

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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Which Are You?

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town;
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and side-wall fell.

I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled,
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave a laugh and said; "No indeed!
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do!"

And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder, who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I wrecker, who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down?

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EDITORIAL

As this number of the Advocate goes to press the Summit Conference of the Big Four convenes in Paris. Each of the Big Four nations represented by its head of state is calling for peace. This call has been going on for a number of years while both the East and the West have prepared for a great conflict.

The continuing chain of international events flaring up throughout the world causing increasing tensions makes us aware of the gravity of the international situation. The fact that an American was caught spying on Russia's activities is only a small link in this chain of events. It has been admitted that spying on each other is a common practice between the East and the West, but to be caught is an excuse for much fuss.

The dark clouds of turmoil over Europe, Asia and Africa, which George Washington saw in vision while camped at Valley Forge are already boiling and are exactly according to the time table. The communistic "dark red light" is glowing plainly as he saw. The rest of his vision can well be expected to follow shortly. Is America ready for these clouds as they join in one to envelope her in a terrible conflict such as she has not experienced before?

Is the church prepared to meet this great trial when it comes? Is the faith of her people sufficient to stand firm when these things come? There is little time left to prepare. Having been forewarned we should be making ourselves ready rather than to be found asleep without oil in our vessels as were the five foolish virgins.

Let us humble ourselves individually and as a people before the Lord and seek to serve Him with full purpose of heart and cease to have our attention centered on things of a lesser nature.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At the recent conference I offered my resignation from the Referendum Committee which was accepted and another qualified to fill the position elected. The explanation accompanying said resignation has caused personal offence. I therefore wish to do all in my power to make amends for the wrong done; therefore in view of the fact the personal offence was made in public, I wish to make a public apology and publicly sue for forgiveness.

The General Church Recorder was never aware of the fact that I took issue with her until after the conference had acted upon my resignation and it had been recorded in the minutes.

(signed) K. J. Smith
Accepted: Lois Harris

A REQUEST

To the missionaries, and especially the members of the Council of Apostles:

At times there comes to the office here in Independence, letters addressed to different ones of the Council which should be forwarded, so, would it be asking too much of you to occasionally let us know where you are, or how we might reach you? There might also arise emergencies that would need consultation, and we would like to know how and where to get in touch with you.

This courtesy would be much appreciated.

Your brother in Gospel Bonds,

Wm. F. Anderson

Minutes of Conference, April 12, 1960 10:00 A. M. Session

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

Opening song: No. 217—Soldiers of Christ Arise.

Opening prayer by Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon.

Second song: No. 230—God Is My Strong Salvation.

Scripture reading: Selection from chapters 6 and 10 of II Cor.

The minutes of April 11, 10:00 A.M. Session were read and were ruled to stand approved as read.

The minutes of April 11, 2:00 P.M. Session were read and were ruled to stand approved as read.

The report of the Dining Hall Committee was given first reading. It follows:

Dining Hall Report

Cash on hand from 1959.....	\$205.52
Fixing kitchen and equipment.....	138.08

Balance.....	\$ 67.44
Donations	247.17

Groceries	\$314.61
	169.61

Cash on hand.....	\$145.00
Outstanding for milk and cheese.....	51.83

Balance.....	\$ 93.17
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We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have helped in the kitchen and by preparing foods at home.

Your Dining Hall Committee

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved that we receive the report and give the Dining Hall Committee a standing vote of appreciation. Seconded by Marvin Ely. Carried by standing vote, none opposed.

Form No. 7a was given consideration.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved that we accept Form No. 7a. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr. moved as a substitute for the whole matter that we follow the recommendations of the Quorum of Twelve in the following items (1) that Form No. 7a shall be incorporated in a book, (2) that the title shall be changed from "Items of Blessing" to "Membership Data", (3) that "name of spouse" be changed to "companion's name", (4) that items of children with birthdates will be deleted. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved, as a substitute for the substitute that we approve the recommendation from the Council of Twelve on Form No. 7a and Form No. 12. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr. proposed to offer another substitute for the whole matter. It was noted that this would be an amendment of the third order and normally out of order.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved that we waive the rule on amendments of the third order for this particular motion only. Seconded by Bro. John A. Sweem. Lost.

The Chair ruled out of order an amendment of the third order.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved the previous question on the substitute and the substitute for the substitute, but not on the original motion to approve. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried by show of hands.

Vote was called on the substitute by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson to approve the recommendations of the Council of Twelve. Carried 20 to 15.

The recommendation of the Twelve relative to Forms 7a and 12 follows:

"Forms 7a and 12 to be incorporated in a booklet to be carried by the ministry, and filled out when officiating in a baptismal service. The Certificate of Baptism (Form 12) would remain as shown except that all below, 'AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST', would be deleted, and space provided there for the signature of the 'Officiating Minister.' The title of Form 7a would be changed to 'MEMBERSHIP DATA'. 'Name of Spouse' would be changed to 'Companion's Name.' Listing of children's names and birthdates would be deleted. The Certificate of Baptism and two of the Membership Data forms would be printed on a single sheet of paper, with perforations between. The Certificate of baptism would go to the candidate, one Membership Data form to the General Church Recorder, and the other to remain in possession of the minister who officiated."

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to further amend forms 7a and 12 by deleting the words "Membership Data" and call it "Baptism Data"; and after it says "Date of Birth" put "Father....." and "Mother....." and where it says "Local Pastor, Local Clerk, and date", that it be "Signature of Officiating Minister" and leave the date down there. In Form No. 12 where we deleted the impression seal, put a printed seal. On each form of these sheets there shall be a serial number, and

this serial number shall become the item number in the Recorder's record. Seconded by B. C. Flint.

Vote was called on the amendment by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton to change to Baptism Data, etc. Carried by show of hands.

Vote was called on the motion to approve Form No. 7a and Form No. 12 as amended. Carried by show of hands.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that Form No. 12 be made available to the General Church Recorder in separate form for furnishing duplicate certificates. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved, as a matter incidental to the instructions relative to Form No. 7a, to strike out the word "triplicate", also strike out "local clerk and pastor" and say "signed by the officiating minister." Further, to strike out paragraph (3) three and say, "first copy to be retained in book by officiating minister, second copy to General Church Recorder." Strike out reference to a third copy. In reference to the instructions to Form No. 12, strike out all after the word "issued" and add "by the officiating minister". On the instructions to Form 7a change the title to "Baptism Data." With reference to instructions to Form No. 12, add "Item 2. A duplicate copy may be issued by the General Church Recorder upon request." Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

Vote was called on the incidental motion. Carried by show of hands.

Vote was called on the motion to authorize duplicates of Form 12. Carried by show of hands.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Jr., had requested permission to register a vote with reference to a matter to come up for consideration in later sessions of the Conference because he anticipated being gone at the time.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that it be the sense of this body with reference to requesting this body to register a vote on a pending matter, that we deem it unwise to set a precedent; that when these things go out to referendum he will have the opportunity then to vote. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr.

Carried by show of hands.

The Chairman declared the session to stand adjourned.

Closing prayer by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

Minutes of Conference, April 12, 1960

2:00 P. M. Session

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

Opening song: No. 175—Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah.

Opening prayer by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

Scripture reading: Acts 15:1-11.

Sr. Edna Smith moved that the unapproved minutes of this conference be placed in the hands of the Council of Twelve for approval when they are ready to be read. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried by show of hands.

Consideration of the forms was resumed, the next being Form No. 7 for transfer of members of other branches of the Restoration to the Church of Christ, Temple Lot.

The Chair ruled that before consideration of Form No. 7, a matter should first be handled having to do with whether or not any at all should be received by transfer. This had reference to the Resolution on the

Manner of Uniting with the Church of Christ as sponsored by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved the acceptance of this document on the resolution on the manner of uniting with the Church of Christ. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola.

The resolution follows:

Resolution on
The Manner of Uniting With
The Church of Christ

Whereas, No man can administer the ordinance of baptism, except he who has authority given him of God: Book of Commandments 24:52, and

Whereas, There can not be more than one Church of Christ with one faith, one doctrine and one baptism, or else God is divided, for the scripture tells us, "If ye are not one ye are not mine," and

Whereas, It is unthinkable that there could be more than one set of the priesthoods with more than one quorum of twelve apostles called of God to preach conflicting gospels, and

Whereas, No man taketh this honor unto himself except he that is called of God as was Aaron, and

Whereas, It is a dangerous thing to treat lightly the gift of this authority as is seen from the following catastrophic examples:

1. Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron and priests in the Temple, offered strange fire before the Lord which they had not been commanded and fire came down from the altar of God and burned them up and they died before the altar of God for their error. Lev. 10:1-2.
2. When the Ark was being returned from the Philistines on a cart drawn by oxen, Uzzah who had not been called to the priesthood, reached out his hand to steady the Ark of God and he died before the Lord for he had treated lightly the command that only the priest could touch the Holy Ark of God. II Sam. 6:6-7.
3. The two hundred and fifty princes of Israel, men of reknown, sought the honor of the Priesthood which had been given to Moses and fire came down from God and burned them up and the earth opened and swallowed their wives and children and all that they owned because they treated lightly the Holy Priesthood. Numbers 16:1-35, and

Whereas, The other churches of the Restoration have denied the authority of the Holy Priesthood to which we have been called in that they do not honor our baptisms and thus have deliberately chosen to cut themselves off from the true priesthood and yet have taken unto themselves this honor and thus expose themselves as false apostles and false teachers. Rev. 2:2 and II Cor. 11:13-16.

Therefore, Be it resolved that

1. The Church of Christ will no longer give that honor to those false priesthoods of the other Restoration churches which is due only to those of the Church of Christ, and

2. That, beginning with the passage of this resolution, baptisms performed by other churches of the Restoration will no longer be considered valid and binding, and

3. All those wishing to unite with the Church of Christ from any source whatsoever from this time for-

ward will be required to be baptized by one having authority in the Church of Christ.

4. That the provisions of this resolution repeals all previous acts conflicting herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder Harvey Seibel, Sr.

Bro. John A. Sweem moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried by show of hands.

Vote was called on the motion to adopt the resolution on uniting with the Church, lost, 6 for, 23 against.

Consideration was resumed on Form No. 7—transfer.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved the adoption of Form No. 7 in harmony with the recommendation coming from the Quorum of Apostles. Seconded by Sr. Edna Smith.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved to amend Form No. 7 to add the word "endeavor" so that it would read "and endeavor to do all in my power . . ." Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to amend the amendment by adding these words after where it says "support this gospel" add, "to abide by the articles of faith and practice." Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case.

The regular hour of adjournment arrived.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved that we stay convened in conference until we take care of all business that needs to be taken care of. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved as a substitute that we continue at least one hour and a half. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried by a show of hands.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved the previous question on the amendment to the amendment and the amendment. Seconded. Carried by voice vote.

Vote was called on the amendment to the amendment, to abide by the Articles of Faith. Lost, 5 to approximately 25.

Vote was called on the amendment, to add the word "endeavor". Carried by show of hands.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved to further amend Form No. 7 by striking out the word "elders" from "Recommended for acceptance by Elders," and strike out the numbers "1, 2 and 3;" and in the place thereof use three lines with the word "Elder" under two of them and the words "Missionary in charge" under the other line. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Vote was called on the amendment regarding signatures. Carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Vote was called on the motion to adopt Form No. 7 as amended. Carried by show of hands with no opposition.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved to amend the instructions for Form No. 7, item No. 1 to read as follows: To be filled out and signed by applicant and two or more Elders, one of whom shall be the Missionary in Charge. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr. Carried by show of hands.

Form No. 18 was considered.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the adoption of Form No. 18, the certificate of ordination, and that instead of an impression seal we have a printed seal. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

Bro. B. C. Flint moved to amend the motion to adopt

by adding, "and that it read, 'Certificate issued by the officiating minister.'" Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved, as a substitute for the whole matter, that we approve the certificate of ordination (Form No. 18) with the following changes: have a printed seal; that we strike out the words "issued by the General Church Recorder" and put in "The officiating minister"; and that this form be printed in a book with three forms on a page with perforations between so that the certificate of ordination with the seal would be given to the one ordained, and that the second copy without a seal be given to the General Church Recorder; and that the third copy without a seal be kept in the Book for a record; and that these three forms have a common serial number to be entered in the General Church Recorder's record. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Vote was called on the substitute. Carried by a show of hands.

Form No. 23 was given consideration.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we approve Form No. 23. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to amend the motion to adopt by adding, "and after the line 'date of birth' add 'Mother' and 'Father' with appropriate blank lines." Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question on the amendment and the motion to adopt. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried by show of hands.

Vote was called on the amendment to add "mother and father". Carried by a show of hands.

Vote was called on the motion to adopt Form No. 23 as amended. Carried by a show of hands.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approve the instructions on Form No. 23 with the changes previously approved, calling in item No. 1 for "Baptismal Data" instead of "Items of Baptism." Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried by show of hands.

Instructions for Form No. 18 were given consideration.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that in the instructions to Form No. 18 we strike out all after the word "be" and change it so that will read "To be issued by the officiating minister"; and that we approve instructions on Form No. 18. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried by show of hands.

Form No. 24 was given consideration.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve Form No. 24. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried by show of hands.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to adjourn to 10:00 A. M. tomorrow morning. Carried by show of hands.

Closing prayer by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 13, 1960 10:00 A. M. Session

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

Opening Song: No. 204—Awake! Ye Saints of God, Awake!

Opening prayer by Apostle Leon A. Gould.

Scripture reading: Isaiah 53.

First reading was given a recommendation from the Council of Twelve relative to C. E. Irwin.

Instructions on Form No. 24 was given consideration.

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved that we approve the instructions on Form No. 24 as published. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried by show of hands.

Second reading was given the resignation of Bro. K. J. Smith from the Referendum Committee:

Council of Twelve Apostles
Church of Christ, Temple Lot
Greetings:

April 7, 1960

Whereas every man has an inherent right to his honesty and integrity and whereas the present rules governing the custody of the referendum votes of the church are interpreted by the present incumbent in the office of General Recorder as being her sole right to have and to hold and to direct the meeting of the referendum committee in the counting thereof: I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Referendum Committee, to become effective immediately.

Sincerely your brother
in gospel bonds,
Elder Kenneth J. Smith

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that we concur with Bro. K. J. Smith's request. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried by show of hands.

The unexpired term of Bro. K. J. Smith remained to be filled.

Nomination: Bro. Forest Maley.

There being on further nominations the body voted by show of hands to accept Bro. Maley for the one year unexpired term.

Second reading was given the recommendation of the Council of Twelve relative to the organization of local churches.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that we not accept this matter to send it out to referendum. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to amend the recommendation of the Twelve by deleting the words telling how much time necessary to give notice before a business meeting. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith.

Vote was called on this motion to amend. Lost.

Vote was called on the motion to not accept. Lost.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved that we approve the recommendation of the Quorum of Twelve on local church organization, and that it be sent out to referendum. Seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to amend the recommendation by adding to the last paragraph, "Should the pastor deem an emergency business meeting necessary, he may call such meeting with notice suitable to his own judgment." Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith.

Vote was called on the amendment. Carried 23 to 1.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved to further amend the recommendation by adding to paragraph No. 2, "In the event the Elder refuses to serve, a priest may be elected by the local church body." Seconded by Bro. Leon A. Gould. Carried by a show of hands.

Vote was called on the motion to approve the recommendation of the Twelve on local church organization, as amended, and to send to referendum. Carried 15 to 0, it being the vote of the ministry.

The recommendation of the Twelve on local church organization as adopted follows:

To the General Conference
Of the Church of Christ
Greetings:

April 8, 1960

The Council of Apostles recommends the adoption of the following to be sent out for referendum vote of the church:

Inasmuch as there is not a clear understanding concerning the organization of a local Church of Christ among our members,

Therefore, be it resolved

That a local Church of Christ shall consist of:

1. Six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an Elder.

2. A Pastor, who shall be the presiding official of the local. He shall be elected from among the Elders by the local church. In the event the Elder refuses to serve, a priest may be elected by the local church body.

3. A Secretary or Clerk, who shall take care of the secretarial work of the local church and keep its records.

4. A Treasurer, who shall be the financial agent for the local church.

Other officers and functional groups, such as a Sunday School, may be provided for as required.

There shall be a business meeting held at an agreed time, at least once a year. At this time, all officials of the local church shall be chosen by the vote of the members of the local. The Secretary, or Clerk, shall keep a full account of all business meetings in a record book.

A business meeting may be called at any time the local congregation may see fit, by giving at least two weeks notice of the meeting. Should the pastor deem an emergency business meeting necessary, he may call such meeting with notice suitable to his own judgment.

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

Second reading was given the recommendation of the Joint Council relative to the missionary appointments of Bishops and other appointments.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved that we concur in the recommendation of the Joint Council of the appointment of Bishops and other appointments. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried by show of hands.

The recommendation of the Joint Council follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1960

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

The following recommendations in reference to appointments were made and are presented to the conference for your consideration:

1. We recommend that Bishops Vance H. Harris and John A. Sweem be appointed to labor as representatives of the Bishopric as circumstances may permit.

2. We recommend that two Bishops go to Yucatan if circumstances permit.

3. We recommend that Apostle Leon A. Gould be given the equivalent of a regular allowance.

4. We recommend that \$10.00 per month Elder's

Expense be allowed Apostle Wm. F. Anderson as the Representative in the Office.

Respectfully submitted,
The Council of Apostles
William A. Sheldon, Sec.
The General Bishopric
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec.

First reading was given the report of the United Workers.

Second reading and consideration was given a resolution relative to the manner of voting:

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved that we accept this document on voting and send it out to referendum. Seconded by Bro. Harold Gill.

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved that we refer this resolution on voting to the next conference, to be the first order of business. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved as a substitute that we put the resolution on voting into the hands of a committee of three to be studied until next conference, they to bring in a report and findings to be printed in Zion's Advocate two months prior to conference. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

Vote on the substitute carried by a show of hands.
The resolution on voting follows:

Resolution of an Amendment
To the By-Laws of the Church of Christ
Relative to the Manner of Voting

Whereas, We are commanded, "Therefore this shall ye observe, and make it your law to do your business by the voice of the people," and note that it was not by the voice of the Elders. Mosiah 13:36, and

Whereas, The God of the farflung heavens declares, "All things shall be done by the common consent of the church, by much prayer and faith," Book of Commandments 27:3, and

Whereas, The founders of the Church of Christ understood the Elder's Conference to be composed of the whole church, see the history of the first nine conferences,

Therefore, be it resolved that,

First, All resolutions pertaining to the government of the General Church by the Conference (along with Conference-vote on the same) and all votes for officers and committees of the General Church with the exception of those resolutions, officers and committees specifically concerned with the functions of the General Conference of Ministers (for example, the Dining Hall and the Reception and Housing Committees) shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the whole church for ratification or rejection according to present procedures delineated in the by-laws, with the following exception: Those attending the General Conference either favoring or opposing the resolutions submitted to referendum, may include, along with the ballot, reasons for their respective positions in order that the benefit of their study may be available for the consideration of the people in whose rule the affairs of the Church rests.

Second, All by-laws pertaining to the conduction of the People's Conference is to be printed and mailed to the secretary of each local church prior to the first of March each year.

Harvey Seibel, Sr.

The Committee to study the above document:
Nominations:

Harvey Seibel, Sr.
Rolland D. Sprague
Nicholas F. Denham

There being no further nominations, the body by show of hands voted to accept these three as the committee.

The Chair ruled the session to stand adjourned.
Closing Prayer by Apostle Leon A. Gould.

Minutes of the Conference, April 13, 1960
2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Leon A. Gould in charge, assisted by Apostle A. M. Smith.

Opening Song: No. 217—Soldiers of Christ, Arise.
Opening prayer by Apostle A. M. Smith.

Scripture reading: Book of Commandments, chapter one.

Second reading and consideration was given the recommendation of the Council of Twelve relative to C. E. Irwin.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve this recommendation of the Twelve on C. E. Irwin. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried by show of hands.

The recommendation of the Twelve on C. E. Irwin follows:

April 13, 1960

To the General Conference
Of The Church of Christ
Greetings:

In accord with your action referring the matter of Bro. C. E. Irwin's desire to come back into the Church of Christ, to the Council of Apostles, the Council acted as follows:

We recommend that C. E. Irwin be received back into the Church without restoration of priesthood authority.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Sheldon, Sec.
Council of Apostles

Bro. Forest Maley moved that all the forms approved by this conference be sent out to referendum, each form with its instructions as a separate bill. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell.

A vote of the ministry only was called resulting in a count of 5 to 5. The Chair broke the tie by voting to send to referendum.

Second reading and consideration was given the recommendation of the Bishops relative to the Business Manager.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve the recommendation of the Bishopric on the Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried by show of hands.

The recommendation of the Bishopric follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 11, 1960

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

The General Bishopric recommends that Bishop

Vance H. Harris be approved as the Business Manager of the church for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
The General Bishopric
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec.

The recommendation of the Joint Council relative to the Building Fund was given second reading and consideration.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved that the building fund matter be sent out to referendum. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell.

A ministerial vote was called. Carried 9 to 0.

The recommendation of the Joint Council on the Building Fund follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1960

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

The Joint Council of the Council of Apostles and the General Bishopric find that due to an oversight, the action of the 1957 Conference relative to the new building fund was not sent out to referendum. We therefore recommend that this matter be sent out to referendum and that in sending it out no change be made in it as it was approved by the 1957 conference.

This action was as follows:

"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. by 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 towards 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."

Respectfully submitted,
The Council of Apostles
William A. Sheldon, Sec.
The General Bishopric
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec.

The budget was given second reading and consideration.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved that we approve of this budget and advise all our people to pay their tithing. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola. Carried by show of hands.

The Budget follows:

Independence, Mo.
April 9, 1960

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

The Joint Council of the Council of Apostles and the General Bishopric approved and recommended to the conference the Budget for 1960 as follows:

Family Allowance	\$ 14,000.00
Elder's Expense	
Regular	\$ 2,000.00
European Mission	1,500.00
Yucatan Mission	1,500.00
Israel Mission	1,600.00
Fernando Ojeda	720.00
Cayetano Alfaro	180.00
Silvanus Mason	180.00
Yucatan School	1,000.00
Aid	1,500.00
Zion's Advocate	2,000.00
Books and Tracts	1,500.00
General Church Expense	
Temple Lot Maintenance \$	500.00
Building Maintenance	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Total	\$ 2,500.00
General Office Expense	500.00
Total	\$ 30,680.00
New Building Fund	100,000.00
Home for the Aged	10,000.00
Total.....	\$140,680.00

Respectfully submitted,
 The Council of Apostles
 William A. Sheldon, Sec.
 The General Bishopric
 C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Sec.

The report of the Independence Local relative to the Yucatan School was given second reading and consideration. It was noted that it was a simple report with no action required of the body.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that this report of the Independence Local relative to the Yucatan School be received. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. Carried by show of hands.

The Auditor's report was given reading and consideration.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that the Auditor's report be received and printed along with the minutes in Zion's Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola.

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved, as a matter incidental to the Auditor's Report, that in the minutes of this meeting relative to the item in the Auditor's Report which was charged to Bro. Anderson, the explanation of it was that it was a result of Conference action on his behalf as a token of appreciation to the hospital in Nigeria for the care that was given Bro. Anderson, an action of the conference. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried by show of hands.

Vote was called on the motion to receive the Auditor's Report and print it. Carried by a show of hands.

The report of the United Workers was given second reading and consideration.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve the report of the United Workers. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried by show of hands.

The report of the United Workers follows:

April 13, 1960

To the Church of Christ
 Assembled in Conference
 Greetings:

The General United Workers' Organization was called to order in a business session at 4:10 P. M., April 11, 1960, by the chairman, Sr. Metta Anderson, with 27 present, including all officers.

Reports from the secretary, treasurer and member-at-large were read and accepted for the minutes. The treasurer's report showed a total balance of \$383.82 of which \$381.33 was the Old Folks' Home Fund. This amount plus \$47.80 collected for that purpose at this meeting brings the total in this fund to \$429.13. The regular collection at this meeting was \$9.15 making the treasurer's full balance equal \$440.77.

Written reports of the activities of the past year from the local group at Grand Junction, Colo., and the two locals in Independence, Mo., were read and received for the minutes. These reports were quite encouraging and demonstrated that the women of the church can be quite helpful in the work of the Lord.

The present staff of officers were sustained for the coming year. They are as follows:

- Chairman, Sr. Metta Anderson
- Assistant Chairman, Sr. Doris Sheldon
- Secretary, Sr. Lois Harris
- Treasurer, Sr. Bertha Case
- Member-at-large, Sr. Frances Yates.

It was properly moved and seconded that we send \$10.00 and the proceeds from the sale of articles brought to us from Yucatan to Yucatan to be used for medical care for our people there. Carried. The total to be sent is \$25.00.

During the course of the meeting we enjoyed sharing in the talents of some of our sisters. Sr. Edna Smith sang, "My Task." Sr. Scott read two poems of her own writing entitled, "Who is Father" and "Who is Mother." Words of encouragement were given to us by Sr. Evelina Campbell from a topic called "Woman's Life." There were those present from local Churches of Christ who do not have the privilege of a United Workers Organization. We are looking forward to new organizations in these locals soon.

We adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lois Harris, Secretary
 Metta Anderson, Chairman

The resolution on a parking lot was given second reading and consideration.

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved that we approve the document in regard to the parking lot. Seconded by Bro. John Gill.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved to amend the motion by adding "and that it be sent to referendum." Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved, as a substitute for the whole matter, that we refer this matter of a parking lot to the Bishopric to review and reword this recommendation, and give us a report at the next conference and this report be published in Zion's Advocate previous to conference. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to lay this matter of a parking lot on the table. Seconded by Sr. Annie Spargo.

The vote on the motion to table was 9 to 9. The Chairman voted to break the tie in favor of tabling the parking lot matter.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved that when this 1960 Conference adjourns, it does so to reconvene on Sunday previous to the sixth of April. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved, as a substitute, that when we adjourn, we do so to meet on the 6th of April, 1961 and have a day of sacred celebration, and that no business shall be done in conference capacity until the following day. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith.

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson. Carried by show of hands 18 to 4.

Vote was called on the substitute by Bro. Archie F. Bell to meet on the 6th and do no business. Carried by show of hands 17 to 7.

Vote was called on the motion regarding adjournment as amended. Carried by show of hands.

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon moved that we adjourn. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried by show of hands.

Closing Song: No. 89—God Be With You Till We Meet Again.

Closing Prayer by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

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The above and foregoing is the business transacted at the Minister's Conference of the Church of Christ, Temple Lot, held at Independence, Missouri, April 6 to April 13 inclusive 1960. I wish to express appreciation here for the invaluable assistance of my wife, Irene, and the help of Elders Thomas, Forest and Robert Maley in making this record.

Respectfully,
Harvey E. Seibel
Secretary to the Conference &
General Church Secretary

Herewith attached are the forms and instructions approved by the conference:

Instruction on forms.

Form No. 7—REQUEST FOR TRANSFER (From another Restoration organization).

- 1. To be filled out in full and signed by applicant and two or more Elders, one of whom shall be the Missionary in charge, recommending the transfer, then forwarded to the General Church Recorder.

Form No. 7a—BAPTISM DATA

- 1. This form is to be issued by the officiating Elder.
- 2. Must be signed by the officiating minister.
- 3. First copy to be retained in book by officiating minister. Second copy to General Church Recorder.

Form No. 12—CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM.

- 1. To be issued by the officiating minister.
- 2. A duplicate copy may be issued by the General Church Recorder upon request.

Form No. 18—CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

- 1. To be printed in a book with three forms on a page with perforations between so that the certificate of ordination with the seal would be given to the one ordained, and that the second copy without a seal be given to the General Church Recorder; and that the third copy without a seal be kept in the book for a record; and that these three forms have a common serial number to be entered in the General Church Recorder's record.
- 2. To be issued by the officiating minister.

Form No. 23.—MEMBERSHIP RECORD.

- 1. To be filled out by the General Church Recorder upon receipt of forms, REQUEST FOR TRANSFER or BAPTISM DATA, from the local clerk or officiating minister.
- 2. It is to be filled out in duplicate.
 - a. One copy goes in Recorder's file.
 - b. One copy goes to the Local Clerk where membership is to be held. (Note, by conference action, each member is to be recorded under the nearest local to which he resides.)
- 3. In case a member transfers to another local, local clerks are to forward this membership record card to member's new local.

Form No. 24—CHANGE OF RECORD NOTICE.

- 1. To be placed in the hands of each Pastor or local clerk and each missionary in the field.
- 2. In case of the change of status of a member: to be filled out by local clerk or minister and sent in to the General Church Recorder.
- 3. The local clerk should incorporate these changes into the member's MEMBERSHIP RECORD.

Form No. 26—CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION (Card.)

- 1. To be issued at the same time as CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.
- 2. Signatures are to be the Pastor, or Missionary in charge of the field, and the Officiating Minister.

Form No. 26 (Billfold Size Card)

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINATION

Ordained
and is hereby authorized to perform the duties of his ministry as:

.....
(Name of Office)

In The Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Organized
April 6, 1830, Headquarters, Independence, Missouri

.....
Pastor or Missionary in charge
of the field

.....
Officiating Minister

Form No. 1

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)

Annual Report of the Local Church at

(Year Ending)

TO THE GENERAL CHURCH RECORDER

Date

GAINED BY:

Baptism
Transfer (Restoration)
Transfers between locals

LOSS BY:

Death
Expulsion
Withdrawals
Transfers between locals
Total Loss

Total Gain
Number at last report
Net loss or gain
Total membership to date

Number of Elders Priests Teachers Deacons

Local Pastor's name

Address City State

Signed by Address

(Local Clerk or Secretary)

(Note: A letter of transfer received from another Local is a gain; one issued is a loss.)

Form No. 6

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Temple Lot)

Organized April 6, 1830

This is to Certify, that on the Day of in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and that a Local Church of Christ was organized at

(City)

County of State of

By, in harmony with the laws governing such action provided by the General Conference of the said Church of Christ.

Date

General Church Recorder

(Printed Seal)

Form No. 7a

(Sheet Serial No)

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)

BAPTISM DATA

Name in full (Including maiden name, if a woman and married)

Address: Street or Route City

State Occupation

Date of Birth At County State

Father Mother

Baptized by Date

At County State

Laying on of hands: Date At State

County Assisted by

Officiating Minister Date received

Receiving Local Companion's name

Marriage date

(Signature of Officiating Minister)

Date

Form No. 7

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)
APPLICATION OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Date..... (Register No.)
(Name in full: please print)

TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST: I hereby confess my belief in Jesus the Christ, and in the Bible and Book of Mormon, and all Latter Day Revelation agreeing therewith. I promise to faithfully support this Gospel and endeavor to do all in my power to keep inviolate my covenant with Christ.

I am making application herewith on my original baptism and wish to have my name recorded as a member of the Church of Christ.

Signed..... (Write full Christian name)
Born..... At..... (City) County..... State.....
Date baptized..... At..... County.....
State..... Baptized by.....
Laying on of hands by..... Assisted by.....
Date..... Place..... County..... State.....
Date of marriage..... Are you living with spouse?.....
Companion's name..... Register No. if church member.....
Present Address: Street or Route..... City.....
State..... Occupation.....

Form No. 7 (Reverse side)

Ordained by..... Office..... Date.....
Silence: Date..... Cause.....
Excommunicated: Date..... Cause.....
Name of receiving local..... Date received.....
Remarks.....

Recommended for acceptance by

..... (Elder)
..... (Elder)
..... (Missionary in charge)
Date of Recommendation.....

Form No. 12

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM
IN THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Temple Lot)

(Sheet Serial No.)

This is to certify that..... (Name in Full)

Date of birth..... Place..... State.....
Was baptized by..... Date.....
Place..... County..... State.....
Laying on of hands by.....
Assisted by..... Date.....
Place..... County..... State.....

AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Officiating Minister.....

(Printed Seal)

Date.....

Form No. 18

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (Full Name) WAS ORDAINED A in the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Independence, Missouri, and is hereby licensed to perform the duties of his ministry. Date of Ordination Place Assisted by Certificate issued by (Officiating Minister) Date (Printed Seal)

Form No. 23

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot) MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Local Church Register No. Full name (Last) (First) (Middle) Date of birth At County State Father Mother Baptized by Date At County State Laying on of hands by Assisted by Date At County State Receiving Local Date Reg. Number if Church Member Companion's name Date of marriage City Address: Street or route State Occupation Date Transferred to Date Death: Date Place Date Place of interment Date Family () Ministry () or Court () records on reverse side. (Reverse of Form No. 23) Family record: names of children and dates of birth. Ministry record: offices, dates ordained, officiating ministers and assistants. Court records: reference to the location of court records.

Form No. 24

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot) CHANGE OF RECORD NOTICE

Notice: The officiating minister is expected to furnish the information. He should first send this notice to clerk of local church where member is enrolled. Local clerk must enter new information upon the local record and certify thereto upon this card and promptly forward to the General Church Recorder.

Full name (Please Print) Register No. Date of birth At State Marriage date Minister Husband's or wife's name (In Full) Assistant Ordination date By Former office New office Chairman of court Expulsion date Court record sent to Recorder: Date Date Transferred to Date Transferred from Date Death record: Date Place Date Interment Date The items noted herewith have been recorded on the local church record. Date (Clerk) Address The Church of Christ

Yucatan School Committee Report

April 7, 1960
Independence, Missouri

The Council of Twelve Apostles
The General Bishopric
and the Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
in Conference Assembled

Greetings:

The Independence, Missouri, Local Church wishes to report to the conference on a project which we have undertaken and to solicit help from all who are interested.

Several years ago the church by conference action approved the establishing of a school in Yucatan, but the lack of a definite plan of procedure seemed to cause this project to lag. Several months ago a letter from Bro. Fernando Ojeda was printed in the Advocate in which this project was mentioned. Soon after this at a business meeting this local selected a committee to formulate a program and to solicit funds to establish and maintain a school in Yucatan. A copy of the committee's recommendation is attached.

This report was approved by the local; we sent our recommendation to Bro. Fernando and the local at Ticul selected a committee to work with us. To date we have raised a little over \$100.00 toward this project.

We desire to work with the church and the General Bishopric on this project and hope that all who desire to help will send their funds to the General Bishopric to be made available to the committee in Yucatan for this school.

Respectfully submitted,
The Independence Local Church of Christ
Yucatan School Committee
JAMES M. CASE—chairman
C. LEROY WHEATON, JR.—secretary
CLARENCE E. THOMPSON—member

January 12, 1960

Local Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri

Your committee, to solicit and raise funds to supply Fernando with his needs concerning the establishing of an elementary and trade school (in Yucatan) and to recommend a program of the needs, reports as follows:

We met January 1, 1960, and listened to a taped report and discussion by Fernando with the Bishops and also a tape Fernando made for Glenn Gill. We also talked to Glenn at length on the conditions he found during his month's stay in Yucatan this fall.

We find that they have good elementary and high schools, but no trade schools. They teach English in high school but not in elementary school. All schools require that they buy their own books. Many cannot afford books therefore are not able to get an education.

We recommend that:

1. No elementary school be instituted at present but that funds be raised to buy books to be made available to those who need help both in elementary and high school. First those in the church and then all that can be supplied. We recommend that these books be the property of a board and loaned to students so they may be used year after year.

2. That the English classes now being conducted be continued for both children and adults and that funds be raised to supply texts, helps and a building as needed to expand this project.

3. That a trade school be set up with classes in various trades which can be taught by members or others that may be available to give their time. That funds be raised to rent or build a modest building for such a school. We recommend that such a school could have at the start such trades as:

- (1) Weaving (now being done)
- (2) Shoe making (Fernando's trade)
- (3) Carpentry, cabinet and furniture making (there is a young carpenter available in Yucatan, a Bro. Raul)
- (4) Tailor (have one as a member)
- (5) Baker (Cayetano)
- (6) Hats

- (7) Mechanics
- (8) Accounting (Fernando planning to take course)
- (9) Stone Masonry
- (10) Jewelry

We also recommend that the present committee be supplemented by a committee of three from Yucatan, Fernando being one of this committee. The committee from Yucatan and their successors would be a board to hold all property and equipment in their name as a trust, so it would not revert to the state, and to act as the school administrators. That these two committees work as far as possible with the General Bishopric who have already authorized Fernando's purchase of a piece of ground for a school site.

We recommend that the Bishopric be advised of our plan and that we immediately contact Fernando to ascertain the exact needs and that we proceed to raise funds by subscription, dinners, sales, etc., in this local and through the Bishopric, throughout the whole church.

We set forth that the purpose of this school is to raise the standard of living by becoming skilled in useful occupations which will be near at home so that they can become self-supporting and devote more time and means to spreading the gospel. That the teaching of English is missionary as it brings children and their families into contact with the church and the Gospel it teaches.

Respectfully submitted,

The Yucatan School Committee
(Signed)

JAMES M. CASE—Chairman

C. LEROY WHEATON, JR., Secretary

C. E. THOMPSON—Member

Ministerial Report of Apostle Leon A. Gould

April 1, 1960

Apostle Wm. Sheldon,
Secretary Council of Twelve
Dear Brother,

In giving an account of my work for the conference year just ended I submit first the statistical, although I am aware that some frown upon the custom, and would prefer a brilliant mirage of great things for the future—but I note a peculiar tendency for the mirage to lose its brilliancy before the end of the year. During the past year, I have preached 23 times, been in charge 16 times, and assisted 24 times, attended 114 other services, making a total of 178 meetings attended. Have confirmed 2, assisted to confirm 1, blessed 4 children, administered to the sick 39 times, and made 52 house to house calls.

After conference, Apostle Housknecht took me to Bemidji in his car, where we met with the local, and visited the saints remaining in the Blackduck area. After a short visit Bro. Housknecht returned to his home, and after loading up the things needful for me to bring I returned to Independence to take up the work assigned me here, and spent the time from the middle of May until the latter part of August in an intensive search of the records for the minutes and conference actions that have brought us to the present time from 1925. In the formative years of 1925, 26, and 27 it seemed needful to include much of the routine actions that will enter into the history of that period. After that all routine matters, and actions that were completed within each conference session, and pertaining solely to those sessions have not been included in this compilation; but only those that were carried forward to future conferences or that pertained to the future work of the Church have been included in this compilation.

Some resolutions I was not able to find, as for example: "Moved and seconded as follows (See Resolution Book p. so and so). Carried." Some of them were in the resolution book as indicated; and then the pages were blank, not even numbered—possibly the numbered ones had been removed for some purpose, and not put back.

Should the compilation be published, it should be needful to delete some from the manuscript, to modify some perhaps, and to add others, if they can be found.

Bro. Smith brought his Ditto Machine up, and it was decided to mimeograph the document, and after the Holidays I began making the master copies of the 139 pages, plus six pages of index, and running them through the Ditto machine, sufficient for 50 copies of

the document, then stapling them together for reference, completing the job about the middle of March.

After completing the first draft of the minutes the latter part of August, I attended the Wisconsin Reunion at Lima Center, which was one of the best reunions I ever attended; from there went to Milwaukee with my daughter Helen, preaching one sermon in her home, then to Muskegon, Michigan, visiting old friends in that area, and after the middle of September joined Bro. Housknecht in missionary work, first in northern Michigan, then in southern areas, then turning westward we traveled through Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, visiting the locals and assisting where we could; then westward to the coast to contact the isolated members so far as we could from San Diego to Portland, then eastward to Idaho and Montana, and finally to Viceroy, Canada, thence to Bemidji and back to Independence by December 14.

Looking at the situation in general, we would say that the enticements and encroachments of the world have combined to hinder the spiritual advancement that is a prime requisite, if we are to be successful in meeting the demands of the hour for the advancement of the cause of Christ and the redemption of Zion. To this end we are admonished by the beloved disciple:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 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. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."—I John 2:15-17. To this end let us labor and pray.

In gospel bonds,

LEON A. GOULD

Ministerial Report of Apostle E. L. Yates

For Conference Year ending April, 1960.

Sermons	63
Funeral Sermon	1
Baptized	1
Babies Blessed	8
Ordained, Priest	1
Administered to the sick on many occasions. Visited and held services in the homes of the isolated.	
Missionary trips:	
Colorado	2
Arizona	2
California	1
Yucatan	1

Attended the Wisconsin Reunion.

We are happy to report that the church building in Ticul, Yucatan has been completed and is now being used regularly. Our Brothers and Sisters have asked me to give you this message:

"Tell all of our brothers and sisters of the Church of Christ in the United States that we are deeply grateful for all they have done to make it possible for the Gospel to be brought to us in this land, and for this building in which we can worship our Lord and Master."

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. YATES

Ministerial Report of Apostle B. C. Flint

To the Council of Twelve
And the Conference:

Of course, I was not able to cover my field in the manner in which I used to do. Yet, my health was such that I did cover most every point in the field.

In Iowa I visited at Lamoni, and Newton. In Wisconsin, I visited Milwaukee, Racine, Madison, Sparta, Lima Center, and Black River Falls. The only place I was unable to visit in Wisconsin, was Lancaster out in Grant County. I preached at all places visited except the two places in Iowa. There was a service announced at Newton, but a near cloudburst prevented. I also conducted the Lima Center Reunion.

I preached 30 times, assisted 15 times, other services about 50. I baptized three, confirmed five, assisted in confirmation three times and blessed two babies. Administered to the sick a good many times, also assisted a good many times.

This about covers the amount of actual activities. I have been greatly blessed in whatever I was engaged in, and have felt encouraged that the eventual triumph of God's work will be affected, even if the times we are living in is fully up to the full of evils that we must expect in these, the closing days of the Gentile age.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless his work until it has finally accomplished his designs in it.

Your brother in Christ,

B. C. FLINT

P. S.: I also ordained a priest at the Lima Center Reunion in the person of Bro. Meredith Gage at Racine, Wisconsin.

Ministerial Report of Apostle R. R. Robertson

Independence, Missouri

April 6, 1960

Conference Assembled

Greetings:

I hereby make a brief report of my missionary activity for the conference year.

I have traveled quite extensively throughout my field preaching when and wherever I had the opportunity to do so. I have found it to be rather difficult to arouse much interest with people outside of the church, and the few who seemingly become interested in our message are very slow making the decision to become members of the church. I have no baptisms to report.

It was my privilege to bless two babies and to administer to the sick many times, also to visit the sick both in and out of the church.

I rendered some assistance at the Wisconsin reunion, also with Bro. Flint we held several preaching services in that part of the vineyard.

Sr. Robertson and I have traveled together throughout the year, and we have enjoyed our work very much indeed and our desire is to carry on in the work of the Master.

We solicit the prayers of the saints that we may enjoy the continuation of the blessings of the Lord in our humble effort to do His will.

Faithfully yours,

R. R. ROBERTSON

Ministerial Report of Apostle Don W. Housknecht

April 8, 1960

To the Church of Christ

Conference Assembly

Greetings:

In giving a report of my ministry the past year, I am conscious of a weakness that I have, in not keeping a complete record of my activities, but I am also conscious that my heavenly Father has a more complete record of my ministry than I can give of myself.

I nevertheless do report that I have tried to meet each task as it came to me and fulfill my obligations to God and this people in such wisdom as God has given me. If I have been remiss in my duty, I beg your forgiveness.

I have traveled extensively among the scattered of our people this past year, from Main to California and Mexico to Canada inclusive.

The need of financial help is needed more now than ever, even to the making sacrifices to meet our obligations, to the end that more missionaries may be sent out to warn, comfort, and strengthen our people and gather in the few who may yet receive the gospel of the Kingdom.

I have in the past year:

Preached (no less than) 76 sermons

Administered to sick 61 times

Blessed many babies, performed marriages

Baptized 5

Visited the sick and counseled in homes beyond number to recollect.

I had Apostle Gould as my companion for over three months

when we, being spiritually moved, traveled throughout the central and western states including Canada. The results of this mission are partly evidenced by the presence of many attending this convention for the first time in years, and others returning with a renewed desire to help us arise from the clouds that have beset us.

We thank God for the opportunity to serve Him, and you, His people. Please forgive our shortcomings and, God bless you for your assistance and prayers in our behalf.

I am your servant,

DON W. HOUSKNECHT

Missionary in charge of Eastern States.

Ministerial Report of Apostle Wm. F. Anderson

Independence, Missouri
April 8, 1960

To the Council of Apostles,
and

Conference Assembled

I herewith submit my report from April 1, 1959, to March 31, 1960.

My report is not as extensive as I would wish it to be. Owing to conditions existing in parts of the field allotted me, I was not able to do but very little. Not having transportation of my own, I had to depend on the good graces of others or travel by bus, and as means was somewhat limited it was a bit difficult to get around, and as a result some places were missed.

During the year I preached 26 times, had charge of 21 services, and assisted 32 times, and attended 116 other meetings, making a total of 197 services attended. Baptized two, confirmed two.

Administered 37 times, and made a number of home visits.

During the month of February I was bitten by the flu bug, and for a time was confined to the house.

Your brother in Christ,

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

Missionary Report of Apostle Archie F. Bell

April 9, 1960

To the Council of Apostles
Greetings:

Submitted herewith is a report of some of my activities for the 1959 conference year.

During the summer months most of my activities were confined to Missouri except for a trip into Michigan in May and another in August. The first was by invitation from Bro. Podhola to assist in a series of meetings that were held at Wyandotte. The other was a trip to Cedar Springs by invitation from Brother Brantner.

At the close of the series of meetings at Wyandotte I had the pleasure of conducting a promising young man into the waters of baptism.

Late in the fall we started west into the rest of my field. During the late fall and the winter we contacted members of the Church in all the states appointed to my field except those in California and Nevada.

We held a short series of meetings at Sandpoint, Idaho, in January. We don't know what the results will be from the meetings but we do know that we had the pleasure of meeting and getting acquainted with several we had never met before and renewed our acquaintance with some we had met at conference previously.

Our return trip took us through Colorado and Oklahoma where we met and enjoyed the fellowship with those whose friendship we have treasured for years.

In early August we took part in the Reunion held near Buffalo, Missouri.

We returned home from the west February 22 and left again for Michigan by a request from the Council, February 27, and returned the fore part of March.

In spite of the fact that this past winter and early spring has been the most severe in most of the country for years and sickness was on nearly every hand, we can testify that God saw fit to protect us on the roads to the extent that we never had to use tire chains at any time, we never had tire or car trouble, also we escaped the sickness except for some throat trouble that my wife had which caused her voice to be affected for a while.

The summary of my work is: 31 sermons preached, 31 other services attended, administered to the sick 10 times, children blessed 2, 34 house to house calls among members, 11 house to house calls among non-members, 3 discussions held, and baptized 1.

We cannot give you the miles traveled. We feel that is no consequence. We feel it is sufficient to say that we were treated kindly wherever we stayed and were well provided for in our travels over our field.

Praying for the onward progress of the Lord's work here on earth.

Sincerely in gospel bonds,

ARCHIE F. BELL

INDEPENDENCE DIARY

It is a pleasure to welcome our conference visitors. We enjoy learning to know our brothers and sisters from others parts of the country.

April 17 the Sunday School hour was taken up by an Easter program. We enjoyed songs from the Children's Music Club, a reading by Sr. Irene Yates, and a play by the local Y. P. C. L. written by Sr. Donna Gill and entitled "There's More to Easter Than a Bunny."

Vacation Bible School is to be held the week of June 20 and we are hoping for a large attendance.

Recent speakers have been Bro. Leslie P. Case, Bro. Nicholas F. Denham, Bro. Harvey J. Bell, Bro. Vance Harris and Bro. Rolland Sprague.

We may not all be gifted but we are all members of the same team. We have one common adversary, that is Satan and his team.

God, as our coach, gives each of us our place to play. Though we may not be ministers we can still give hope, answer questions, and give guidance. We all have the responsibility to play the ball when it comes to our hand.

When we have a member who is weak we must back him up and help support him. When one member on the team runs over another it causes feelings to be hurt and the one that is run over feels like just quitting and letting the other one do it all.

God as the coach is the only authority to remove a bad player.

Christ was not the son of Adam, therefore he was not condemned to die under the sin of Adam. It was necessary that his life be taken to fulfill the plan of redemption and bring into effect mercy.

If I uphold something that is an abomination in the sight of God then I become an abomination in the sight of God also.

Caroline Hedrick, Reporter

OBITUARY

Madora Ann Orton

Sr. Orton passed from this life in her sleep on March 31, 1960, at San Bernardino, Calif. Services were held at 1:30 p. m., April 4, 1960, from the Mark B. Shaw Chapel with Fred Hayes officiating. Interment was in Montecito Memorial Park.

A member of the Church of Christ for over 30 years and faithful to the last, Sr. Orton obeyed the command of God to be baptized in Sept. 1924.

She was born June 26, 1869, at Huntington, Penn., and lived the last number of years with her daughter, Mayme Downie, in San Bernardino, Calif.

HELPING HAND

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The General Sunday School Association, when in General Assembly on April 5, passed a resolution which should be a step toward the furthering of Sunday School work. It was passed that, "Since the one-tenth collection from the local Sunday Schools has been sufficient to warrant it, that we send materials published by the General Sunday School free to local Sunday Schools desiring it. We hope the donations will continue so this practice may grow." This resolution was offered in hope that with the easy availability of Sunday School material, there would be more interest shown and more requests for the materials on hand. A few local Sunday Schools were sending in their one-tenth collection (this money is used to pay for the printing of Sunday School material) and then being asked to buy their Sunday School material. So actually they were paying for the material twice, once with their one-tenth collections and again by direct purchase from the General Sunday School.

At the present, the General Sunday School is printing a Sunday School Record Book for use by the local Sunday School secretaries. These also are to be furnished free of charge. They are at the printers now and should be completed shortly. These books are in a loose-leaf binder style and will have a filler for each year. From reports of persons using them in the past, these books are of great assistance.

For any organization to function properly and to be of benefit to everyone in that organization, there must be cooperation. The officers must cooperate with each individual and each individual in turn must cooperate with the officers for any good to be accomplished. If any of you, as individuals or as a group, have any recommendations to make for the betterment of the General Sunday School, feel free to write and express yourselves. Remember, you not only have this right and privilege of free expression but it is also your duty to take advantage of it.

We would like to ask a favor of each local Sunday School. As you have read in the preceding, all materials are to be sent free. Where do we send them? We have a record of only a few of the Sunday Schools in our church and if these materials are to be sent free, names and addresses of these Sunday Schools must be known. We would like the name and address of the superintendent and/or secretary of each local Sunday School and the address to which materials should be sent. Send this information to General Sunday School Ass'n., P. O. Box 472, Independence, Mo.

MISSOURI REUNION

The Missouri Reunion will be held near Independence this year and will be sponsored by the two Independence locals. The date will be July 22, 23, and 24. All those wishing to know the exact location please contact either Elder Kenneth J. Smith, 209 South Chrysler, Independence, or Elder Marvin M. Case, 413 Walnut, Lee's Summit, Mo.

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