

# 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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## *A Good Creed*

If any little word of ours  
Can make one life the brighter;  
If any little song of ours  
Can make one heart the lighter;  
God help us speak that little word,  
And take our bit of singing  
And drop it in some lonely vale  
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of ours  
Can make one life the sweeter;  
If any little care of ours  
Can make one step the fleeter;  
If any little help may ease  
The burden of another;  
God give us love and care and strength  
To help along each other.

If any little thought of ours  
Can make one life the stronger;  
If any cheery smile of ours  
Can make its brightness longer;  
Then let us speak that thought today,  
With tender eyes aglowing,  
So God may grant some weary one  
Shall reap from our glad sowing.

—Author Unknown

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## EDITORIAL

A review of the minutes of the recent conference appearing in the May issue of Zion's Advocate will reveal that the church anticipates a sizeable program during the present conference year. In considering the items in the budget, we find that the missionary activity is the most outstanding. Indeed it should be, inasmuch as the church's great responsibility along with "putting on her beautiful garments of righteousness" is to carry the Gospel to the nations of the earth.

The church has the responsibility of carrying the Gospel to possibly three distinct groups. The restoration of the fullness of the Gospel was to come forth among the Gentiles. For the last one hundred twenty-six years the restoration movement has been making itself felt among the Gentile nations. There still seems to be plenty of room left for work to be done among the Gentiles.

A second group to receive the fullness of the Gospel is the remnant of Jacob to whom this land of America was given as an inheritance. Among this particular group there has been relatively little done to date when we consider that they are scattered over North America, Central America, and South America. It is gratifying to see the faithfulness of those of the remnant of Jacob in Yucatan who have gone through persecutions for the sake of the Gospel. Their testimonies bear record that God's promises are sure in this day as they have ever been.

The third group to receive the fullness of the Gospel is the Jews. Of this group there are very few if any who have accepted the fullness of the Gospel to date. However, the time is near at hand when the fullness of the Gospel shall be preached to them, because Jesus said, "And if they (Gentiles) shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my Gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my Gospel from among them; and then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my Gospel unto them. . . . And it

shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fullness of my Gospel shall be preached unto them, and they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name."

From these observations we can see that the Church of Christ has a great responsibility and it is time that we were discharging that responsibility humbly yet earnestly before God in a broader sense than we have ever done before. Such a program calls for more missionary activity and this in turn calls for a larger budget. To some it might seem that such a budget as has been set up is beyond the means of the relative small membership of the Church of Christ but, if each member would accept his part, the burden could be easily borne without undue hardship to anyone.

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## GLEANINGS BY THE WAY

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In our last account affecting the Yucatan Mission, we related events up to and including the Christmas Season. Christmas having fallen on Sunday, was a day of service in which the ordinances of the Gospel, God's gift to man, were in evidence. The morning service was one of prayer and testimony, and a preaching service at night. You will remember that last year, after the new church was dedicated, we performed our first marriage among the saints at Dzan, that of Brother and Sister Manual Cabrera. On this Christmas day, we had the pleasure of blessing their infant daughter Juanita, and the infant son of Brother Cayetano Alfaro. It is of interest to note, that even little children observe the actions and words of their parents, and in the case of the little son of our brother, it seems that little Pedrito, had come to the conclusion that if prayers could heal the sick, and bring other blessings to the Lord's people, that surely he would hear the prayer of a lonely little boy. So, it became a part of his childish prayers that the Lord would send him a little brother; and as a consequence, he firmly believes that this prayer was heard and he is now the proud possessor of a younger brother, whom he loves very dearly. His other brothers and sisters are much older than he, some of them married with children of their own.

When these two mothers stood before the gathering with their little children to be blessed, it was indeed a pleasing sight, as the church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas program. During this same service, fifteen adults and children were administered to for various illnesses. At the evening service, the four newly baptized members were confirmed by the laying on of hands by the elders. After that we showed our slides to a packed house, with many standing outside who could not come in.

Following the evening services, the congregation, consisting of the membership, not only of the church at Dzan, but those from Ticul and other places, had arranged for a social period in which among other things they held a penata for Apostle Leon Yates. This is an old custom among the people there, in which they

honor a guest, or a fiesta by taking a large olla, or round earthen pot, and decorating it with colored crepe paper, filling it with candy and nuts, or other things, and suspending it from a tree limb by a rope. On this occasion they blind-folded Brother Leon, and gave him a long club, with which to strike at the olla, in an effort to break it. This he succeeded in doing, and candy, nuts, and a large bouquet of flowers spilled out on the ground to the delight of the youngsters, who lost no time in gathering up the sweets as their treat. The bouquet had been prepared by some of the sisters, and was given to Brother Yates. It was a very enjoyable evening under the bright tropical moonlight with which the evening was blessed.

Following these experiences, we all went our separate ways, thankful to our heavenly Father that we had a wonderful day of reunion, unmolested by those who have sought to harm us in the past.

The days following were busy ones, with preaching and prayer services both at Dzan and in Ticul. On the Wednesday evening following Christmas at Dzan, we had over seventy present at prayer service, with many testimonies from old and young, both from men and women, and some of the children. During this service we administered to a dozen or more, the meeting lasting until 11:00 P. M. After that we drove to Ticul, and got to bed around 12:30 A. M., tired but happy in the Lord. The next day we went to Pustench where Apostle Yates spoke to a fine gathering of our people on the subject of repentance and the different workings of the Spirit of God, and the spirit of the Devil. The next day, we made a trip to the archeological areas of the Yucatan area near Ticul, where Brother Yates had the opportunity of viewing the ancient cities of the Mayas and taking a number of pictures for his use in missionary work. After his return home one of his sons gave him a projector, and now we look forward to another of our missionaries using this Book of Mormon material in his work.

On December 31 we had our affairs in shape so that we could give further attention to the needs of a plot of ground for the location of our school and mission home at Ticul. This project engaged considerable of our time, and we were happy to report to the Bishopric the need for such a school, and the advisability of purchasing the land for it. We had hoped to get the land purchased before leaving Yucatan, but a number of events hindered. Among others, they had had a change of political offices in Ticul, and it was next to impossible for us to get legal counsel on the matter. Elder Fernando Ojeda's father had been elected Presidente (mayor) of Ticul, and there was a faction who opposed him on the excuse that Fernando was his son, and that he would thus favor our church, and then there had been other things concerning the previous administration, with the result that they had to put the whole town under martial law for several days to prevent armed conflict. During this time all public meetings were prohibited, and we had to resort to other interests concerning our work there. So we spent some time in Merida, consulting with a land attorney as to the procedure we would have to go through to get land for the school. Here again we ran into the same political situation as that at Ticul, and also at Dzan. At the latter

place, Elder Miguel Tzuc's uncle had been elected Presidente, and they had run him out of town. This also was indirectly on account of the church, though this man was not a member, yet he would not be a party to the acts of those who sought to harm us. In Merida, we locked up some friends to the church to whom we had taken our message on our last trip there. They were very happy to have us again in their home and we arranged for some meetings with them. These were well attended, until interrupted by one of those student riots, common among Latin-American countries. Our friend, where the meetings were held was a school teacher, and this riot affected his work, so we had to postpone the meetings and were not able to resume them again before the time arrived for us to return to the States. However they were deeply interested, and we hope some day to have them numbered with us.

During this period of political upheaval, we decided to make a trip to Chichen Itza, and from there on into the Territory of Quintana-Roo, on the east side of the Peninsula. At Chichen Itza, I let Brother Yates and Fernando climb the pyramids, while I took things easy. We had driven there after our meeting in Merida and slept in the car. Next morning we cooked breakfast in the shadows of El Castillo, the temple of Kukulcan. Later in the day we drove to the seashore on the Caribbean Sea, and that night went to sleep listening to the sea. The next morning we crossed over to the Isle de Mujeres (Isle of Women), where we spent most of the day. On the way over we were the guests of a merchant from Mexico City, and some business men from Merida let us share the expense of a few pesos in the boat they had engaged to bring us back. By bedtime we were again back in Ticul, a little late perhaps, but happy with our experiences.

By this time the political situation had calmed down a bit and we were able to resume meetings again. Meetings were then resumed at Dzan next morning, Sunday, and that evening we held a service at Ticul in the house where we were living. On Jan. 9, Brethren Yates and Ojeda made a trip into the jungles together, to visit some of our members who were living on their plantations. I took them to Bolen-Chen, Campeche, the first 60 miles, on the highway, and from there they rode bicycles and walked the other 2 miles back into the jungles. They were gone three days, during which time I busied myself with getting details worked out for the school land, etc. My feet had by this time played out, so that I could only walk short distances, and it was impossible for me to go on the jungle trip. Of this trip, Brother Yates has prepared an article which you will see in the Advocate (April number). On January 12, we made a trip to Progreso, where two more souls were baptized into the kingdom of God there at the seashore. During this period, we arranged with the brethren at Dzan to meet and make the necessary repairs on the church roof caused by the hurricanes, Hilda and Janet, which had caused so much damage and suffering for our people there. It was a happy and busy day when we all gathered at Dzan, with our tools and materials for the work we had to do. It was necessary to purchase two 4x8 sheets of transite for the repair of the roof and haul it from Ticul ourselves, as we were unable to get it hauled otherwise

for fear of our enemies there. At the same time we worked on the roof, we moved the first little chapel, a typical Maya thatch-roof hut, to the back of the lot, so as to provide quarters for our Sunday School work, and give more room for a small plaza, for flowers, and a volley-ball court.

During the day, a little Maya mother came to report that her little child was very sick and she wanted it administered to. When she got to the church, she immediately went to the front and knelt down and offered a prayer, then told us of her sick child. We suggested going to her home for the administration, but it was in a part of the village where hostile neighbors lived, and she was afraid for us, so went to bring the child, to whom we administered, with effectual results.

On January 23, we were all made sad to see our Brother Leon take a plane and return to the States, as the terms of his leave of absence made it necessary for him to return to his work on the Fire Department in Phoenix. The day before we had been called to Oxkutzcob, a distance of several miles from Ticul, to administer to one of our newly baptized brothers. The doctor there had said he had a severe heart attack and his wife was afraid he would die. She had been rather rebellious against his joining the Church of Christ, and had said some hard things. But during this administration, the spirit of the Lord touched her heart and changed her way of thinking. Both Brother Yates and I had felt directed to speak to her by the Spirit, and with tears in her eyes she admitted she had done wrong, and very humbly requested baptism as she was very happy in the experiences she had enjoyed there in her humble home. During the next few days she with two others went to Progreso for baptism, and her husband had so far recovered from his sickness, as the result of the administration, that he was able to go with us. On our return through Merida, we found part of that city under martial law, due to the student riots we spoke of above.

During this time, we obtained the materials necessary for making a new pulpit for the church at Dzan. Having taken my carpenter tools with me this trip, we found it a pleasure to once more engage in this kind of work, and we were all happy with the results. At the same time, we concluded that it would be wisdom to provide some of the necessary things for housekeeping, which later could be installed in our new school and missionary home. Accordingly we purchased a double bedstead and springs, and left our mattress, which we had carried in the car for several years, there with Fernando. The winter nights grow very cold in Yucatan, and sleeping in hammocks for us members from the States is next to impossible. So, while Brother Yates was there, we had brought the mattress into the house and put it across two army cots, and by doing so were able to double up with our bedding. At best this was not a satisfactory arrangement. We also purchased a two-burner kerosene stove as a means for cooking, as our camp stove is getting old and with constant use, such as we give it there, it would soon play out. We also bought material to build a small table. Now, when we go to the mission again, we will not need to carry so heavy a load and it will be more con-

venient when others may go there in the future to visit the church. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the membership everywhere who have taken such a keen interest in the Yucatan Mission in their prayers and by their offerings, voluntarily sent from their good hearts to help forward the work there. These contributions, unsolicited by us, have made it possible for our brethren there to partially recover from the disastrous effects of the hurricanes which had hit that area earlier in the year. Now they are harvesting their new crops, and life is again moving on as usual for most of them.

For the time being, our work in Yucatan seemed to have been accomplished, and it would be a week or so before we could make the transfer of land for the school. So, inasmuch as our funds were getting low for expenses home, and because of the necessity for our return home for the pre-conference Solemn Assembly, etc., we wound up our affairs and left for the States. It was decided that Fernando should accompany me as far as Mexico City. This he did, and on the way we stopped with old friends along the way whom we had met on first trip into Mexico in 1951, and who are very much interested in the Restoration. I hope some time that Brother Fernando can go to that locality and open up the work, as this family offered us a piece of land on the Pan-American highway for a mission and a church. Thus we see the work grow.

At Mexico City, Fernando became very sick with the flu and we had to have a doctor with him and keep him in bed for a few days. As soon as he was able to travel, he left for Yucatan by bus, and the same evening I started the long journey, alone, to Phoenix, Arizona. On the way I had considerable trouble with my car radiator, and had to lay over a night and part of a day at Durango while getting it repaired. During the day, I looked up another old friend and had dinner with his family, and again had an opportunity of telling the Gospel story. We are invited to come back to Durango and make them a longer visit on our next trip to Mexico.

I arrived back in the States, February 19, in time to attend the latter part of the morning preaching service, and hear part of a fine sermon by Elder Donald McIndoo, who is now pastor there. I had stopped out on the desert, after a cold night of sleeping in my car by the side of the road, to shave and change clothes, as I hoped to get into Phoenix for the morning services. It was sure next thing to being home to be with our membership there, where a warm welcome awaited me.

Next morning, Monday, Angela arrived from Independence, to be with me on the return home. On Tuesday afternoon I began to experience severe, sharp pain in my abdomen. I was administered to in the evening by two of the brethren, but aside from a shift of this terrible pain to my right side, I was not relieved and a doctor was called who diagnosed my trouble as "gall-bladder colic", and indicated that I was passing gall-stones. He gave me an emergency treatment and arranged for me to be rushed to the emergency hospital during the night if I did not otherwise get relief. However, the pain passed in the night, and for the next few days I was on a bland diet and had to remain in bed. After proper preparation, X-rays, were taken, and he pronounced me okay, although there was every indication that stones had passed. Thus

again, the prayers of faith and administration helped me over a rough time. As soon as I had gained back strength enough to travel, we made a short overnight trip to Prescott, Arizona, to visit our aging Sister Bender who is now 88 years young. Young? Yes, she has a bright, clear mind, keeps house for herself, and is still able to carry in her own wood for the night.

Returning to Phoenix, we began preparation to return to Missouri. Before leaving, however, we were taken on one of those wonderful desert trips, by the McIndoos, with whom we seem to have a lot in common, as we like the mountains, the desert, and just sheer joy of going out to the great outdoors for fresh air and a picnic dinner at least once a year, preferably on the Arizona desert. Here we broiled steaks, hunted rocks and enjoyed the wide open spaces for from the noise and turmoil of the city.

On the return home we made stops with members of the church at Albuquerque, N. M., Lubbock, Texas, Fort Worth and Oklahoma City, where we were made welcome by these isolated members who are seldom visited by the ministry. With them we had prayers, administered to their sick, blessed a child, and administered the Sacrament. Missionary work is a pleasure, but to get the most out of it we must put a lot of effort, prayers and faith into it. This we tried to do, so we did what we could in the time we could spare, and arrived home worn out but happy from our experiences.—The Wheatons.

### HERE AND THERE AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

After two months absence we will start with news of those returning to their homes from Conference.

We hear from Chicago and Tom and Anna Mae Barton, (4-20). "We got home at 2:00 A. M. Wednesday. Decided to come on home. We stopped for a few hours at Cameron to see his uncle and cousin. Left there about 3:00 P. M. Tommy got up at 7:00 A. M. and went to work. Today he worked the day turn and tonight he has to work from 12:00 A. M. till 8:00 in the morning.

"Boy, did the first day at home start out all wrong. First off I had Jimmy in the high chair and was taking care of Elaine when Tommy Leslie hollered and I went and found Jimmy on the floor. He sure did split his chin open. Didn't seem to hurt him any place else. He sure is starting to push himself all over the floor.

"The day we left there Tommy Leslie thought we were going out to see Donnie Case."

Next we hear from Longview Farm, South St. Paul, Minnesota and John Gill (5-7).—

"Came in from the field an hour ago and it's 10:00 o'clock already. It sure was beautiful driving in from the field. There was an overcast sky and the lights for miles around reflect off the sky. While in a hollow you could see two distinct glows in the sky, a white glow to the north that came from the cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul) and an orange-tinted red glow from the oil refinery across the valley. Then as I came up on the crest of a hill I could see all the neighbor's yard

lights for about two or three miles around. Our ~~hills~~ were so lit up I didn't need the tractor's lights on.

"Glen dropped in on us at church Sunday unexpectedly as he had intended on going to church at Sparta, Wisconsin. We were very happy to see him as you can imagine. He had to leave to go back Sunday afternoon, but we had a fine time catching up on news, scenery, activities and such.

"We had pretty much of a late spring, rainy and cold. There were two good days after I came home and I got half our grain in; then it rained and snowed for the better part of a week. We had three days of good weather then and they were followed by a week of continuous warm rain showers. You see we have plenty of moisture. We've had a wonderful spring. All we have to do is make use of those few lovely planting days the Lord gives us when they come."

Ticul, Yucatan, Mexico, Fernando Ojeda. Although Fernando did not get to attend Conference he writes of Conference happenings he has heard.

(4-23). "Now that Conference is over I'm just beginning to get some news. I understand Brother Yates will be our next Missionary. I love the work myself, I love my people. My family does not think that it is normal for a young person to be working in the mission field, they think I'm mad and call me a fanatic. My stepmother and sister think we are nuts because we take religion to heart and a lot of other people think the same thing, but it certainly doesn't bother me at all. I rejoice to see others accept Christ and give their lives to His service. There is nothing in the world that can take the place of the happiness we feel when we can bring others to the Master's feet and persecution, trials, sorrow and pains are nothing in comparison. What does the world understand of these things? What difference does it make if they think we are crazy because of our love for the Lord?

"Many in this country, when they join, they face the same thing I had to face when I joined and in some cases it is worse; but, oh, that peace and happiness that puts God into our hearts is much greater than anything on earth.

"Our weather has been rather cruel these last two months, hot and dry and dusty. At noon it becomes so insufferable, but our nights are just wonderful. We get a lot of the fresh breeze from the Gulf and that sure helps.

"I'm now taking music at Merida, so I can play the organ. I can only go to one class during the week as Merida is some distance from Ticul and I cannot spare the time to go more than once."

Now back north to Buffalo, Iowa, we hear from Jack Bell, (5-2). "I'm working on a farm now and working six days a week and chores every other Sunday. I'm bringing my horse up here too. I get to keep her out there at the farm where I work."

Next we hear of the weather and activities from George Reed, U. S. Coast Guard, Long Island, New York, (4-24). "I just came back from liberty today and thought I had better drop a line before someone got ready to shoot me. I can't think of very much to write

so this letter will be short and simple. Last week I went down to Philadelphia to see a friend of mine that I went to boot camp with and sure had a grand time. They want me to come back as soon as I can.

"How is everyone back there? Fine, I hope. I think I caught a cold along the line, but I will probably be over it by the time you get this letter.

"How is the weather there? It is so foggy you can't see anything here now and the fog horns have been blowing since about 3:00 this afternoon."

And from Bill Mann, U. S. Navy, South Pacific (5-8): "I really wouldn't know what other young people would be interested in, I could say a lot about Japan and the Philippines but it would be very hard for anyone back there to believe." I know because I had heard about what it was like over here and I didn't believe it but I do now. Therefore, I wouldn't know what to write about.

"I have been pretty busy lately myself. It is awful hot right now and it doesn't seem to be getting any cooler.

"I think they are going to try to send me back to Japan and I don't want to go because this is a little squadron down here and I have a better chance to make a rate.

"Well, I guess I have said just about all I can think of; and way I have to try to get secured and go to the barracks and get ready to go on watch."

This is Bill's first time writing for Here and There and we hope to hear from him again and also from other of the young people throughout the Church.

Starting this month Dolores and I will be putting forth a combined effort in the writing of Here and There.

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## NEWS FROM LOCALS

### St. Louis, Missouri

On the beautiful morning of Easter Sunday, Robert Birdnow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Birdnow, was blessed by Brother Alton Shankle, his grandfather.

Instead of our usual Sunday School and Church Service, we had Sacrament Service and Church Service. Brother Nichols was our speaker. His text was the resurrection. The Lord is like a dispatcher; we follow what He tells us to do. The Lord came not to condemn but to save. The Lord's disciples went about teaching in Christ's name. We should pray without ceasing. References: Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-20.

Brother Camp's family was here to spend their Easter vacation. We were very glad to have them with us. We hope they will return.

Brother Shankle, our pastor, spoke on April 8. He spoke about Christ's own people not receiving Him. (St. John 1:1-12). In Matthew 3, it tells of Jesus being baptized. Brother Shankle spoke of the day of Pentecost where every nation under God's kingdom was there and all could understand what Peter was saying. There were people there who helped crucify the Lord.

In Acts 2:38, it tells how to be saved. The Lord sent the Holy Ghost to be our guiding comforter. Then Brother Shankle went over in to Acts to the conversion of Saul. Acts 9:1-18.

We had visitors on April 15. Brother James M. Case from Independence was here; Brother Tom Barton from Colorado and Fay and Janet Purdy from Des Moines, Iowa.

Brother Barton was our speaker. He spoke on the ten commandments and the Lord's Prayer. If some one hits you on one cheek you should turn the other cheek. Pray for your enemies. Pray at all times. Other people cannot help the wrong which one does himself. The only way is by prayer for one another. Each person is responsible for what he does. Judge yourselves by the ten commandments, for God knows every one and every little thing we do.

The life of Christ was the subject of Brother Nichols sermon on April 22. In St. Luke 2:40-52 is the story of Jesus at twelve years old. Jesus was about His Father's business. Jesus came for a specific job. St. Luke 3:1-17 speaks of the teachings of John the Baptist. Matthew 4:4. ". . . Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Brother Nichols also referred to St. John 1:35-51.

Brother Shankle was our speaker on April 28. Jesus told His disciples not to write their sermons, nor take anything with them. His disciples had to have faith to go without taking some provision; Faith in God and in their fellowmen. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Christ's first words after He was baptized were repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Peter said he would lay down his life for Christ. Peter denied Christ three times but when he discovered his mistake he repented. Luke 15 speaks of the prodigal son and how a sinner repented and came back. In baptism, we are born of water and the Spirit. God's Spirit was there at Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. People from all over the world were there; all understood. Repent and be baptized and you shall receive the Holy Ghost.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Rudd, Jr., visited with us April 29. They were on their honeymoon. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Rudd have a long and happy life together. Please come and visit us again.

Edith Frey, Reporter

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## Independence Diary

Brother Leon Yates, of Phoenix, Arizona, was the speaker of the morning hour April 15. The scripture reading is found in II Nephi 3:1-28. His subject was the Wonder and Magnitude of the Power of God. Man has, with the help of God, created such great

power as the atomic power. Such powers as this are nothing compared with the power of God. God's power is immeasurable. The evil power is great; yet, we know what the end will be for the Devil, his power, his angels, and those who choose to walk in darkness rather than light. We must walk in the light to be worthy of being protected by the power of God.

The evening of April 15 Brother Archie Bell was the speaker. The Scripture reading was II Kings 5:1-14. The text was verse 13, "... if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?" We think of the Lord's work as something big, so until there is something big to be done, we will just wait. We forget that if we do not improve each moment of our lives, we are held accountable. The little seconds adds up to our life span. The Jews looked for a King, but because they were looking for a great King upon a throne, they did not recognize the Babe in the manger as their King. We should not look for the big things, for it is the little things that count. If we will take hold of the little things and work, they will grow into the big things we hope for.

Brother Rolland Sprague occupied the morning hour of April 22. II Nephi, chapter 13 was the Scripture reading. He spoke about Baptism, using these and other references: Romans 6:3-8, which tells us that in baptism we put off the old man and take up the new. Moroni 8:11-29 tells who has need of baptism. III Nephi 14:1-3 says to repent of all wickedness and be baptized. We need to be aware of the so-called little evils about us or we are apt to unknowingly fall away after being baptized. We have need to repent daily.

The evening of April 22 Brother Maynard Case was the speaker. Romans 1:16-17, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; . . . The just shall live by faith." 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." III Nephi 6:24-37 tells us to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us, and to beware of false prophets. If we live the gospel law, we will have the blessings of God, and without His blessings we would be most miserable.

April 27, at 8:00 P. M., Brother Virgil Rudd of Independence, and Sister Grace Bryant, of Cowgill, Missouri, were married. It was a beautiful formal service performed by the bride's father, Brother Ray Bryant, of Cowgill, Missouri. We wish to extend to the happy couple our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Sister Marion Sprague had a severe illness which caused her much suffering and finally a trip to the hospital. She has recovered sufficiently to be able to attend services again, for which we are thankful.

Brother LeRoy Wheaton, our pastor, was in bed for a week with blood poison. He is able to be out again. And again, we thank our heavenly Father for His blessings.

Brother L. V. Aldridge, who with his wife just moved to Independence from Noel, Missouri, was the speaker Sunday morning, April 29. He used Romans 8:1-18 for the Scripture reading. The main thought in the sermon was if we are Christ's followers, as we claim, then our lives should show it. We must let our light shine. Brother Aldridge also spoke of our hope which is the anchor of our souls, found in Hebrews 6:19.

Robert William Sheldon occupied the evening hour of April 29. The Scripture lesson is found in John 4:23-24. To worship God, we need to understand and love Him. Let us think of our earthly father, knowing his love for us, his willingness to labor for our needs, his concern for our well being, and his hope for our future. We know our Heavenly Father has even greater love for us for we are told that His ways are higher than our ways. Matthew 10:37, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me". This is Christ speaking, but if we are not worthy of Him, how could we be worthy of His Father? So you see how much we should love God, and if we love Him we will keep His commandments.

We were out of town Sunday, May 6, so missed the Sacrament Service in the morning and the evening preaching service. We did meet with our brothers and sisters in Ava, Missouri and enjoyed the service there.

Brother William Anderson preached the morning of May 13. Since this was Mother's day, Brother Anderson's sermon was about the great responsibility of mothers. He read of Moses' mother from the second chapter of Exodus. Today's mothers have as great or greater responsibility as ever has been in any time of our history. The need is so great for a people with stronger faith in God. Our children can be such a people if their teachings and the example they are shown is such as will increase their child-perfect faith as they grow. So often they lose this faith because of the things they see in their own homes. Our divided homes could well result in the downfall of our nation and the Church of Christ. As a people, we can never rise above the level of our homes. Mothers and fathers should ask God for guidance and work together to teach their little ones the right way, for there are hidden enemies in the world who seek to destroy our young.

It was with regret that we heard of the death of Sister Robertson, the wife of Apostle R. R. Robertson. The Independence Local extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Irene Case, Reporter

### Georgeville

After missing the Advocate with my article last month I certainly do not want to leave out anything this time so I am making the sermons very brief and I hope it will not destroy the main thoughts that were presented.

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLES

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### HUMBLE OR PROUD

Ruth Gill

Everywhere we see opposites such as black or white; rich or poor; hot or cold; good or bad. As I see it, two very important opposites are humble or proud. Anyone knows that black cannot be white, rich be poor, hot be cold, or good be bad; therefore, I say, if we are to be humble we cannot and should not be proud and if we are proud we cannot be humble.

James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Also, I find in I John 2:16, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

I pray that more people, including myself, will become more humble for humble people seek for the truth, ask questions and listen. Proud persons form walls around themselves, thinking they have reached their goal and are too puffed up to take heed and learn from others.

Proverbs 14:16, "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident."

The qualification for a Bishop and a Deacon is stated in I Timothy 3:6, "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil."

In Mark 7:21-23, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Oh! what a wonderful world this would be if "pride" and "proud" could be canceled out of our lives. Then we would only look to God. Be thankful to God for all the blessings we receive, for it was Christ that was sent to lead the people wisely in the humble way.

I read in I Peter 5:5-7, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

What a nation this would be if it would lay aside "proud" and "pride". Why even in our National Anthem it says, "What so proudly we hail!" There are no songs in our Saints' Hymnal that speak of pride or

being proud, nor is there in any other book of church songs.

I find in Proverbs 8:13, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."

Proverbs 11:2, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom."

Proverbs 13:10, "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom."

So let us all be more humble. Never be too proud to stoop down and help the needy. When we have succeeded in things we do, let us not push our chests out with pride. Let us be thankful to God for giving us wisdom and strength to do the job right, for without His guidance we would be lost. When we feel low and confused let us get on our knees and humble ourselves before God and He will see us through.

In Proverbs 16:18-19, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

James 4:6, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

So let us all drop "pride" and "proud" and humble ourselves unto God.

### THE COMMANDMENTS

Irene Shaw

Matthew 22:37-40, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

"This is the first and great commandment.

"And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

"On these two commandments hand all the law and the prophets."

The rest of the commandments I shall copy from III Nephi 5, starting at verse 68. We would do well to read the whole "Sermon on the Mount", both in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

"For verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter in to the kingdom of heaven.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, and it is also written before you, that thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in



danger of the judgment of God.

"But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of his judgment, and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire;

"Therefore, if ye shall come unto me, or shall desire to come unto me, and rememberest that thy brother hath caught against thee,

"Go thy way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I will receive you . . ."

Verse 76, "Behold it is written by them of old time, that thou shalt not commit adultery;

"But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart.

"Behold, I give you a commandment, that ye suffer none of these things to enter into your heart; for it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things, wherein ye will take up your cross, than that ye should be cast into hell.

"It hath been written, that whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and who shall marry her who is divorced, committeth adultery.

"And again it is written, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths.

"But verily, verily I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair black or white;

"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever cometh of more than these are evil.

"And behold it is written, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.

"But I say unto you, that ye shall not resist evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

"And if any man will sue thee at law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

"Give to him that asketh thee, and to him that would borrow of thee, turn thou not away.

"And behold, it is written also, that thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy;

"But behold, I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you, and persecute you,

"That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good; therefore those things which were of old time, which were under the law, in me are all fulfilled.

"Old things are done away, and all things have become new; therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

"Verily, verily, I say that I would that ye should do alms unto the poor; but take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father who is in heaven. . . .

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not do as the hypocrites for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you. They have their reward.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father will reward thee openly.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. . . .

"For, if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"Moreover, when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward.

"But, thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father who seeth in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

I have had good reason to analyze the commandments this past year. From an experience while at Conference, and another after I arrived home, came the urge to study and know just what God means when he says for us to obey His commandments, and we shall have an abundance of His gifts among us.

Shortly after returning home from Conference (I might say here that I was quite ill on my trip home and I thought the bus we rode on was the roughest one the company had) I had a dream in which I was given a taste of what it would be like if were obeying the commandments. I was traveling on a bus, and everything was so smooth and there was the most wonderful feeling of contentment and peace. I cannot put into words the wonderful experience I enjoyed, but I wished I could continue on that way and not return to reality.

While at Conference, one of our sisters, I do not remember her name, was administered to, and was told that if she would obey the commandments she had many blessings in store for her. That set me to thinking, because she looked to me like a very sweet and lovable person.

Brother Tom Barton said that he was shown that we are not obeying the commandments and as a result we are not enjoying the gifts and blessings that we should. He said that he understood that those commandments were the ones that Christ gave in person.

Christ taught us to be a righteous, godly, faithful, loving, patient, and meek people. Do we turn the other cheek? Can we forgive our brother seven times seventy? Do we realize that it is as important not to be offended as it is not to offend? Have we cast out envyings, contentions and strife from among us and are we stripped of pride? They are all commandments.

John 14:12 tells us that if we meet together in Christ's name, that he will be with us. If I understood the Scriptures correctly, if we do not obey the commandments we are not met together in His name. I also understand, that to believe, is to obey all of the commandments. If we are not obedient, then we do not fully believe.

There are those among us today who seem to be satisfied with the amount of blessings that we are receiving, but we are told that all the gifts will be with us if we believe. When Christ was on earth, He went about performing miracles continually and told His disciples that they would do even greater things than He had done. It tells us in the Book of Mormon that Christ healed all their sick when He came to this continent and established His church. There were instances when the Apostles healed all the sick that were brought to them; not just performing a miracle occasionally, here and there, but continually.

It is always a problem for me to know whether I am worthy to partake of the Sacrament. Paul, in I Cor. 11, tells us to examine ourselves and if we partake of the Sacrament unworthily, we eat and drink damnation to ourselves, not discerning the Lord's body, and that is why there are many sick and weak and many sleep. We make a covenant with Christ to keep His commandments when we partake of the Sacrament.

John 14:21-23, "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 unto him.

". . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

Could there be a more wonderful promise than that, and isn't it worth working for?

Mormon 4:82-84, "And behold I say unto you, He changeth not; if so, he would cease to be God; and He ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles.

"And the reason why he ceaseth to do miracles among the children of men, is because that they dwindle in unbelief, and depart from the right way, and know not the God in whom they trust.

"Behold I say unto you, that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask the

Father in the name of Christ, it shall be granted him; and this promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth."

### THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

By Rolland D. Sprague

Because this command has been so lightly expounded and so carelessly enforced its violation has become one of the most grievous sins of our day. When this sin begins to take root inside the Church of Christ it must be removed, or it will destroy the church.

From the Encyclopedic Index, Concordance, and Dictionary, Gilbert James Brent, Editor, comes this information: "Adultery: Unlawful intercourse of a married person with one other than his or her wife or husband, forbidden by the seventh commandment. Adultery is the only legitimate ground for divorce mentioned by Jesus. The term is used figuratively by the prophets to describe disloyalty to the Lord by the worship of false gods."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14.

"Declare unto them their abominations; that they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery." Ezekiel 23:36-37.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Jesus own words). Matt. 5:27-28.

Those who teach against this sin must also keep the commandment by obedience; "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?" Romans 2:21-22.

Adultery and fornication are synonymous. Under either name it is no less a sin. Alma classifies this sin as almost as bad as "the shedding of innocent blood, or denying the Holy Ghost." Alma 19:5-7. "And this is not all my son. Thou didst do that which was grievous unto me; For thou didst forsake the ministry, and did go over into the land of Siron, among the borders of the Lamanites, after the harlot Isabel, yea, she did steal away the hearts of many; but this was no excuse for thee, my son. Thou shouldst have tended to the ministry where with thou wast entrusted. Know ye not, my son, that these things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord; yea, most abominable above all sins, save it be the shedding of innocent blood, or denying the Holy Ghost."

Also Jacob, and Nephi the son of Helaman, as well as Jesus speaks of it.

"And now I, Jacob, spake many more things unto the people of Nephi, warning them against fornication, and lasciviousness, and every kind of sin, telling them the awful consequences of them." Jacob 2:66.

"Yea, even at this time ye are ripening, because of your murders, and your fornications, and your wick-

edness, for everlasting destruction; yea, and except ye repent, it will come unto you soon;" Helaman 3:64.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whoso shall marry her who is divorced, committeth adultery." III Nephi 5:80.

"But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart. Behold, I give you a commandment, that ye suffer none of these things to enter into your heart; For it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things, wherein ye take up your cross than that ye should be cast into hell." III Nephi 5:77-78.

We notice that Helaman 3:64 tells us that "everlasting destruction . . . except ye repent" will be the reward of the guilty. When we have a knowledge of God's laws we know that always the rewards, even eternal life, are predicated upon repentance. The most simple definition of repentance is: regret the offence, turn away from it, and make restitution as far as possible.

Although there are many more writings from the Bible and the Book of Mormon which point out the deadly poison of this sin of adultery and fornication, I feel sure that the minds of all who want eternal life with God will be convinced that this sin of the flesh must be removed if we hope to inherit eternal life. Remember and be assured that the promise is that the Bible and the Book of Mormon, when used as one in the hand of God, will put down false doctrines and contentions. Together they not only condemn the sin, but condemn those who tolerate it.

While adultery has been one of the outstanding sins through all time, we of the Church of Christ are no different than Corianton, who was a minister for Christ, having promised to follow Christ and keep His commandments, who heard his father, Alma, say, "But this was no excuse for thee, my son". Alma 19:5. Yes, with the more sure word of instruction at our disposal we have no excuse to go into adultery or to abide in it, although the devil is very subtle and cunning in his efforts to bind us with a sinful habit. When the ministry preach against these sins, if there are those listening who are guilty, they might well ask of the brethren, "What shall we do to be saved?" And of course the answer would come back, "Repent, every one of you, \* \* \* Bring forth fruit meet for repentance." Such repentance and its suitable fruit could be nothing less than to be truly sorry, and then forsake or depart from such a condition. For when Christ said to the woman, "Neither do I condemn thee: Go and sin no more," (St. John 8:11), he was not condoning the sin, but he saw her remorse and was, in effect, saying "If you return to this sin then I will condemn thee." To sin no more was the "fruit meet for repentance" that he required of her.

The Scriptures assure us that the fruits of adultery are "everlasting destruction; yea, and except ye repent, it will come unto you soon;" (Helaman 3:64). Let us not, therefore, continue to give or make any mild excuses for this or any other sin. Jesus, after counsel-

ling the woman, went on to say, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." St. John 8:12.

Subtle invitations into this deadly sin abound in the things of the world around us daily. An examination of some of them may help us to avoid their pitfalls. Let us begin with the reading material made available on all news-stands, daily papers and magazines. Pictures of women posed and dressed so as to arouse sex desire are everywhere. The covers of magazines have carefully planned pictures to attract the lustful eye; even the calendars that hang in many public places have highly suggestive pictures on them. And our most highly respected magazines of today carry stories and so-called jokes so suggestive and informative that the vast majority of our very young people, pre-teen agers, have a more advanced knowledge of sex than the 20-year-old did a few years ago. The clothing stylists have persuaded the women to think that the men want the sexiness of the female figure amplified and displayed before them, and have convinced the men that the women want to be lusted after. The very short "shorts", tightly fitted, and suggestive clothing are the common thing of this day. I am sorry to say that these things are in some measure found among the membership of the church.

The movies come in also as promoters of the gospel of adultery. The illicit love affairs of the so-called movie queen is played up to be very exciting and romantic rather than disgraceful; and some have received world-wide fame for their acts that will bring them only everlasting death. Women swoon over some male star of the movies who has several wives "which things was abominable before me, saith the Lord." (Jacob 2:33). And the men likewise become enraptured by some female star of the same category. Yet when the wife, husband, boy or girl, follow these illicit examples of romance it wrecks the home or blots the future happiness of all. The T. V. and the radio, very common mediums in the American home and in many other countries, keeps up its daily round of suggestion to the eyes and ears of the masses. The more sex that is shown on T. V. the better the public likes it. The love stories, the crime stories, the jokes and even so-called songs that are heard on the radio are planned to promote and excite the sex desire in both male and female.

Because some people become much more converted to this gospel of adultery than others, the mental institutions and prisons in our country are obliged to hold thousands in confinement who have fallen too deeply into this great trap of Satan. Thousands of cases of rape and murder are committed annually in our country. Tens of thousands of homes are broken by adultery and the children are exposed even more to the gospel of adultery that wrecked their parent's homes. Hundreds of thousands of people are openly living in adultery. But as Alma told his son in the nineteenth chapter, these are not excuses for us! When the more prominent cases of crimes come to the attention of the public, it cries for them to be punished; and punished they should be, for punishment may bring repentance. However these cases are not the cause, but merely the result of a carefully planned pro-

gram of tolerance of this sin followed by the public. The only way it will ever be changed is for the public to stop supporting the cause—Tolerance of Adultery. The public does not at the present time seem inclined to do so. This lack of censure on the part of public opinion, is however, no excuse for the membership of the Church of Christ to follow after this evil practice, or condone it.

How, then shall we put these things from us or avoid them? By giving place in our minds and becoming more converted to the Scriptures, the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Let us hear what the Bible has to say. (Eph. 5:1-8). "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not once be named among you as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (No matter how much public opinion condones the sinful practices of today it will not change or ward off the wrath of God. R.D.S.) Be ye not therefore partakers of them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: Walk as children of the light."

This whole chapter needs much prayerful study. There are many more Scriptures that exhort us to follow God's will rather than erroneous public opinion. I invite you to read these: Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-23; Matt. 2:15; 5:31-32; 19:5-6; Mal. 2:16; Heb. 13:4; I Cor. 7:3; 7:38; II Cor. 6:14; Prov. 12:4; Eph. 4:25; Titus 2:4.

From the Book of Mormon comes this additional exhortation. Jacob 2:36-37. "Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and harken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none; For I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me: Thus saith the Lord of hosts."

The Lamanites were more righteous in this than the Nephites, for they kept this commandment while the Nephites did not. Jacob 2:55-56. "For they have not forgotten the commandments of the Lord, which were given unto our fathers, that they should have, save it were one wife; and concubines they should have none; and there should not be whoredoms committed among them. And now this commandment they observe to keep; wherefore because of this observance in keeping this commandment, the Lord will not destroy them; and one day they will become a blessed people."

From Mosiah 7:121-124, "Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

The words shalt not, or shall not, leave no room for a perhaps or a maybe. For as the Saviour said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God," John 3:5, even so, these exhortations also say unless we keep these commandments we cannot enter the kingdom of God. Are we, or will we become converted unto the word of God,—believe God—unto the reward of everlasting life? Do we dare abide in the laxness of errant public opinion unto "everlasting death"? To some burdened with this sin there may be an inclination to utter the words spoken by those who could not make themselves give in to the counsel of Christ. "This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not." St. John 6:60-64.

Dare we forsake Jesus for public opinion or selfish desires, and walk no more with him? To whom shall we go? He has the words of eternal life. If we are willing to consort with faulty public opinion then our minds are darkened because we treat lightly the command of God, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." If to some this cross looks too heavy to lift, then preparation must be made through much fasting and prayer to condition the spirit within with strength to lift it. We must continue the war with ourselves to condemn sin in the flesh that we may cleanse the spirit.

Hear once more the watchman's cry: "Our deadly enemy, Adultery, approaches nigh inside the walls; let us go to now, and expel him."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

### A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives much—

It takes but a moment, but the memory of it usually lasts forever.

None are so rich that can get along without it—

And none so poor but that can be made rich by it.

It enriches those who receive

Without making poor those who give—

It creates sunshine in the home,

Fosters good will in business

And is the best antidote for trouble—

And yet it cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is of no value

Unless it is freely given away.

Some people are too busy to give you a smile—so give them one of yours.

For the good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so badly

As he or she who has no more smiles left to give.

—Author Unknown.

### MINUTES OF GOLD

Two or three minutes—two or three hours,  
 What do they mean in this life of ours?  
 Not very much if but counted as time,  
 But minutes of gold and hours sublime,  
 If only we'll use them once in a while  
 To make someone happy—make someone smile.  
 A minute may dry a little lad's tears,  
 An hour sweep aside trouble of years.  
 Minutes of my time may bring to an end  
 Hopelessness somewhere, and bring me a friend.

—Author Unknown

### NEWS FROM LOCALS

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days of March, we enjoyed having Brother and Sister Archie Bell with us. On March 1 and 2, we held evening preaching services. Brother Bell was the speaker both nights.

On March 1, Brother Bell read Matt. 13:3-17, using verse 11 for a text. ". . . it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." We can read but unless we understand it does us no good. Brother Bell went on to explain some of the prophecies concerning the first coming of Christ by the use of a chart.

As a scripture reading on March 2, Brother Bell read Isaiah 55:3-11. The Lord lets us know through prophets what we must do. Every word He speaks is for a purpose. Brother Bell explained more prophecies from his chart concerning Christ's first coming.

We all greatly enjoyed our Sacrament Service on March 4. Brother Bell was in charge assisted by Brother Vance Harris. Brother Harris read from III Nephi 8:28-43. Brother Bell read from the Hymnal, the song, "Rejoice Ye Saints of Latter Days." He admonished us that this was a service in which to rejoice, not to be sad.

At our evening service of March 4, Brother Bell was once again our speaker. He used the following scripture readings: I Cor. 15:12-19, Mark 3:24-25, John 8:31-32. He called our attention to the word found in many readings, that it sets up a condition. He also read Matthew 14:28-34 and Acts 5:34-39 and closed by reading the poem, "The Guy in the Glass."

On March 11, Brother Ray Bryant was our morning speaker. He read Psalm 145 as a Scripture lesson. He spoke of the greatness of our Lord, our duties toward God and the ultimate end of the faithful. He also read II Timothy 3:9-17, Alma 3:46-61, ". . . Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God? . . .", and Moroni 8:29.

Brother John Sweem spoke the evening of March 11. He read to us from Revelation 7:1 and St. John 4. He spoke of things to come and prophecies concerning Jesus, and that we must tell the story of Jesus.

The morning speaker of March 18 was Bro. Marvin Case. In his sermon he read James 5:14-15, Mark 8:23-25, Luke 5:12-13, Jacob 3:19-25, II Nephi 14:11-12 and Romans 3. He spoke concerning the gifts and blessings that were had in days of old and that we could have. We must have faith, believe and keep God's commandments. Moroni 10:8, ". . . deny not the gifts of God, for they are many; and they come from the same God."

On March 18 at our evening service Brother John Sweem was the speaker. His readings were from Mark 1:1-3 and I Cor. 3:10-11. He told us of the foundation of the gospel, the ministry and the principles of the doctrine of Christ. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus."

Brother L. V. Aldridge was the morning speaker of March 25. He read Matthew 5:2-8 which gives a description of a child of God. He further read from Matthew 4:3-4, John 17:8 and I Peter 2:19-20. We must study to be able to impart to others. We must not shrink from telling the Gospel story.

On March 25, the speaker of the evening was Brother Ray Bryant. His Scripture readings were Psa. 140, a pray for deliverance from them who would do evil; II Peter 1:1-8, which speaks of the virtues of the good; II Peter 3 and I Thessalonians 5:15-24, some of the Lord's commandments to His people.

Brother T. J. Jordan was in charge of our Sacrament Service on April 1. He was assisted by Brother Ray Bryant. Brother Jordan read a lesson from III Nephi 9:85-97 which tells of a sign unto God's covenant people in the latter days that they may know that the work of the Father has already commenced. We all had a very enjoyable time together.

The speaker of the evening service of April 1 was Brother T. J. Jordan. The Scripture read was John 14:21-24 and John 15:1-5. He then asked, "What fruit are we bearing for Jesus?" He read Matthew 7:21-23 in closing.

At our morning service on April 15, Brother Ed Podhola was our speaker. We become established and settle as we grow older in the gospel. Our attitude affects what we receive. We must try to know each other. The best way would be to be in our brother's spiritual house looking out. We can come closest to this by talking to one another. We must have patience and love. As we go forward we are going to be disappointed in what man does but we will never be disappointed in what God has in store for us if we are faithful.

On April 15 Brother John Sweem was the speaker for our evening service. He likened us to the children of Israel and asked how many of us will reach the promised land. We must have faith and love God. If we love Him we will keep His commandments.

God changes not. He has restored His gospel. The truth will make us free. These thoughts were brought out in the sermon the morning of April 22 by our speaker, Brother Ray Bryant. He read Psalm 50 and quoted some from Deuteronomy, Revelation 14, Alma 16 and Numbers 20. He closed by reading Alma 16:211-239.

That evening Brother John Sweem was the speaker. His thoughts were taken from John 6:26-71 and the first three articles of The Articles of Faith and Practice. No one comes to Christ except God draw him. We find the door by prayer.

The morning speaker of April 29 was Brother Ray Bryant. He read Psalm 27, Ezekiel 33 and I Thess. 1:5. We must come before God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Jesus requires that which seems severe.

Brother John Sweem spoke to us that evening using Romans 1:16 as a Scripture lesson. God is no respecter of persons. We have the doctrine of Christ and must give obedience to the commandments. He spoke concerning revelation and prophecy. There is a time for all things. When the seventh angel sounds (Rev. 11) all mysteries will cease.

Our recent visitors were: Brother and Sister Vance Harris and daughters, Brother and Sister Marvin Case and sons, Brother and Sister Johnny Bell, Brother Jimmy Moyer, Brother LeRoy Wheaton and sons, Brother Nicholas Denham, Brother and Sister Archie Bell, and Brother and Sister L. V. Aldridge, all of Independence; Brother and Sister T. J. Jordan of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; Sister Myrtle Darrach of Houston, Missouri; Brother J. E. Morris of Weeping Water, Nebraska, and Brother Ed Podhola of Lincoln Park, Michigan. We enjoy having visitors and we hope all will come back.

The reunion for this area will be held here at the Georgeville Local near Cowgill, Mo., beginning the last week end in July. It will help us who live here, to know in advance if you are planning to come, and if you will be needing housing, and also what foods will be donated.

Mary Lois Bryant Reporter

#### TO THE UNITED WORKERS:

May 11, 1956

Dear Sisters:

I was glad to receive your very pretty card. It sure helps to know that some one thinks of you. I've been feeling very bad yesterday and all forenoon; the old arthritis. I've used the electric pad and I'm feeling better so I thought I'd try and write you a line.

It is a very bad day out — rain and so cold. I'm upstairs in a room that is not heated but I'm sure it will be a very warm room if the weather ever clears up.

I am glad you liked the pads. If any of our church stops here I'll send another box of pads and doilies. I never get to the postoffice for it is quite a ways from where I stay . . .

I have to live upstairs by myself for the doctor found out that I have an allergy and have to stay by myself. I can't be around people who suffer. The doctor says I sympathize too much, but that is something I can't help.

I hope you will excuse my writing for I can't see very good. I have to do all my reading by using a big reading glass . . .

Well, dear sisters, I'm so glad that I can send a little toward the fund for the home for old folks, so I am enclosing a dollar. It isn't much but I think every cent counts.

Give my love to all and I'm so glad that I'm remembered. I am hoping that I'll be able to come to Independence if only a few days so I can attend church. Give my love to all the folks. I'm looking forward to receiving the Advocate. Well, I'll close for this time for I've got to put the pad on my back.

Loads of love and prayers from

Sister Margaret Skinner

(Sister Skinner's address is 2460 Madison Avenue, Ogden, Utah. A letter or card to her would be welcome.)

#### INVITATION

One picture is worth a thousand words. Realizing the truth of that saying, the Conference set up an Archeological and Visual Aids Committee. This committee's task was to collect, compile, and make available to the missionary arm of the church, and others, the means of illustrating the great truths of the gospel.

You have heard little of this committee this past year because their activities were mostly individual. Now this committee has begun to function as a group. It is hoped that in this coming year you will be seeing a lot of the results of their work.

From time to time information comes out about individuals who have a wealth of pictorial information particularly with regard to the findings of men who dig in the ruins of ancient civilizations, which findings tend to confirm us in our belief in the Book of Mormon and the Bible. In many instances this information is gathering dust when it could be enlightening the understanding of several people.

Upon occasion we are permitted to view charts which have taken hours to prepare, but yet are too bulky to carry around with convenience. How we wish that all our missionaries might have charts like them to help them show the people the beauties of the gospel.

In this day of advanced knowledge and skill there is at our command what is known as projection equipment. By means of shining a strong light through a very small transparent picture and through a lens, that same picture can be shown on a screen or wall almost any reasonable size, even to the extent of covering the whole wall of a room. Many people may see the picture at once. These transparent pictures are commonly called "slides". Most of the slides are two inches square and only about as thick as the lid of a book.

Hundreds of such slides can easily be carried in a case little larger than an overnight case. A similar case will hold the projector by means of which these small pictures can be shown. One small case could easily contain pictures which in their original size might easily fill a truck. Copies of the same picture can easily be furnished to any number of people, all

equally clear and at a fraction of the cost of copying a full size chart in full size.

These features are some among many of the reasons behind the growing interest among the membership in what is known as "visual aids."

This interest in visual aids, along with our great interest in archeology as it might apply to our beliefs, has already led some of the membership of the church to reduce their information to the form of these "slides". However, the church saw that for these things to be used to the greatest good to the church there would need to be an orderly arrangement of this wealth of material. They saw too that new materials along these lines would have to be developed from time to time as need arose and opportunity permitted.

That is where the Archeological and Visual Aids Committee comes in.

As a committee, we thought our work could best proceed if, first of all, we could get in contact with those of the church who might have materials and equipment and skills along the lines of our assigned task.

To mention a few of which we already know there is Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton who has a projector, and a vast quantity of colored slides taken on his trips to Mexico which deal with our people there, and many of the remains of the great Lamanite and Nephite civilizations. Bro. L. V. Aldridge has a projector and a number of slides on the Restoration as well as some on archeology of the Book of Mormon. Bro. Arthur M. Smith has a set of very old slides on archeological finds on the American continent. Brother Harold Schultz has a large collection of large size slides covering charts on many of the gospel principles and perhaps other topics. Bro. Forest Maley has a series of slide pictures on Book of Mormon archeology obtained through the National Geographic Magazine, as well as two projectors and a large folding screen. This is just a start.

There are also within the church a number of people with photographic equipment and the skills necessary to help make these small slide pictures. There is Bro. Ed McIndoo, a Fire Chief in Phoenix, Arizona. There likewise is Bro. Ray Hunholz, a newspaper photographer in Milwaukee. These men are equipped with top-notch photographic "gear". Then there are many others of the membership who have precision cameras of the type used for making 35 millimeter pictures which is the size most readily mounted in slides. Many of these people we may never have heard of.

That is where this invitation comes in.

The Archeological and Visual Aids Committee invites all in the church, and friends of the church, who have archeological pictures and printed materials bearing on our beliefs to write and tell us what you have. We invite all who have 35 mm. cameras, slide projectors, slides, dark-room equipment, and enlargers to write to us and tell us how you are equipped. We urge those with charts on gospel themes, and those with the art ability to make such things, to also write to us and let us know what you have and what you can do.

We also would like to hear from those who are equipped with only a good strong desire to see placed within the reach of our missionaries the equipment and materials already described to help them illustrate more easily and effectively the story of the gospel.

At this stage the committee is only interested in finding what skills, equipment, and materials we have within the church. So feel free to make a list of what you have on hand and sent it to:

Archeological and Visual Aids Committee  
Box 472  
Independence, Missouri

**Do not send any materials or equipment at this time.** When we see how things line up we can let you know.

We have no plans to borrow your equipment. Where you have charts or illustrative materials, we may ask the privilege of having photographic copies made and return the originals to you if you desire. Where you have photographic equipment and skills, or illustrative skills, we may invite you to handle certain assignments for us. Should you care to show on your lists how much access we may have to your equipment and materials, that will also be of great assistance to us. Another thing that will help is to give the make, model, and general description of what you have. Here is a sample:

One camera, Eastman 35 MM. with coupled range-finder.

One light meter, Weston Master.

One tripod with tilt and pan head.

One 2x2 slide projector, Golde, 300 Watt with blower cooling and 5" focal length lens. Magazine type slide changer.

One projection screen, Daylite make. 48"x48".

I have a book on Archeology of the American continent entitled..... You may copy pictures from this if you wish. Return it to me.

I also have done some poster work and if you need a picture or chart drawn up, send me a sketch of what you want and I can produce it for you in water color. I can also set it up and photograph it for you and send in the finished slides.

My projector may be used by any missionary working in this field. Have him write me about it.

There is your sample. Now let us see what you can do. See if you can swamp the committee. If you have questions with regard to the work of this committee, please do not hesitate to make them known to us.

A large task lies ahead of the Archeological and Visual Aids Committee which we hope will make easier the much larger task of our missionary force. Many hands will make both tasks much lighter. Let us hear from you.

Respectfully,

Forest E. Maley  
Secretary A. V. A. Committee

**PASTORALS**

To the Membership of the  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Scattered Abroad:  
Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Having been appointed by the late General Conference of the Church of Christ "to labor as a Missionary at Large with special reference to work among the Laminites," I wish to state that I am now free to labor in any part of the Mission Field where there are members or local churches who may desire my services in a missionary capacity anywhere in North America.

Already I have received requests and invitations for such labors in California, Missouri, Minnesota, Oregon, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Wisconsin, and Western Canada. I would be pleased to labor among other groups in these fields, or with isolated members, or friends of the Church of Christ, wherever possible, and would appreciate hearing from those who may be interested, as soon as possible, so that we may arrange our schedules to properly meet these requests.

We have over thirty years of rich missionary experiences, and testimonies, both in domestic and foreign fields, to draw from, along with a wealth of archeological material on the Book of Mormon, and on Gospel themes, in the way of colored slides for visual aides to enhance such an effort, and attract the studious and honest investigator to a consideration of our message.

This is my Fiftieth Anniversary of continuous membership and ministerial activities in the Church of Christ, and with your co-operation, I wish to help make it the greatest missionary year the Church of Christ has ever known.

Your brother in Gospel Bonds,

Clarence L. Wheaton  
Member of the Council of Twelve  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
204 West Sea Avenue  
Independence, Missouri

To Members and Friends of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Organized or Scattered Abroad:  
Greeting:

Having been appointed to labor as missionary-at-large I hereby appeal to those who are desirous of helping to get the Gospel before their friends and neighbors as well as believers in the Restoration. The undersigned will be glad to respond to invitations to hold series of meetings, or in anyway possible to help in building up the work.

Our message is affirmative and as such we should not in any way negate it by tearing down other groups.

The Church of Christ has a special work committed to them, namely, to be the instrument in the hands of the Lord to bring about the gathering together of His people. The peoples of the Restoration are at present divided, and as we are facing perilous times there is need that there should be a gathering into one place that we might be protected.

If we are to accomplish this task, then it needs be that we become a righteous people, righteous above all other people.

Personal righteousness is the key. If each one will endeavor to bring about in his or her life personal righteousness, then we will have a righteous people, and become the attracting sign, bringing together in one all the lovers of truth.

Do not be disturbed by the statement in my appointment regarding my strength. I did have a period of sickness, but my strength will be all right, and I will respond to all invitations as rapidly as possible.

Paul said, "We are laborers together." The missionary needs the help of all, that the best work can be done.

We need a "long pull and a pull all together."

Yours in hope of a prosperous year,

William F. Anderson  
619 South Chrysler  
Independence, Missouri

**REUNION NOTICE**

The Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska Reunion will be held at Georgeville, Missouri, July 28 to August 3. This reunion will be held in a tent on the Gerald Bryant farm. All are invited to attend every day or as many days as you can. For information write or see Loren Bryant, Cowgill, Missouri.

Ireatess C. Keeney, Secretary

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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