

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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A Memory System



Forget each kindness that you do

As soon as you have done it,

Forget the praise that falls to you

The moment that you have won it,

Forget the slanders that you hear

Before you can repeat it,

Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,

Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done

To you what e'er its measure,

Remember praise by others won

And pass it on with pleasure,

Remember every promise made

And keep it to the letter,

Remember those who lend you aid,

And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness

That comes your way in living;

Forget each worry and distress,

Be hopeful and forgiving,

Remember good, remember truth

Remember heaven's above you

And you will find through age and youth

True joys, and hearts to love you.

Anonymous.

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EDITORIAL

The first recorded communication from God to man, was a question: "Where Art Thou?" (Gen. 3:9). It is significant that this question came following the disobedient acts of mankind and their futile effort to hide this disobedience. The question could have been: "What have you done?" for in the all-seeing eye of God, nothing is hid, or nothing secret, and every thought and deed is an open record before him.

This is still the main question being asked of man: "Where art thou?" and it denotes a separation of man from God by disobedience, a separation not of God's seeking nor to his liking, but of man's doing. It is a separation that through the ages God has been offering to close. God's voice speaking through the silver-tongued prophet, Isaiah, echoes through the years: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:6-7). Time and time again this offer has been repeated, entreating man's return to God.

Today in the complex life of (so-called) civilized man, the question, "where art thou?" takes on a deeper meaning. Where are **you** today? Where do **you** stand? To what do **you** give active support? To what do **you** give "silent" consent? Benjamin Franklin once said: "Just as we must give an accounting for every idle word, so must we for ever idle silence." To what degree of honesty do you hold? The highest? The least? Or some where in between? Man is being tried by the same standard of perfection as always—God's yardstick never varies. Merely because there are more decisions to be made, this does not excuse us from the test. When the retarding, degrading influences that surround us, touch our lives or the lives of those who look to us for guidance, where do we stand? How many traffic laws do we observe when we know we won't be caught?

The world today is the work of man. The world tomorrow will be no different if man remains the same. What can you do to improve it? You can make your influence be felt for good wherever life may find you. You can measure your own reactions to falsehood, dishonesty, unkindness, tale-bearing, hate, envy, jealously, selfishness and strife by this golden yardstick of Christ: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

Only when we are separated from God will He ask: "Where art thou?" The sheep in the fold are safe. How much distance are we putting between ourselves and God by our willful disobedience? How far have we wandered? Can we still hear when God calls us by name and asks: "Where art thou?" For you can be sure that:

"To every man there openeth
A way, and Ways, and a Way.
And the High Soul climbs the High Way
And the Low Soul gropes the Low;
And in between on the misty flats,

The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way and a Low,
And every man decideth
The way his Soul should go."

John Oxenham
O. A. C.

WORD FROM THE EDITORS

The Advocate can be what you make it. Do you have something good? Send it in. But in soliciting articles the editors ask that you consider these points: That they affirm the gospel of Christ. That they be missionary in point of view. That they are not controversial subjects. That they be clear and concise in thought and context. That they be short enough to be complete in one issue of the Advocate.

Thank You.

(Editor's Note: This is June, the month of marriages, so what could be more appropriate than to refresh our own minds and to tell others, what our church teaches concerning marriage? So we reprint from the Advocate for January 1950 the following.)

WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TEACHES CONCERNING MARRIAGE

By

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton and Angela Wheaton

Because of our belief in the Book of Mormon we are often confused with the Latter Day Saints in Utah, and reproached with the crime of polygamy and other related false doctrines, which the uninformed, ignorant and prejudiced religionist allege is taught in the Book of Mormon, in an effort to confuse, bias and discourage the earnest investigator of the latter-day Restoration message.

This Church of Christ, which was founded by divine direction of God to Joseph Smith, Jr., in Fayette, Seneca County, New York, in 1830, has never taught polygamy, neither believed in nor practiced it, nor been associated with any organization which has or does teach it. We believe the teaching and practice of such a doctrine is a crime against God and the state, and out of harmony with the plain teachings of the Bible and the Book of Mormon, as well as the inspired revelations of God to this Church of Christ in these last days. We therefore invite all men everywhere to correctly represent this matter regardless of what their religious persuasions might be. Therefore, in answer to the oft-repeated inquiry as to our beliefs on this subject, and as to what the Book of Mormon has to say, we present this brief resume for your consideration.

1. The following statement from the revelations given by the Lord through Joseph Smith, Jr., in March, 1831, says: "And again, I say unto you, that whoso forbiddeth to marry, is not ordained of God, FOR MARRIAGE IS ORDAINED OF GOD TO MAN:

"WHEREFORE IT IS LAWFUL THAT HE SHOULD HAVE ONE WIFE, AND THEY TWAIN, SHALL BE ONE FLESH, and all this that the earth might answer the end of its creation and that it might be filled with the measure of man, according to his creation, before the world was made."—Book of Commandments 52:16-17.

2. From the Articles of Faith and Practice of the Church of Christ, Article 20, we quote the following:

"We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the LAW OF GOD PROVIDES FOR BUT ONE COMPANION IN WEDLOCK FOR EITHER MAN OR WOMAN. In case of a breach of this covenant by adultery, the innocent one may remarry."

3. (a) Concerning marriage and the crime of polygamy, the Book of Mormon teaches the following, which with the Bible, is the basis of the belief and the practice of the Church of Christ on this question as set forth above:

"Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord,

"Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up upon me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph.

"Wherefore, I, the Lord God, will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old.

"Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: FOR THERE SHALL NOT ANY MAN AMONG YOU HAVE SAVE IT BE ONE WIFE; AND CONCUBINES HE SHALL HAVE NONE: for I, the the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women.

"And whoredoms are an abomination before me; thus saith the Lord of Hosts."—Book of Mormon, Jacob 2:33 to 37.

(b) In connection with that which we have above quoted from the Book of Mormon, we wish to include

the following from the Holy Bible showing that Christ taught monogamy:

"And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife (NOT WIVES); and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore, they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."—Matthew 19:5-6.

We wish to state for the enlightenment of all people that we hold marriage to be one of the most solemn and sacred covenants that God has enjoined upon Christian people by the teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that inasmuch as this Church of Christ accepts these teachings as above cited from its standard books of faith we declare that from the beginning of time, marriage has been recognized of God as a divine institution, in which one man shall have but one wife, and one woman but one husband; and the State also recognizes it as a wise provision necessary for the welfare and happiness of the race. In the beginning, before sin entered into the world and man was still in his innocency, God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him," (nothing was here or elsewhere said about a plurality of help meets). Infinite wisdom designed the marital relationship for the human race to be monogamic in order to increase its happiness and to restrain improper and lustful affections. Monogamy is thus ordained by an all-wise Heavenly Father as the foundation of congenial home life, that integrity and righteousness might be cherished and impressed upon posterity, thus building a strong social order worthy to endure through all ages.

So sacred and holy is this state of wedlock considered, that the word of God declares it to be the true emblem of the inseparable bond that unites Christ and His Church. In this respect He said, "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."

In view of these facts, the earnest student of the Restored Gospel can readily see the harmony of teaching of the Church of Christ, as set forth in the standard books of the Church, and we affirm that no justification exists for the charge that the Book of Mormon advocates plurality of wives, or polygamy, but to the contrary. For it plainly teaches "There shall not any man among you have save it be one wife and concubines he shall have none."

MINUTES OF 1962 CONFERENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)

April 11, 1962 — 10:00 A. M. Session

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we take up the recommendation of the Bishopric in regard to the office of business manager. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that we concur with the recommendation of the Bishopric on the business manager. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schuyler. Carried with one opposing.

To the Ministers Conference Assembled
Greetings:

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1962

The General Bishopric by unanimous action recommend that Bro. Vance H. Harris be the Business Manager for the coming year.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to him for the long hours of service that he has rendered to the church during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

The General Bishopric
(Signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Secretary

Bro. Thomas Barton, Sr., as chairman of the Council of Twelve, gave a verbal report on the matter of the Editor and Associate Editors, stating that there was not enough time for them to consider a change and suggested we fill these positions.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved to proceed to elect an Editor and Associate Editors. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried by a voice vote.

Nominations for Editor:

Oren Caviness—43
Robert Jensen—(declined)
Forest Maley—21
Nicholas Denham—(declined)
Archie F. Bell—(declined)
William Sheldon—(declined)
Joseph Kidd—4

Nominations were declared closed and a vote taken resulting in the election of Bro. Oren Caviness as registered above.

Nominations for Associate Editors:

James A. Hedrick—29
Esther Caviness—39
Forest Maley—18
Ed McIndoo—44

Nominations declared closed and the vote as registered resulted in the election of Esther Caviness and Ed McIndoo as Associate Editors.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we waive the deadline to allow the Board of Publications to bring in a resolution to the conference. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried unanimously.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to adjourn until 2:00 P. M. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kidd.

Bro. Clarence Wheaton returned the chair to Bro. T. J. Jordan.

A vote was taken on the motion to adjourn which carried.

Closing song No. 100 "This God Is the God We Adore."

Closing prayer by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.

MINUTES OF 1962 CONFERENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)

Minutes of April 11, 1962—2:00 P. M. Session

Meeting was called to order at 2:28 P. M. with Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., in charge. Opening song No. 298, "O Jesus I Have Promised." Opening prayer by Bro. C. Flint. Second song No. 175, "Guide Us O Thou Great Jehovah."

Minutes of April 11, 1962, 10:00 A. M. session were read and approved.

A letter from Ticul, Yucatan, was read.

Bro. William Sheldon moved that this letter together with the other letter on the table be referred to the Council of Twelve for their consideration and recommendation. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as a substitute that we appoint a committee of five elders, not of the Twelve, to review these items as an investigating committee and report back to this body. Seconded by Bro. Vance Harris.

Bro. William F. Anderson called for the previous question. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion which lost—23 for, 33 against.

A vote was taken on the motion to refer which carried—34 for, 18 against.

(Note: the conference voted to leave the letters with the Council of Twelve until adjustments can be made. See minutes of April 13—Conference Secretary).

The report of the business manager was received.

April 11, 1962

To the General Bishopric and
To the General Conference
Greetings:

I am attaching herewith the Auditor's Report of examination of the account books of the church for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1962.

Our tithes were \$2,341.11 less than the previous year and total receipts were \$1,075.11 less for the same period.

Our expenditures in 1961 were \$15,362.99 and \$16,896.77 in 1962, an increase of \$1,533.78.

Our New Building Fund and the Temple Fund increased \$302.71 of which \$258.38 was interest on the accounts.

Our General Church expenses for maintenance and repair of the church building was \$2,127.77.

The members of the Independence Local on the Temple Lot donated a total of \$1,636.85 of this amount which was used to replace the old roof, new windows in the dining room and Bishops' office, and new carpet in the auditorium. The previous year the Independence Local on the Temple Lot bought a new furnace and aluminum storms and screens for the upper auditorium. They have given approximately \$2,500.00 to repair and maintenance the last two years.

The new venetian blinds in the dining room were paid for by a member of the Independence Local (Temple Lot) and this expenditure is not recorded in our records.

Even though our receipts are somewhat lower than for the previous year, the General Fund balance has increased and our present bank balance is \$2,653.92 more than last year.

I wish to make apology for the lateness of some receipts going out which was due mainly to existing conditions during the year.

I certainly appreciate the prayers offered in my behalf during my stay at the hospital and the months following, and may each one who took part be blessed in their daily life for so doing.

I shall be pleased to answer any questions put forth by the membership if it will help to explain our records in behalf of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Vance H. Harris
Business Manager

The Auditor's report was given first reading.
Report of the Board of Publications was received.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Board of Publications
Annual Report

To: The Church of Christ
Conference Assembled

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Publications was staffed by the same members as last year. The 1961 Conference appointed the same members to continue in office in lieu of selecting new ones to replace those whose terms had expired.

No meetings were held by the Board during the year 1961-62. However, it became the Board's duty to select a person to fill the vacancy left on the Editorial Staff of Zion's Advocate by Bro. Nicholas Denham's resignation. Sister Metta Anderson was appointed to fill the vacancy in a ballot taken by mail.

This is the extent of the work completed by your Board of Publications during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Maley
Sec'y., Board of Publications

Recommendation from the Board of Publications was given first reading.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to waive the second reading and consider the Auditor's Report. Seconded by Bro. K. J. Smith. Carried.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved we approve the Auditor's report and spread it on our minutes. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried unanimously.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that we accept the report of the Board of Publications and concur in their recommendations. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel.

Inasmuch as this was referendum matter a vote of the ministers was called for and taken. The motion carried—26 for, none against. A vote of the body was then taken and the body approved unanimously.

**A BILL OUTLINING THE DUTIES OF THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS**

The Board of Publications has in the past found itself hampered in performing its duties, functions and operations by existing rules. Some examples are as follows:

1. The board found itself limited by former action which restricted the Board's right to correct grammar and punctuation in manuscript material submitted to the Board for approval and publication.

2. We found ourselves limited to accessibility of funds and their disbursement for publications.

3. In organization we found ourselves hampered by the past practice of having the General Church Business Manager acting automatically as chairman of the board. This not only has added to the manifold duties of the Business Manager but it also has denied the Board of Publications the right to choose its own chairman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BILL OUTLINING THE FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS BE ADOPTED:

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

A. OFFICERS

1. Five Elders

2. Two of the chairs on the Board are to be filled by one Bishop and one Apostle.

B. TERM OF OFFICE

1. To be elected in two pairs of two and one singly.

C. MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

1. Meetings to be held as appointed by the Chairman or by agreement of the members.
2. Chairman of the Board to be elected each year after General Conference appointments are made. The Secretary of the Board shall also be appointed at this time.

II. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

A. PUBLICATIONS

1. Editing Rights
 - a. To edit all material for church publications except Zion's Advocate.
 - b. To correct grammar, punctuation and manner of presentation.
 - c. To check for doctrinal content.
 - d. To draft all church forms.

III. FUNDS FOR OPERATION

A. REVOLVING BOOK AND TRACT FUND

1. Books and tracts published are to be sold and the funds returned to the Book and Tract Fund for the publishing of new material.
2. The Board of Publications to establish prices to cover:
 - a. Postage and handling
 - b. Missionary copies
 - c. Cost of publication, etc.
3. Moneys of the Board to be handled by the Bishopric in a special fund and disbursed at the discretion of the Board of Publications.
 - a. The member of the Board of Publications who is a member of the Bishopric is to be able to give financial status reports to the Board at their appointed meetings.
4. The Board of Publications cannot obligate themselves financially beyond the limits of the Book and Tract Fund.

B. STARTING APPROPRIATION OF THE BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

1. \$2,000.00
 - a. To be raised from present church funds.
 - b. All printing of books and tracts by the Church of Christ to be charged to this fund.
 - c. This fund can also be used to purchase books and tracts for resale.

BE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT:

All former action pertaining to the Board of Publication is to stand rescinded with the adoption of the above resolution or as may be amended.

(Signed) Kenneth J. Smith

(Signed) Vance H. Harris

Bro. William F. Anderson moved to adjourn until 10:00 A. M. Seconded by Bro. Ed McIndoo. Carried.

Closing song No. 263, "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Closing prayer by Bro. Leon Yates.

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

Minutes of April 12, 1962—10:00 A. M. Session.

Meeting called to order at 10:08 A. M. with Bro. William Sheldon in charge assisted by Bro. William F. Anderson. Opening song No. 115, "Our God Our Help." Opening prayer by Bro. William F. Anderson. Second song No. 61, "Father of All."

The minutes of April 11, 1962, 2:00 P. M. session were read and approved.

The report from the Jurisprudence committee was given first reading.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved to approve the missionary appointments. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved as a substitute to defer action until the reading of the report and statement of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved to hear the report of the Twelve and the statement of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Seconded by Bro. Oren Caviness. Carried by a voice vote.

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

Transmitted herewith is a statement made by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, which was read before the Council of Apostles and is forwarded on to the Conference, without comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCE MINUTES April 12, 1962, 10:00 A. M. Session

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

In view of the action taken by the General Conference on April 9, 1962, relative to the report of the members present of the Council of Twelve, Investigation Commission, Elders' Court, the Bishopric, the Bishops' Court and the Conference appointed Investigation Committee, the following statements are made. The report was as follows:

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's 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 referred to in this case shall be sufficient grounds for initiating new charges based upon such new evidence; And be it further resolved that any letters or materials 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.

And in view of the further fact that in consultation with the Secretary of the Council of Twelve, Apostle Archie F. Bell, I have been informed that the documents referred to as necessary to be retracted are, the letter addressed to Mr. Ralph Stone, attorney-at-law, under date of August 8, 1960, and the document addressed To the Membership of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Scattered Abroad, dated, August 22, 1960.

Therefore, I, Clarence L. Wheaton, do hereby state that I was in error in the following instances:

1. Based upon such information as was at hand at the time, I addressed the communication to Mr. Ralph Stone, I made this

"It appears that the very act of sending me to Israel was an act of conspiracy to get us out of the way", etc. See page 2, of said Stone Letter; and again

"In regard to the funds of the General Church, they entered into a conspiracy at the late Conference to the effect that if we came to Wales (and that has been entirely at our own expense), that our allowance would be cut off until we should return to the United States," etc.

Since returning to the United States, I have been informed that such statements were unfounded, and should not have been made. I, therefore, feel that I was in error issuing such statements to my attorney or any one else, and wish by this means to offer my sincere apologies to all who were affected in my having done so.

I will further state that all documents which were put into the hands of Mr. Stone, were returned to me over a year ago, and that no such documents now appear in his files.

In view of the above stated circumstances, I pray that on this phase of the matter, I have sufficiently covered the grounds to merit the forgiveness of my brethren of the Twelve, and the General Bishopric, and all others who have been grieved by this communication.

Copies of this document, if I recall correctly, were sent only to members of the Council of Twelve and the General Bishopric. I do not recall sending it to any other person or persons.

2. Relative to the "Appeal", I sent from Gilloch Goch, Wales, under date of August 22, 1960, I wish to state that I erred in sending this document out to the membership of the Church. Such information and statements as contained therein should not have been written and sent out.

Some of these statement relative to my brethren of the Twelve, I made without due consideration of the harm they might do the Church if circulated among the membership. After more serious consideration, I now see this grave possibility and now can truly say, that making these statements was unwise on my part and I am sincerely sorry for any injury they have caused the Church or my brothers and sisters in the gospel bonds.

This document instead of being sent out to the membership of the Church, should have been presented before the Council of Twelve and been disposed of according to the procedures set up in the Church laws and rules.

I therefore, ask forgiveness for this breach of ethics.

Other than these documents, there has nothing else been published or broadcast by me as far as I can recollect. Copies of these two documents attached, are hereby filed with this statement.

I therefore, hope and pray that this will end the controversy and that we each shall go about the Lord's work to which we have been called.

Most sincerely,

(Signed) Clarence L. Wheaton

Bro. Denver Chapman moved that we accept the apologies of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., as a body, as set forth in the document presented by him. Seconded by Bro. Ed Podhola.

Sr. Doris Sheldon moved as a substitute that this body accept this apology of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton, Sr., and the report be printed in the Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Joe Kidd.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel called for the previous question which carried.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion which lost—14 for, and 41 against.

A vote was then taken on the main motion which carried unanimously.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that this action and the apology and all related documents be filed with the Council of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. K. J. Smith. Carried by a show of hands.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that we concur in the verbal request of the Twelve and extend the time limit for the report of the Council in regard to the transfer of membership to 2:00 P. M. Seconded by Sr. Bertice Aldridge. Carried.

The missionary appointments were taken up and it was decided that to expedite matters they would be read individually and a vote taken immediately of those in favor and those opposed to the appointment.

April 10, 1962

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

The Council of Apostles recommends the following appointments:

Apostle William F. Anderson be appointed to be the General Church Representative in the office.

Apostle Leon A. Gould—In retirement as per conference action of 1961.

Apostle T. J. Jordan—Missionary to Saskatchewan, Manitoba in Canada and Minnesota in the United States.

Apostle B. C. Flint—Missionary to Iowa and Wisconsin.

Apostle A. M. Smith—Missionary to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, and the European Mission.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton—Missionary to Michigan, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New York, Vermont, Maine, Delaware, Connecticut, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Canada (east to line between Manitoba and Ontario), New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Apostle T. E. Barton—Missionary in charge of Colorado.

Apostle A. F. Bell—Missionary to Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, Nevada, Northern California, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, Washington, British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territory and Alaska.

Apostle E. L. Yates—Arizona, Southern California and the Republic of Mexico.

Apostle Don W. Housknecht—Missionary to North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, jointly with Apostle William A. Sheldon.

Apostle William A. Sheldon—Missionary to North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, jointly with Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

Respectfully submitted,

The Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

Vote was taken on the appointments as follows:

Apostle William F. Anderson be appointed to be the General Church Representative in the office. Carried unanimously.

Apostle Leon A. Gould—In retirement as per conference action of 1961. Carried unanimously.

Apostle T. J. Jordan—Missionary to Saskatchewan, Manitoba in Canada and Minnesota in the United States. Carried unanimously.

Apostle B. C. Flint—Missionary to Iowa and Wisconsin. Carried with one opposing.

Apostle A. M. Smith—Missionary to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, and the European Mission. Carried with three opposing.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton—Missionary to Michigan, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New York, Vermont, Maine, Delaware, Connecticut, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Canada (east to a line between Manitoba and Ontario), New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Carried unanimously.

Apostle T. E. Barton—Missionary in charge of Colorado. Carried with one opposing.

Apostle Archie F. Bell—Missionary to Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, Nevada, Northern California, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, Washington, British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territory and Alaska. Carried with one opposing.

Apostle E. L. Yates—Arizona, Southern California and Republic of Mexico.

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved to defer this appointment until a report from the Twelve is received on the letters referred to them. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried 30 for, 28 against.

Apostle Don W. Housknecht—Missionary to North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas jointly with Apostle William A. Sheldon.

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved to refer the appointment of Bro. Housknecht to the Twelve for their reconsideration. Seconded by Bro. Harold Gill. Carried 40 for, 5 against.

Apostle William A. Sheldon—Missionary to North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. Carried.

Declared adjourned until 2:00 P. M. by the chair.

Closing song No. 179, "Come, O Thou King of Kings."

Prayer by Bro. William F. Anderson.

MINUTES OF 1962 CONFERENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)

Minutes of April 12, 1962, 2:00 P. M. Session

Meeting called to order with Bro. William F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Opening song No. 21, "Unmoved by Fear." Opening prayer by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.

Minutes of April 12, 1962 10:00 A. M. session were read and approved.

First reading was given the following documents:

Recommendation of the joint councils in regard to bishops in the field.

Estimated expenditures.

Report of Twelve on transfer of membership resolution which was referred for their recommendation.

Recommendation of the Twelve on missionary appointments.

Bro. William Sheldon called for second reading of the report from the committee to study Jurisprudence.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we accept the report and grant their request for more time. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT—COMMITTEE ON RULES OF JURISPRUDENCE

April 12, 1962

To the Conference Assembled:

The committee appointed to consider the proposed revised Rules of Jurisprudence has begun their work. A request is made that the committee be permitted to continue their work during the coming year in order to devote adequate time and effort to this task.

Robert H. Jensen
Temporary Chairman

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton called for second reading and consideration of the joint councils recommendation in regard to Bishop missionary appointments.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to concur in this recommendation. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried.

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1962

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

The Joint Council of the Council of Apostles and the General Bishopric approved a recommendation that Bishops Vance H. Harris and John A. Sween be appointed to labor in the field for the coming year, as circumstances may permit.

Respectfully submitted

The Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell, Secretary
The General Bishopric
(Signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.,
Secretary

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton called for second reading of Estimated Expenditures.

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved the Estimated Expenditures be approved as read. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1962

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

The Joint Council of the Council of Apostles and the General Bishopric approved and recommend to the conference the following:

A Statement of Estimated Expenditures for the Conference Year 1962-63.

Family Allowances	\$ 13,000.00
Elders' Expense	
Yucatan Mission	1,500.00
European Mission	120.00
General	2,000.00
Yucatan School	1,000.00
Aid	2,280.00
Advocate Regular	\$2,100.00
Referendum	600.00 2,700.00
Books and Tracts	2,000.00
General Church Expense	2,500.00
General Office Expense	500.00
TOTAL	\$ 27,500.00
Proposed Future Projects:	
New Building	\$100,000.00
Home for the Aged	10,000.00

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TOTAL.....\$110,000.00

Total Expenses and Projects\$137,500.00

Respectfull submitted,

The Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary
The General Bishopric
(Signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary

Bro. William Sheldon called for consideration of the missionary appointments as recommended by the Council of Twelve.

Bro. Ed. McIndoo moved to approve the recommendation as read. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kidd. Carried with two opposing.

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1962

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

The Council of Apostles wish to recommend the following appointments:

Yucatan and the Republic of Mexico. To be in charge of the Council of Apostles and that no one from the Council go there unless a majority of the Council approve their going.

Apostle E. L. Yates. To be appointed to the States of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Southern California.

This would make it necessary to change New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana from being appointed in the field of Apostle William A. Sheldon to the field of Apostle E. L. Yates.

The Council of Apostles recommend that Apostle Don W. Hounknecht be not given a field of appointment for the conference year as per his request.

Further appointments will be considered at the next meeting of the Council of Apostles.

Respectfully submitted,

Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton called for second reading of the report on the resolution concerning membership by transfer from R.L.D.S.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved we approve this report and recommendation and send it to referendum. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried in ministerial vote—21 for, 2 against.

A STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE STATUS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

To Whom It May Concern
Greeting:

Whereas there has been wide publicity given in the daily press to the claims that the Church of Christ, with headquarters on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri, broke away from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and whereas, there has arisen a question in the minds of some relative to receiving individuals from the R.L.D.S. Church on their original baptisms, and with their priesthood,

Therefore, be it known to all men, that this Church of Christ was never at any time a part of the R.L.D.S. Church, but has maintained its standing and integrity as a remnant of the Church of

Christ established on the sixth day of April 1830, which was organized by Joseph Smith and six Elders, at Fayette Township, Seneca County, New York, in the home of Peter Whitmer. It has never been disorganized nor reorganized, but maintained its early connections with said Church of Christ in New York, as a group of local churches calling themselves the Crow Creek Branch of the Church of Christ in Woodford County, Illinois, later to remove as a body to Independence, Missouri, in 1867 following which date, as opportunity offered, they purchased the property known as the Temple Lots, which they still own to this day, which has been dedicated for the building of the Temple, and

Be it further known that the R.L.D.S. Church was composed of fragments of the early 1830 Church of Christ, who were located in the vicinity of Beloit, Wisconsin, who amalgamated in 1860 under the name of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and accepted Joseph Smith, III, as their President, and

Be it known that through the years from about 1890, these two divisions of the Restoration, though duly elected committees endeavored to reach points of agreement, on which they might unite as one organization, until through these efforts, there were by 1918 some twenty-four points of agreement reached, which when presented to their respective Conferences were ratified as a Working Agreement of Harmony.

Among other points of agreement reached was one in which they mutually accepted each other's priesthood and baptisms as authoritative, when traced through valid original sources back to the hands of Joseph Smith and the angel who placed this authority upon him.

In view of these facts the Church of Christ has accepted by transfer, after an examination of their status, such persons from the R.L.D.S. Church who have complied with these provisions, on their original baptisms and ordinations, as being equal and on a par with those of the Church of Christ and acknowledged such as our brethren.

Thus from 1916 down to 1926 this was the accepted position and action of this Church of Christ and inasmuch as the R.L.D.S. Church, by conference action did abrogate this Agreement of Working Harmony in 1926, it therefor became necessary for this Church of Christ to limit the transfer of membership to those who had been thus ordained and baptised prior to April 6, 1926.

Therefore, we the Church of Christ, in General Conference assembled do hereby declare that all persons thus transferred on the above terms, are validly baptized members of this church, and where priesthood has thus been conferred, that the official acts of such ministry, when acting in accord with the laws and usages of said Church, are valid and binding upon the said Church of Christ, and its members through the World, and we hold that wherever there are those even to this present time or in the future who are able to comply with these terms and are desirous of association with this Church of Christ, that they are likewise eligible to membership with us.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to approve recommendation from the Council of Apostles in regard to Apostle Don W. Housknecht and his missionary appointment. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that the press committee be instructed to submit the matter on transfer to the Independence Examiner, Kansas City Star, and Pictorial News with the request that it be printed as a news item and further if this request is not granted that space be purchased in a prominent place in the Independence Examiner to publish this resolution. Seconded by Bro. Joe Kidd.

Bro. H. B. Schultz moved to amend that this document also be submitted to the United Press and Associated Press News Services. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Vote on amendment carried unanimously.

Vote on motion as amended carried unanimously.

Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

Closing song No. 97, "Brethren, Breathe One Fervent Prayer."

Prayer by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.

MINUTES OF 1962 CONFERENCE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Temple Lot)

Minutes of April 13, 1962—2:00 P. M. Session

Meeting opened at 2:40 P. M. with Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton in charge, assisted by Bro. Tom Barton, Sr. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Barton.

The minutes of April 12, 2:00 P. M. session was read and approved.

The report of the General Sunday School Association was received.

Independence, Missouri
April 13, 1962

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

The assembly of the General Sunday School Association was called to order at 10:00 A. M. April 13, 1962, by Bro. James A. Hedrick, Superintendent.

Opening Song No. 123, "Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works", opening prayer was given by Bro. Leslie P. Case. Second song No. 182, "Shall We Gather Home to Zion."

The minutes of April 8, 1961 were read and accepted.

Reports were read and approved from the Ass't. Superintendent and Treasurer, and the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Quarterly Committee was read and accepted.

Reports from local Sunday Schools were received and read. They were from:

Georgeville, Missouri
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Milkwaukee, Wisconsin
Grand Junction, Colorado
Collins, Missouri
Independence, Missouri, Temple Lot

A letter of resignation from the Quarterly Committee was read. It was moved that we accept this resignation and proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination. Seconded and carried. Bro. Don McIndoo was elected for a one-year term.

The election of officers was taken up with the following officers being elected.

Bro. James A. Hedrick, Superintendent; Bro. Leslie P. Case as Ass't. Superintendent and Treasurer; Sr. Caroline Hedrick as Secretary; Bro. Marvin Ely as a member of the Quarterly Committee for a 3-year term; Bro. Harold Gill, to the Auditing Committee for a 3-year term; and Bro. Denver Chapman to the Translation Committee for a 3-year term.

We were declared adjourned until 1963 at the appointed day and hour.

Closing song No. 107, "Home, Home, Sweet Sweet Home."

Closing prayer by Bro. Leslie P. Case.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Hedrick, Sec'y

The report of the United Workers was received.

To the Church of Christ in Conference
Greetings:

April 13, 1962

Nineteen women were present at the 1961 United Workers' General meeting which convened at 4:00 P. M., April 10, with the Chairman, Sr. Metta Anderson in charge. One verse of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung after which Sr. Freda Flint offered the prayer.

Sr. Edna Smith was chosen to act as secretary and treasurer for the meeting in the absence of the secretary, Sr. Lois Harris, and the treasurer, Sr. Bertha Case.

The secretary's and treasurer's report were read and received for the minutes. The treasurer's report showed a balance brought forward of \$449.20. Collections at this meeting totaled \$49.05. \$19.65 of this was for the Old Folks Home Fund. \$29.00 was a special collection raised and sent by money order to a family in need. The treasurer's balance was \$468.95 and \$467.21 of this amount is the Old Folks Home Fund.

Reports from the East Independence and Independence Temple Lot Locals were read and accepted for the minutes. Sr. Sybil Ely reported orally that work on a building in which to worship had already begun in Grand Junction, Colorado. The sisters there have been busy in varied activities throughout the year. Collections were used for needy ones and the church building fund.

Sr. Minnie Smith has been helping the East Independence Local with their building fund by selling fancy work in the missionary field. She said that she would be happy to help any other local in the same way as she is able.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Sr. Metta Anderson, chairman; Sr. Sylvia Rudd, assistant chairman; Sr. Lois Harris, secretary; Sr. Doris Sheldon, treasurer; and Sr. Minnie Smith, member at large.

During the course of the meeting Sr. Metta Rupe and Sr. Edna Smith favored us with a duet entitled, "Evening Prayer." Sr. Ruth Willard gave a talk on our duties as mothers, grandmothers and wives, and Sr. Doris Sheldon gave a pep talk offering encouragement to each locality to organize a United Workers unit. She stressed that if a local had no special project in mind that contributions might be made to the Old Folks Home Fund.

We were dismissed with prayer by Sr. Doris Sheldon.

The above minutes from the United Workers' meeting on April 10, 1961, were not published in the Zion's Advocate with the minutes of the conference last year as they were among the documents on the table at the time conference adjourned.

The General United Workers' meeting for April 12, 1962, was called to order by the assistant chairman Sr. Silva Rudd, at 3:35 P. M. The first and last verses of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" were sung after which prayer was offered by Sr. Lois Harris. Seventeen members were present.

The chairman, Sr. Metta Anderson, was not able to be with us because of illness. We pass along and echo an "Amen" to her written greeting: "May we poor, weak handmaidens—as we so often call ourselves—not be weak any longer. There is so much to do, and so little time to do it."

The minutes of the 1961 meeting were read and approved. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and received for the minutes.

The treasurer's report showed a forwarding balance of \$468.95. The collection for the Old Folks Home Fund at this meeting was \$16.84 (\$8.00 from Grand Junction, Colo.). The regular collection amounted to \$5.55. The total treasurer's balance is \$491.34 of which \$484.05 is the Old Folks Home Fund.

Written reports from the two Independence United Workers' locals and the Grand Junction, Colorado, local were read and accepted.

The result of the election of officers is as follows: Sr. Silva Rudd, chairman; Sr. Edna Smith, assistant chairman; Sr. Lois Harris, secretary; Sr. Doris Sheldon, treasurer; and Sr. Minnie Smith, member at large.

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The motion carried unanimously to send a greeting signed by all present to our out-going chairman, Sr. Metta Anderson, expressing our appreciation for her services and our regret that she was not able to meet with us.

The climax of the meeting was a short program. Sr. Edna Smith sang a solo, "Christ of the Galilee Road," an original paper, "Worship through Study" by Mrs. Lillian Cross, was read by Sr. Lois Harris; and, the following poem, "Kitchen Sink Reminder" was read by Sr. Silva Rudd.

"Thank God for dirty dishes
They have a tale to tell,
While others go hungry,
We are eating very well.
With home and health and happiness,
I shouldn't want to fuss
For by this stack of "Evidence"
God's very good to us."

This poem can be an inspiration to all the ladies. Let us clip it out and place in near the kitchen sink then when the task of cleaning those dirty dishes appears formidable, let us read the poem and be thankful for them.

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" was sung to close our meeting. Sr. Shaw offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Lois Harris, Secretary
(Signed) Silva Rudd, Chairman

The report of the Dining Hall Committee was read, and received.

April 13, 1962

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

The kitchen committee takes pleasure in reporting our activities this year. We have had the best of cooperation from everyone. Words cannot express our appreciation.

Besides the many donations of supplies, of canned goods from far and wide we have received money, and best wishes not only for the kitchen committee but wishes for the conference.

Our financial report as of April 12, 1962:

Balance on hand from last year	\$263.76	
Interest on Bank Account	12.37	
Donations	439.02	
TOTAL	\$715.15	\$715.15
EXPENSES:		
Equipment	\$194.17	
Groceries	183.06	
TOTAL	\$377.23	\$377.23
Balance on hand		\$337.92

The outstanding debt of \$43.41 for milk and cheese will leave \$294.51. There will be still more expenses to be settled as well as income after conference is over.

The balance will not finance the new stove needed in the kitchen. It is our hope that as God provides our needs we will continue to work for this goal.

The three Local women's organizations donated the new plastic dishes, which we have all enjoyed; diners and dishwashers alike.

We appreciate the many expressions of satisfaction and hope to continue to satisfy.

Respectfully the Kitchen Committee

First reading was given the report of the Council of Twelve on the letters from Yucatan referred to them.

First reading was given the recommendation of the Council of Twelve in regard to family allowances.

Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Council of Twelve in regard to family allowances. Seconded by Bro. Kenneth Smith.

After some discussion Bro. Ed McIndoo moved the Previous Question, seconded by Bro. Kenneth Smith. Carried.

The motion to adopt carried—36 for, 7 against.

Independence, Missouri
April 13, 1962

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

The Council of Apostles recommends the following:

That no missionary family allowance be permitted outside the Council of Twelve until there is sufficient funds over the needs of the families of every member of the Twelve who wish to go into the field.

Respectfully submitted,

Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that every member of the Council of Twelve who have accepted appointments, file with the General Bishopric a report of any income they receive other than from the General Church. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz.

After discussion Bro. Marvin Ely moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried by a voice vote.

A vote was then taken on the incidental motion which lost—11 for, 36 against.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that all of the 70s be given appointment to labor as circumstances permit in the fields where they live. Seconded by Sr. Angela Wheaton.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved to amend by inserting after "70s" the words "and Elders". Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend further by adding that this be a standing appointment and be sent out to referendum. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case.

Bro. Joseph Kidd moved the previous question seconded by Bro. Kenneth Smith. The previous question carried.

A vote was then taken on the second amendment which lost in a ministerial vote—4 for, 10 against.

A vote was then taken on the amendment by Bro. A. M. Smith which carried.

A vote on the motion as amended carried unanimously.

The recommendation of the Twelve regarding an arbitration committee was given first reading.

Bro. Kenneth Smith moved the adoption of the recommendation from the Twelve regarding arbitration of matters in Yucatan. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to amend by adding that Bro. Ferando Ojeda be appointed to assist in this matter. Seconded by Sr. Lois Harris.

Bro. Arthur G. Smith moved to refer the matter back to the Council of Twelve for their reconsideration. Seconded by Bro. Kenneth Smith. The motion to refer lost by a show of hands.

A vote was then taken on the amendment which carried—44 for, 3 against.

The motion as amended carried with two opposing.

Independence, Missouri
April 13, 1962

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

The Council of Apostles beg to report the following:

Bro. Archie F. Bell has been chosen to go to Yucatan to try to arbitrate the difficulty there and Brother E. L. Yates has been chosen to go along to assist in the matter.

(Amendment) And Bro. Fernando Ojeda be appointed to assist in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton called for consideration of the report of the Council of Twelve in the letters from Yucatan referred to them.

Bro. Oren Caviness moved that we concur with the recommendations of the Twelve in their report. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

After some discussion Bro. Ed McIndoo moved the previous question. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried by voice vote with one opposing.

A vote was taken on the motion to concur which carried—39 for, 5 against.

April 13, 1962

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

The Council of Apostles beg to make the following report:

The Council of Apostles recommends that the matter pertaining to the petitions and letters referred to the Council of Twelve shall be left with that body until adjustments can be made; and that

The appointments of Brethren Fernando Ojeda and Cayetano Alfaro be held in abeyance until that time; and that

In the meantime their Elder's expense shall be continued until the matter is settled.

Respectfully submitted,

Council of Apostles
(Signed) Archie F. Bell
Secretary

Sr. Silva Rudd moved to reconsider the action taken on Bro. Clarence Wheaton's apology and that any reference to it be deleted from the minutes that are published in the Advocate or any publication. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz.

Bro. A. M. Smith moved as an incidental motion that we adjourn after the 8:00 P. M. preach

tonight until April 6, 1963 at 10:00 A. M. Seconded by William A. Sheldon. Carried.

After discussion the motion to reconsider was voted upon and lost with 6 votes for and many against.

Bro. William Sheldon moved to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Closing song No. 89, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Bro. Tom Barton, Sr., gave the Benediction.

LOCAL NEWS

Best Results Follow Service, Leadership

Greetings again from the Black River Falls, Sparta Local, Wisconsin. Our services during the past winter months have been limited, due to the snow and inconvenience of having had to meet in homes because of our lack of heat in our little church.

Brother Isaac Brockman and Glenn Gill have been our only speakers. Both have given us much food for thought. The following are resumes of their sermons.

As members of the Church of Christ we are different, just by not being hypocrites in our religion. We have the fullness of the gospel, and God deals with us in our works. As long as we are and remain a people sincere in heart, God remains with us and then are we able to show the world we are the Church of Christ.

This is the day of our probation and we must choose to either stand among valueless things or in the midst of good. Man has to be operated by God's laws, not God by man's.

As one man to another we must serve each other, but only in love, not because of title, age, dress, or what we own, etc. Just as Christ did a servant's work in love to his apostles, who felt lowlier, so must we to one another. (See John 13 where Christ washes his apostles feet.)

Our nation is a nation that was founded by a people who believed in God. God is mentioned on our money, and in all our important documents. Therefore, if we allow men to become our leaders who don't believe in God, our principles are destroyed and our nation will fall. This is the trend of today. As individuals we consider all to lightly. If we as individuals follow the path as other around us—the material rise of a nation to power—then we, too, will be destroyed along with the nation. Our rise must be that of a spiritual nature, and then if we live according to scriptures, stand firm in our beliefs, and have faith we'll be blessed, we can be taken "home" to live with our Heavenly Father, when the time comes our material home is destroyed.

To learn completely about God we must make Him a part of us, by setting up conditions whereby we allow Him to enter our souls. Things in this life are unimportant in thinking of eternity. Life span of time is only a pin

point in his universe. With God, a timeless being, secretary; Sr. U. universe so large we can't comprehend.

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and yet we will defy Him, by feeling big and wanting Him to do as we want. But to be Christians we have to come apart from the world, love God, and follow His commandments, not just read them and say we'll follow them. The time to serve God is NOW, and NOW is always.

One sermon was started by the passing of a grain of mustard seed, and reading Matthew 17: 20-21: "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

Even if we slip from side to side because of disappointments, God is waiting with open arms to receive us, if we are willing to repent and say yes to His will, if we have that faith of the mustard seed in the promises of scripture. If we abide sincerely as we're supposed to, God will abide with His full promises.

We have also had some round table discussions. The following are the questions asked and answers given to these discussions.

What is Christmas? Time of Christ's birth, and the time we should be thankful we have God to guide us. It's a time of happiness, thankfulness, time for showing our love for each other, and a time for realizing what we really love—Christ, gospel, etc. After our discussion we read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-23.

What is wealth? Real wealth is the things money can't buy—having the Spirit of God, friends, health, feeling of giving and opening ourselves for receiving. One's greatest wealth is to be able to love others and to be able to be loved by others. Wealth of money is okay only if used properly, and not to destroy love in others. Repentance and baptism effect the extent of wealth and increases the knowledge of it.

Is it the duty of lay members to show an example to the world the same as the ministers? It is very much our duty as we don't know when a word or deed dropped here or there will help or destroy a soul. Our discussions should be approached with "pull our ideas out of the blue" rather than in an arrogant manner of "I know it all, so listen to me." Let the Bible and Book of Mormon be our law. Govern religious things by the religious law.

What is Zion? We drew our conclusions as thus: a gathering of the saints to a place and also a condition of the people. The going forth of the law will be from Zion.

In what ways has it been of value to me to be baptized and accept Christ? The individual ideas were thus: It has made life fuller, given a greater tolerance of other's religious beliefs, greater love for others, and a hope for eternal life. Baptism was no problem, as there was a previous wish of wanting something strong to hold to. It gave a greater interest in others' feelings and ideas, greater knowledge of things in the word of which there had been an unawareness, and a greater

foundation prayer-wise; a fuller extended growth. Baptism is the putting on of a new man, when the Spirit of God is then allowed to work more with one.

We've had two business meetings recently. March 14 we elected the following officers for next year:

Pastor—Bro. Clyde Babcock.

Sunday School Superintendent—Sr. Gladys Marquette.

Secretary-Treasurer—Sr. Marjory Cain.

Reporter—Sr. Margret Gill.

Auditing Committee—Brethren Isaac Blackman and Glenn Gill. May 9 we voted to accept the offer of Bro. John Jones in Phoenix, Arizona, of the picture he painted of Christ for our church. We also voted to get the insulating done, new ceiling tiles put on, and a light system put in. Bro. Glenn Gill offered his services to repaint our church building in early summer.

Even though our group is small, we feel an accomplishment in our work here both spiritually and physically. We hope and pray this might always be.

Sr. Margret Gill, Reporter

LOCAL NEWS

Collins, Missouri

Greetings to all the Locals in the Church of Christ from the Collins Branch. We the members here at Collins, find much strength and happiness in our Association together in worship service and social activities. We have Sunday School and preaching on Sunday mornings, but no evening service, for some of us must travel 40 miles to church. If or when our congregation grows large enough to warrant it, we hope to have both morning and evening services. At present we are meeting in the home of Bro. and Sr. Sarratt, and even though they make us very welcome—we are still hoping and praying for a church building to meet our more demanding needs. We have a lot, building material, some money in the bank, and capable workers—but to find time right now from the many other varied activities, of plowing, planting, construction work, feeding and milking cows, etc.—there's where the rub comes in! But it has been said, "Where there's a will, there's a way." So according to that criterion, some day we will enjoy a new church building.

Recent speakers have been Elders Denver Chapman, Leon Yates, Joe Yates, Ed McIndoo, and Oren Caviness. None of these sermons were recorded, but they contained much good that would have been excellent to pass along to you—we hope in the future to have some of them for you.

On Easter Sunday we had a very interesting program under the direction of Sr. Norma Cook. Each member present was asked to be responsible for a number on the program. The hour was filled with many beautiful songs, recitations and thoughts, which I am sure was pleasing to our Heavenly Father as we tried to commemorate the resurrection of His Son.

Then on Mother's Day, the same pattern was fol-

lowed with equally good results. This program was in charge of Oretta Yates who sang a beautiful Mother's Day song for the occasion. One number that impressed me very much, was the original composition given by Sr. Leora Martin. It was given to the soft piano background of "All Through the Night", played by her daughter, Czerna. For your enjoyment I pass it along.

"Sleep my child and peace attend thee" has been on the lips of many of you mothers here today as you watched over an ailing child in the wee hours of the night. You never had concern for your own discomfort or lack of sleep—only concern for the welfare of your child—that he or she be well soon. Your prayers were always full of humility as you pled with the Heavenly Father in behalf of your family. You were always attentive when your family needed you—always there when they needed answers to their many questions.

When children come home from school or in from play, who do they call for? When they're hurt who do they cry for?

Mom is always there to a child, Mom can do anything. She can fix most anything—toys or hurts of any kind. Let's remember that it is amazing what a little kiss can do. A hug or a tender pat, can console, heal or set things right."

Esther Caviness.

FROM THE MAIL SACK

Dear Friends of Like Faith:

It has been a beautiful winter here in New Mexico. I have loved every day of the blue, blue skies, the sun and wonderful air. Now Easter is nearly here, and I think of a Jewish neighbor we had in Escondido, Calif., two years ago. She had come to call early on Easter morning. I was cutting some of the lovely roses my Mother had grown when she asked if she might give me the Jewish Summer Blessing. She thanked me for the roses, then made an inspiring prayer which asks for a blessing on every member of the household during the summer. I wish I remembered the exact words. We are all brothers under one God, she told me, and as such we should live, no matter what our race or creed. And surely that is the very essence of the teachings of Christ.

The doctrines, creeds and sacraments in the church are very important as a means of achieving this perfect brotherhood with Christ. But we need to remember that they are the MEANS and not the END RESULTS. When we dispute over differences in creed to such an extent that we become angry with each other, we are automatically destroying the purpose for which Christ gave His teachings. And most important, we are then in no condition to heed His Spirit, or even hear it.

When I hear of the various activities of isolated saints, who are trying to do what they
become discouraged

I feel like trying to send a special word of encouragement to each of you. Only God can judge how far-spread your efforts for good are. You know how a pebble in water sends ripples in ever-widening circles.

I like to repeat a dream I once read: In the midst of a dense fog, here and there individuals and small groups of people are working. They seem to be building, but what they do not know. The fog is so thick they can only see the work that is before them, their particular bit of work to do. Often they become discouraged but by keeping in close touch with God, and allowing Him to direct them in their work, they keep on with it. Some are worried that perhaps they are wasting their days.

Suddenly the fog lifts, and a light shines down upon the workers. There is revealed a magnificent structure, a whole that has been built, section by section through the concentrated efforts of all the workers. Here the builders see the perfect result of each following the pattern God wants him to follow.

Yes, God knows exactly where each of you are, and in these days of assorted troubles, if you humbly ask to be led, He will use you in the place where you are . . . for He has placed you there. If we keep building in love, having this love for all those with whom we come in contact, then surely the day will come when God will call His own together. . . for He knows where they are, and they will know His voice.

Your Sister in Christ,

Vi Hening.

GOOD WISHES

"We both wish you a very successful and happy year of constructive and objective editorial work in the assignment given you. You will not be able to please every one, and there is no point in trying. There will always be those who feel that decisions should be different, but our prayer is that God will guide you by His Spirit so that your decisions will find favor with Him at least. We pray that He will give you the inspiration by which the Advocate will be a missionary paper that we can all be proud and happy to hand out to the seekers for truth and righteousness."

Most sincerely in gospel bonds,
(signed) Clarence and Angela Wheaton.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Sr. Bertice Aldridge of Independence was married April 18th to Denver Gibbons of Bemidji, Minnesota. The ceremony was performed by Elder Hubert Case at his home. They took a honeymoon trip to Bemidji and across to Regina Sask, Canada. They are home now at 1701 South Pollard Street, Independence, Mo. Our sincere good wishes go with them for many happy years together.

GO TO CHURCH

Robert Louis Stevenson, who had much sickness throughout his life, once wrote to his sister: "I went to secretary; s... and am no longer depressed." Worship... of life.

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY

"and He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matt. 13:58.

Apostle C. L. Wheaton wrote of his experiences among the peoples of Israel. He said, "They are interested in hearing about the Book of Mormon and of ancient peoples of America, but when it comes right down to the Gospel of Christ they are not in the least bit interested." He could not reach them, because of their unbelief.

A remark made by Scientist Leo Szillard, concerning fears for the future of the world stated, "Maybe God will work a miracle, if we do not make it too hard for Him." We might wonder how we mere mortals can make it too hard for God.

The Scriptures tell of the great works performed by Christ throughout the land, but the people of His home town of Nazareth made it so hard for Him. ". . . that He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

How often do we make it too hard for God to use us, because of our unbelief? We can hold to our own selfish ideas, our angers, our prejudices and resentments, so strongly, that God is unable to use us, or do anything for us.

We can also make it too hard for God to answer our prayers and be present with us by our unyielding attitudes and by allowing our minds to be cluttered with too many unimportant things, which tend to draw us away from spiritual things.

We can make it too hard for Him with our unrelenting stubbornness by denying the spirit of love and brotherhood which brings us together and makes us one with Christ.

So examine yourself. Are you making it too hard for God? If so make an effort to change your life and your attitude, and give God the opportunity to work a miracle in you and through you.

Christ said, ". . . If thou canst believe—all things are possible."
E. J. M.

THE SEVEN KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

By Lawrence John Ballard

Jesus did not come to call attention to himself, to get people to believe in Him as a god or demigod; He did not come solely to reveal God to man; He came to reveal man to himself.

"Beloved, now are ye the Sons of God!" His whole life was given to teaching and showing the divine sonship of man. Thirty-seven times in the Gospel records He refers to Himself as the Son of Man, "It is not I, but the Father in me; He doeth the works."

After 1900 years, we are at least coming around to Jesus' idea of a loving Father, a God that is in each of us, whose "good pleasure" it is to give us the kingdom, but first it must be earned. A few good men and great prophets like Elisha, Elijah, and Moses contacted the Source of all power, and nothing could withstand them. We are occasionally in contact with that power, but we fail to maintain that

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missionary work, and was instrumental in converting
many souls to the Restored Gospel. His work speaks
for itself and his written words will live after him.

So our congratulations—and our hats off to you,
Bro. and Sr. Flint. Golden Anniversaries are hard to
come by—but so rewarding! We are happy in the
knowledge that your reward for a long life of service
is sure.

E. M. C.

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The seven keys are believing, repentance, baptism,
faithfulness, love, prayer, and forgiveness.

The seven keys to the kingdom are yours for the
asking, ask and ye shall receive. "Verily I say unto
you, except ye be converted, and become as little
children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of
heaven." Matt. 18-3.

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A GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

of

Our Bro. and Sr. B. C. Flint

We consider it a milestone worth mentioning, for
the benefit of their multitude of friends, that the Flints
celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on
Sunday, June 3rd, 1962. They were at their home in
Independence to receive the good wishes and con-
gratulations from a host of friends, on that day from
3 to 5 o'clock. What a record they have written to-
gether, on the pages of time.

An interesting sidelight to this story of enduring
love and companionship is this: Apostle Flint was mar-
ried to his first wife in 1898, and to this marriage was
born four children, the first one dying at birth with its
mother. This was followed by the birth of three small
children, and with the care of three small
children, and his own family, he was very zealous to serve
in his calling. He was the superintendent of the
children's Home, but he was also the father of
that family. His little daughter, who was
ter, through his ministrations, was temporarily
problem, but he was able to solve the problem
family and finally led to the death of
Bro.

THE ABUNDANT LIFE

By Elder Don McIndoo, Phoenix, Arizona

"I am come that man might have life, and have it
more abundantly."—Jesus.

When Christ established His Church, and ordained
His ministry, it was to fulfill a definite purpose. "I have
glorified thy name on the earth: I have finished the
work which thou gavest me to do . . . I have mani-
fested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me
out of the world: Now they have known that all things
whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee." St.
John 17:4-7.

Christ further told His disciples that as His Father
had sent Him "even so I have sent thee into the world."
The mission of Christ, and its ministry, is to preserve
and perpetuate the Gospel of Christ in its purity, to es-
tablish personal righteousness, and to seek to give to
man the "abundant life."

What is abundant life? It is the freedom from
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relations of man.

The divinely-appointed
The Church was destined to be
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20:28-29, foretold it. "Take heed
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Ghost hath made you overseers
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of God, and changed Him to a being no higher than themselves.

The wrongs of the Middle Ages are not entirely limited to that age. Just as it was evil for those people to resort to fear, it is equally wrong for us today to preach a Gospel of fear. Rather, it is an invitation to obedience through love.

It is no accident that the Gospel was restored again in these latter days; that it was carried to another land, and there established in its purity, with full authority, with the same responsibilities placed upon it as those of the original church.

We appeal to the church members. If we are to preserve the Gospel in its purity, we have a responsibility. If we need wisdom, here is how to get it. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."—St. John 14:13-14. We are admonished to avoid contentions: "But foolish and unlearned questions, avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes."—II Tim. 2:23.

If we are to come into the abundant life of Christ, we are to repent of our misdeeds and return to God. We can gain necessary courage and strength. "Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, Ye must watch and pray always, lest ye enter into temptation: . . . Ye must always pray unto the Father in my name; and whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is right, he will give it unto you. Behold, it shall be given unto you."—Mormon, page 651, 653.

If the world, it must first . . . This is our responsibility of all light, to . . . gospel of Christ . . . We can make love . . . world.

of the hereafter it is a personal man and his God. Each one . . . re-examine himself, using the . . . by The Light of the world. . . while he may be found. Call ye up- . . . hear."

seek understanding, not from conjecture, commandments. We should talk of love, majesty of God. If we lack a feeling of peace, or joy, we should . . . God. In . . . we find hope, strength, and . . . be- . . . come as a little child, depend . . . strength will supplant our fear . . . This is the abundant life

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