

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."—1 Nephi 3:187.

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Life

By Patience Strong



It takes more than living to make a man happy. For life at its best, man must feel himself as having a share in something important. In his work, man needs to feel that he is doing something that matters, that he is adding to the lives of the people about him something good.

Did you think that Life would be all credit and no loss?
Did you think you would escape the bearing of a cross?
Did you hope for easy paths and roses all the way?
Did you dream that every dawn would bring a perfect day?

Life is not like that at all. We were not meant to be
Safe and happy all the time, just living peacefully—
Never being made to think, to suffer or to fight.
If the darkness never came, we'd never seek the Light.

Life's a blend of joy and sorrow. Thank God this is so.
If we never had a care, the soul would never grow.
We're not put into this world mere pleasure to pursue—
But to do the work that He intended us to do.

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WORD OF INTRODUCTION

With this issue, I willingly lay down the editorial pen according to the will of the body assembled here in conference. We have chosen a staff composed of Elder Oren Caviness, Editor, with Elder E. J. McIndoo and Sister Esther Caviness as associates, and to whom, with pleasure, I extend my heartfelt desires for a successful, profitable tenure of office for the coming year.

Realizing the difficulties facing them, and the arduousness of their task, yet with great confidence in their combined ability, I commend them to you for your prayerful, patient support, and that the best interests of the Church may be served.

William A. Sheldon.

EDITORIAL

Another milestone has been reached and passed in the history of the Church of Christ—we have just concluded our 1962 Conference.

We are eager to bring to those of you who were unable to attend this year, a resume of the conference actions. As is our custom and rule, the important matters affecting the welfare of the whole church will be sent out to referendum, so that the will of the people may prevail. But we wish to say, that already the desire of the people as expressed in their sincere prayers, that the will of God prevail, has been accomplished. Several times when matters of grave importance, and seemingly unsolvable, were being considered in Council chambers, the waiting assembly met in prayer to implore the Spirit of God to be with those deliberating, and to pray for His will to triumph. We feel that these prayers and the myriad prayers offered by the people at home during the Conference, were answered, and that the Church has taken a great stride forward, for the united efforts of the Twelve and

the Joint Council brought forth recommendations which were accepted by an overwhelming majority vote of the people present.

The actions of the Conference will be brought to you in the published minutes appearing in this paper and perhaps even continued in next month's issue. But there are many things not contained in these minutes, such as the list of those who took their vacation time to be there and do all they could for the success of the conference—nor will you read of those who changed their work shift to night, that they might give their service to the church—neither will you read of those who gave full time to kitchen duty and were unable to attend many of the meetings because of the work demanded of them—and there were still others who served in their capacity of responsibility, of preaching and taking charge of business meetings, while physically ill.

We also wish to tell you of the brotherly feeling exhibited throughout the Conference that contributed to its success. This spirit was manifested in the preparation and serving of the meals, in the help tendered the kitchen committee in washing the dishes—indeed the spirit of fellowship exhibited during the meals, carried over into the business meetings and made us each realize that though we may differ in opinions we are linked by Christian love in the great family of Christ and unanimously desire that God alone shall lead and direct. This is what Paul meant when he admonished us: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Rom. 12:10.

It is in this fellowship that we will accomplish the will of God in the forward march of His Gospel. When we walk together as brothers we may expect the Spirit of God to attend us in our coming in and our going out, to go before us and to be our rear guard. May we each walk in this precious fellowship throughout the coming year and manifest our love of God by our love for each other.

It will be the sincere desire of the editorial staff to make and keep your Advocate, which is sent out at general church expense, an extension of your missionary effort so that you may be proud to offer it to those whom you know to be seeking the truth. To this end we solicit articles with an affirmative declaration of the Restored Gospel of Christ.

We do not expect to escape criticism, we only hope the criticism will be constructive. May we all prosper and advance toward that perfection we seek and like Paul be able to say: ". . . : but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:13.

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**MINUTES OF 1962 CONFERENCE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Temple Lot)**

Minutes of April 6, 1962—10:00 A. M. Session

Meeting opened at 10:12 A. M. with Bro. Archie F. Bell in charge, assisted by Bro. Leon Yates. Opening song No. 190 "Redeemer of Israel." Opening prayer by Bro. Leon Yates. Second song No. 272, "Jesus My Shepherd."

General Conference was declared opened and a greeting was given by the Chair.

Bro. Isaac Brockman moved that we have the Council of Twelve Apostles preside at the Conference as always. Seconded by Bro. Kenneth Smith.

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved to amend the motion by inserting the word "entire" before "Council of Twelve Apostles." Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., moved to amend the amendment by adding "Those who are eligible." Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved as a substitute for the whole matter that all members who have been ordained to the office of Apostle shall preside in their rightful order over conference and that all Quorum sessions throughout this conference shall be held in the Quorum room and any meeting or caucus which shall be held without full representation of each member qualified as above shall be declared null and void. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague.

The chair ruled the substitution for the whole matter out-of-order and extended the privilege to Bro. Wheaton to re-phrase the motion to make it in order.

After some discussion Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved as a substitute for the whole matter that all members who have been ordained to the office of Apostle shall preside in their rightful order over conference. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., moved to amend by adding "All qualified." Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman.

Chair ruled the amendment out-of-order.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved the previous question on the whole matter. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Previous question on the whole matter carried—41 for, 6 against.

The substitute for the whole matter carried—29 for, 27 against.

Bro. William A. Sheldon raised the question, "Was it the intent of the body to make it mandatory for all to preside?"

Bro. Vance Harris moved to take up the election of secretary for conference. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case. Carried.

Nominations for Secretary:

Bro. Robert Jensen—16
Bro. James Hedrick—38

The chair ruled nominations closed and vote as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. James Hedrick as secretary with power to choose assistants.

Sr. Angela Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that if there be any member of the Quorum who prefers not to preside that we extend him the privilege of refusal. Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton. Carried.

A question was raised on what was the "rightful order." The chair ruled that they presided from eldest to youngest.

Nominations for Asst. Chorister:

Sr. Caroline Hedrick—22
Bro. William A. Sheldon—34
Sr. Edna Smith (declined)

Sr. Claressa O'Day moved that nominations cease and we proceed to vote. Seconded by Sr. Freida Flint. The vote as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. William Sheldon.

Nominations for Press Committee:

Bro. Vance Harris (declined)

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that the secretary of the conference be the press committee with power to choose assistants. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Nominations for Ushers:

Bro. Thomas Barton, Sr. (declined)
Bro. Levi Maley
Bro. Marvin Case

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved that nominations cease and these two be our ushers. Seconded by Bro. Vance Harris. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton objected to the reading of the proposed program.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton called for the reading of the 1932 conference minutes. They were read.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton called for reading of Quorum meeting minutes regarding the duties of the secretary of the Quorum.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to recess until the afternoon session at 2:30 P. M. at which time the minutes from the Quorum meeting will be brought and read regarding the duties of the secretary.

Bro. Kenneth Smith moved to amend the motion to adjourn by stating we adjourn at 12:00 and take time to vote on the matter. Seconded by Bro. Tom Barton, Sr.

The chair ruled the motion to amend out-of-order.

A vote was taken on the motion to recess which carried—42 for, 3 against.

Closing song No. 237, "The Sun Is Shining Somewhere." Prayer by Bro. Leon Yates.

**MINUTES OF 1962 CONFERENCE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Temple Lot)**

Minutes of April 6, 1962—2:30 P. M. Session

Meeting called to order at 2:30 P. M. with Bro. Archie F. Bell in charge, assisted by Bro. Leon Yates. Opening song No. 337, "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer by Bro. Leon Yates. Second song No. 301, "Oh Thou Who Hast At Thy Command."

The assistant took the chair and consideration of an appeal from the decision of the chair was continued.

The minutes of the Quorum meeting regarding the duties of their secretary was read.

A point-of-order was raised. The chair ruled the point well taken. There was an appeal from the ruling of the chair. Vote on appeal from ruling was taken, and the ruling sustained—35 for, 11 against.

A vote on the appeal of the ruling of the chair from the morning session was by-passed.

The chair allowed time for a motion concerning the tentative program. Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we shall not read this document or any other from the Twelve until they meet in regular Quorum meetings. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. The motion was ruled out-of-order as the objection to the reading was still on the floor. A vote was taken on the objection which was defeated—28 for, 31 against.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved as an incidental motion that we limit the time of individual speeches to 10 minutes and by a majority vote of the conference the time could be extended another five minutes. Seconded by Bro. Vance Harris.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., moved to amend by deletion of the consideration of additional five minutes. Seconded by Bro. T. J. Jordan.

Bro. K. J. Smith moved previous question. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Vote was taken on the amendment which lost—22 for, 25 against.

Bro. Kenneth Smith moved previous question on the incidental motion. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried.

A vote was taken on the motion to limit speeches which carried.

A chair ruled this motion did not have anything to do with the second speech.

The tentative program was given first reading.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved that this tentative program be referred back to the Quorum of Twelve to be considered in formal meeting and be brought back to us in our next meeting. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved to adjourn until 10:00 A. M. tomorrow. Seconded by Sr. Margie Cain. Motion was withdrawn.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that there be

preaching tonight at 8:00 P. M. and business meeting at 10:00 A. M. tomorrow. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved to amend that instead of preaching we have a Committee of the Whole at 7:30 P. M. at which this report from the Quorum on the "Clarence Wheaton Case" be brought to that body and discussed.

The chair ruled that a two-thirds majority of the body could keep the record of a Committee of the Whole for conference record.

Point-of-order was raised that the amendment was out-of-order. The chair ruled the amendment in order. The ruling of the chair was appealed. Vote was taken on the ruling of the chair which was sustained by a vote of 30 for, 18 against.

Bro. Kenneth Smith moved as a substitute for the whole matter that we take the tentative program from the table and discuss it item by item. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Motion ruled out-of-order by the chair.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved as a substitute for the whole matter that we adjourn to meet at 7:30 P. M. for song service and 8:00 P. M. for preaching and 9:00 A. M. tomorrow we have prayer meeting till noon. That we have business meeting at 2:00 P. M. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague.

Point-of-order was raised. The chair ruled the point well taken. The ruling of the chair was appealed.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved to sustain the ruling of the chair. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., moved previous question on the whole matter. Seconded by William F. Anderson. Carried.

The motion to sustain the ruling of the chair carried by a show of hands.

The motion on services for Friday evening and Saturday carried by a show of hands.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried.

Announcements were made concerning further services.

Closing song No. 266, "Guide Me, Oh My Savior, Guide Me."

Prayer by Bro. Leon Yates.

Minutes of April 7, 1962—2:00 P. M. Session

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P. M. with Bro. Leon Yates in charge and Bro. William A. Sheldon assisting. Opening song No. 124, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Opening prayer by Bro. William Sheldon. Second song No. 246, "O God Give Strength To All Thy Saints."

The minutes of April 6, 1962, 10:00 A. M. session were read, corrected and approved.

The minutes of April 6, 1962, 2:30 P. M. session were read, corrected and approved.

The request of the Young Peoples Christian League was given a first reading.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved to grant the request of the Young People's Christian League. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith and carried by voice vote.

April 5, 1962

Council of Apostles
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Missouri
Dear Brethren:

The Young People's Christian League request the evening of Saturday, April 7, be set aside for their annual conference social.

Time to be immediately following the afternoon business session.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) James A. Hedrick
Leader

Discussion of the motion to refer the tentative program was resumed.

Reading of the entire Elders' Court Decision was requested and Bishops' Court Decision. Request the report of the committee of last conference.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that we resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole and minutes be kept and those holding the Melchisedec priesthood who are not involved in this dispute be in charge that there might be equality. Seconded by Sr. Angela Wheaton.

Bro. William A. Sheldon moved as a substitute that the body take up the tentative program and provide a program for conference. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Chair ruled the substitute out-of-order.

Bro. Ed. McIndoo moved the previous question. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried.

A vote was taken on the incidental motion concerning a Committee of the Whole which lost—16 for, 55 against.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that this matter of the program for the conference be laid on the table until we can hear the report of the Quorum and all other documents related. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved that we adjourn until 10:00 A. M. Monday and this matter be the first order of business at that time. Seconded by Sr. Miriam Mason.

The movers of the motion to adjourn were asked to hold their motion in abeyance until arrangements were made for week-end services.

Bro. Marvin Case moved that we have round table discussion at 8:00 P. M. and tomorrow morning beginning at 9:00 A. M. until noon we have prayer service. That we have preaching at 2:30 P. M. and preaching at 8:00 P. M. to be preceded by a 30-minute song service. And we have prayer service at 8:00 A. M. Monday. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that one Apostle, chosen by the Apostles, one Seventy chosen by the Seventy, and one other Elder chosen by these two be

in charge of the services for the week-end. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague. Bro. Marvin Case moved that matter on the table be held in abeyance until 10:00 A. M. Monday and that copies of these documents be made for the body and we be adjourned until that hour. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Wheaton.

After some discussion Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case. Carried.

A vote was taken on the motion to hold in abeyance and make copies which lost—33 for, 44 against.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved to adjourn. Bro. B. C. Flint seconded and it carried by a voice vote.

Bro. William Sheldon moved we adjourn until 10:00 A. M. Monday. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. William A. Sheldon.

Minutes of April 9, 1962—10:00 A. M. Session

Meeting was called to order with Bro. Don Housknecht in charge, assisted by Bro. William Sheldon. Opening song No. 21, "Unmoved by Fear." Prayer was offered by Bro. William Sheldon.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved that this conference at this time suspend the rules pertaining to the Robert's Rules of Order, the Articles of Faith, the Church Court procedure and all conference resolutions that this body might come to a unity. And we use the Bible and Book of Mormon as the only rules. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague.

After much discussion Bro. Archie Bell moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried by a show of hands.

A vote was then taken on the motion to suspend rules—4 for, many against.

Bro. Don Housknecht relinquished the chair to Bro. William Sheldon who called Bro. William Anderson to assist.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved as an incidental motion that we continue with our present rules and take up the matter before us. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon.

Bro. Archie Bell moved to amend that we strike out all after move and that we ask this conference to vote on asking those present of the Council of Twelve, the Bishopric, the Elders' Court, the Investigating Commission, the Bishops' Court and the conference appointed Investigating Committee to get together in place of this session and give them two hours to settle their differences. If they do not come to an agreement the material taken from the table will be returned to the conference for action. Seconded by Bro. John Sweem. Carried—46 for, 18 against.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to adjourn till 3:30 P. M. Seconded by Bro. Oren Caviness. Carried by a show of hands.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. William F. Anderson.

Minutes of April 9, 1962—4:00 P. M. Session

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P. M. with Bro. William A. Sheldon in charge, assisted by Bro. William F. Anderson. Prayer by Bro. William F. Anderson.

Minutes for April 7, 1962, 2:00 P. M. session were read and approved.

Minutes for April 9, 1962, 10:00 A. M. session were read, corrected and approved.

The following documents regarding the court case of Church of Christ vs. Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton were read:

INVESTIGATION COMMISSION REPORT:

Independence, Missouri
November 19, 1960

Apostle William A. Sheldon
Officer in charge of the case of
The Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton
Dear Brother:

As the commission appointed to investigate matters pertaining to the Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, we wish to report that we have had meetings on November 18th and 19th, hearing statements from Bro. E. L. Yates for the church, being appointed agent by the Council of Apostles, and from Clarence L. Wheaton with Brethren Richard A. Wheaton and James M. Case as his counselors.

We wish to report our findings pertinent to paragraph 10 of the Jurisprudence:

(a) The charges are properly prepared in writing. Reference, copy of the charges dated November 16 over the signature of Bro. E. L. Yates.

(b) Based on evidence presented to the commission, labor has been performed so far as possible. Second labor was attempted but was rejected by the defendant who asserted that it was illegal.

(c) Our interview with the parties to the case causes us to feel that there is a possibility that further labor may be fruitful toward reconciliation since there seems to be a small common ground between the statements made to us. To wit: the defendant offers to accede to the terms of reconciliation upon being shown conclusive evidence that he was officially informed of the will of the conference before taking the action of which complaint was made.

(d) Temporary silence was imposed by letter of July 18, 1960. We feel recommendation on this point by the commission would be superfluous.

(e) Temporary silence covers any restriction of membership privileges applicable in the charges as filed.

(f) Due to the conflicts related to the facts of this case as is apparent in the mass of material presented to us in affirmative statements, and in the event further labor as recommended in paragraph (c) above does not affect a reconciliation, it appears that the spiritual welfare of both parties and the church will be better served by having this heard and adjusted by an Elders' Court and we so recommend.

In gospel bonds,
The Investigation Commission
(Signed) Robert Jensen
Alexander Smith
Forest Maley

ELDERS' COURT DECISION:

**Decision of the Elders' Court
In the Case
of**

**The Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton
December 11, 1960**

We, the members of the Elders' Court of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), after prayerful consideration, do render the following decision:

1. The Court finds Brother Clarence L. Wheaton guilty of un-Christianlike conduct toward his brothers in the Quorum of Twelve: to wit; spreading malicious gossip throughout the church, and using language unbecoming a minister of the Gospel called and ordained by God; some examples of which are: "I shall ignore this foolish act." "Attempt to impose unlawful silence," "This ungodly action," "Having been dealt with so treacherously," and "A wicked and unlawful course of procedure." Therefore this Elders' Court counsels Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to restrain his remarks from this time forward and curb the spirit of belligerency which brought forth these statements: for, out of the heart the mouth speaketh.

2. This Elders' Court orders Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to discontinue any efforts to bring charges arising out of this case against any member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Any breach of this order automatically opens the charge of insubordination against Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

3. This Elders' Court does not find Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton guilty of the charge of insubordination to the Conference of the Church of Christ, nor to the Quorum of Apostles as the charge was not sustained by rigorous and conclusive proof. Implications and suggestions are insufficient evidence to condemn a brother.

4. This Elders' Court counsels the complainant and the defendant to continue in brotherly love and the work of the Lord as if this difficulty had never arisen.

5. This Elders' Court counsels the conference and the agents thereof to be more explicit in the future instructions to the missionaries lest the work of the kingdom be hindered.

(Signed) Elder M. Harvey Seibel - Chairman
Elder Eugene Gould
Elder David S. Hinkle

BISHOPS' COURT DECISION:

**Bishops' Court of Appeal
Decision**

In the Case of

**E. L. Yates, Agent for the Council of Apostles, Complainant
vs.**

**Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant
(and also stated as)**

The Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr.

We, the members of the Bishops' Court, appointed to review the evidence and the decision of the Elders' Court in the above captioned case, said decision of the Elders' Court being appealed from by the defendant, do hereby render a decision after prayerful and careful consideration and examination of the records of this case.

1. The Elders' Court found Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., not guilty of the charge of insubordination to the conference of the Church of Christ, or to the Quorum of Apostles, which charge was made by E. L. Yates, agent for the Council of Apostles. The Bishops' Court sustains this decision.

2. The Elders' Court found Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., guilty of unchristianlike conduct toward his brothers in the Quorum of Twelve. The records of this case do not show or even indicate in the evidence presented that there was ever any charge of unchristianlike conduct, other than insubordination, filed against Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr. Therefore, the Bishops' Court finds it necessary to reverse the decision of the Elders' Court, on this point, and finds Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., not guilty of unchristianlike conduct toward his brethren of the Quorum of Twelve.

3. The Elders' Court also make the following decision: "This Elders' Court orders Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to discontinue any efforts to bring charges arising out of this case against any member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Any breach of this order automatically opens the charge of insubordination against Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton,"

The Elders' Court erred in making this order and threat inasmuch as an Elder's Court has no authority to restrict any member from bringing charges against any other member of the church so long as such charges are legally brought before the proper authorities

according to the procedure as outlined in the Jurisprudence of the Church of Christ, and as shown by the Scriptures, therefore, the Bishops' Court finds it necessary to revoke this order and to declare it to be of none effect.

4. This Bishops' Court feels that, due to the many irregularities and improper procedures that were followed in this case, an opinion should be written concerning this case pointing out such irregularities and improper procedure followed in the prosecution of this case in order that, in future cases, justice might be served and that the rights of each and every member of the Church of Christ might be secured.

5. The Bishops' Court wishes to point out that either the complainant or the defendant may appeal from the decision of this court to a Court of Last Appeal as provided for in paragraphs 23 and 50 of the Jurisprudence of the Church of Christ.

Dated **April 6, 1961.**

Signed: Vance H. Harris, Chairman
Nicholas F. Denham, Secretary
J. A. Sweem, Member

APPEAL FROM BRO. E. L. YATES:

April 10, 1961

I am appealing to the Conference to appoint a committee of three Elders to investigate the validity of the Bishops' Court of Appeal in the case of, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Complainant Versus Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant, for the following reasons.

1. The Title of the case as tried by the Elders' Court was, "Church of Christ (Temple Lot), vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr." This title was approved by the Investigation Commission and accepted by the Elders' Court. See Investigation Commission Report under date of November 19, 1960. Also Title Page of the Elders' Court Record under date of December 10, 1960. The Bishops' Court changed this accepted title to "E. L. Yates, Agent for the Council of Apostles, Complainant Vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant (and also stated as) The Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr."

I affirm that the changing of the accepted title in any way is over and beyond the authority of the Bishops' Court.

2. The Bishops' Court was appointed by the General Bishopric. Whereas, it should have been appointed by the Council of Twelve according to Article 8 of the Jurisprudence.

3. The minutes of the Elders' Court are not complete. This is verified by the Secretary of the Elders' Court as found on page 138 of the Court minutes. Much of the evidence presented to the Court by the Complainant was entered after this point in the Court proceedings.

4. The Complainant was not notified of the time or place of the holding of the Bishops' Court, as should have been done in accord with Section 37 of Jurisprudence.

5. The Bishops' Court was supposed to rehear the case as is provided in Article 43 and Form 19. This they did not do.

6. The Court of Elders did not send the Officer in Charge a certified copy of a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Court, as provided for in Form No. 12 in Jurisprudence.

I recommend to the Conference that this committee be instructed to contact the Defendant, the Complainant and the Chairman of the Bishops' Court separately.

Respectfully,

Your Brother in Christ
(Signed) E. L. Yates

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

April 12, 1961

The Investigating Committee Concerning the Validity of the Bishops' Court of Appeal in the Case of Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Complainant, versus Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant.

To the Conference Convened:

Whereas, sufficient evidence has been examined by the com-

mittee herein referred, and said evidence has been found to be overwhelming to the extent that our conclusion is that the Bishops' Court of Appeal was entirely illegal and consequently invalid and therefore not binding.

This committee recommends that the only way in which justice can be rendered to all concerned, would be to call for a rehearing of the Elders' Court.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Joe W. Kidd
Ray W. Hunholz
Byron R. Wentworth

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL OF APOSTLES:

In order to acquaint the Church of our actions during the past conference year, in regard to a committee report, we, the Council of Apostles, do hereby submit the following:

At the close of the April, 1961 conference of the Church, there was a report from a committee, appointed by the Conference, in the hands of the chairman of the last session, and upon which no action was taken.

The appointment of the committee came as a result of an appeal submitted by Apostle E. L. Yates to the April 10, 1961, 10:00 A. M. session, as follows:

"I am appealing to the Conference to appoint a committee of three Elders to investigate the validity of the Bishops' Court of Appeal in the case of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Complainant, versus Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant, for the following reasons:

"The Title of the case as tried by the Elders' Court was, 'The Church of Christ (Temple Lot), vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr.' This Title was approved by the Investigation Commission and accepted by the Elders' Court. See Investigation Commission report under date of November 19, 1960. Also Title page of the Elders' Court record under date of December 10, 1960. The Bishops' Court changed this accepted title to, 'E. L. Yates, Agent for the Council of Apostles, Complainant vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant (and also stated as) The Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr.'"

"1. I affirm that the changing of the accepted title in any way is over and above the authority of the Bishops' Court.

"2. The Bishops' Court was appointed by the General Bishopric, whereas it should have been appointed by the Council of Twelve according to Article 8, of the Jurisprudence.

"3. The Minutes of the Elders' Court are not complete. This is verified by the Secretary of the Elders' Court as found on page 138, of the Court Minutes. Much of the evidence presented to the Court by the Complainant, was entered after this period in the Court proceedings.

"4. The Complainant was not notified of the time or place of the holding of the Bishops' Court, as should have been done, in accord with Section 37, of the Jurisprudence.

"5. The Bishops' Court was supposed to rehear the case, as is provided in Article 43, and Form 19, of the Jurisprudence. This they did not do.

"6. The Court of Elders did not send the Officer in Charge a certified copy of a full and complete record of the proceeding of the Court, as provided in Form 12, in Jurisprudence.

"I recommend to the Conference that this committee be instructed to contact the Defendant, the Complainant and the Chairman of the Bishops' Court, separately. Respectfully, your brother in Christ, E. L. Yates."

The above appeal was given its first reading at the 10:00 A. M. session, April 10. It was approved and the recommendations were concurred in at the 10:00 A. M. session, April 12. A committee consisting of Brethren Joe Kidd, Ray Hunholz and Barney Wentworth was appointed by the Conference.

This committee had completed their investigation and their report was in the hand of the Chairman of the 10:00 A.M. session of the Conference, April 13. The Conference adjourned about 11:00 A. M., for the year 1961. The report of this committee was never

read before the Conference before it adjourned, therefore it could not have been acted upon by it.

Following the close of the Conference, a quorum of the Apostles met to consider what should be done about the report made by the committee appointed to investigate the validity of the Bishops' Court, above mentioned.

Before any action was taken, this Quorum considered its authority to act on this matter. It decided that the Council not only had authority to act on it, but was duty bound to the church to do so. We will quote from the different references that were considered:

1. Article of Faith and Practice of the Church of Christ, Article 13. "We believe in the same church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His Apostles. The highest office in the church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the missionary supervision and the general watchcare of all the churches."

2. The report of the Conference of 1927 as appears in the May issue of The Zion's Advocate of that year. An Opinion Adopted by the Quorum of Twelve, was approved by the Conference. In this opinion is written the following Article 5 and Article 6:

"That the general church is created and functions for the purpose of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and establishing Christian Assemblies everywhere; and to promulgate a uniform system of teaching and practice of those virtues and ideals set forth in the word of God and confirmed by the Holy Spirit.

"That in order to accomplish this object on earth, God has placed in the Church immediately under the direction of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, who have the general oversight and watchcare of all the churches; and in case of sedition and apostasy from the faith, to regulate or set in order as they may be directed by the word of God and the Holy Ghost."

The Conference Minutes for April, 1932, 2:00 P. M. session, contains a resolution which was unanimously carried. This resolution was entitled, "Defining of Duties and Prerogatives of the Twelve." In articles 1, and 2 of this is written these instructions:

"1. The Quorum of Twelve is a body of ministers called Apostles, ordained of God and set in the Church to preach the gospel, set in order and establish the Church of Christ in all the world—the supervising authority and general watchcare of all the churches being resident within this collective body of ministers.

"2. A majority of seven constitutes a working quorum whose unanimous decision is binding in the interim between conferences."

After due consideration, the Quorum decided to approve the report of the conference appointed investigating committee and concur in their recommendation. The following letter was approved by quorum action and sent to Brethren Wheaton and Yates.

April 17, 1961:

"In the report of the investigating committee appointed to determine the validity of the Bishops' Court of Appeal in the case of "Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Complainant, versus Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant," we find this language:

"Whereas sufficient evidence has been examined by the committee herein referred, and said evidence has been found to be overwhelming to the extent that our conclusion is that the Bishops' Court of Appeal was entirely illegal and consequently invalid and therefore not binding.

"This committee recommends that the only way in which justice can be rendered to all concerned, would be to call for a re-hearing of the Elders' Court."

"The Council of Apostles has approved of this committee's report and concurs in their recommendation. We therefore notify you that the Bishop's Court of Appeal which sat on the case of Church of Christ (Temple Lot), versus Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., Defendant, is hereby declared illegal, and invalid and none of their decisions binding.

"Be advised that if an appeal is desired by either the Defendant or the Complainant, it will be necessary to file for a new trial within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice or else this

case shall remain in the status of the decision of the first Elders' Court."

We are including a copy of the Decision of the Elders' Court for information purposes.

"Decision of the Elders' Court in the Case of The Church of Christ vs. Clarence L. Wheaton, December 11, 1960.

We, the members of the Elders' Court of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), after prayerful consideration, do render the following decision:

"1. The Court finds Brother Clarence L. Wheaton guilty of un-Christianlike conduct toward his brothers in the Quorum of Twelve; to wit; spreading malicious gossip throughout the church, and using language unbecoming a minister of the gospel called and ordained of God: some samples of which are: "I shall ignore this foolish act," "attempt to impose unlawful silence," "this ungodly action," "having been dealt with so treacherously." Therefore this Elders' Court counsels Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to restrain his remarks from this time forward and curb the spirit of belligerency which brought forth these statements: for, out of the heart the mouth speaketh.

"2. This Elders' Court orders Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to discontinue any efforts to bring charges arising out of this case against any member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Any breach of this order automatically opens the charge of insubordination against Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

"3. This Elders' Court does not find Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton guilty of the charge of insubordination to the conference of the Church of Christ, nor to the Quorum of Apostles; as this charge was not sustained by rigorous and conclusive proof. Implications and suggestions are insufficient evidence to condemn a brother.

"4. This Elders' Court counsels the complainant and the defendant to continue in brotherly love and the work of the Lord as if this difficulty had never arisen.

"5. This Elders' Court counsels the conference and the agents thereof to be more explicit in future instructions to the missionaries lest the work of the kingdom be hindered."

"Signed, Elder M. Harvey Seibel, Chairman, Elder Eugene Gould, Elder David S. Hinkle."

An answer to the letter sent to Brethren Wheaton and Yates was received from Brother Wheaton under date of May 2, 1961, in which the following expressions were made by him protesting the Council's action in this matter.

"It will also be noted that this Conference did not at any time vote to delegate to the Council of Twelve the right to take this report from the table, nor for them to take up any unfinished business. Therefore, your action of April 17, 1961, is null and void and has no bearing whatsoever in this case. The only valid action that now stands, and which will be recognized by myself as the Defendant in this case, is that of the Appellate Court of the Bishopric, which Court, according to our Jurisprudence, was properly constituted, whose decision must stand until overthrown by properly constituted Court of Last Appeals."

Two members of the Court appointed by the Bishopric, Vance H. Harris and Nicholas F. Denham, wrote a letter of protest to the Council concerning the action taken by that body. This letter was dated April 29, 1961, and was received June 7, 1961. We are quoting from their letter:

"We hereby register a protest to the action taken by the Council for the following reasons:

"1. The committee was an instrument of the Conference of the Ministry appointed by said Conference and instructed to report back to that body.

"2. The Conference of the Ministry adjourned before the report of said committee had been received and acted upon by the body which created it. The recommendation of the Committee died with the adjournment of Conference according to Roberts Rules of Order, paragraph 17, Section C.

"3. The Council would have no authority to act upon the committee report under the above conditions."

Under date of June 22, 1961, a letter of protest was received

from ten members of the priesthood of the local church on the Temple Lot. We will quote part of their reasons for the protest.

"4. Robert's Rules of Order, 75th Edition, Copyright 1951, page 64, paragraph 17c shows that business unfinished at the adjournment of the Conference is ended until next year's Conference. We feel that this rule, in particular, has been violated by the action of the Council of Twelve.

"In view of these points, we respectfully request the Council of Apostles to reverse and void any action they may have taken with regard to this committee report."

Under date of October 31, 1961, a letter was sent by the Secretary of the Council to the Secretary of the Bishopric, stating the reason the Council of Apostles had taken the post-conference action on this matter. A similar letter dated November 1, 1961, was sent to Elder Rolland D. Sprague, Pastor of the Temple Lot, Independence local church, to be read before the ten members of the priesthood of that local who had signed their letter of protest.

We feel that we as a Council have acted in harmony with the duties and prerogatives of the Twelve as outlined and approved by Conference actions of previous years. We therefore respectfully submit this report.

Sincerely, The Council of Apostles, (Signed) Archie F. Bell, E. L. Yates, Thos. E. Barton, T. J. Jordan, William A. Sheldon, Arthur M. Smith, B. C. Flint, and Wm. F. Anderson.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report of members present of the Council of Twelve, Investigation Commission, Elders' Court, the Bishopric, Bishops' Court, and the Conference Appointed Investigation Committee:

Be it resolved that inasmuch as the Council of Twelve has come to the combined opinion that Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, one of their members, has erred in his conduct as a minister of Christ, as evidenced by correspondence, documented incidents in its files, and the Elders' Court record convened under date of December 11, 1960, in the case involving him, that he be required, based on his stated desire to repent of any error committed, to present in published form to all members of this Church affected, either individually or as a body, a full retraction of all such material; And that a probationary period be established for a one-year period from this date to sufficiently establish the fact that repentance has truly been consummated, and that any further infraction of unchristianlike conduct referring to this case shall be sufficient grounds for initiating new charges based upon such new evidence; And be it further resolved that any letters or material containing derogatory material initiated by any other member of the Council of Twelve related to this case brought to trial, be retracted through appropriate means to be determined by the Council of Twelve, with copies of all retractions by any individual involved to be filed in the records of the Council of Twelve as evidence that such has been accomplished.

(Signed) William F. Anderson, Chairman; Robert H. Jensen, Secretary.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr., moved that we receive the reports and that we approve the committee report and the Council of Twelve's report on the Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton Court case. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon.

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved as a substitute as follows:

Whereas a great deal of time and money has been expended, and a great deal of hatred has been generated among our membership by reason of the charges brought against Apostle C. L. Wheaton.

And whereas; Brother Wheaton has been found not guilty of the charge which was brought against him,

And whereas; we have grown weary of the delays which have occurred on the handling of this matter, which in itself is not in accordance with Christian practice,

Be it resolved that it is the decision of this Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) now convened that all present charges against Apostle C. L. Wheaton be declared null and void, and that he be restored with full rights to his position in the Quorum of Twelve.

Seconded by Bro. Ray Bryant.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Sr., moved as an incidental motion that the vote on this matter be voted on not later than 11:50 A. M., April 10, 1962. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried by show of hands.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved the previous question on motion submitted by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman. Carried.

Vote on Bro. Harold B. Schultz's motion which lost 22 for, against 45.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to amend the motion to receive the reports and approve the Committee Report and the Council of Twelve's report by striking out the words "and the Council of Twelve's report. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham.

The amendment carried—for 38, against 28.

The motion as amended—"Move that we receive the reports and that we approve the Committee Report on the Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton court case."—carried by show of hands."

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton be given the privilege of withdrawing his motion to refer the tentative program back to the Quorum of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved we adjourn until 10:00 A. M. tomorrow morning and that there be song service at 7:30 P. M., preaching at 8:00 P. M., and prayer service at 8:00 A. M. tomorrow. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson.

Bro. Archie Bell moved to amend by adding that the services be arranged for by the chair. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried.

Closing song No. 14, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Dismissed by Bro. William F. Anderson.

Minutes of April 10, 1962—10:00 A. M. Session

Meeting opened at 10:00 A. M. with Bro. William F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Bro. Leon Gould. Opening song No. 88, "Come Gracious Lord." Opening prayer by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Second song No. 300, "Thou Must Be True."

The minutes of April 9, 1962, 4:00 P. M. session were read and approved.

Letter from Bro. Asa Grinstead was read.

Letter of resignation from Sr. Silva J. Rudd was read.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that we accept Sr. Rudd's resignation from the Dining Hall Committee. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried by a voice vote.

Independence, Missouri
April 6, 1962

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

Please accept my resignation from the Dining Hall Committee. Effective today. Reasons of health as well as other obligations prevent me from assisting in this work.

Yours in gospel bonds,

(Signed) Silva J. Rudd

It was requested that we give Sr. Rudd a standing vote of thanks for her work on this committee. A standing vote of thanks was given.

First reading was given on the request of the Sunday School for time for their meeting.

Proposed Jurisprudence was brought for a first reading. Because of the length of this document Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that the proposed document on the Jurisprudence be referred to a committee and presented to the conference next year and their recommendation be published prior to conference so we may consider it. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved to amend by adding that we also refer the proposed Jurisprudence by Bro. Forest Maley if it is resubmitted. Seconded by Bro. Robert Jensen.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to waive first reading on the Jurisprudence. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried by voice vote.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved as a substitute that this matter be placed in the hands of a committee of five members of the priesthood for their study to report back to this conference. That in case it be approved by the conference it would be sent as referendum to the whole church. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend the substitute that we also take from the table the Jurisprudence proposed last year by Bro. Forest Maley and that it also be placed in the hands of this committee. Seconded by Sr. Lois Harris. Carried by voice vote. The substitute motion as amended carried—40 for, 10 against.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we proceed to elect this committee. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried by voice a vote.

Nominations:

Robert Jensen—57
M. Harvey Seibel—33
Nicholas Denham—45
William Sheldon—31
Leon Yates—35
Forest Maley—42
Joseph Kidd—38
LeRoy Wheaton—22
Archie F. Bell—(declined)

Sr. Claessee O'Day moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Sr. Sybil Ely. Carried.

The vote as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. Robert Jensen, Bro. Nicholas Denham, Bro. Forest Maley, Bro. Joseph Kidd, and Bro. Leon Yates.

The missionary report of Bro. James M. Case was received.

MISSIONARY REPORT

By Elder James M. Case

To the Ministers' Conference
of the Church of Christ
(Temple Lot) Assembled

We wish to report our ministerial activities of the past year.

Times preached	46
Times in charge of services.....	9
Times assisted in charge of services.....	6
Times administered to the sick	24
Assisted in administering to the sick.....	15
Babies blessed	1

I have traveled 23,528 miles in my work.

We have had many fireside chats and tried to put forth the principles of the Gospel to comfort and strengthen.

I would also like to ask this conference for an appointment for Missouri and Kansas.

Sincerely and respectfully,

(Signed) Elder James M. Case
of the Seventy

Bro. Joseph Kidd requested to withdraw from the committee to consider proposed Jurisprudence in favor of Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Since Bro. Seibel had the next highest vote his request was concurred in.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved to take up the tentative program. Seconded by Bro. William Sheldon.

Carried by a voice vote.

Bro. William Sheldon moved that his document be referred to the Council of Twelve for revision. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried with no objection.

Bro. Marvin Case moved that 4:00 P. M. today be the deadline for new business. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved to amend that 10:00 A. M. April 11 be the deadline for new business. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kidd. The motion as amended carried.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to proceed with the election of officers and boards. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Nominations for Secretary:

James A. Hedrick
Harvey E. Seibel

Nominations were declared closed and a vote was taken. Bro. James A. Hedrick was declared elected by a show of hands.

Nominations for Recorder:

Lois Harris
Ora Derry—(declined)

Nominations were closed and Sr. Harris was declared elected.

Nominations for Chorister:

Tom Maley—7
Kay Matthews—34
William Sheldon—(declined)
Caroline Hedrick—21

Nominations were declared closed and a vote taken resulting as registered above in the election of Sr. Kay Matthews.

The election of an Editor and Associate Editors was held in abeyance by the request of the Council of Twelve, until contemplated legislation could be brought forward.

Dining Hall Committee:

Leslie P. Case
Marvin Ely—(declined)
Rolland Sprague—(declined)
Jean Chapman
Barney Wentworth—(declined)

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that nominations cease and these two be elected.

A question was raised in regard to Bro. Leslie P. Case's desire to serve on the committee further. It was decided by the chair to leave time for Bro. Case, who was not present, to speak for himself and go on to other elections.

Nominations for Reception and Housing Committee:

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that the present members succeed themselves. Seconded by Sr. Harold Schultz. Carried. Members are Nicholas Denham, Denver Chapman, Marvin Case.

Nominations for Auditing Committee:

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that Bro. Denver Chapman succeed himself. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas Denham. Carried. The Auditing Committee is Bro. Denver Chapman (3 years), Bro. M. Harvey Seibel (2 years), and Bro. Leslie P. Case (1 year).

Nominations for Referendum Committee:

Forest Maley

Nominations were declared closed and Bro. Forest Maley elected with no objections. The Referendum Committee is Bro. Forest Maley (3 years), Bro. James A. Hedrick (2 Years), and Sr. Ora Derry (1 year).

Nominations for Relations Committee:

A. M. Smith

Nominations were declared closed and Bro. Smith was elected by a voice vote. The Relations Committee is Bro. A. M. Smith (3 years), Bro. E. Leon Yates (2 years), and Bro. Archie F. Bell (1 year).

There were no vacancies on the board of General Church Historian, all having another year to serve. They are Bro. Archie F. Bell, Bro. James M. Case, and Bro. Robert L. Maley.

Nominations for Library Board:

Leslie P. Case—20
Denver Chapman—36

Nominations were declared closed and a vote taken which resulted in the election of Bro. Chapman as shown above for a three-year term. The Library Board is Bro. Denver Chapman (3 years), Bro. Arthur M. Smith (2 years), and Bro. Levi Maley (1 year).

Bro. William Sheldon moved that the General Church Historian have access to the Library and be supplied with a key. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Nominations for Board of Publications:

Kenneth J. Smith—45
Robert L. Maley—29
William A. Sheldon—37
Arthur G. Smith—(declined)
Clarence Thompson—16

Nominations were declared closed and the vote as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. K. J. Smith and Bro. W. A. Sheldon for three-year terms. Other members of the Board are Bro. Arthur M. Smith (1 year) and Bro. M. Harvey Seibel (1 year).

Election of the Dining Hall Committee was resumed. Since Bro. Leslie Case was not present and had served several years it was decided not to consider his name and proceed with further nominations.

Martha Bell (declined)
Marian Sprague
Doris Sheldon (declined)

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved nominations cease and the two nominees be elected to this committee. Seconded by Bro. Ed McIndoo. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the first nominated serve three years on the Dining Hall Committee and the other two years. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas Denham. Carried. The Dining Hall Committee is Sr. Jean Chapman (3 years), Sr. Marian Sprague (2 yrs.), and Sr. Gladys Nast (1 year).

Verbal missionary report was received from Bro. T. J. Jordan.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht gave a verbal missionary report.

Adjourned by the chair until 2:30 P. M.

Closing song No. 270 "Jesus Savior Pilot Me."

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Leon Gould.

Minutes of April 10, 1962—2:30 P. M. session.

Meeting opened at 2:30 P. M. with Bro. Leon Gould in charge, assisted by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Opening song No. 72 "Sovereign and Transforming Grace". Opening prayer by Bro. T. J. Jordan. Second song No. 272 "Jesus My Shepherd."

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved, whereas the Church of Christ has been falsely advertised by the R.L.D.S. church as a "splinter organization" of that church, and

Whereas all members of the R.L.D.S. church have had more than ample time to investigate and come into the only true Church of Christ had they been desirous of obedience to the living God and the gospel of Christ, and

Whereas the admission of R.L.D.S. members to the Church of Christ by transfer is an admission that there are two true churches in existence, and both the Bible and the Book of Mormon plainly state that there is but one,

Therefore be it resolved by the Church of Christ that from this time forward no transfer of membership from the R.L.D.S. church will be accepted by the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel.

Bro. William Sheldon moved that this document be referred to the Council of Twelve for their consideration and recommendation. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Carried 38 for, 13 against.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved that the report of the Twelve on this question be made not later than 10:00 A. M., April 11, 1962. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., moved to amend by striking out 10:00 A. M. and inserting 3:30 P. M. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried.

The motion as amended was voted on and carried.

The report of the office manager was received. (Bro. William F. Anderson).

To the Apostles and Conference Assembled,
Greetings:

In submitting my report for the year just closed, I do not have as much to report as last year as to visitors calling.

During the year there were two hundred and thirty visitors, the greatest number being folks from the west, mostly they who were journeying to or returning from seeing the pagent that is put on at the Hill Cumorah each year, during the later part of August. Mostly they were in busloads, and would come in and find seats in the dining hall and asked me to tell them our version of the Restoration, and why the difference. I was enabled to take them back through the years, and start with the early revelations, and endeavored to point out to them that there was a failure to follow the instructions as given by the Lord as to the setting up of the church, quoting to them the instructions as given, and how instead of doing as Lord told them to choose apostles they chose other officials and placed them ahead of the apostles in direct opposition to the scripture that they were to rely on. I was surprised to find that many at least did not know these things.

I am of the opinion that retaining a representative here is a very good plan, and if the revelation given through Brother Wheaton in 1919 be true the Lord referred to the various groups of the Restoration as being branches of his church, and that we should not contend with them over points of doctrine, and that when he came he would instruct them in doctrine and theory. I have found the folks who came through from the west to be open minded and tolerant and friendly, willing to concede that there might have been mistakes made along the line, and hoping for the time when there would be a clearing away of the mists of misunderstanding that now exists.

With the groups that passed through were some college professors. They too expressed thanks for what we offered.

There were a few from the Reorganized Church but not many, and they were not as liberal minded, but definitely grounded in the idea that they and they alone held the key to Eternal Salvation. Oh, there were some exceptions who were willing to listen, and reflect.

There were some few called that were of other churches, but did not exhibit any interest in that which is referred to as the Restoration of the gospel, more curiosity seekers.

We were able to sell around ninety dollars worth of books during the year, and handed out a number of tracts, keeping no record of the number handed out.

As for actual pulpit sermons, I do not have a great many to report. In August I was called to care for the funeral of Brother Fred DeLong, and September I went to Denver, Colorado to care for the funeral of Sister Barton. Meeting the Ely folks there, they asked me to return home with them for a few days, which I did. There I met Brother and Sister Bell, and Brother Bell and I held a week's meetings, after which he went to Denver and I returned home.

During the latter part of October I was asked to go to Columbus, Ohio which I did and was there over two Sundays.

I preached nineteen sermons, had charge of twenty-four services. Assisted thirteen times, and attended one hundred and forty-two meetings, up till March 22nd, 1962.

Administered nineteen times.

(Signed) Wm. F. Anderson

The report of the Board of Historians was read and received.

April 6, 1962

To
The Council of Apostles
and
The Conference Assembled
We, the Board of Historians, wish to make the following report:

A proposed draft of the manuscript for the year, 1950, has been sent to the Associates, Robert L. Maley and James M. Case. Brother Maley has gone over his and returned the copy with proposed corrections. Brother Case had not returned his copy nor offered any corrections at the time this report is being made out.

We are trying to write as full a history of the Church of Christ as we can get proof of. Along with this, we are writing briefly on the current history of interesting events happening in Churches of the world, in Israel, in Communism and in world affairs. We are also trying to keep abreast of current history of the American Indians and the work among them of the representatives of the Church of Christ.

We have proposed drafts of the manuscripts of the history of the Church of Christ only, for the years 1951 and 1952, which have not been submitted to the Associates. There has also been some work done on the Church of Christ history for 1953. The writings on the other topics will be added later.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Archie F. Bell
General Church Historian
(Signed) James M. Case
Associate

First reading was given the tentative program.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved we approve the recommendation of a program from the Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case. Carried by a show of hands.

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1962

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

The Council of Apostles recommends the following program for the Conference:

Prayer Service from 8:00 till 9:30 A. M.
Business session from 10:00 A. M. till Noon.
Business session from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M.
Song Service at 7:30 P. M.
Preaching at 8:00 P. M.

We recommend that the United Workers be given Thursday 4:00 P. M. and Friday 4:00 P. M. for their meeting.

We further recommend that the Sunday School Association be given Friday, April 13, 9:30 till Noon for their business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

Bro. Rolland Sprague moved to adjourn until 10:00 A. M. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved to amend by adding

that the rest of the business meeting be changed to a prayer service. Seconded by Mr. A. M. Smith. Carried.

The Motion as amended carried.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton moved that Bro. Rolland Sprague and Bro. K. J. Smith be in charge of the prayer meeting. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kidd. Carried.

Closing song 123, "Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works."

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. T. J. Jordan.

Minutes of April 11, 1962—10:00 A. M. Session

Meeting called to order with Bro. T. J. Jordan in charge assisted by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Opening song No. 203, "Father Hear the Prayer We Offer." Opening prayer by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Second song No. 206, "Lord for Tomorrow and Its Needs".

Scripture reading by Bro. Clarence Wheaton: Psalms 133 and 134.

Bro. T. J. Jordan, because of health, asked Bro. Wheaton to preside for the business and return the chair to him for closing.

Minutes of April 10, 1962, 10:00 A. M. session were read and approved.

Minutes of April 10, 1962, 2:30 P. M. were read and approved as corrected.

The report of the General Church Recorder was received.

April 10, 1962

To the Church of Christ in Conference
Greetings:

Statistics compiled for the record since April 6, 1960, are as follows:

Membership on the registry April 6, 1960.....	2455
Baptisms since April 6, 1960.....	60
Received by transfer	2
Removed by death	12
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Total gain in membership for the two years.....	50
Total membership to date	2505
Infant blessings	43
Ordinations	5

Eleven of the baptisms and ten infant blessings took place in Yucatan.

Those ordained to Elders are: Bro. August L. Schwegler, St. Louis, Mo., on May 1, 1960; Bro. William E. Welsh, Columbus, Ohio, on May 29, 1960; Bro. Isaac B. Brockman, Sparta, Wisconsin, on August 5, 1960; Bro. Howard L. LaHurreau, Fort Wayne, Ind., on Jan. 29, 1961; and Bro. Curtis D. Yates, Independence, Mo., on Sept. 24, 1961.

On September 5, 1961, a local church was organized at Sandpoint, Idaho, with Elder James M. Hartley as Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Lois Harris
Recorder

First reading was given the Bishopric's recommendation for a business manager.

First reading was given the Missionary appointments.

Bro. Marvin Ely called for consideration of the Missionary appointments.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that the Missionary appointments be held in abeyance until after the Council of Twelve and the Bishopric meet in joint session this afternoon. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried by a voice vote.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., requested an extension of time from 3:30 April 11, 1962, to 10:00 A. M. April 12 for the twelve to consider the resolution of Bro. Harold Schultz regarding future membership by transfer.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to grant the request of Bro. Barton in the matter of time to report a recommendation on the resolution of Bro. Schultz. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried by a voice vote.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Minutes of the conference will be continued in the June issue.

MOTHER'S DAY

May 13th is Mother's Day. Perhaps it isn't just exactly the correct thing to do, for a mother to speak on this occasion—on this day used to honor and eulogize motherhood. But since it is Mother's Day and since I am a mother, perhaps I'll be forgiven more freely now than later. And if you, the reader, feel kindly towards your own mother, please hear me out.

On many occasions it has been my pleasure to hear beautiful tributes to motherhood. But it has always been with a keen sense of guilt and a lively recognition of my own failures as I listen to the worthy attributes of mothers extolled. I never fail to feel embarrassed and chagrined at my own weakness and many failures, as I see the virtues of Mother placed on a temporary pedestal.

It has been said that our love for our children has a touch of divinity in it because it follows "our own" in good days and in bad, in sickness and in health, in obedience and in sin. But what praise have we in this when it is not of our own doing but God has created us so. This seems to be a God-given instinct to preserve the race and I deserve no honor simply because I am the recipient. It is natural and easy to cherish and love our own, it would be difficult to do otherwise, but we don't find it so easy to love our enemies and the whole world.

Sacrifices of the mother have been recounted and praised. But as I think of any sacrifices I have ever performed for my children, including giving birth to them; it all seems so meager in comparison to their gift to me of pleasure, satisfaction, purpose, hope and love that has been mine in return. I certainly am still in their debt, for giving to my life, purpose, inspiration, contentment and something to work for.

We are also told on these occasions that mothers shape and mold the youth in the way he will grow and that: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that

rules the world." This I believe to be true, and what painful misgivings I have when I wonder if I have said, done and lived in a way that has formed my children into strong individuals capable of meeting life with a smile, sorting out its good to keep and passing on good to others. To know that the responsibility of their early training was yours and that, habits, dispositions, strength and character are formed and set to a great extent when your teaching is finished, to know this is staggering! The knowledge that if we have failed that our child will suffer later on, is in itself a punishment for our failures. So Mother's Day becomes a time for sober reflection for a mother. We feel many times unworthy of the eulogies given and we as mothers whose children are grown and on their own, find ourselves consumed with an urge to impress young mothers the with importance of their job of training their children today so they will be strong and good men and women of the future.

Mothers—yes we are proud to be mothers, but not always proud of the kind of mothers we are and have been. May God help us to realize the importance of our job!

Esther Caviness.

IN MEMORY OF OUR JUNE

By Alice Larsen

The Creator looked down
from Heaven one day
And watched our little
daughter at play.
So sweet she was
and tender and fair
That the Lord was loth
to leave her there.
So the angel of death was
permitted to come
And take our dear June
from our home.

When first she saw Death,
It stood by her brother
And she rushed to his aid
as would a mother.
Without fear or thought
of self, she tried
To save her brother,
and thus she died.
And we know as we yearn
for her touch, her voice
That although we weep
the angels rejoice.

This world is no valley
of peaceful life,
But a place of temptation,
struggle and strife
Where the children of men
must labor and pray

And hope for a time when
our Master will say,
"Well done. Come and rest.
'Tis the end of your day."

For some, the struggle
is long and slow,
As we learn not quickly
the things we should know;
And we stumble and falter,
then must regain lost ground
Lest we wander in darkness
and will not be found.

Not so for our daughter—
our joy and delight—
For her love and obedience
made our life bright.
Her eager hands learned
of service and duty,
As her bright spirit grew
in faith and in beauty.
We took almost for granted
her loving and giving
And regarded her talents
well-fitted for living.

But our God, who knows
our weakness and strength,
The depth and breadth of our life
and the length,
Watched her and loved her
with love Paternal
And knew she was fitted
for life eternal.
And we know as we yearn
for her touch, her voice
That although we weep,
the angels rejoice.

Please, God, lend us courage
and wisdom, we pray,
To show each one of our
dear ones the Way;
To teach by example,
by faith and love,
So we all will be fitted
for Thy kingdom above;
And we'll be reunited
with our dear June, once more,
Who beckons us happily
From the Paradise shore.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Verna Audrey Haenkle

Mrs. Verna Haenkle, wife of Mr. Harry Haenkle, and daughter of Apostle and Mrs. B. C. Flint, was born June 13th, 1909, at Evansville, Wisconsin, and depart-

ed this life at the hospital in Stockton, Calif., April 23rd, 1962.

She was baptized by her father Elder B. C. Flint, then a missionary for the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, but transferred with her parents to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) March 26th, 1926.

She married Mr. Harry Haenkle in 1938. Mr. Haenkle was a worker in floor coverings, laying carpets and linoleums in large department houses and various public places such as ocean going vessels, railroad cars, etc. They made their first home in Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. They later moved to Sacramento, Calif., where they continued their profession until Mr. Haenkle who was much older than Verna, was retired.

Verna spent the early part of her childhood in Evansville, Wisconsin, but when the break in the Reorganization came in 1925 and the family transferred to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) the family moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where her father became connected with the Department of State.

Her health was never good and in later years she underwent a number of major operations which finally resulted in her death. As a result of the type of work they were engaged in Verna was always isolated from church privileges, but being of a spiritual nature she often had some very remarkable spiritual experiences and was true to her gospel covenant throughout her entire life.

After her death a long distance call came to her parents in Independence, Missouri from some of the neighbors telling them of the many kindnesses she did to her neighbors everywhere. This was a great source of comfort to them.

Leaving to mourn in addition to her devoted husband who is prostrated with his loss, are her aged parents, Apostle and Mrs. B. C. Flint, two sisters Mrs. Edna Smith of Independence, Mo. and Mrs. Virgie Culp of Madison, Wis.—three nieces, three nephews, also some great nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

She was a talented artist and musician. As to her obsequies, we have no details, and under the circumstances we doubt if any will be forthcoming.

(The following tribute to our darling daughter is the real prayer of our hearts. Because of age and physical infirmities, it was impossible for us to try to make to make the trip out to California.)

"Jesus while our hearts are bleeding
O'er the spoils that death has won,
We would at this solemn meeting
Calmly say—"Thy will be done."

Though cast down, we're not forsaken;
Tho afflicted not alone;
Thou didst give, and thou hast taken;
Blessed Lord "Thy will be done."

Though today we're filled with mourning
Mercy still is on the throne;
With thy smiles of love returning,
We can say,—"Thy will be done."

By thy hand the boon was given.
Thou hast taken but thine own.
Lord of earth, and God of heaven,
Evermore,—"Thy will be done."

Elder and Mrs. B. C. Flint.

CORRECTIONS

In the April Advocate we notice the following errors in dates. On page 53, column 1, the extract from Cowdery's statement. It reads: "On Monday the 5th, I assisted him in arranging some business of an important nature, and on Tuesday, the 6th we began to write the Book of Mormon." Since it was Sunday the 5th, that Oliver Cowdery first met Joseph Smith, Monday would be the 6th and Tuesday would be the 7th, and so it reads in history.

Then on page 57, column 1, second par., the date in this should be "1867" instead of "1864". It was in 1864 that the revelation to return to Missouri was given.

PASTORAL

To The Membership and Friends of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), in Michigan, Eastern Canada, and the New England States,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Inasmuch as the late General Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), held at Independence, Missouri, April 6, to 13, 1962, has appointed me to have the Missionary supervision and general watch care of the churches in this field, I take this opportunity of addressing you, and offering my services to you in the above capacity wherever needed.

I approach this responsibility with earnestness and humility, feeling that the task is great that lies before us, to make this conference year one of progress and growth both in numbers and spirituality. I therefore pray for your wholehearted co-operation and support as fellow-workers in Christ, that we may all be instruments in the hands of our heavenly Father to promote greater Christian fellowship wherever we may labor.

The task is great. The laborers are few. The field is white for the harvest. Let us therefore go to with our mights under Christ to a successful and happy year of effort.

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REUNION NOTICES

The Missouri Reunion will be held July 28th and 29th, at Houston, Missouri on the farm of Dr. I. C. Keeny. Contact Dr. Keeny for information and directions. Address Dr. I. C. Keeny, Houston, Missouri.

The Tennessee Reunion will be held Aug. 31 to Sept. 2nd, at Puryear, Tennessee. Further information will be published when available.

The Michigan Reunion will be held Sept. 8th and 9th at 1802 Utah Street, Flint, Michigan. Contact Orville Eddy, G6160 East Bristol Street, Flint, Michigan, for further information.

WEDDING

Harris-Bruner

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

Martha Lee Harris became the bride of Rodger Earl Bruner in a double ring ceremony at the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot, Easter Sunday afternoon, April 22, before a basket arrangement of pink gladioli. Elder Rolland D. Sprague, pastor of the church, administered the vows before a near capacity congregation.

Martha is the youngest daughter of Vance and Lois Harris of Independence, and Rodger is the son of Clarence and Lois Bruner of Independence.

Original wedding songs, composed by the bride and Mary Lois Bryant, her sister, were sung by Mrs. Bryant. Margaret Mann accompanied on the organ and played "Open the Gates of the Temple" as the bride entered, and for the recessional.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a blue and white linen suit dress and a corsage of pink and white carnations. Her accessories were white. She was attended by Ellen Bruner, sister of the groom.

The best man was Robert Winkle. Acting as ushers were W. L. Morris, Lincoln, Nebr., and Loren D. Bryant of Cowgill, Mo.

Margret Gill of Augusta, Wisc., sister of the bride, cut the wedding cake at the reception in the dining hall of the church.

The young couple are making their home in Independence, and the blessing of God is asked for their guidance.

"So God created man in his own image . . . male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion . . . over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

". . . he which made them at the beginning made them male and female . . . Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh"

"Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God had joined together, let not man put asunder."



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