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"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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'Tis A Little Journey

'Tis a little journey — This we walk;
Hardly time for murmurs — Time for talk.
Yet we learn to quarrel — And to hate;
Afterward regret it — When too late.
Now and then 'tis sunshine — Sometimes dark;
Sometimes care and sorrow — Leave their mark.
Yet we walk the pathway — Side by side;
Where so many others — Lived and died.
We can see the moral, — Understand;
Yet we walk not always — Hand in hand.
Why must there be hatred? — Greed and strife?
Do we need such shadows — Here in life?

—Author Unknown

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EDITORIAL

It is not without reluctance that we once again take up the editorial pen; and believing, too, your former servants in this capacity must feel relieved to lay it down.

Our policy will be to present the "old Jerusalem Gospel" according to our best light, being mindful of the fact that, for many, this paper represents their closest contact with the church.

In this connection, we earnestly solicit contributions, especially from the ministry, on the various Restoration topics, as well as upon all the principles of the doctrine of Christ.

Live experiences in the Gospel, and news items of general interest, are especially welcome.

We cannot guarantee publication of all matter submitted, nor that such as may be suitable would be published immediately. Other articles may have priority by reason of being on hand for a greater length of time.

Another factor in determining what should be published, is the space required for each item, and the total space available in the paper.

We welcome articles that are written in an affirmative manner. An affirmative original article is one declaring some thought or principle to be a fact. Conversely, it does not state that another thought or principle is not a fact.

Living personalities, whether by name or inference, should not be included in public statements, except by way of commendation, and that, advisedly.

One person, nor any group cannot speak as the "voice of the church", except they echo some pronouncement definitely established as "by the voice of the people." This, however, is sometimes difficult to deter-

mine, for what may be the order at one time is often reversed or cancelled by subsequent action.

The question then arises, when was the "voice of the church authoritative; then or now? If the latest action is said to be decisive, we wonder what next year, or ten years, will bring.

The one inflexible and incontestable thing is that which comes from God—His word. We may broaden it by saying, all of His word.

Even so, our ability to transmit the Word of the Lord to one another, is too frequently limited; limited either by our own mental capacity to understand it ourselves, or inability to adequately express what we know; or, limited by a lack of the Spirit of truth. By this last is meant, the Holy Spirit. Possession of that Power can surmount all difficulties in teaching, if the "hearer" has received the same.

In consideration of such human frailty, and believing that freedom of expression, if rightly directed, can more nearly bring us to a knowledge of the truth, we expect to allow such latitude in our publication as may be consistent with reason and will present the Restoration story in a favorable light.

Jesus said: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." And so, we say: Let us not dwell extensively upon past mistakes, except as such thoughts may give warning for today.

One more thought would be pertinent; it concerns contention. The Lord has expressly commanded his disciples not to contend over points of doctrine. That is the word of the Lord! and plain, too!

But what is contention? It is defined as: "1. argument; dispute; quarrel. 2. statement or point that one has argued for." To contend means to "fight; struggle." It bespeaks determination to "best" an opponent, if not to crush, also; and it may be done at the expense of truth.

We do not believe the expression of differing opinions to necessarily reflect contention. It is the spirit in which opinions are offered that tells the story; and a contentious spirit can seldom be hid.

May we also kindly suggest that a contentious spirit is unwilling to hear the other man's view, and weigh it in the balance of the **whole** word of God.

William A. Sheldon

REUNION NOTICE

The Michigan Reunion will be held at Flint, Michigan, June 21, 22 and 23. Every one is welcome, and I am sure they will be fed with spiritual food, as well as plenty of food to sustain the body.

Elder George Brantner

MY TESTIMONY

For the first time in my nearly half century of life, I attended conference at Independence, Missouri. Of course Lovita and the five children were with me. I had at last become convinced that the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) was God's true church on earth in these latter days, and I wished to see how God's kingdom worked. It was Sunday morning when we drove up to the Temple Lot, a spot I remembered from over twenty years ago. As we climbed the rickety stairs it seemed a far cry from the Heavenly city with its gates of precious stones and streets of gold; and I marvelled that the kingdom of God could be found in such a poor setting. But I recalled that oft in the history of the world, the kingdom of God had been small. At one time Job was the sole representative. Again, at a later date, the Son of God had not where to lay his head. And the church in these latter days is spoken of as a remnant. Though this gospel of the kingdom is to be preached to all the world unto every nation, kindred, tongue and people, the laborers are few.

With these thoughts going through my mind, I entered the upper room and prayed fervently for the Spirit to attend and enlighten me; a prayer which was with me throughout the conference. As I sat in prayer and preaching and business meetings during the short week I was permitted to stay, I found the Spirit of God in far greater power and assurance than I had believed could happen to me. So I desire to testify that I believe that all those who earnestly sought after the Lord at this conference received full measure and running over. Yes, truly this is God's kingdom on earth. When the blessings of the Spirit come to earth, what matters it that the building is old and the stairs are rickety?

Even though, in the future, in some more halcyon day, the temple is built on this hallowed spot of ground, I will never forget the little old time-worn church where I attended my first conference. For it was there that I was baptized into God's kingdom, and received a literal baptism of the Holy Spirit and was given my call to the ministry with abundant testimony, individually, and by others to the truthfulness thereof. And it is on this spot of ground that I was born a new man with a new purpose in life; for the old man is cast aside as a worn-out garment. Truly, the blessings of God surpasseth all that man can dream or imagine.

Your Brother in Christ,

Elder Harvey Seibel

I am relating a wonderful healing concerning myself.

Two weeks ago I became very ill. They had to take me to the hospital in the ambulance. I hadn't taken any food for a week, and was in a critical condition. Dr. Ellis said it was appendicitis.

They took two X-rays and found the appendix had burst and gone through my body. They fed me

through my veins and put a tube through my nose and down into my stomach.

After three days, the doctor had almost given me up, but after the saints fasting and praying, I had this vision:

As I lay on my bed in the hospital, the heavens opened and an angel appeared before me. She had golden hair, and was dressed in white garments. She held in her hand a beautiful pale green light bulb. She said, "I want you to go back home and I want you to have this gift for the good of my work. You are needed there."

The doctor said it was only through the power of God that I was alive.

My children, Sidney Price and Joe Price, from Jackson; Clyde Price from Independence, Mo.; Doty Price from Traverse City, Mich.; our daughter and husband from Marblehead, Ohio; they all remembered me by fasting and praying, and also by letters and cards.

I would like the prayers of all the saints, for I am weak yet.

Your Sister in Christ's Cause,

Sister Minnie B. Price

March 28, 1957

Maple City, Mich.

March 16, 1957

Dear Brother Denham:

If you care to publish my testimony in the Zion's Advocate, I feel I should write some of my experiences in the gospel of Christ.

I am thankful to our heavenly Father to have had Christian parents, who taught me to trust in the Lord and believe in the Holy Scriptures.

While a young woman I was baptized into a church, but not for the remission of sins. Years later when I heard my first gospel sermon by Elder J. H. Baker of the R.L.D.S. Church, he had not talked but a few minutes until I knew he was a man of God, and this was the truth I had been seeking. So, I was baptized for the remission of sins and received such a wonderful blessing! I have been healed, many times, through administration of the elders, and faith in God.

I have lived the last 50 years, isolated from church privileges, with no elders near. I have raised seven children, and in severe sickness and accidents, God has blessed us wonderfully through faith and prayer; and the use of consecrated olive oil has brought us many marvelous cures, for which I give God all the praise for ever and ever.

Sister T. Alice Bender

89 Years Old

REPORT OF THE 1957 CONFERENCE

Foreword

Conference has ordered the secretary to condense the minutes for publication and show only the "Affirmative Report"—those actions on which an affirmative vote carried. Complete copies of the full minutes will be found in the possession of the following officers, any one of which you may consult for particular and specific information; General Church Secretary, General Church Recorder, Secretary of the Council of Twelve, Secretary of the General Bishopric, and the Board of General Church Historians.

Certain principles have been followed in making this condensed report. Organization of the conference is in brief. Opening and closing exercises of the sessions are omitted, as well as the approval of the minutes. Ministerial and other reports not acted upon favorably will be shown in brief if at all. Reports from auxiliary organizations and the Auditor's report 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 actions of the Conference 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, 1957 to April 16,
1957 on the Temple Lot, at Independence,
Missouri**

April 6, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

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

The conference was organized as follows:

Chairmanship: The Council of Twelve.

Secretary: Bro. Forest Maley.

The Chair ordered read a recommendation from the Council of Twelve relative to a tentative program for the Conference. The remainder of the session was occupied in discussing and amending the proposed tentative program.

April 6, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

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

The greater part of this session was occupied with further discussing and amending the proposed tentative program. Substantially, the program arrived at was similar to former years, thus:

1. A resolutions committee to help perfect resolutions before adoption.
2. Time limit for the introduction of new business the end of the third day's business session.
3. Prayer meeting 8:00 to 9:30.
4. Business meeting 10:00 to 12:00 and from 2:00 to 3:30.
5. Educational classes 3:45 to 5:00.
6. Preaching at 8:00 P. M. preceded by a song service.

Resolutions Committee: Bro. L. V. Aldridge, Richard A. Wheaton and Harvey J. Bell.

Press Committee: William A. Sheldon and Arthur M. Smith.

April 8, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle E. Leon Yates in charge, assisted by Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

Bro. W. F. Anderson moved that the Women's Department be granted the time requested, 2:00 to 3:30 April 11, 1957. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved that we give the Sunday School Association this time as requested, Friday morning, April 12, 1957. Seconded by Bro. Eugene Gould. Carried.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we accept the Recorder's report. Seconded by Bro. John A. Sweem. Carried. The document follows:

Independence, Missouri
April 6, 1957

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

Those removed from the records by death	
this last year.....	9
Those removed by withdrawal.....	1
Those added to the Church this year:	
By Baptism	72
By Transfer	9
Total.....	81

Membership last year	2,465
Making the total membership this year.....	2,536
Number of children blessed this year.....	31
Ordinations:	

Elders	4
Priests	0

Teachers 1
 Deacons 0

Respectfully submitted,

General Church Recorder
 (signed) Elder James M. Case

Information has come to the body about the young people desiring time for their activities.

Bro. Joseph Yates moved that we approve the Young People having from 3:30 on, on Thursday for such activities as they shall choose. Seconded by Bro. John A. Sweem. Carried.

Elections of Officers:

General Church Secretary: Forest E. Maley.

April 8, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle E. Leon Yates in charge assisted by Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

General Church Recorder: James M. Case.

General Church Chorister: Marion Sprague.

Editor of Zion's Advocate: The original balloting resulted in a 40-40 tie between Bro. Nicholas F. Denham and Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. The Chairman broke the tie in favor of Bro. Sheldon.

April 9, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

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

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that the Deacons present be the Ushers with the power to choose any assistance they need. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carrier. This constituted Bro. John Sprague as usher.

April 9, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

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

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate: Metta Anderson and Joseph Yates.

Dining Hall Committee: Minnie Smith.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that in the absence of the Dining Hall Committee member, that the equipment in the kitchen and the Dining Hall be placed under the care of the Caretaker of the General Church in order that anyone wanting to use it might know who to contact here in order to obtain the use of the equipment. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

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

Auditing Committee: Leslie P. Case elected for a

three year term, the others being Bro. Rolland D. Sprague (2) and Bro. James M. Case (1).

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

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

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

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

Board of Publications: Leon A. Gould and Arthur M. Smith elected for three year terms, the other members being Leslie P. Case (1) and Forest Maley (1), the chairmanship of this committee being reserved for the Business Manager who this year is Bro. Vance H. Harris.

April 10, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

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

Archeological and Visual Aids Committee: Robert L. Maley and Orin Caviness elected to three year terms, the other members being E. J. McIndoo (2), Forest E. Maley (2), L. V. Aldridge (1) and Fernando Ojeda (1).

April 10, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

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

This session was taken up with a discussion of a matter introduced in the former session which was postponed indefinitely in the following session.

April 11, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

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

A letter was read by the assistant chairman from F. Henry Edwards of the R.L.D.S. Church offering the use of their parking lot during conference.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Relations Committee write a letter to the First Presidency of the R.L.D.S. Church and thank them for their consideration of us and forward it as the sentiment of this conference. Seconded and carried.

April 12, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

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

Brother Joseph E. Yates moved to grant the request of the General Sunday School Association. Seconded by Brother Richard A. Wheaton. Carried. This allowed them from 3:45 to 5:00 Saturday, April 13, 1957 to finish their business.

April 13, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge, assisted by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton. No affirmative action this session.

April 13, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

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

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that we rescind our previous action allotting the Sunday School Association the time from 3:45 P. M. this afternoon. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.

April 15, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Archie F. Bell.

Up to this time much of the discussion was of proposed action which stemmed from a study guide issued by the General Sunday School Association called "Plain and Precious Things" and a Declaration and an Epistle published by the Council of Twelve in the Zion's Advocate for December 1956. The agenda still contained a number of proposed actions bearing on the same thing.

The following document from the Council of Twelve was read:

April 15, 1957

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ, Assembled.
Greetings:

The following statement and resolution has been passed by the Council of Twelve, and we herewith submit for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.
Council of Apostles

Whereas,

It has come to the attention of the Council of Twelve that some of the membership of the Church of Christ think that the list of corrections on the tract, Plain and Precious Things, had first been given to the Board of Publications and the Sunday School Association, and

that they had refused to make the proper corrections, and whereas

We, the Council of Twelve, want to try to correct this error in thought by stating, that we did not submit the Declaration and the list of corrections of the tract to them before it was published in the Advocate, and whereas

We, the Council of Twelve, are sorry that some have been injured through this oversight on our part, and whereas

The Church has been torn with dissention, strife and division as a result of the publication of the study guide, "Plain and Precious Things", and the resultant "Declaration" and "Epistle" from the Council of Twelve, each of which have contributed equally to the contention, etc.,

Therefore, be it resolved,

That this conference does herewith refuse to endorse either the Study Guide, or the directives growing out of it, and declare that from this time forward they shall not be further distributed in the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) as a guide of doctrine among us, on the subjects treated upon."

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that we adopt this resolution from the Council of Twelve as a substitute for the whole matter. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock. Carried 41 to 18.

As a result of the above action, the Chairman ruled off the agenda several documents which bore on the issue.

April 15, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

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

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we grant the General Sunday School Association time from 3:45 to 5:00 P. M., April 15, for the consideration of their business. Seconded by Bro. Leslie P. Case. Carried.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge asked for clarification with reference to the resolution just passed in the 10:00 A. M. session, this resolution being the refusal of the Conference to endorse either the Study Guide, or the directives growing out of it. The Chairman ruled as follows: This action deals with the contents of the Study Guide and directives spoken of here. We have no corner on the English language, but we cannot present something in exactly the same wording again. The last paragraph of the resolution takes in the Declaration, the Epistle, and the Study Guide.

Second reading was given the Auditor's Report. Due to the fact that this report is customarily published in full in the Zion's Advocate, it is not spread on these minutes.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we accept the Auditor's report and spread it on the record. Seconded by Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation on the Budget, etc. It follows:

April 15, 1957

To the Conference of the Church of Christ, Assembled

Greetings:

The joint council of the Apostles and General Bishopric recommend the following for your consideration and action:

1. We recommend that Bro. Vance Harris be the Business Manager for the coming year.

2. We recommend that Bro. John Sweem be sent out into the mission field again this year, as a representative of the General Bishopric, as he was last year.

3. We recommend that a building fund be set up to receive funds for a new building north of the present structure. The new structure to be approximately 50 ft. x 100 ft., with a basement, vault, and one story. The approximate cost to be \$100,000.

We recommend that the General Bishopric be authorized to set aside \$2,000 in addition to the \$683.50 in the present vault and building funds, into a special fund not to be used for any other purpose, and that they be authorized to solicit donations toward this fund.

We further recommend that when the fund has reached \$50,000, that we proceed to draw up plans and obtain estimates to be approved by the conference before proceeding to build.

4. Tentative Budget:

Family Allowance	\$ 20,000
Elder's Expense	6,000
European Mission	1,350
Mexican Mission	1,640
Yucatan School	1,000
Home for the Aged.....	10,000
Aid	2,500
Zion's Advocate	1,800
Books Tracts and Visual Aids.....	3,000
Church Property Maintenance.....	3,000
General Church Expense	500
General Office Expense	500
Building Fund	100,000

Total.....\$151,290

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
 Sec'y General Bishopric
 William A. Sheldon
 Sec'y. Council of Twelve

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we take up, one at a time, the four recommendations received from the joint council of the Apostles and General Bishopric. Seconded by Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Carried.

Bro. Joseph Yates moved that we approve recom-

mendation No. 1. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we approve recommendation No. 2. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve recommendation No. 3. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved that we approve recommendation No. 4. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola. Carried.

April 16, 1957—10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle E. Leon Yates in charge assisted by Apostle Don W. Houseknecht.

A resolution on seating was given second reading, It follows:

Independence, Missouri
 April 11, 1957

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

The General Bishopric has authorized me to present the following for your consideration and action:

Resolved that in as much as the action taken following the preaching service of April 9, 1957, relative to the purchasing of chairs for the upper auditorium was not done at a regular business session of the conference, be it resolved that the conference hereby properly authorize the General Bishopric to solicit funds and complete the purchase of the aforementioned chairs.

Very respectfully submitted,
 The General Bishopric
 (signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
 Sec'y. General Bishopric

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we so authorize the Bishopric to purchase these chairs. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Pohhola. Carried.

Second reading was given a resolution on the transfer of membership requiring the signature of only one elder, and to rescind our present rule of the signature of two elders and the Missionary in charge. This was signed by twenty of the saints in Michigan.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that we reaffirm our former action on the matter of membership transfer requiring the signature of two elders and the Missionary in charge. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried 41 to 4.

April 16, 1957—2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Don W. Housknecht in charge assisted by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

A resolution on a delegate conference was given second reading.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we adopt this resolution for a delegate conference as the sense of this body. Seconded by Bro. Arthur G. Smith.

Bro. Marvin Case moved to amend the resolution on a delegate conference, that where it says Melchisedek priesthood with regard to exofficio voting, that it be changed to "the ministry." Seconded by Bro. Harvey J. Bell. Carried 26 to 16.

Vote was called on the matter of a delegate conference as amended, with only the ministry voting since it was a referendum matter. Carried 24 to 0.

The entire document on a delegate conference as amended as follows:

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

With a sincere desire to promote the welfare and good of the Church of Christ and realizing that our present system of General Church Conference has many defects and has not brought about the desired results so far as the representation of the membership is concerned, and whereas

There is a desire on our part of saving to the church all that is good and desirable in our present system and eliminating those things which have not proven satisfactory, we hereby submit for your consideration the following resolution:

Resolved that:

The next general conference of the Church of Christ, and those following, shall be of a Delegate Conference nature in harmony with the following:

CONFERENCES

The General Conference of the Church of Christ shall convene April 6, at 10:00 A. M., in the upper auditorium of the Church of Christ building on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri, with the Council of Twelve in charge of the first meeting.

No. 1. The Conference shall consist of those holding the ministry, and properly selected and chosen delegates from the local churches of the Church of Christ.

No. 2. Delegates shall be chosen on a basis of one delegate for every ten members or fraction, in good standing, not less than six. No delegate shall be empowered to cast more than three votes.

No. 3. Delegates may be chosen from the priesthood or lay members in good standing. No person shall be permitted to represent more than one local or group.

No. 4. For the purpose of choosing delegates, scat-

tered members should register their membership with the local nearest them, or where scattered members meet together, they may send delegates in harmony with Article No. 2 if they send a list of names and addresses of members meeting in their group.

No. 5. All those holding the ministry have the right by their calling and ordination, to represent the church in all the world. They therefore shall have the rights and privileges of the conference floor and their exofficio vote.

No. 6. An Apostle shall not be selected as a delegate at any time, except it shall be to represent a local church in a foreign land. All countries outside of the borders of the United States shall be defined as foreign lands.

No. 7. Local churches in foreign lands may select delegates from the ministry or membership of the church, who they know will be present at the conference and shall have full power to instruct such delegates upon all measures presented to the conference of which they shall have pre-conference knowledge.

No. 8. Any minister accepting an appointment as a delegate shall forfeit his exofficio vote.

(a) Duties of Local Churches

No. 1. All locals shall send names of the members of their church to the General Church Recorder, to be used by the Credentials Committee. If they have scattered members on their records, they shall send their names and addresses. If they do not have the addresses of the scattered members, they are not to be counted.

No. 2. All lists of names and lists of delegates are to be sent to the General Church Recorder by March 1, each year. These lists are to be checked by the Credentials Committee for accuracy.

No. 3. Each local shall hold a business meeting for the selection and instruction of their delegates, prior to February 1, each year. The meeting is to be announced at least two weeks before it is held.

No. 4. In case a local cannot send a delegate, upon request from them to the Council of Twelve, stating their first, second and third choices, the Council shall have power to appoint a substitute delegate for them, using their preference if possible.

(b) Credentials

1. Each delegate is to bring credentials from his local, stating the number of delegate votes the local is entitled to and how many of them are allocated to him. These shall be presented to the Credentials Committee.

No. 2. The Council of Twelve shall appoint a committee of three, before each conference to act as a Credentials Committee. Their duties shall be: to examine all credentials and exofficios; to see that each exofficio's or delegate's name and number of votes are properly listed; to tabulate the number of membership

represented and the number of ex-officio and delegate votes registered; also the number each of ex-officios and delegates attending the conference.

No. 3. It shall be the duty of each minister to see that his name is properly filed with the Credentials Committee so his ex-officio vote may be established.

(c) General Procedure

No. 1. All members of the church in good standing shall have the right to introduce measures for the conference's consideration, ask questions, make motions, or discuss any question before the house. They shall not have the right to vote except in harmony with Article No. 1.

No. 2. Every local shall have the right to instruct their delegates upon all measures known to them before conference convenes. A copy of such instructions must be sent to the General Secretary previous to the opening of conference.

No. 3. Should the delegate be absent at the time the vote is cast, the General Church Secretary shall be authorized to cast the vote for such a delegate in harmony with the instructions received from the secretary of his local.

No. 4. Every local shall have the right to send to the conference any bill or proposed measure. If sent by a majority vote of the local by its secretary, such measure shall be presented to the conference without change or alteration, except the local grants to the conference the right to modify without changing the intent of the bill.

(d) Referendum

No. 1. Any measure may be sent out for referendum by a majority vote of the conference.

No. 2. Any measure defeated upon the conference floor may be resubmitted to the conference for the purpose of sending it out to referendum, by a petition signed by any ten members in good standing who attended the session in which the measure was defeated. If such a petition shall receive a one-third vote of the conference, it shall be sent out as a minority bill.

No. 3. All measures of a permanent nature coming before the conference, other than those covered in Article (d) 4, must receive a two-thirds majority to carry. Failing to do so, but receiving a simple majority, it must be sent out for referendum vote. (Selection of Apostles, Seventy, or Bishops shall be considered of a permanent nature.)

No. 4. Any measure which changes or modifies the beliefs or organic structure of the church must be sent out for referendum vote of the whole church.

No. 5. All matters sent to referendum shall be prepared in ballot form and sent to the churches in the

first issue of the Zion's Advocate following the conference; and a return of the votes shall be made and tabulated as of midnight, July 31 of each year.

No. 6. No argument for or against the proposed legislation shall be published in the Advocate, but it shall be the duty of the delegates to report to their local churches full information relative to the matters under referendum consideration.

No. 7. Rules governing the referendum shall be the same as those already adopted, except as modified by these rules touching the same.

(e) Filling of Vacancies

Election of Officers

No. 1. The conference shall have full authority to transact all business necessary for the operation of the general church, appoint all church committees, fill all vacancies in quorums in harmony with Article (d) 3; also full authority to approve all fields of labor including the representative in the general church office, appoint the editor of the general church periodical, business manager, and care for all routine work necessary to the operation of the general church.

No. 2. All officers and standing committees elected by the conference shall take office the first of the month following the adjournment of that body.

No. 3. Missionary appointments, filling of vacancies in the Council of Twelve, General Bishops or Seventy, shall become effective as soon as approved by the conference, or after having been ordained or set apart as the case may require.

No. 4. Ordinations of all others called to the priesthood at the conference shall be deferred until approved by the missionary in charge of that field and by the local in which they have membership.

(f) Program for Conference

Business Sessions

The opening session shall convene at 10:00 o'clock A. M. and shall be for the purpose of organizing the conference as follows:

No. 1. At the opening of each conference the secretary shall announce what locals and what groups are represented and by whom; how many delegates are present and how many members they represent; how many ex-officios are present; how many and which locals have no delegates present; the total membership of the church and what percentage of it is represented.

No. 2. The presiding authority of the conference shall be the Council of Twelve; they to preside in turn as the Council may direct.

No. 3. The General Church Secretary and the Assistant General Church Secretary shall act as secre-

taries of the conference with power to choose assistants as needed.

No. 4. Announcement of the daily order of meetings as outlined by the Council of Twelve and approved by the conference, whose responsibility it shall be to direct and arrange the order of the meetings.

No. 5. The remaining time of the first session before the noon adjournment shall be used for prayer, testimony and devotional service.

Resolutions Committee

There shall be a Resolutions Committee appointed by the conference at the first session each year, whose duties shall be;

No. 1. To correct errors in grammar; to improve phraseology; to see that the resolution shall correctly state the thought desired by the sponsor of the resolution.

(g) Order of Daily Conference Sessions —Except Sundays

The second and succeeding morning business sessions shall be held from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon daily, and shall be conducted as follows:

No. 1. Opening with appropriate song, prayer and scriptural reading.

No. 2. Roll Call.

No. 3. Reading and approving the minutes of the previous session. The minutes of the final session shall be approved by the Council of Twelve in their post-conference meetings.

No. 4. Reading the reports of delegates, ministry and committees that are received to date. Proposed resolutions shall be presented for first reading at this time.

No. 5. Reading the slate of all business to come before that session of conference according to the accepted rules of order.

Legislation

New legislation shall be disposed of by an orderly discussion before the conference as follows:

No. 1. First Reading: At the first reading the sponsor, if present, or his representative, may without motion or vote set forth the reasons for introducing the resolution and the object to be attained.

No. 2. If the body wishes to consider this resolution they shall by motion and vote instruct that the sponsor present it to the Resolutions Committee.

No. 3. After the resolution has been handled by the committee, in conjunction with the sponsor and the supporter, it may be called up for a second reading by any member of the assembly.

No. 4. Second Reading: At the second reading the document shall be entertained according to the rules of parliamentary practice and be open for discussion. When discussion has reached the point where the document, or that growing out of it, which may have been formulated in lieu thereof, has been

analyzed, it is to be put to a final vote unless otherwise ordered by the assembly.

The above resolution is offered as a referendum bill and if adopted will supersede our present type of conference.

(signed) Arthur M. Smith
Archie F. Bell

Second reading was given the recommendation on closing the books. It follows:

Independence, Missouri
April 9, 1957

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

Greetings:

The General Bishopric desire to recommend the following:

We recommend that the Business Manager's books be closed the first of March instead of the 15th of March as heretofore.

Very respectfully submitted,

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

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve the recommendation on the closing of the books. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

Second reading was given the report of the Bishops on financial activities as follows:

Independence, Missouri
April 11, 1957

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

Greetings:

We wish to submit the following report in connection with the financial activities of the Church for the past year.

Our receipts were \$23,321.52, an increase of \$2,908.37 over the previous year or 14%.

Our expenditures were \$25,457.93, an increase of \$7,114.90 over the previous year or 39%.

Our Family Allowances increased 14%, Regular Elder's Expense 150% and Aid 48%.

Elder's Expense for Yucatan Mission decreased 43%.

Our Bank Balance in General Fund decreased \$2,136.41 or approximately 23%.

The Temple Fund balance is now \$2,661.86, an increase of 1%.

During the year a new portable typewriter was purchased for use by the secretary of the Quorum of Twelve.

All official receipts of old issue were used and a new series secured for use, starting with the new Church year.

All bills were paid in full to date and no obligations are outstanding at the close of the Conference year.

Very respectfully submitted,

The General Bishopric
(signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Sec. General Bishopric

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that this financial report be adopted as read. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation to rescind former action on missionary expenses. It follows:

April 12, 1957

To the General Conference of the
Church of Christ, Assembled.
Greetings:

The following motion was passed by the joint council of the Apostles and Bishopric. It refers to action taken on Missionary expenses, as found on page 73 of the Zion's Advocate for 1955.

The motion: "We recommend that the entire document be rescinded."

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. Council of Bishopric

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to concur in the recommendation from the Joint Council to rescind this document of April 14, 19 55 on missionary expenses. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

(Secretary's note—The document above mentioned was an action of the Conference of 1955 setting up on recommendation of the Joint Council a system requiring the missionaries to issue receipts for donations received, have an expense drawing account, and make a monthly report of such matters.)

Second reading was given a report of the Joint Meeting of the Ministry relative to a manifestation. It follows:

To: Minister's Conference
Greetings:

The Joint Session of the Ministry met in the afternoons of 11th and 12th of April 1957, to consider a purported manifestation relative to the Council of Twelve.

After fasting and prayer, on the afternoon of April 12 adopted the following resolution:

Moved: To return this document to the author without further consideration or action.

Respectfully yours,
(signed) Robert L. Maley
Secretary of the Joint
Session of the Ministry

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we receive the report of the Joint Session of the Ministry and concur in their recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Harvey J. Bell. Carried.

Second reading was given to the recommendation on Bro. L. V. Aldridge. It follows:

April 16, 1957

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ, Assembled
Greetings:

The Council of Apostles recommend that Elder L. V. Aldridge be set apart as one of the Seventy elders of this church, and that provision be made for this ordination.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve of this recommendation relative to Bro. Aldridge. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried 21 to 4.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the matter of the setting apart of Bro. Aldridge to the office of a Seventy be left to the Council of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Yates. Carried 22 to 1.

Second reading was given to the missionary appointments. The document follows:

April 16, 1957

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ, Assembled
Greetings:

The Council of Apostles recommend the following appointments as missionaries in charge of the respective fields of labor for the conference year of 1957-58:

Apostle William F. Anderson to have charge of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Apostle Leon A. Gould to have charge of Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

Apostle T. J. Jordan to have charge of all of Canada except British Columbia.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith to have charge of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and the European Mission.

Apostle B. C. Flint and Apostle William A. Sheldon to have joint charge of Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois.

Apostle R. R. Robertson to have charge of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Apostle Thomas E. Barton to have charge of Colorado.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to have charge of Missouri.

Apostle Archie F. Bell to have charge of South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and Northern California.

Apostle E. Leon Yates to have charge of Arizona, Southern California and Mexico.

Apostle Don W. Housknecht to have charge of the Northeastern states, including Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

We further recommend that Elder L. V. Aldridge be appointed to labor with Apostle Housknecht in the northeastern states.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles

Brother Harold B. Schultz moved that the recommended appointments be approved as read. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock. Carried 15 to 1.

Second reading was given to the recommendation on Bro. Fernando Ojeda as follows:

April 16, 1957

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ, Assembled
Greetings:

The Council of Apostles 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 submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation of the Council of Twelve with regard to the appointment of Bro. Fernando Ojeda. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Fernando Ojeda expressed himself approximately as follows; I want to thank the people of this church for making it possible for me to continue the work in Yucatan. I want to ask you all the question, does the Church of Christ uphold the Bible and the Book of Mormon as the standards of the doctrine of the church? I have heard a member of the priesthood say that the Book of Mormon only contains the ideas of men. To me it is divine. If the Church so does believe, I will accept the appointment.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that we reaffirm our former position, that we believe the Book of Mormon to be of divine origin and that it isn't based on the precepts of men. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried unanimously.

Vote was called on approving Bro. Ojeda as missionary. Carried.

Second reading was given the report of the General Sunday School Association. The report follows:

April 15, 1957

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

The General Sunday School Association met in two sessions. The first session was called to order at 10:25 A. M., April 12, by the Superintendent, Brother Leslie P. Case.

Reports both written and oral from the different locals were given, the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were read and the report of the activities of the Quarterly Committee was read and all were accepted for the minutes.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$750.58 with no expense to the Association for the year.

Having the approval of the author, Sr. Amy Gould Schrader, Bro. Robert Maley moved that the Junior Sunday School Quarterlies, Series No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4, be withdrawn from circulation. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell. Carried:

Sr. Lois Harris moved that all local Sunday Schools be organized under the supervision of the General Sunday School Association in cooperation with the pastor (if there be one) or any of the Priesthood in the locality;

That its officers be members of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) and shall consist of a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer; that these three shall constitute an advisory and executive committee;

That the basis for comparison and study be the King James Version of the Bible and the Book of Mormon;

That the activities be under the watchcare of the pastor in charge or the missionary in charge. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Bro. Denver Chapman moved that we consider the petition of the Bishopric for donations toward buying seats for the church and that we allow them the amount of \$25.00. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried.

The second session of the Association was called to order by Brother Leslie P. Case at 3:50 P. M., April 15.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Superintendent, Brother Leslie Case.

Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer, Brother Rolland D. Sprague.

Secretary, Sister Margaret Mann.

Quarterly Committee: Bro. Tom Maley, (3); Sister Marion Sprague, (3); Sister Irene Case, (2); Brother Robert Maley, (1); Brother Robert Case, (1).

Sister Angela Wheaton moved that in localities where there are not sufficient members of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) to fill the offices in the Sunday School that we do not frown upon placing non-members in such positions. Seconded by Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Carried.

Brother John E. Bell moved that we comply with the action of Conference on April 15, 1957, pertaining to "Plain and Precious Things" and all correspondence that entered therein. Seconded by Brother Marvin Case. Carried.

Brother C. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the manuscript and corrections from the January Advocate be submitted to the Quarterly Committee and that they salvage what material they can for a quarterly. Seconded by Sister Angela Wheaton. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Lois Harris, Sec.
Leslie P. Case, Supt.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to accept the report of the General Sunday School Association and concur in their recommendations. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Second reading was given the report of the United Workers. It follows:

April 16, 1957

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

The General United Workers' Organization was called to order in a business session at 2:00 P. M., April 11, by the Chairman, Sr. Katherine Moyer.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted for the minutes. The Treasurer's report showed a total balance of \$197.93 of which \$167.10 is the Old Folk's Home Fund. The accumulation for this fund over the preceding year plus the collection from this meeting amounted to \$86.42. We now have a total of \$253.52 in this fund.

Written reports of the activities of local groups in Grand Junction, Colorado and Independence, Missouri, were read and accepted for the minutes.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Chairman, Sr. Katherine Moyer.

Assistant Chairman, Sr. Martha Bell.

Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris.

Treasurer, Sr. Bertha Case.

Member-at-Large, Sr. Frances Yates.

Sr. Minnie Smith moved to send \$20.00 by Bro. Fern-

ando Ojeda to Yucatan to buy goats for some of the families there that the children might have milk. Seconded by Sr. Estella Hedrick. Carried.

Moved by Sr. Lois Harris that the Member-at-Large report to this body each year of her activity. Seconded by Sister Miriam Mason. Carried.

The minutes of this meeting were approved by the body.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Lois Harris, Sec.
Silva Rudd, Ass't. Chr.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that we receive this report of the United Workers and concur in its recommendations. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation on the Representative in the office.

It follows:

April 16, 1957

To the Conference of the Church of Christ, Assembled
Greetings:

The following motion was passed by the joint council of Apostles and Bishops relative to the office of General Church Representative in the church office:

"Moved that Bro. Clarence Wheaton be placed in the general church office for this next year to enable him to make preparation for going to the Holy Land (Palestine) next year, to labor for three years."

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. General Bishopric

Bro. Joseph Yates moved that we concur in the recommendation coming from the Joint Council and approve of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton as the man to be placed in the office. Seconded by Bro. Arthur G. Smith. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation relative to James M. Case. It follows:

April 16, 1957

To the Conference of the Church of Christ, Assembled
Greetings:

The joint council of Apostles and Bishops passed this motion and recommend: "That Elder J. M. Case be given a full-time missionary appointment to labor in Missouri under the supervision of the Missionary in charge, and that he be the caretaker of the Temple Lot property."

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. General Bishopric

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendation coming from the Joint Council appointing Bro. J. M. Case as caretaker and missionary under the supervision of the missionary in charge of Missouri. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation on child allowance. It follows:

Independence, Missouri
April 16, 1957

To the Conference of the Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve Apostles and the General Bishopric recommend to the conference for their consideration and action the following:

Resolved that the basic allowance for children be increased to \$30.00 per month per child.

Very respectfully submitted,
(signed) William A. Sheldon
Sec'y. Council of Apostles
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Sec'y. General Bishopric

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendation from the Joint Council with regard to increasing child missionary allowance. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried, unanimously.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as a matter incidental to conference expenses on utilities and cleaning that we allow the Independence local church \$40.00 for conference expenses. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to adjourn at the end of the preaching service tonight and it be until April 6, 1958 at 10:00 A. M. here on the Temple Lot in the auditorium of the church. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried.

The matter of changing the Application for Membership blank, deferred from the conference of 1956 came up for consideration. This matter is shown in the action of the 1956 conference sessions for April 12.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to defer action on this matter of changing the Application for Membership blank for two years. Seconded by Bro. James M. Case. Carried, 24 to 15.

The report of the Dining Hall Committee was given a first reading.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to suspend the rule on second reading and give the Dining Hall Committee a standing vote of thanks. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

The report of the Dining Hall Committee follows:
Independence, Missouri
April 16, 1957

To the Conference of The Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Dining Hall Committee hereby submits to the Conference the following report covering the period from April 6 to and including April 15.

Cash on Hand, as the balance from 1956...\$270.00
Contributions and Collections..... 551.28

Expenditures\$381.28

This expense is broken down as follows:

Groceries\$173.11
Bread 19.58
Potatoes 13.45
Meat 133.01
Milk and Cheese 33.92

\$373.07

Replacement of Equipment 8.21

\$381.28

The list consisted of: 109 loaves of bread; 600 lbs. of potatoes, 100 lbs., donated; 484 lbs. of meat, 130 lbs. of this was donated; 90 qts. of milk; 70 lbs., of cheese; 2 qts., of cream.

We have no record of the full number of eggs donated or how many dozen were used. There was quite a bit of other material donated such as lard, fruit, vegetables, etc. Over 200 pies and 27 cakes were served. It is estimated that 2,500 meals were served.

Total cash receipts.....\$821.28

Total disbursements 381.28

Balance on hand\$440.00

With one bill outstanding of..... 33.92

\$406.08

(signed) Mrs. Minnie C. Smith
Mrs. Martha Bell

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the secretaries be authorized to present the minutes of the last sessions of the conference to the Quorum of Twelve for their approval before publishing them. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

The above and foregoing are the affirmative actions of the business sessions of the 1957 Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) held from April 6 to April 16 inclusive on the Temple Lot at Independence, Missouri.

The secretary of the conference was fortunate in having the able assistance of Sr. Enid Bell, Brethren C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Robert L. Maley, Ed. Podhola, Nichols F. Denham and Marvin Case.

Respectfully,
Forest E. Maley
Secretary to the Conference

**Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Report of Examination
March 15, 1957**

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 accounts of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), maintained by Mr. Vance H. Harris, Business Manager, for the twelve months from March 16, 1956 to March 15, 1957 and present herewith my report including the following statements:

Exhibit A Statement of Cash Receipts, Expenditures and Fund Equities for year ended March 15, 1957.

Schedule 1 Family Allowances for year ended March 15, 1957.

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 the receipts issued by the Business Manager 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.

The cash receipts from all sources other than contributions for the Temple Fund, were deposited in a single account with the First National Bank of Independence, Missouri.

General Fund expenditures exceeded the receipts by \$2,197.41 as shown on Exhibit A and the following summary:

	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of Expenditures
Advocate	\$ 301.20	\$ 1,577.18	\$1,275.98
Dining Hall	20.00	190.91	170.91
Books and Tracts	217.27	252.57	35.30
All Other	22,722.05	23,437.27	715.22
Total.....	\$23,260.52	\$25,457.93	\$2,197.41

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 the cash basis. We were informed by the Business Manager that there were no unpaid bills at the close of the year.

The Storehouse Fund equity of \$8.50 was transferred to General Fund equity in accordance with an action of the Bishopric directing that this fund be used as a partial offset to Yucatan Mission aid disbursements.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the Temple Fund cash is carried in a checking account and draws no interest. You may wish to give consideration to the advisability of transferring this balance of \$2,661.86 to a savings account or investing it in approved securities in order that the fund may be augmented by interest earnings.

The Fund Equities at March 15, 1957 are shown on the last line of Exhibit A.

General

Fire and extended coverage insurance is carried in the amount of \$12,000.00 on the church building and \$3,000.00 on the contents. A fidelity bond of \$5,000.00 is carried on the Business Manager.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND FUND EQUITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 15, 1957

RECEIPTS:	Total Funds	Gen. Fund	Bldg. Fund	Store- house	Vault Fund	Temple Fund
Tithing	\$20,946.72	\$20,946.72	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offerings	1,684.33	1,623.33	30.00			31.00
Offerings—Yucatan Mission Aid.....	152.00	152.00				
Advocate Subscriptions	301.20	301.20				
Dining Hall	20.00	20.00				
Books and Tracts	217.27	217.27				
Total Receipts	<u>\$23,321.52</u>	<u>\$23,260.52</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 31.00</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
Family Allowances—per Schedule 1.....	\$12,590.00	\$12,590.00				
Elder's Expense—Regular	2,461.05	2,461.05				
European Mission—A. M. Smith.....	1,200.00	1,200.00				
Mexican Mission—F. Ojeda.....	440.00	440.00				
Yucatan Mission—E. L. Yates.....	900.00	900.00				
Yucatan Mission Aid.....	492.00	492.00				
Aid — General.....	1,603.20	1,603.20				
Advocate Printing, Postage, Etc.....	1,577.18	1,577.18				
Dining Hall	190.91	190.91				
Books and Tracts	252.57	252.57				
Archaeological and Visual Aid.....	25.00	25.00				
General Church Expense:						
Maintenance of Temple Lot.....	\$ 479.49					
Maintenance of Building.....	54.34					
Insurance on Building (five years).....	493.60					
Secretary's Supplies, Equipment, Etc....	150.49					
Sidewalks and Curbs	2,150.00	3,327.92	3,327.92			
General Office Expense:						
Telephone	\$ 85.10					
Stationery, Postage, Etc.....	229.00					
Fidelity Bond	12.50					
Safe Deposit Box Rent.....	16.50					
Audit	55.00	398.10	398.10			
Total Expenditures	<u>\$25,457.93</u>	<u>\$25,457.93</u>				
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OR (EXPENDITURES)	<u>(\$ 2,136.41)</u>	<u>(\$ 2,197.41)</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 31.00</u>
CASH BALANCES—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
CASH IN BANK—MARCH 15, 1957:						
General Fund	\$7,583.86	\$ 6,891.86	\$370.00	\$8.50	\$313.50	
Transfer of Storehouse Fd. to General Fd...		8.50		(8.50)		
Temple Fund	2,661.86					\$2,661.86
OTHER ASSETS: (Nominal Carrying Values):	\$10,245.72					
Land — Temple Lot.....	\$ 1.00					
Equipment	3.00	4.00	4.00			
FUND EQUITIES—MARCH 15, 1957	<u>\$10,249.72</u>	<u>\$ 6,904.36</u>	<u>\$370.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$313.50</u>	<u>\$2,661.86</u>

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Independence, Missouri
April 5, 1957

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

Amos E. Allen
Certified Public Accountant

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

SCHEDULE 1

CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 15, 1957

Mrs. L. V. Aldridge.....	\$ 880.00
Mrs. William F. Anderson.....	960.00
Mrs. A. F. Bell.....	960.00
Mrs. J. M. Case.....	960.00
Mrs. B. C. Flint.....	960.00
Mrs. L. A. Gould	400.00
Mrs. D. W. Housknecht.....	2,150.00
Mrs. T. J. Jordan	960.00
Mrs. R. R. Robertson.....	480.00
Mrs. W. A. Sheldon	1,240.00
Mrs. A. M. Smith	960.00
Mrs. J. A. Sweem.....	560.00
Mrs. C. L. Wheaton, Sr.....	960.00
Mrs. E. L. Yates	160.00
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Total to Exhibit A.....	\$12,590.00

A LITTLE CHILD IS BLESSED

According to the scriptural provision as established by our Lord Jesus Christ, a young mother, willing to be obedient, and desirous of obtaining the overshadowing influence of a Heavenly Father's love and power in behalf of her infant son, determined to bring the child to the elders of the church that they might bestow this gift of God.

There is nothing unusual in this, as faithful members of the Restoration church have done likewise from the beginning.

What is an unusual circumstance connected with this particular incident, is the fact that the date decided upon, unbeknown to the mother as to it's significance in the family, was April 14, 1957. This was exactly 22 years, to the day, from the time that the child's father was blessed as an infant.

And so it was that three-week old Raymond Todd Smith, son of Alexander and Carol Smith, was held in the hands of his grandfather, Elder K. J. Smith, and great-grandfathers, Apostle Arthur M. Smith and Apostle B. C. Flint. The prayer and blessing was offered by the grandfather, after which the baby was returned to its parents, with understandable pride, by three "grandpas".

MARRIED

Apostle Leon A. Gould and Mrs. Ethel Winegar were married at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Jensen, Bellevue, Nebraska, April 17, 1957, where Mrs. Winegar had been staying with the Jensens during the winter months.

Apostle Gould spent the winter in attending the January Council meetings at Independence, and in visiting relatives there, and in Ava, Missouri. From Independence he went to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where his oldest daughter Lovita Seibel and family reside. While there he baptized two of his grandchildren, Sylvia and David, on March 3, 1957; and later two more, Alice and Lovita, together with their father, Harvey, during the conference sessions at Independence, Missouri. Another grandson, Raymond Gould, was baptized at the same time.

Returning from Las Cruces to Bellevue in March, arrangements were made for the wedding; and after the close of the April Conference, Apostle Gould proceeded at once to Bellevue, where the marriage was solemnized in the presence of a few friends. Elder Robert Jensen read the service at 8:30 P. M. Apostle and Mrs. T. J. Jordan, from Regina, Saskatchewan, attended the bride and groom.

Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple left on a short trip to southern Missouri, to visit relatives and friends. They will be at home to their many children, grandchildren and friends, at Hill House, R.F.D. 1, Bemidji, Minneosta, after May 7.

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 13th of the month previous to its mailing. Example: Material for the August issue should be in the hands of the Editors by July 13. This will help us to get the paper out on time.

Material should be typewritten when possible. Please submit all typewritten material double spaced.
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.

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