 2
Priests 2
Teachers 1
Deacons 1

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Elder James M. Case
General Church Recorder

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to approve the General Church Recorder's Report. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola. Carried.

The body considered the Itemized Report of Expenditures of the Yucatan Mission that was requested by the April 9, 1956—10:00 A. M. Session. It follows:
April 9, 1956

To the Conference:

Itemized Account of the Mexican Mission

June 18, 1955—
Fernando Ojeda#3223 \$110.00
September 12, 1955—
Fernando Ojeda#3280 110.00
December 31, 1955—
Fernando Ojeda#3348 110.00

March 15, 1956—
Fernando Ojeda#3408 110.00
Total.....\$440.00

Fernando Ojeda\$440.00

November 2, 1955—
C. L. Wheaton#3313 \$600.00

November 16, 1955—
C. L. Wheaton#3227 165.00

December 2, 1955—
E. Leon Yates#3330 \$300.00

July 7, 1955—
C. L. Wheaton#3232 17.00

January 23, 1956—
C. L. Wheaton#3367 118.00

March 15, 1956—
C. L. Wheaton#3407 214.46

Total.....\$1,114.46
C. L. Wheaton\$1,146.46

Aid

October 4, 1955—
Fernando Ojeda#3296 \$100.00
Fernando Ojeda (Aid).....\$100.00
Land For School

January 23, 1956—
C. L. Wheaton.....#3368 \$340.00
C. L. Wheaton (Land)\$340.00
(signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary, General Bishopric

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we approve this itemized report from the General Bishopric on the Mexican Mission. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case. Carried.

The Conference considered a recommendation on the School of the Ministry. It follows:

April 7, 1956

To the Conference of
The Church of Christ

The Council of Twelve in considering the request of the School of the Ministry, that they be granted the hours of 10:00 A. M. to 12 noon, and from 2:00 P. M. till 4:00 P. M., for the use of the School, that they, the Ministry of the Church of Christ might take into consideration and study the following subjects:

1. The Sacrament.
2. Administering to the sick.
3. Blessing little children.
4. Ordinations.
5. Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Council of Twelve, therefore, do hereby recommend to the Conference that these hours as of April 11 be set apart and designated for the use of the School of the Ministry.

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

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we approve the report and concur in the recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola. Carried.
Bro. Thomas E. Barton moved that we approve the

Auditor's report. Seconded by Bro. Vance H. Harris. Carried. (See other pages of the Zion's Advocate for this Auditor's Report in full).

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that footnotes be added to the Auditor's Report to clarify the dispersment of funds in the European and Mexican missions—these notes to be added when the document is published. Seconded by Bro. D. Ray Bryant. Carried.

April 10, 1956 — 10:00 A. M. Session

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

A recommendation from the Council of Twelve concerning the planning and raising funds for a new church building on the Temple Lot, was considered.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that the Bishops be requested to expedite to their best judgment as to the needs of this church regarding the renovation of this building, or the construction of a new building. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague. Carried 18 to 14.

April 10, 1956 — 10:00 A. M. Session

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

The bulk of this session was used in discussing the virtues of a resolution to revise the Application for Membership blank offered by Bro. Archie F. Bell, T. J. Jordan and Arthur M. Smith.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr., moved to defer action on the Application Blank for one year. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. (The vote on this motion was called in the next succeeding session.)

April 12, 1956 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Vote was called on the motion by Bro. Thomas E. Barton to defer for one year the matter of revising the Application for Membership Blank. Carried 34 to 17.

A recommendation from the Council of Twelve regarding the purchase of a large number of copies of the Book of Mormon was considered.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we instruct the Board of Publication to negotiate with the Reorganized Church for the purchase of one or two thousand copies of the Book of Mormon (Authorized Edition) with the front page or title page printed for the Church of Christ; two hundred copies to be bound in flexible leather binding. They are further instructed to report the results of their negotiations to the Joint Council of the Twelve and Bishops for approval. Seconded by Bro. Leon Yates. Carried 21 to 6.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given consideration. It follows:

April 9, 1956

Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
In Conference Assembled
Greetings:

We your Auditing Committee wish to submit the following report:

We obtained the services of Amos E. Allen, C.P.A., to audit the Business Manager's books. The Audit

has ben completed and is in the hands of the Secretary of the Conference.

Respectfully,

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

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved to approve the report of the Auditing Committee. Seconded by Bro. Leon Yates. Carried.

Consideration was given the recommendation on the Business Manager. It follows:

April 11, 1956

To the Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The General Bishopric recommends to the Conference that Bishop Vance H. Harris be the Business Manager for the coming year.

We have appreciated very much the long hours that Brother Harris has devoted to this work in the past and we feel certain that only those who have been in this office can truly appreciate the great amount of time consumed by this very necessary part of the church work.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary of the General Bishopric

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved to approve the recommendation of the Bishopric on the Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr. Carried.

The Budget for the coming year was considered. It follows:

April 12, 1956

To the Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Twelve Apostles and General Bishopric having considered the following budget recommend it to you for your approval as a Tentative Budget for the coming year:

Family Allowances	\$14,000
Elders' Expense	3,500
European Mission	1,350
Mexican Mission	1,640
School (Yucatan)	1,000
Home for the Aged	10,000
Aid	2,500
Advocate	1,800
Books, Tracts, and Visual Aids.....	3,000
Building and Maintenance	3,000
General Church Expense	500
General Office Expense	500

Total.....\$42,790

Respectfully submitted,
The Joint Council
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Secretary Council of Twelve Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary of the General Bishopric

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to approve the recommendation on the Budget. Seconded by Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr. Carried.

Consideration was given to a recommendation relative to Bro. Sweem. It follows:

April 12, 1956

To the Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Joint Council of Twelve Apostles and the General Bishopric recommend to you that Bishop John Sweem be sent into the field of labor as a representative of the Bishops and as a missionary as he did last year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Joint Council
(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Secretary of the Council of Twelve Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary of the General Bishopric

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved that we approve the recommendation on Bro. John Sweem. Seconded by Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr. Carried.

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

April 11, 1956

To the Conference
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The General Bishopric wish to submit the following report for the fiscal year of 1955 and 1956.

Our total receipts were \$20,413.15 of which approximately 90 per cent was tithing, an increase of about \$600.00.

Our total expenditures were \$18,353.23 which was an increase of about \$550.00 over the previous year.

Our family allowance spending showed an increase of \$1,560.00 more than the previous year.

Our Elders' expense for all missions was \$630.00 less than the previous year due to the fact that our European Missionary did not draw on our funds for Missionary travel across the water.

Our present bank balances are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 9,751.27
Temple Fund	2,630.86
Total of All Funds.....	\$12,382.13

This is a gain of \$2,059.92 over the previous year.

We have, since the books were closed, contracted for the building of a six foot side walk and curb along the entire south side of the Temple Lot along Walnut Street, and for a new concrete landing and side walk at the River Boulevard entrance to the church. This has been completed and paid for just prior to the convening of conference.

The Stark Acres Lot was sold and the money received on contract given by the Business Manager but the deed has not been completed and delivered to the buyer. This will be attended to promptly.

We have no outstanding bills as all obligations have been taken care of promptly by the Business Manager.

We have tried to serve you and our Heavenly Father to the best of our ability and wish to thank each of you for your support of the many activities of the work.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) C. Le Roy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary of General Bishopric

Bro. Wm. Sheldon moved to approve the report of the Bishopric. Seconded by Rolland D. Sprague. Carried.

April 13, 1956 — 2:00 P. M. Session

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

The Report of the Dining Hall Committee was considered. It follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DINING HALL COMMITTEE

Cash on hand at beginning of Conference.....	\$190.91
Donations to Date.....	364.69

Total Receipts.....	\$555.60
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Expenditures to Date.....	\$251.55
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Outstanding Bills (Milk, Bread, etc.)	74.30
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Total Expense	\$325.85	325.85
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Balance in Fund.....	\$229.75
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Bro. Marvin Ely moved to approve the report of the Dining Hall Committee. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried unanimously by standing vote.

Consideration was given the recommendation relative to Bro. L. V. Aldridge.

It follows:

Independence, Missouri
April 13, 1956

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

At the meeting of the Council of Twelve on April 12, 8:00 A. M. it was voted to recommend to the Conference that Elder L. V. Aldridge be commissioned and sent out as a full time Missionary for the Church of Christ.

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

Bro. Ed Podhola moved to concur in the recommendation on Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried.

Consideration was given a recommendation relative to Bro. Don W. Housknecht.

It follows:

Independence, Missouri
April 13, 1956

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve after prayerful consideration, do hereby recommend to this Conference that Brother Don Housknecht be now reinstated in the Council of Twelve.

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

Bro. T. J. Jordan moved to concur in the recommendation on Bro. Housknecht. Seconded by Bro. John A. Sweem.

The following members made statements pertinent to the recommendation:

Bro. Don W. Housknecht, Bro. T. J. Jordan, and Bro.

Thomas Barton, Sr.

The vote was taken and the motion carried, 28 to 2. Consideration was given the recommendation on the Representative in the Office.

It follows:

April 13, 1956

To the Conference
Church of Christ

Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve Apostles and General Bishopric recommend that Elder J. M. Case be the General Church Representative in the General Office and the Caretaker for the coming year. Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Secretary Council of Twelve
C. LeRoy Wheaton
Secretary General Bishopric

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr., moved to approve the recommendation on the Representative in the Church Office. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola. Carried.

Consideration was given the report of the School of the Ministry. (See other pages of Zion's Advocate for the full report).

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved to approve the Report of the School of the Ministry. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried.

Consideration was given the report of the General Sunday School Association. (See other pages of Zion's Advocate for the full report.)

Bro. Ed. Podhola moved to accept the report of the General Sunday School Association, and concur in their recommendations. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried.

Consideration was given the report of the United Workers. (See other pages of the Zion's Advocate for the full report.)

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved that the report of the United Workers be approved. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that the minutes of this session be submitted to and approved by the Council of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. John A. Sweem. Carried.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved the following: Be it resolved that at 10:00 P. M. Saturday, April 14, 1956 this Ministers' Conference be declared adjourned until 10:00 A. M. April 6, 1957. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

The above and foregoing is the affirmative report of the business transacted at the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) April 6, 1956 to April 14, 1956. I wish to express great appreciation for the very able assistance of Sr. Enid Bell and Bro. Nicholas F. Denham whose help made the preparing of these minutes much easier.

Respectfully,

Forest E. Maley
Secretary to the Conference

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
REPORT ON EXAMINATION
MARCH 15, 1956**

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 (Temple Lot), maintained by Mr. Vance H. Harris, Business Manager, for the twelve months from March 16, 1955 to March 15, 1956 and present herewith my report including the following statements:

Exhibit A. Statement of Cash Receipts, Expenditures and Fund Equities for year ended March 15, 1956.

Schedule 1. Family Allowances for year ended March 15, 1956.

These statements are subject to the following comments.

**Cash Receipts, Expenditures and Fund Equities
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 endorsed by the 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.

Expenditures for the Advocate were in excess of the subscription receipts by \$1,251.23. Dining Hall receipts were \$78.68 in excess of expenditures. Purchases of Books and Tracts were \$78.36 in excess of receipts from sales, etc.

General Fund contributions for the year exceeded the expenditures by \$1,528.92.

Building Fund receipts of \$340.00 consisted of offerings of \$40.00, and \$300.00 from the sale of the Stark Acres Lot. There were no disbursements from these receipts.

Temple Fund contributions were \$191.00. There were no disbursements from this fund, the present balance being \$2,630.86.

In addition to the cash balances shown, the only other assets recorded on the books are real estate and equipment at nominal values.

The books are kept on a cash basis. We were informed by the Business Manager that the only unpaid bills are for the cost of new sidewalks on the south of the Temple Lot and in front of the Church, the

amounts being \$1,785.00 and \$365.00 respectively, the total being \$2,150.00.

The Fund Equities at March 15, 1956 are shown on the last line of Exhibit A.

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 is carried on the Business Manager.

The books were well kept and full cooperation was accorded me by the Business Manager and Auditing Committee.

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

Independence, Missouri
April 6, 1956

Amos E. Allen
Certified Public Accountant

**SCHEDULE 1
CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)
FAMILY ALLOWANCES
YEAR ENDED MARCH 15, 1956**

Anderson, William F.....	\$ 960.00
Bell, A. F.	960.00
Case, J. M.	960.00
Flint, B. C.	960.00
Gould, L. A.	960.00
Jordan, T. J.	960.00
Robertson, R. R.	960.00
Sheldon, William A.	1,710.00
Smith, A. M.	960.00
Sweem, J. A.	560.00
Wheaton, C. L., Sr.	960.00
Yates, E. L.	160.00
Total to Exhibit A.....	\$11,070.00

Foot Note:

Please notice the two items above with relation to the European Mission and the Mexican Mission. These entries have reference to the parties named primarily as Missionaries in charge of those fields. In the case of the European Field the money was sent into the field at the direction of the Missionary in charge, but for the use of the ministry in that field. In like manner, expenditures in the Mexican Mission were made by others in addition to the Missionary in charge. See the Itemized Report of expenditures in the Mexican Mission.

Respectfully,
Forest E. Maley
Secretary of the Conference

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL OF THE MINISTRY
To the Conference Assembled:**

The School of the Ministry has held two sessions in the time allotted to it by the Conference, i.e. from 10 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 4 P. M. on Wednesday, April 11, during which time the subject of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was taken up and considered very extensively, in its various aspects, as to what it means,

manner of administration, who may partake, and when, preparation to be made by those who partake, what the emblems should consist of, and many others. Many thoughts, opinions and scriptures were presented for the consideration of the ministry and visiting members which should be given careful consideration.

Officers selected for the ensuing year are as follows:

- Chairman, Apostle Archie Bell.
 - Assistant Chairman, Elder Marvin Ely.
 - Secretary, Elder L. V. Aldridge.
- Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Leon A. Gould
Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

April 13, 1956

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

The General Sunday School Association met in assembly at 10:10 A. M. with the Assistant Superintendent, Bro. Rolland D. Sprague in charge.

Reports from the different locals, the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were read and accepted for the minutes. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$598.19 the major expense being \$300.00 for the printing of 2,000 quarterlies.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

- Superintendent, Bro. Leslie P. Case.
 - Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer, Bro Rolland D. Sprague.
 - Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris.
- Quarterly Committee:
Sr. Irene Case (3).
Bro. Robert Maley (2).
Bro. Robert Case (2).
Sr. Lois Harris (1).
Sr. Marion Sprague (1).

The following resolution was seconded by Bro. L. V. Aldridge and carried:

"Resolved that the General Sunday School Association recommend to the Conference that the manuscripts for Sunday School Quarterly material be submitted to the Board of Publications for examination as to their acceptability in matters of doctrine and not for editing. It is felt that the standard books should be used as a basis for judgment. It is also felt that composition is the prerogative of the authors under the supervision of the quarterly committee who are chosen to do this work on the basis of their comprehension of the needs and wishes of the General Sunday School Association. It is also felt that the editing can well be done by the Quarterly Committee or those to whom they may see fit to delegate this part of the work."

(signed) Robert Case

The officers gave out copies of the new quarterly to those in the assembly for their inspection and approval. The quarterly is entitled "Plain and Precious

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EXHIBIT A

CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND FUND EQUITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 15, 1956

	Total Funds	General Fund	Building Fund	Store- house	Vault Fund	Temple Fund
RECEIPTS:						
Tithing.....	\$18,424.19	\$18,424.19	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offerings.....	790.36	559.36	40.00			191.00
Offerings—Mexican Mission.....	85.00	85.00				
Offerings—Mexican Mission Trade School.....	67.00	67.00				
Advocate Subscriptions.....	338.50	338.50				
Dining Hall.....	206.47	206.47				
Books and Tracts.....	181.63	181.63				
Sale of Typewriter.....	20.00	20.00				
Sale of Stark Acres Lot.....	300.00		300.00			
Total Receipts	\$20,413.15	\$19,882.15	\$340.00	\$	\$	\$ 191.00
EXPENDITURES:						
Family Allowances—per Schedule 1.....	\$11,070.00	\$11,070.00				
Elders' Expenses—Regular.....	978.39	978.39				
European Mission—A. M. Smith.....	100.00	100.00				
Mexican Mission:						
C. L. Wheaton, Sr.....	\$1,414.46					
F. Ojeda.....	440.00	1,854.46	1,854.46			
Mexican Mission Aid.....	100.00	100.00				
Mexican Mission Trade School.....	340.00	340.00				
Aid—General.....	1,080.39	1,080.39				
Advocate Printing, Postage, Etc.....	1,589.73	1,589.73				
Dining Hall.....	127.79	127.79				
Books and Tracts.....	259.99	259.99				
General Church Expenses:						
Maintenance of Temple Lot.....	\$ 338.57					
Maintenance of Building.....	9.90					
Secretary's Supplies.....	21.40	369.87	369.87			
General Office Expenses:						
Telephone.....	87.36					
Stationery, Postage, Etc.....	121.11					
Fidelity Bond.....	12.50					
Safe Deposit Box Rent.....	16.50					
Audit.....	50.00					
Equipment.....	195.14	482.61	482.61			
Total Expenditures	\$18,353.23	\$18,353.23				
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,059.92	\$ 1,528.92	\$340.00	\$	\$	\$ 191.00
CASH BALANCES—MARCH 15, 1955:						
General Fund.....	7,882.35	7,560.35		8.50	313.50	
Temple Fund.....	2,439.86					2,439.86
CASH IN BANK—MARCH 15, 1956:						
General Fund.....	\$9,751.27	\$ 9,089.27	\$340.00	\$8.50	\$313.50	
Temple Fund.....	2,630.86					\$2,630.86
	\$12,382.13					
OTHER ASSETS (Nominal Carrying Values):						
Land—Temple Lot.....						
Equipment.....	\$ 1.00					
FUND EQUITIES—MARCH 15, 1956	3.00	4.00	4.00			
	\$12,386.13	\$ 9,093.27	\$340.00	\$8.50	\$313.50	\$2,630.86

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

NOTE: We solicit articles for this department written in an affirmative manner. An affirmative article is one in which a belief, or an opinion, is expressed, and evidences presented to support that belief. Contributions are to originate with the author and do not necessarily reflect the teachings of the Church or the opinions of the editorial staff.

COME LET US REASON TOGETHER

By Anna Keeney

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts; Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:19-21.

The neglect of such a rule has thrown mankind into the utmost confusion and uncertainty in all their Biblical researches. While man is left at liberty to transform, spiritualize or give any uncertain or private interpretation to the word of God, all is uncertainty.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope." Romans 15:4. Far better would it have been for mankind if the great Author of our existence had revealed nothing to His fallen creatures, than to have revealed a book which would leave them in doubt and uncertainty, to contend with one another, from age to age, respecting the meaning of its contents. That such uncertainty and contention have existed for ages, none will deny. The wise and learned have differed, and still do differ, from each other in the understanding of prophecy. Why the difference? Either revelation itself is deficient or else the fault is in mankind. But to say revelation is deficient would be to charge God foolishly; God forbid; the fault must be in man. There are two great causes for this blindness.

First, mankind has supposed that direct inspiration by the Holy Ghost was not intended for all ages of the church, but confined to primitive times; the "canon of Scripture being full," and all things necessary being revealed, the Spirit which guides into all truth was no longer for the people; therefore they sought to understand by their wisdom and by their own learning what could never be clearly understood except by the Spirit of truth, for the things of God knoweth no man except by the Spirit of God.

Second, having lost the Spirit of Inspiration, they began to institute their own opinions, traditions, and commandments, giving constructions and private interpretations to the written word instead of believing the things written. The moment they departed from its literal meaning, one man's opinion or interpretation was just as good as another's; all were clothed with equal authority, and from that arose all the darkness and misunderstanding on these points which have agitated the world for the last eighteen hundred years or more.

Let a book be published, entitled "A Knowledge of the Future", and let mankind be really convinced

that it did give a certain, definite knowledge of the future events so that its pages unfold the future history of the nations and great events. Such a large Edition would immediately sell at a great sum per copy. Now the books of the Prophets and the spirit of prophecy were intended for this very purpose. Well did the Apostles say:

"Covet earnestly the best gifts . . ." I Cor. 12:31. ". . . Covet to prophecy . . ." I Corinthians 14:39. And "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." II Peter 1:20. There is a division to be kept in mind, the distinction between the past and the future. If we find prophecy which has been literally fulfilled in the past, then it follows of necessity that every prophecy which is yet future will not fail of a literal fulfillment. It was well for Noah that he was not well versed in the spiritualizing systems of modern divinity; for, under their benighted influence, he would never have believed that so marvelous a prophecy would have had a literal meaning and accomplishment. No, he would have been told that the flood meant a spiritual flood and the ark a spiritual ark. But he was simple enough to believe the prophecy literally; and the world, who did not believe it, perished by the flood.

Another striking example of the power of fore-knowledge is the vision of Nebuchadnezzar and the interpretation of the vision. Read Daniel 2:36-47. In view of this vision it presents to us the great kingdoms of the past; first, Babylon, under Nebuchadnezzar, second, Medes and Persians who took Babylon from Belshazzar and reigned over all the earth; third, the Greeks under Alexander who conquered the world he reigned in the midst of Babylon; fourth, the Roman Empire which subdued all things; fifth, its division into eastern and western empires and its final breaking up or subdivision into the various kingdoms of modern Europe, represented by the feet and toes, part of iron and part of clay; and lastly, an entirely new kingdom organized by the God of Heaven in the last days, or during the reign of these kingdoms, represented by the feet and toes. This last kingdom was never to change masters like all the kingdoms before it. It was to break in pieces all these kingdoms and stand forever. Many say that God organized this last kingdom in the days of Christ, but the kingdom of God, set up in the days of Christ, never did break in pieces any of the kingdoms of the world. It was itself warred against and overcome, in fulfillment of the words of Daniel 7:21, and John records in Revelation 13:7, "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." In fulfillment of this, power was given to authorities of the earth to kill the Apostles and inspired men, until, if any remained, they were banished from among men, or forced to retire to desolate islands, or dens, caves

or mountains. At the same time many false prophets and teachers were introduced in their place whom men heaped to themselves, because they would not endure sound doctrine. In this way the kingdom of God became disorganized and lost from among men, and the doctrine and churches of men instituted in its place.

Suffice it to say, that the kingdom spoken of by Daniel is something to be organized in the last days by the God of heaven Himself. And when once organized it will never cease to roll. All the powers of earth and hell will not impede its progress, until at length the Ancient of Days shall sit and the Lord Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, as King of kings and Lord of lords, and destroy all these kingdoms, and give the kingdom of greatness, under the whole heaven to the Saints. Then there will be but our Lord, and His name one, and He shall be king over all the earth.

"Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdoms to Israel?" Acts 1:6. The Savior made answer that it was not for them to know the times and seasons which the Father had put in his own power; but they were to receive power and bear witness of them to the uttermost part of the earth, as much as to say, that work is not for you Apostles to accomplish, but shall be done in the Lord's own time, by whom He will, but go ye and do the work I have commanded you.

There are many other predictions such as Genesis 19:12-13. If it had entered Lot's heart that he must come out of Sodom spiritually, instead of literally, it would have cost him his life. How easy it is to believe what is in the past. Yes, we believe now, but would we have believed had we lived in that age? Let us ask ourselves this question, do we believe the prophecies being fulfilled in our day? It takes faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:6-7.

"Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" Isaiah 29:14-17.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.

If it were possible to go back a hundred years or less to the limited educational facilities, slavish conditions, we would feel as though we were transported to another world, to say nothing about the inventions and discoveries of modern times; and the "running to and fro" is evidenced by the crowded trains, congested

streetcars, buses, and overloaded boats which tell the tale that "the world do move."

"It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:17. Some may say, "Oh, a prophet is a preacher." The literal meaning of the Greek word is a forth-teller; one who speeds forth the message which has been communicated to him through Divine inspiration, whether of practical duties or future events.

Now do we believe that God will do this or do we believe the modern teaching that in these last days the Lord will not pour out His Spirit so as to cause our sons and our daughters to prophesy and old men to dream dreams and our young men to see visions for such things are no longer needed and it is all delusion, and none but the ignorant and narrow-minded believe such things?

We find in Acts 21:10-11, where a prophet named Agabus took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet and said, "Thus saith the Holy Ghost, so shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." The fulfillment of this prediction is too well known to need any description. But we notice a prophecy of Paul's recorded in II Timothy 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables." This prophecy has been fulfilled to the very letter, for it applies to every religious teacher who has arisen from that day unto the present, except those commissioned by direct revelation and inspired by the Holy Ghost. To convince the reader of its full accomplishments, we need only to point to the numberless presbyters of the day who preach for hire, and divine for money, and who receive their authority from their fellow man; and as to the fables to which they are turned, we need only to mention the spiritualizing and private interpretations which salute our ears from almost ever religious press and pulpit.

Another prophecy of Paul's is found in the first five verses of II Timothy 3, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." From the last verse of this quotation we learn to our astonishment that this sum of awful wickedness applies to professors of religion only; that is, this would be the character of the (so-called) Christian part of the community in the last days. Some may say this applies to those who profess no Christianity. Does it? Non-professors have no form of godliness, but those ungodly characters spoken of were to have a form of godliness, denying the power thereof. "From such turn away." A command, a warning. Are we heed-

ing that warning? Do we turn away or do we gather with them in their ungodly worship, "denying the power thereof."

How it must pain the heart of our Heavenly Father when He sees all of these things. He knows how the peoples of the earth were groping in darkness seeking for His light. Then when the light did come, instead of receiving the light, they began to fight against it.

Do we think that God would open this light to the world, showing them the untruths and the works of abomination that had taken hold of the hearts of men as well as showing them the way and the truth in this light, then because the world did not accept His way but rebelled against it, withdraw Himself from all mankind? Verily no! His truths will continue forever. His people will continue forever. No power on earth nor in the earth can stop His Eternal purposes.

The world does not believe that the Holy Ghost, as it was in the days of old, has been restored to mankind, but it has. It is resident among those of God's people as it has always been when the Church of Christ has been on earth. It has brought revelation, inspiration and the supernatural Gifts of the Spirit as well as authority from God. It has opened the eyes and the understanding of events in the latter days showing the fulfillment of many things spoken of by the Holy Prophets of old, and the understanding of things to come.

We cannot stop here. There is so much for God's people to do before the Second Coming of Christ and we know that He will not delay His coming.

Let us all be true to that light that God has given us and work faithfully while there is light for each one of us. If we do so we know that God has promised to give us additional light. We also know that the time will come for each one of us when we must lay down this tabernacle of clay; therefore let us work while it is yet day, laying aside all selfishness and discouragement because of the sneers and scoffs of the world.

Yes, come let us all work together in this glorious gospel work which God has entrusted to us.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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Things", and is "A study guide to the establishment of the Stick of Judah and the Stick of Joseph in one."

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Lois Harris, Secretary

R. D. Sprague

Assistant Superintendent

REPORT OF THE UNITED WORKERS GENERAL ORGANIZATION BUSINESS SESSION

April 10, 1956

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

The General United Workers' Organization met in assembly at 2:00 P. M. with the Chairman, Sister Minnie Smith in charge.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted for the minutes. The Treasurer's report showed a total balance of \$90.05 of which \$64.02 is the Old Folk's Home Fund. The collection from this meeting was \$8.27. It was voted to add this collection to the Old Folk's Home Fund. The accumulation for this fund over the preceding year amounted to \$92.60. We now have a total of \$164.89 in this fund and we are to continue to build it with our small savings.

A written report from the Independence Local group was read and accepted.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Chairman, Sr. Katherine Moyer.

Assistant Chairman, Sr. Silva Rudd.

Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris.

Treasurer, Sr. Bertha Case.

Member at Large, Sr. Minnie Smith.

The secretary was asked to send a card and letter of appreciation to our Sr. Skinner in Ogden, Utah, for her contributions to the Old Folk's Home Fund. These contributions consisted of monthly cash donations plus receipts from the sale of table doilies which our Sister crocheted for that purpose.

The minutes of this meeting were approved by the body.

(signed) Lois Harris, Secretary
Minnie Smith, Chairman

NEWS FROM LOCALS

St. Louis, Missouri

On the first Sunday of the month of March we had our usual Sacrament Service.

On March 11, Brother Alton Shankle was our speaker. His text was about Faith. Without faith we cannot please God. Brother Shankle spoke of Abraham being asked to sacrifice his son. He did what God told him to do, for he had faith in God. Next, Brother Shankle spoke of Job. Even though all his possessions were taken away, he kept his faith in God. Then Brother Shankle went into the New Testament. He spoke of the ten lepers and how only one glorified God after being healed. (Luke 17:11-19.)

Then he spoke of the six principles of the doctrine of Christ. Hebrews 6:1-2, tell of the six principles. Except ye be born of the water and of the spirit ye cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. James says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." If we say we have no sin, we lie and the truth is not in us. Charity is the love of God in our hearts and the love for our fellowmen.

Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Brother Shankle was our speaker on March 18. His text was on Christ's church. If a church is named after

John or Moses, then it is John's or Moses's Church. If it is to be Christ's church, it should be named after Christ. Christ said, "Upon this Rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." References used were: Luke 6:12-13; Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 1:14-26; Ephesians 4:1-12; Colossians 1:18-23; Revelation 22:18-19.

Edith Frey, Reporter

Minneapolis, Minnesota

We had our Sacrament meeting the first of January. The meeting was gifted with average attendance and very good participation. After service we decided upon the following Sunday to be our annual business meeting date.

On January 8 we had our business meeting which was preceded by our Pastor's reiteration of our progress through the year of 1955. Among the things Brother Tom Maley mentioned were the baptism of Marie Nelson, the establishment of a public meeting place and two ordinations.

Our meeting was then called to order and the new officers were appointed as follows: pastor, Thomas Maley; and secretary, Harold Gill; Sunday School superintendent, John Gill; and secretary for Sunday School, Marie Nelson. John Gill was then elected for both treasurer and reporter.

It was discussed and decided that the young people's meeting affairs would be planned at the next meeting of that group. The meeting was then adjourned.

After the meeting our pastor spoke to us on the evaluation of our place (as individuals) in the plan of righteousness. Included in his talk was the fact of the spiritual presence being the hinge for our entire work, for without it we would be just do-gooders.

On January 15 we had very good attendance. After the opening songs Brother Maley asked for silent prayers and attention for Brother Gill's sake.

Glenn took us to the prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah which tell much about the desolation and waste of Jerusalem and its return to fertility. These prophecies also foretell (by mode of accompanying events) when Jerusalem shall become fruitful and habitable again.

Along with the prophecies Glenn read to us an article published in the Milwaukee Sentinel entitled, "Inside Israel in 1956." With the factual information in this article we can see how those prophecies are coming true. Just one of the many comparisons Glenn used between prophecy and fulfillment was in Zechariah chapter 8, verse 12, and in accord with this prophecy the article reads, "Everywhere you look little groves of trees are sprouting up to yield fruitful topsoil for future crops." The article goes on to explain the fertility of the farms in the Valley of Sharon. Among fertile field crops they also have fruit tree groves of orange, tangerine and other citrus fruits.

By the use of the article Glenn went on to estab-

lish the fulfillment of the prophesy of Jerusalem being built out beyond the walls; also Glenn mentioned by several other articles the tension possibilities which would bring the world to war on Jerusalem.

Glenn closed by stating that the time is close at hand when the nations of the world shall war on Jerusalem and Christ shall come, for even now Lebanon has become a fruitful field and the Jews are returning to their home land. As surely as the Lord punished them before He will bless them now.

The morning of January 22 began with a very good class. Brother Maley was introduced by Brother John Gill. He then presented material to us in the form of a round table discussion. The subject matter Brother Maley led us in was "necessity of spiritual and physical baptism and relationships between them." The scriptural material exposed by the discussion that was beneficial to the subject is as follows:

Saint John 1:1-6, "(5) . . . Except a man be born again of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

March 1:1-8, "(8) I indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

The Sunday service of January 29, Brother John Gill introduced Brother Glenn Gill to be our speaker.

Glenn took us to some church history to show us that we must not look for the end before the means; that is, the establishment of Zion before we have accepted the Gospel and divine leadership. He then explained what constitutes a mistake. "Mistakes are things which we do now, but look back on later and learn why we did them." Glenn explained there are two general mistakes, the mistake of not doing and that of doing wrong. Glenn showed in readings from the Book of Commandments that we find no support for communal living except at Kirtland, Ohio, and that was a special case. Also, we find no support that the New Jerusalem or Zion shall exist before the time of divine leadership; but that the restoration of authority was established and ministers are ordained to preach; repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; just as John taught in preparation to Christ's first coming. Glenn concluded thus: the Bible and Book of Mormon are things to live by, let the spirit lead you. The spirit is our only contact with God so live pure before Him that we might have His spirit to be with us.

During the second week of February, Brother and Sister Jordan visited among the homes of the members in our Local. They made their residence at the farm home of Sister Gill and family. We very much appreciated their activity with us.

On the Sunday of February 12, Brother Maley introduced Brother Jordan as the speaker for the hour. As we were singing the opening song we noticed Bro. Jordan pick up his Bible and look for something. Brother Jordan began by saying that he felt a divine inspiration or guidance in his heart. His beginning text, which was inspired while we were singing was St. John 14:21-22, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth

me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to Him."

Going on, Brother Jordan, mentioned there were 1,037 different denominations representing Christ. Belief is vastly more than simply believing that Christ is my personal Saviour, for as it is in Matthew 7:20-23, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 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. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? and then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Matthew 16:15-18; "But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God. Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Brother Jordan then went on to explain how Christ set up His church. I Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church; first, apostles; secondarily, prophets;" etc. Ephesians 2:20, "and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." Hebrews 6:1 (I.T.) "Therefore not leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works . . ."

Then Brother Jordan asked, "What are we going to do?" He then took for a text, Acts 2:37-38, where Peter preaches to them on the Day of Pentecost and tells them that he whom they crucified was Christ, and their reply was, "men and brethren what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Now Brother Jordan explained that grace is not salvation unto eternal life, but that the remission of our sins after we have repented is that gift of grace that Christ offered unto us. Baptism in the name of Christ for the remission of sins and the abiding force of the Holy Ghost is unto salvation if we continue faithfully observing His commandments unto the end.

Brother Jordan concluded Christ did come and establish His church which offered remission of sins and the Holy Ghost by baptism and laying on of hands. They also enjoyed blessings in that day. (Mark 16.)

Brother Jordan explained that this church after falling away was restored in these latter days identically as it was then. He ended with Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation."

Our service of February 26 was opened by Brother Knapp who introduced our pastor, Brother Maley. Brother Maley mentioned that he would talk again on repentance. He presented a slight review of last week's material in Alma, chapter 19, in the Book of Mormon. If we sin we shall die in our sins. Now Alma

also mentions repentance as a turning about, or turning away from our sins. Brother Maley asked how salvation is gained. The scriptures say that salvation is through Jesus Christ. But how? The sectarian world says that salvation is through Jesus Christ by accepting Him as our personal Savior and He will save us. Then they say that after we are saved we will change and naturally do that which is right. Brother Maley then explained that this type of salvation would be instigated while sinners are still in their sins. Alma said that man shall die in his sins; therefore salvation is impossible unless a man turns from his sins. The Gospel teaches us that man is worthless without repentance and righteousness, for God wants honest intention of the soul. Therefore salvation through Jesus Christ, as Brother Maley explained, can only come to a person after he has turned away from the lusts of the flesh and is seeking the fruits of the Spirit.

Brother Maley then explained that after we have obtained the Spirit through baptism definite responsibilities are ours in order to obtain salvation. His text in this connection was Hebrews 6:1, (I.T.). "Therefore not leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

Brother Maley presented a new thought on Revelation 14:6, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, kindred and tongue, and people." He explained that angels have never preached to anyone. They reveal, council, advise, and inform, but never do they preach. Therefore it is our responsibility to preach both with our mouths and with our example to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. But Brother Maley warned that we must preach and exemplify with the Holy Ghost, and in order to maintain the Spirit we must continue in repentance of dead works.

In summing up, we can say repentance is necessary to receive the Holy Ghost and also necessary to maintain it.

The Holy Ghost is necessary in our lives for it guides us through our tasks and choices, which are portraying a good example for others to follow, remaining faithful unto the end and preaching the Gospel.

John R. Gill, Reporter

Wyandotte, Michigan

On March 4, Brother and Sister Arthur Smith and family were here to worship with us. He was the speaker at our morning worship. We had our regular Lord's Supper Service at that time.

We had our monthly Fellowship Supper March 13. Afterward we showed the movie of Martin Luther and Catholicism. Everyone was very interested. Some of the people said that they had never known that such things had ever taken place. We all had a very nice time together.

Agnes McCane, Reporter

Independence Diary

On Sunday morning, March 18, little Michael Earl Winkler, infant son of Brother and Mrs. Roy Winkler, was blessed. Brother Maynard Case was the spokesman, assisted by Brother Forest Maley.

Brother Archie Bell was the speaker for the 11 o'clock hour on March 18. The following scripture was read: Gen. 1:31, "And God saw everything that he had made and, behold, it was very good . . ." Col. 1:16, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:" God is good and it is impossible for Him to do evil. In order for us to be tested, the evil power was created. We will be spiritually strong if we resist evil and lean upon God.

The evening hour of March 18 was occupied by Brother A. M. Smith. He reminded us of the personal responsibility each of us have to the work of the Lord. Much could have been done that, as yet, is undone if we had charity one for another. We cannot do this work until we shoulder our responsibilities and have charity for all.

The Solemn Assembly of Elders met March 20 and continued until March 30. The services of Sunday, March 25 were in charge of the Solemn Assembly. Sunday School was held as usual. Brother Jordan was the speaker at 11 o'clock. He spoke to us about fasting. Fasting is more than abstaining from food. Our mental and spiritual attitude is important, too, if we desire to approach God in a pleasing manner.

At 2:30 P. M. of March 25 was a prayer meeting for all. During this service we were called by the Spirit of God, to become a united people so that we could go out and gather the waiting harvest.

Brother L. A. Gould was the speaker of the evening hour March 25. He spoke about Zion. Zion is the pure in heart and only through obedience to God's laws will we become pure in heart. It is by obedience that we show our love of God. The Temple will be built by a people who are obedient to God.

During the following week, Brother William Anderson became very ill with pneumonia and was taken to the hospital. He has recovered rapidly in answer to the many prayers that were offered in his behalf. He is still quite weak, but he attended a few of the Conference meetings.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 1, our Sacrament Service was held. Brothers Clarence Wheaton and William Sheldon were in charge. Brother Wheaton told of the many things Christ did during the last week before His death on the Cross.

Brother Harvey Bell preached the evening of April 1. He read from the Bible and the Book of Mormon how we are to follow Christ, not man. We are commanded to study the Scriptures for ourselves, prove

all things, and hold fast to the rod of iron that leads to the tree of Eternal Life.

Conference began on April 6 and continued through April 13. We heard a good gospel sermon each night during Conference. We wish there were time and space to relate each of them to you.

We, of the Independence Local greatly enjoyed having the Conference visitors, our brothers and sisters of the faith, in our homes. It, indeed, has been a blessing to exchange thoughts and experiences in the gospel with each other. We felt sorry that they had to leave at the close of Conference for their homes, but we look forward to next April, when again we shall gather to work and worship together.

Irene Case, Reporter

Y. P. C. L. NEWS

The Young People's meeting of March 15 was devoted to our Church History study. This portion of Chapter 22 concerned the purchasing of the triangular lot sold by the City of Independence when Kansas Street was vacated. Also, this includes the stand of the Church publication, "Evening and Morning Star", for the primitive organization of the Church which they believed through weakness had not been completed by Joseph Smith and his brethren.

To conform with the assembly of the elders, our Y. P. C. L. meeting was a prayer service at the home of Brother and Sister Marvin Case. A main thought was that though other young people may apparently ridicule our principles still many secretly respect us and in time may see the advantage of a more Christian life.

On March 29, we met with Sister Alice Reed in her home. We had a pleasant evening spent in writing letters to some of our scattered young people. Hot chocolate and cake were served.

Because of a Quorum session, our meeting of April 5 was held at the home of Brother and Sister Marvin Case. We were glad to welcome Brother Marvin Ely of Grand Junction, Colorado, as an out-of-town guest at this meeting. Our lesson on the study of Church History concerned the birth of the Zion's Advocate and the ordination of the first Quorum in the Church of Christ as recorded in Chapter 23 of our Outline History.

On April 14, we held a social at the home of Brother and Sister Leslie Case. We played games and were served homemade ice cream and cake. Guests from out of town were Brother and Sister Tommy Barton and children of Chicago and Brother John Gill of Minneapolis.

Caroline Hedrick, Reporter

NOTICE

The name of a brother, George A. Reed of Yarnell, Arizona, was omitted from the list of survivors in the obituary of Charles Albert Reed appearing in last month's issue.

REUNION NOTICES**Michigan**

The Michigan State Reunion will be held at Edgerton, Michigan, the last week-end in June, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 22, 23, and 24. Friday, June 22, will be especially devoted to the activities of the young people. For further information contact Brother Cleo Heath of Ravenna, Michigan or Brother George Brantner of Cedar Springs, Michigan. One and all are welcome, come let us enjoy a spiritual good time together.

Tennessee

The Tennessee Reunion will be held at Puryear, Tennessee, the first week-end in July; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 6, 7 and 8. All are invited and all are welcome. Let us look forward to a spiritual reunion.

R. R. Robertson, Puryear, Tenn.

Colorado—Arizona

A reunion will be held at Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 8, 9, and 10. All those who plan on coming, please write as soon as possible that we might be able to make the proper preparations and be able to advise you on what equipment it will be necessary to bring.

Please write to:

Marvin E. Ely
Route 4
Grand Junction, Colorado

NOTICE FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH LIBRARY

Bill No. 40 of the 1939 referendum states the following:

Resolved, "that arrangements be made to make these books available for use in the church building," and "that this matter be left in the hands of the Library Board."

This bill carried 313 for, 1 against.

In view of the above, we, the Library Board, request that all persons who have books belonging to the Church Library, please return them so that they may be made available for those who wish to read them in the church building.

James M. Case
Archie F. Bell
Leslie P. Case

OBITUARY

Ralph E. Stone passed away at the age of 82 as the result of a stroke March 18, 1956, in Palo Alto, California where he was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Elma Salisbury, and husband. His wife, Mrs. Maud Stone preceded him in death in Independence, Missouri, in August of 1954.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Elma Salisbury and by two sons, S. Ralph Stone of Independence, Missouri and W. G. Stone of Kingston, Tennessee. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 22, at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley, California, and interment was in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Berkeley, California.

MORNING PRAYER

When little things would irk me, and I grow
Impatient with my dear ones, make me know
How in a moment joy can take its flight
And happiness be quenched in endless night.
Keep this thought with me all the livelong day
That I may guard the harsh words I might say.
When I would fret and grumble, fiery hot,
At trifles that tomorrow are forgot—
Let me remember, Lord, how it would be
If these, my loved ones, were not here with me.

—Author Unknown

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

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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