

Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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Love

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one God; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I commanded thee this day shall be upon thy heart and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children. And thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest in the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt not bear sin because of him. Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; for I am the Lord.

But let all those that take refuge in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them.

Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou wilt bless the righteous; O Lord, thou wilt compass him with favor as with a shield.

(Deuteronomy and Leviticus)

From the Books of Moses.

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EDITORIAL

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit read life everlasting.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:6-10.

This month is an exciting one in the lives of many of our young people as they graduate from high schools and colleges and prepare to embark upon a new career.

Simply stated, graduation is the preparation made for the next step in life and in that sense that are many graduations from the cradle to the grave, which each of us must pass with honor or dishonor depending upon the preparation we have made.

Everything of a human nature goes through changes—some of which indicate advancement and life—some of which indicate stagnation and death. The history of man is the story of these changes.

Graduation time is a time to think of and plan for the future and as one listens to the speeches made by the boys and girls who are making this important step, one hears from their youthful lips the discussion of such topics as these: "As Tomorrow Dawns" "Preparation Through Education"—"Opportunity for Youth"—"Toward a United World", and many other such idealistic subjects. Too idealistic you say? Ideals and dreams are humanity's way of calculating the future.

Today I listened while a man was being prepared to orbit the world 22 times—this preparation ended in cancellation of the flight—but the flight will be made, for in reality it has been made by others. Yet when I graduated from High School in 1923, orbital flight was scarcely conceived in the minds of men. Today their dreams vision a landing on the moon—Tomorrow? Who can speak for tomorrow?

David Swing said: "Idealism is not the ravings of a maniac, but it is the calm geometry of life—all great truths are persistent. Each form of right is a growing form. All high ideals will be realized."

This one must believe who believes in the omnipotency of God. For Him there is only victory. His words will not return unto Him void.

Therefore, plans or dreams of the future which omit the Divine Influence of God are not the best and will eventually prove to be empty of true and lasting riches or rewards. A life without a proper relationship to God is a life without a light. This is an important truth our boys and girls will not have learned at school. It is part of the home curriculum, and if it has not been taught there, then we as parents must shoulder the blame, and can only pray that the lesson when learned will not have been too costly.

The lessons or preparation for life does not end with the classroom. Unless we learn from both our victories and defeats our education is useless. Thomas Huxley said: "Perhaps the most valuable result of all education, is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not. It is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson he learns thoroughly."

Another lesson we should learn early and remember long, is that the highest ideals win the greatest victories and richest rewards, though they sometimes seem to suffer the most bitter defeat. Christ, crucified, became the Lord of Life and the greatest teacher ever known, and his continuing influence is felt throughout the entire world of man.

If we are not intelligent enough to learn early in life that the greatest happiness comes through living according to the precepts of this great teacher we are doomed to many hours of sorrow and heartbreak.

The person who leaves God out of this mortal life will be left out of God's immortal life.

O. A. C.

WORDS

Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds.
You can't do that when you're flying words.
Careful with fire is good advice, we know;
Careful with words is ten times doubly so.
Thoughts unexpressed sometimes fall back dead,
But God himself can't kill them once they're said.
—The Uplift.

HATE

"They tell me that a rattlesnake, if cornered, will become so angry it will bite itself. That is exactly what harboring of hate and resentment against others is—a biting of oneself. We think we are harming others in holding these spites and hates, but the deeper harm is to ourselves."

—Eli Stanley Jones.

**MINUTES OF 1963 CONFERENCE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Temple Lot)**

Minutes of April 11, 1963—2:00 p. m. Session

Meeting opened at 2:00 p. m. with Bro. William F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Bro. Thomas J. Jordan. Opening song No. 242, "Oh, Sometimes the Shadows Are Deep." Opening prayer by Bro. Thomas J. Jordan. Second song No. 277, "O Lord! My Best Desires Fulfill."

The editorial policy of the Zion's Advocate was read as passed by the Referendum of 1939.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton moved that we urge the former editor and associate editors to reconsider and to accept the nominations to their former positions. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried.

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved that the former action relative to the election of the editorial staff be es-ponged from the record. Seconded by Sr. Irene Shaw. Carried.

Sr. Doris Sheldon moved that the former editorial staff to be elected to succeed themselves. Seconded by Sr. Angela Wheaton.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to amend by adding, and that we give them a standing vote of appreciation for their work of the last year. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Vote on the motion as amended. Carried.

Dining Hall Committee:

Barney Wentworth—declined

Martha Bell—declined

Mary Yates — volunteered — Unanimously accepted.

Reception and Housing Committee—Bro. E. Leon Yates moved that the present committee succeed themselves. Seconded by Sr. Freda Flint. Carried.

Auditing Committee—Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that Bro. Leslie P. Case succeed himself. Seconded by Bro. Oren A. Caviness. Carried.

Referendum Committee—Sr. Frances Yates moved that Sr. Ora Derry succeed herself. Seconded by Bro. Tony Grzincic. Carried.

Relations Committee—Bro. William A. Sheldon moved that Bro. Archie F. Bell succeed himself. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Board of General Church Historian—Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that the Board of General Church Historian be a standing committee of three. The one receiving the highest number of votes to be elected for three years; the one receiving the second highest number of votes to be elected for two years; and the one receiving the third highest number of votes to be elected for one year. Seconded by M. Harvey Seibel.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to defer action until we hear the record read regarding the Board of General Church Historian. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague. Carried.

After hearing the record read relative to the establishment of the Board of General Church Historian, Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton withdrew his motion.

Bro. Harvey J. Bell moved the Board of General Church Historian succeed themselves. Seconded by Bro. Grzincic.

After some discussion Bro. Harvey J. Bell withdrew his motion.

Historian:

Archie F. Bell—16

Kenneth J. Smith—declined

J. Maynard Case—15

Arthur M. Smith—23

M. Harvey Seibel—22

Bro. John Gill moved that nominations cease and that we proceed to vote. Seconded by Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried. Bro. Arthur M. Smith was elected as Historian to serve four years.

Associate Historians:

Ruth Willard—declined

Angela Wheaton—34

M. Harvey Seibel—47

Clarence L. Wheaton—36

J. Maynard Case—30

Nominations were closed and Bro. M. Harvey Seibel and Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton were elected to the offices of Associate Historian to serve four years.

Library Board:

Richard A. Wheaton

Bro. John Gill moved that nominations cease and that Bro. Richard A. Wheaton be elected to the Library Board. Seconded by Sr. Margie Kane. Carried.

The referendum bill of 1962, relative to the Board of Publications, was called for to be read for information.

Board of Publications—(Apostle):

William A. Sheldon—46

Thomas E. Barton—2

Archie F. Bell—25

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Sr. Margie Kane. Carried. Bro. William A. Sheldon was elected to the Board of Publications.

Board of Publications—(Bishop):

LeRoy Wheaton—13

Nicholas F. Denham—61

Vance H. Harris—declined

Bro. John Gill moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Bro. Harvey J. Bell. Carried. Bro. Nicholas F. Denham was elected to the Board of Publications.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved as an incidental motion that the two members just elected from the two quorums shall serve for three years and that we proceed to elect two elders to serve 2 years and then 1 elder to serve one year. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried.

Board of Publications—(three elders):

Kenneth J. Smith—39

Curtis Yates—57
 M. Harvey Seibel—51
 Leslie P. Case—28
 Marvin M. Case—22
 Richard A. Wheaton—40

Bro. Joseph Kidd moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Carried. Bro. Curtis Yates and Bro. M. Harvey Seibel were elected to the Board of Publications for two years and Bro. Richard A. Wheaton was elected for one year.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved that we appoint Bro. J. Maynard Case as missionary-at-large as his circumstances may permit. Seconded by Bro. Harvey J. Bell. Chairman ruled the motion out of order because of former conference action relative to missionary appointments.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we take a ten-minute recess. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Lost by a voice vote.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved that the referendum action of 1962 relative to transfer of membership is not retroactive in its passage in that it does not affect existing members. Seconded by Bro. Thomas E. Barton.

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton moved: Be it resolved that in as much as Referendum Bill No. 1 of 1962, with reference to transfers, did not carry a clause rescinding former action, therefore, be it resolved that this bill is declared not valid nor binding upon the Church of Christ; be it further resolved, that we reaffirm our former action on transfer as set forth in Referendum Bill No. 19 of the 1936 conference and that this reaffirmation be sent out to referendum. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton moved as a substitute for the entire matter that we elect a committee of three to study this problem of transfer and bring in a recommendation to the 1964 conference. Seconded by Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. Isaac Brockman moved the previous question. Seconded by Sr. Doris Hutchison. Carried.

Vote on motion to establish a committee to study the problem of transfers: Lost.

Vote on motion to reaffirm former action of 1936: Carried; 31 for, 0 against.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton moved to consider the recommendation from the Council of Twelve relative to the filling of the vacancy in the Quorum of Apostles. Seconded by Sr. Doris Hutchison. Carried.

Bro. Isaac Brockman moved to endorse the recommendation and that the Council of Twelve provide for the ordination of Bro. Robert H. Jensen at the earliest convenience. Seconded by Bro. Thomas E. Barton.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved as an incidental motion to defer action on this recommendation until 10:00 a. m. April 12. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel withdrew his motion to defer action.

Vote on recommendation from Council of Twelve relative to filling the Apostolic quorum. Carried.

Independence, Missouri
 April 10, 1963

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

After careful and prayerful consideration of the call witnessed unto by the Spirit, we the Council of Apostles unanimously recommend to this Conference that Elder Robert H. Jenson of Bellevue, Nebraska, be set aside and ordained to the office of an Apostle in the Church of Christ, and that his ordination be provided for at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,
 Council of Apostles
 (Signed) Archie F. Bell, Secretary

Bro. LaVerne Lussenden sang a special for the closing song—"How Great Thou Art."
 Closing prayer by Bro. Thomas J. Jordan.

MINUTES OF 1963 CONFERENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Temple Lot)

Minutes of April 12, 1963—10:00 a.m. Session

Meeting opened at 10:00 a. m. with Bro. Thomas J. Jordan in charge, assisted by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Opening song No. 241, "I'm Pressing On the Upward Way." Opening prayer by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Second song No. 324, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior." Scripture reading was from the 24th chapter of Matthew.

Bro. Thomas J. Jordan turned the chair over to Bro. Arthur M. Smith for the business session.

Report from the Committee on Rules of Jurisprudence was given first reading.

Recommendation from the Joint Council relative to the appointment of Bishops in the missionary field was given first reading.

Recommended Statement of Estimated Expenditures for the Conference Year 1963-64 was given first reading.

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved that we send a note of thanks to the Blue Valley Federal Savings and Loan Association for sending the Easter Lily. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved that Bro. John Gill choose four members of the church to invite Bro. Fernando Ojeda to attend meetings with us to bridge the gap which may separate us and that this delegation assure our love for him. Seconded by Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried.

Vote on motion relative to Bro. Fernando Ojeda: Carried.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel called for the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved to approve the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill. Seconded by Bro. Harvey E. Seibel.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that this Sunday School and Church Materials Bill be referred to the

General Sunday School Association officers and Quarterly Committee for their study and that those provisions which can be incorporated into the provisions of the present Quarterly Committee be referred back in the form of a recommendation to the Conference of 1964. Seconded by Bro. Oren A. Caviness.

Bro. Tony Grzincic moved the previous question. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Lost 26 for, 34 against.

Bro. Oren A. Caviness moved to postpone indefinitely the consideration of this document. Seconded by Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton. Chair ruled the motion out-of-order.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman. Carried.

Chair ruled that the previous question applied only to the motion to refer. Decision of the chair was appealed. Decision was sustained by the body.

Vote on motion to refer the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill to a committee for study. Lost: 16 for, 34 against.

Bro. Oren A. Caviness moved the previous question on the main motion to approve the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kidd. Carried.

Vote on main motion to approve the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill. Lost: 29 for, 30 against.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH MATERIALS BILL

Whereas, the former duties of the Sunday School Association relative to the editing and publishing of Sunday School material is now vested in the Board of Publications, see Referendum Bill No. 2, 1962, "Outlining the Duties of the Church of Christ Board of Publications."

Whereas, the Sunday School Association's responsibility is limited to the soliciting and collection of Sunday School Material, without publishing rights, and

Whereas, this dual system of Sunday School material preparation by one agency with the responsibilities for evaluating, editing and selling by another agency which has no authority for choice of said material is cumbersome, time-consuming, inefficient, and unrewarding to those who do the work of collection; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the present Sunday School Association be abolished, and

Be it further resolved that the Sunday School Association be replaced by "The Sunday School and Church Materials Advisory Committee" hereinafter referred to as "The Committee."

I. MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Three members serving three years each elected by the General Conference; one elected on successive years. Election in the first year will be for 1, 2, and 3 years respectively, the one receiving the highest vote serving the 3-year term, etc.
- b. Members will be spiritually dedicated persons capable of developing and advancing the functions of Sunday School materials, whether in the form of Quarterlies, or in the field of Visual Aids and Helps.

II. FUNCTIONS:

- a. The Committee serving as a subcommittee to the Board of Publications, working in close harmony with the Board in the choice of Sunday School Materials, in the gathering of such materials, the selection of subject matter, author, etc.
- b. The Committee serving as liaison between the Board

and Authors, in an advisory capacity to the author in subject matter, outline of presentation, type of material, and teaching effectiveness within the guidelines established by Board action.

- c. The Committee meets with the Board whenever the requirements of information flow, problem areas, general routine, and expeditious performance of pending functions demand.
- d. The Committee will engage in an active and continuing program of research along the lines of the possibility of maintaining a lending library, Visual Aids, Sunday School Aids, Slides, Films and Projection Equipment, intended to promote the growth and development of interest in church schools, classes, lectures in the message of the Church of Christ in all the world.
- e. The combined Board and Committee has full authority to implement part or all of the above program when it is deemed feasible and necessary by the Board of Publications.

III. AUTHORITY:

- a. Final authority will be vested in the Board of Publications for all functions of the Committee. The Board may delegate authority to the Committee whenever the expeditious performance of the work requires.
- b. The Committee will not vote at Board meetings.

Thos. E. Barton

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to adjourn until 2:00 p. m. Seconded by Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. Thomas J. Jordan.

Minutes of April 12, 1963—2:30 p. m. Session

Meeting opened at 2:00 p. m. with Bro. Arthur M. Smith in charge, assisted by Bro. B. C. Flint. Opening song No. 244, "Will Your Anchor Hold In The Storm of Life." Prayer by Bro. B. C. Flint. Karma and Konie Wheaton sang as a special, "In the Hour of Trial, Jesus, Plead for Me." Scripture reading was from 12th chapter of Isaiah.

Minutes of April 11, 1963, 10:00 a. m. session, were read and approved.

A petition with 14 signatures relative to the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill which was defeated at the previous session was presented as follows:

April 12, 1963

To the Conference Assembled,

We the undersign petition that the matter called the Sunday School and Church materials Bill be presented as a Minority Report and sent to the church as a referendum matter.

Arthur G. Smith
M. Harvey Seibel
R. H. Jensen
Joseph E. Yates
B. C. Flint
William A. Sheldon
Isaac Brockman
T. J. Jordan
Thos. E. Barton, Sr.
Joseph W. Kidd
T. E. Barton, Jr.
Kenneth J. Smith
Wm. F. Anderson
Byron N. Wentworth

The chairman ruled that they voted on the main motion to approve the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill invalid because the bill was a referendum matter.

A roll call vote was called for on the main motion to approve the Sunday School and Church Materials Bill with the following results:

YES	NO
B. C. Flint	Forest Maley
Thomas E. Barton, Jr.	Don W. Housknecht
Arthur G. Smith	Richard A. Wheaton
Alex Smith	Edward J. McIndoo
M. Harvey Seibel	John A. Sweem
Thomas E. Barton, Sr.	Harvey J. Bell
Isaac Brockman	Marvin M. Case
Kenneth J. Smith	Clarence L. Wheaton
Joseph Yates	Oren A. Caviness
Levi Maley	Denver Chapman
Barney Wentworth	C. LeRoy Wheaton
Joseph Kidd	Rolland D. Sprague
Robert H. Jensen	Nicholas F. Denham
William F. Anderson	
E. Leon Yates	
Archie F. Bell	
William A. Sheldon	

Result: 17 yes, 13 no.

Advocate Policy Bill was called for.

Bro. M. Harvey Seibel moved to approve the bill on Advocate policy. Seconded by Sr. Lovita Seibel. Carried.

BILL ON ADVOCATE POLICY

Whereas, Zion's Advocate enjoys the proverbial "freedom of the press": to print whatever articles it chooses: not coming under the editing of the Board of Publications in respect to conformity with the Church of Christ doctrine, and

Whereas, readers tend to assume that the official organ of the Church reflects the teachings of the Church: which fact constitutes the teaching of false doctrine by the Church, whenever adverse views are expressed by the authors, and

Whereas, the teaching of the commandments of men is vain, or without profit,

Therefore, be it resolved, that

The heading formerly appearing in the Advocate be replaced; entitled,

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OR THE OPINIONS OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF.

Respectfully submitted for consideration by Elder Harvey Seibel.

Recommendation from the Joint Council on field appointments of Bishops was called for.

Bro. Isaac Brockman moved to approve the recommendation on bishops' field appointments. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried.

Independence, Missouri
April 11, 1963

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

The Joint Council of the Council of Apostles and the General Bishopric recommend that Bishops Vance H. Harris and John A.

Sweem 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. Richard A. Wheaton moved as an incidental motion to consider the matters on the table in the order as listed by the chair. Seconded by Bro. Oren A. Caviness. Carried.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to approve the Report of the Board of Publications. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

To the General Conference Assembled 1963:

As a result of referendum action centralizing authority for all church publications except Zion's Advocate in the Board of Publications and the allocation of \$2,000 toward a revolving fund, the past year has been one of planning and the laying the foundation structure for a successful business approach to the numerous problems of publishing and selling. Inventory control, depreciation costs, operating expenses, price mark-up on a cost plus basis to allow for business expansion are problems that came up for discussion at the several meetings held throughout the year. Not all of these problems are answered and continued study and research is in order.

A foundation for record keeping has been laid out, but other problems of continuing inventory, profit and loss analysis, product quality control in a trade-off with publishing costs are examples of problem areas still under study by the Board.

The tracts presently published came up for consideration on quality, effectiveness, and worth relative to future publication. The need for an expanded tract and book function was duly noted and under study and planning action.

Tentative plans are for monthly meetings to meet the added duties and responsibilities accruing to the Board. One meeting was held with members of the Sunday School Association to discuss joint problems.

The year's work has resulted in crystalizing the thinking on the numerous problems and functions now residing in the Board, laying the foundation for a solvent business in publishing and selling books and tracts, and maintaining a supply of free tracts for missionary purposes. The Board is now in the position of a runner with his toes dug into the turf, ready to take off. With the continued blessings and prayers of the people the Board hopes to go into a more productive phase than regulations through the past years have permitted.

Your Board of Publications,

(Signed) Harvey Seibel, Secretary

Bro. Joseph Kidd moved to approve the report from the Committee on Rules of Jurisprudence and concur in their request for more time. Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman. Carried.

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF JURISPRUDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Temple Lot)

Independence, Missouri

April 12, 1963

TO: The 1963 Ministers' Conference

The committee appointed by the 1962 Ministers' Conference, to consider the proposed Rules of Jurisprudence submitted to replace the current set of rules, has performed considerable analytical work

during the past year in light of scriptural requirements and provisions.

There remains additional work the committee members desire to accomplish. It is therefore requested that this Conference body grant the committee an extension of one year, to enable the completion of the work the committee members consider very important to the successful carrying out of the work of the Gospel.

(Signed) Robert H. Jensen, Chairman-Secretary

Bro. William F. Anderson moved to approve the recommendation from the Bishopric relative to the Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Sr. Evalina Sills moved to amend by striking out the name of Bro. Vance H. Harris and inserting Bro. Nicholas F. Denham as Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton moved as a substitute for the entire matter to refer the recommendation back to the Bishops with the explanation that the recommendation is unacceptable by this body. Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to amend the substitute by adding "and that the bishops hold a hearing on the objections to Bro. Vance H. Harris being Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

After some discussion Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton withdrew his amendment.

Vote on the motion to refer the recommendation back to the bishops; 21 for, 21 against. In order to break the tie vote the chairman voted in the affirmative to refer the recommendation back to the bishops.

Independence, Missouri
April 10, 1963

To the Ministers' Conference
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)
Independence, Mo.
Greetings:

The General Bishopric after careful and prayerful consideration present the following recommendations for your consideration:

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

2. We further recommend that in order to facilitate the work of the Business Manager that the duty of picking up and distributing the mail shall be placed upon the Secretary of the General Bishopric and that all former actions in conflict with this provision be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Auditor's Report was called for.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to approve the Auditor's Report. Seconded by Bro. Oren A. Caviness. Carried. (Secretary's Note: The Auditor's Report will be published at the end of the conference minutes).

Bro. Forest Maley moved that a committee be elected to consider all past actions of the church bearing on the duties and prerogatives of the Twelve Apostles, Bishops and Seventies; and all pertinent scripture and report their findings and recommendations to the 1964 conference. Seconded by Bro. Harvey E. Seibel.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend by adding "Pastors, Elders, Priests, Teachers, and Deacons." Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel.

Bro. Harold Gill moved to amend the amendment by adding "all actions now in effect which we have which regulate conference." Seconded by Bro. Richard Wheaton.

Vote on the amendment to the amendment. Carried.

Vote on the amendment as amended. Carried.

Vote on the motion as amended: "Moved that a committee be elected to consider all past actions of the church bearing on the duties and prerogatives of the Twelve Apostles, Bishops, Seventies, Pastors, Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons; all actions now in effect which we have which regulate conference; and all pertinent scripture and report their findings and recommendations to the 1964 conference." Carried.

Bro. Oren A. Caviness moved that we elect a committee of five to study the priesthood duties. Seconded by Bro. M. Harvey Seibel. Carried.

Committee to Study Priesthood Duties:

- M. Harvey Seibel—36
- Archie F. Bell—47
- Forest Maley—46
- Marvin Ely—41
- J. Maynard Case—21
- Richard A. Wheaton—declined
- Marvin M. Case—37

Sr. Irene Shaw moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kidd. Carried. Brethern M. Harvey Seibel, Archie F. Bell, Forest Maley, Marvin Ely, and Marvin M. Case were elected to the committee.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that when this conference adjourns that it does to meet again April 6, 1964, at 10:00 a. m. in the church building on the Temple Lot. Seconded by Bro. Isaac Brockman. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to approve the Statement of Estimated Expenditures. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. Tony Grzincic. Carried.

Vote on motion to approve the Statement of Estimated Expenditures. Carried.

Independence, Missouri
April 12, 1963

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

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

**A STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR 1963-64**

Family Allowances	\$ 13,000.00
Elders' Expense	
Yucatan Mission	2,000.00
European Mission	1,500.00
General	2,000.00

satisfaction with the manner in which the work of the Business Manager has been conducted the past year, we, the Council of Apostles have taken it under advisement and will endeavor to work with the Bishopric to bring about a more satisfactory arrangement before the Conference of 1964 convenes.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Bro. E. Leon Yates moved that the Bishops be authorized to help the Temple Lot local with expenses incurred during the conference. Seconded by Bro. William F. Anderson. Carried.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that the minutes of this meeting be submitted to available members of the Council of Twelve for approval. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that the secretary of the Council of Twelve approach the Recorder for her report and publish it in the Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Tony Grzincic. Carried.

The chair ruled that the decisions made by the Council of Twelve between conferences automatically die at the end of the conference year unless acted on by the conference.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that the secretary of the conference place a note in the minutes indicating this ruling of the chair also applies to the Report of the Council with reference to the Yucatan area as published in Zion's Advocate of October 1962 and also that the conference took no action to support this report. Seconded by Bro. Harold Gill.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to amend by striking out the reference that the conference took no action on this report. Seconded by Bro. Oren A. Caviness.

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question on the whole matter. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Vote on amendment to strike out reference to no action taken on the report of the Council of Twelve relative to the Yucatan area. Carried 28 for, 11 against.

Vote on motion as amended relative to the ruling of the chair. Lost: 17 for, 25 against.

Bro. John Gill gave an oral report from the reconciliation committee.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that the letter presented to Bro. Fernando Ojeda be spread upon the minutes and the secretary be empowered to place the names of the committee members which were on the original letter onto the duplicate letter. Seconded by Bro. Oren A. Caviness.

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton moved to amend by adding that Bro. John Gill be requested to write his report and spread it upon the minutes. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

Vote on amendment relative to the report from the reconciliation committee. Carried.

Vote on motion as amended relative to the letter presented to Bro. Fernando Ojeda. Carried: 38 for, 1 against.

April 12, 1963

To Brother Fernando Ojeda
Independence, Missouri
Dear Brother:

It has come to the attention of our people assembled in conference that you, our brother in Christ, have absented yourself from being associated with us because of some feeling you would not be accepted in Christian Fellowship.

In spite of any actions which may have indicated to you otherwise we would like you to know our love is openly extended to you in the hand of Fellowship and thus invite you to come and be in our midst again.

(Signed) John R. Gill
E. Leon Yates
Angela Wheaton
Robert H. Jensen
Denver Chapman

REPORT OF RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Fernando expressed that his reason for not being with us was not due to a breach of love in fellowship with those who are dear to him in Christ but due to other matters unresolved.

John R. Gill

Bro. William A. Sheldon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bro. Tony Grzincic. Carried.

Closing song No. 232, "God Will Take Care of You."
Closing prayer by Bro. William F. Anderson.

EDITOR'S NOTES: Minutes of the Conference will be continued in the June issue.

REUNION DATES

The Colorado Reunion will be at Grand Junction, July 12, 13, and 14.

The Missouri Reunion will be at Houston, July 27, and 28.

The Michigan Reunion will be at Flint, August 3, and 4.

The Wisconsin Reunion will be at Sparta, August 10 and 11.

The Tennessee Reunion will be at Puryear, Date announced later.

It is not too early to start to plan now to attend these spiritual feasts.

COLORADO REUNION NOTICE

The Colorado Reunion will be held July 12th, 13th, and 14th at 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado. All who plan on coming please contact Marvin E. Ely, Route 4, 236-32 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

MISSOURI REUNION NOTICE

Hello everyone: It's Missouri Reunion time again! This year's reunion will again be held at Dr. I. C. Keeney's farm at Yukon, Mo. It will be for three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 26, 27, and 28.

Please contact Sr. C. E. Keeney, Houston, Mo. for housing and any other information.

Direction to the farm are as follows: Coming from the north on Highway 63, through Licking and Raymondville, turn at junction on Highway 137, from there it is about 5 miles to Yukon. Coming from the south on Highway 63 via Cabool or by Lebanon, come to Houston and on south edge of town turn on Highway 17 at the Kraft plant, and on to Yukon about 8 miles, or if you are on Highway 17 keep on it to Yukon.

Watch for the sign, Church of Christ, at Yukon. The farm is located ½ mile east of Yukon. We'll be looking for you.

Alice Reed.

WISCONSIN REUNION NOTICE

Dear Saints:

We folks from Wisconsin wish to invite you folks who would like to come, to our annual Reunion held at the Local Church in Sparta, Wisconsin. The location of the church is one mile east of Sparta on Highway 16. The dates of the Reunion is Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11. There will also be a meeting Friday night for all those who came Friday.

As those who know who have attended it, it is a time of joyous fellowship, and gives everyone a great Spiritual Feast. And, it is wonderful to meet the Saints from other places. Those desiring a place to stay please write to me, Isaac Brockman, Route No. 4, Sparta, Wisconsin, and I will do my best to find a place for all. Just drop me a card about a week before. See you then.

Your Wisconsin Reunion Committee,

Mrs. Stella Davies

Mrs. Viola Petrie

Elder Isaac Brockman.

LEST YOU FORGET

The Tennessee Reunion begins the evening of August 30th. This is our preparatory meeting, when we come fasting and praying that God might give us the blessings we all need so badly these days, and to organize our forces for the days that are to follow, then on the morrow we have the regular service of the Reunion, August 31, September 1 and 2nd.

While you are planning your Labor Day vacation, just stop and notice how convenient the calendar dates are, just so you can visit this Reunion "South of the Mason Dixon Line." If you need more information as to a place to stay just write Sister R. R. Robertson, Route 2, Puryear, Tenn. or Elder T. W. Paschall, Route 2, Puryear, Tenn. All are invited; Come praying for the strength and courage that may prepare us for the trying days that are coming on the earth in these the last days.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith
Missionary in Charge.

LOCAL NEWS

Black River Falls-Sparta Local

Greetings once again from the Black River Falls Sparta Local. During the past few months, we have received much food for thought from the sermons we have heard. I would like to pass on to you small resumes of these sermons.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God . . . In him was life; and the life was the light of men. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. . . ." (Portions of John 1: verses 1, 4, 14.)

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14.)

The water of life comes from God, and any one can have it, who really desires it. If we desire this living water, and follow God through righteous living, we have an inheritance promised to us that: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my Son." (Rev. 21:7.)

All the testimony and law of God hangs under the two great commandments: Love the Lord thy God, and love thy neighbor as thyself. And Christ is the light that came and set an example unto us. He is the light that we should hold up, and we can hold it up by following the example he set.

Beautiful days should be appreciated and we should thank God for these things. The creation was the first miracle and all things were created perfect. God is an unchangeable God, so when His kingdom is in operation, all will be perfect.

The relationship between the individual man and God is a personal thing. It is therefore our own choosing as to how good this relationship is kept, and what happens to us upon stepping over the threshold of eternity.

Portions of the article, "Why I Quit the Ministry", taken from Post Magazine, November 17, 1962, was read. It dealt with a Protestant minister and his problems in trying to present religion to a community, where only social prestige was wanted. In his work, he ran into stop signs along the way, and finally got a warning from the board of trustees. He then quit as he felt his job in this community wasn't the job of ministerial work which he had been chosen to do.

Nephi prophesied of this very thing of ministers being turned away because they tried to teach the truth instead of what the people wanted to hear. Also of people only wanting fine sanctuaries and the prestige; not religion. But we don't have to be corrupted. We aren't enslaved in these things, or need to be controlled by a clique. A firm belief of the gospel of Christ and prayer can make us strong enough to resist the temptings of the devil. We are only committed to answer to God, because our sins can only be blamed on ourselves. The choice is ours, whether it be life or death.

The first sin was a lie. And a lie is the basis for all sin. It can start us on the pathway of wickedness in only a snap of time. And salvation for the wicked ones comes only through the moments in this temporal life. God gives us according as we desire: life or death, joy or remorse of conscience. Our faith in God is built by sincere prayer to God, for a stronger foundation to enable use to withhold the sins of this temporal life.

We have held two round table discussions. One was on the "Sermon on the Mount", Matthew 5, 6, and 7. The other was a follow up of the Gentile Nation, from its first settling to the prophecy of the future of the rise and fall of the Great and Abominable Church, as recorded in Nephi's vision in the Book of Mormon and Rev. 17, 18, and 19:1-6.

We have held one special called prayer meeting and then have had our regular sacrament service.

We have been visiting in Madison and Milwaukee for church services.

Visiting ministry has been Bro. John Gill, South St Paul, Minnesota. Other visitors have been the Earl Petries of Portage, Wisconsin, Sr. Doris Hutchison, Milwaukee; Sr. Leona Tucker, Black River Falls; and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Arnold, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Our young people's organization, formally named Youth Christian Practice, has been active in several gatherings.

We've had regular study classes during each month. Our other meetings have included a home-made ice cream social, and a film entitled, "An American Girl", followed by a round table discussion.

The film was the story of a girl, not Jewish, who was given a Jewish bracelet, which she wears in spite of opposition and loss of friends. At a P.T.A. meeting she reads from her diary of her convictions concerning tolerance for others. The discussion began with the question, Is her attitude right or wrong? Verses from the Sermon on the Mount were read.

We feel this organization has already been of benefit to our teen-agers. We hope and pray that this group's activities, and also those of the local, might always be acceptable in God's sight.

We are happy to announce the birth of daughter number five, Peggy Lynn, on January 28 to our Sr. Wanda Stavlo and her husband LaVern. God grant his blessings to them and the new baby.

Sister Margret Gill, Reporter.

A WORD FROM THE LOCAL AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

(The following is an excerpt from a letter to the Editor).

Attendance is better in Minneapolis these days. A joyful note is the presence of children.

We had visitors Sunday, April 21, some of our scattered members from Lambertton, and Redwood Falls made the trip in. They made their presence felt in the

Spirit that came with them. The work of the ministry is made lighter and more joyful by the spirit and attitude of those who attend with the eye of faith and an earnest heart.

Signed Elder Thomas S. Maley.

(June 16th is Father's Day—we offer the following lines to accent the importance of being a good Father. Ed.)

A DAD AND HIS LAD

When you see a young fellow, and upstanding lad, go by in the street keeping step with his dad; when the smiles in their eyes as they mix with the crowds show that each one is pleased with the other, and proud, it's a heart-gripping sight, it's inspiring and fine to know that in life they are toeing the line—a dad and his lad together.

A lad and his troubles—to him they are real. Some troubles, perhaps, that he tries to conceal. But he likes to depend on a fellow who cares—a fellow who listens, a fellow who shares—and he feels mighty proud of the chance to confide in the man whom he honors, the dad at his side—a dad and his lad together.

The fame of a land is not measured in gold, nor judged by its mines and the treasures they hold. It merits distinction and confidence when throughout its dominion are real manly men. A sight that's inspiring, heart-gripping, and fine, is a dad and his lad who are toeing the line—a dad and his lad together.

—H. Howard Bigger.

A FATHER'S WISDOM

It was one bleak morning when Daniel Webster was helping his father build a fence on the rocky New Hampshire farm, that he learned his great ambition was to be fulfilled. He was to go to college!

His father said to him, "Son, we intend to wear our old clothes another year. We have put a second mortgage on our farm. I was denied an education for myself, but I am determined that one of my children, anyhow, shall have a chance to be a scholar."

That night Daniel did not go to bed, so excited with joy was he. But neither did his father, in the room below. Old and failing, he was turning his back upon a retired life of ease, but took up his work anew with a prayer of thankfulness that his boy was to have a chance in the world.

It is no wonder, then, that Daniel Webster became the most famous man of his day. After he had become great, he humbly said one day, "The finest gentleman I have ever known, and the most heroic soul, was my father."

—Canadian War Cry.

"When we hear an evil thing about a neighbor, we must not repeat it. We must believe it untrue unless it is validated. And even if validated, pray for the moral recovery of the one accused."

—Dr. Galen Starr Ross.

" . . . A MORE EXCELLENT WAY."

I Cor. 12:31

James teaches us that all the worthwhile attributes of men come as gifts from God. He said, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17.

In Christ's parable of the talents, the Master called his servants to him and gave them talents to care for according to their ability to manage them. Two men developed their talents and became profitable servants. . . The third man buried his talent, neglecting to develop it and because of this he was of no use to the Master. The Master said, "Take therefore the talent from him, and give unto him which hath ten talents. For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Matt. 25:28-29.

We know, of course, that a talent in the ancient world was a unit of money or a measure of weight. In our modern language we think of a talent as a gift, a natural endowment, powers and gifts bestowed upon us as a divine trust.

God in His infinite wisdom has given talents in various numbers and degrees to every person and it is our duty to search them out and develop them in ourselves and in our children to the fullest extent. We are just as responsible to God to make profitable use of our talents as we are for any other part of the Gospel of Christ. They are an important part of His plan, and of His purpose, that we might become "—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:17.

Paul said, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." Timothy 4:14-15.

In other words it is our responsibility to develop our talents that they may be profitable to others.

Often the very thought of developing a dormant talent frightens people. The idea that only an artist, a musician, or those with ability to speak before large crowds are talented, is a mistaken idea. They may have a greater degree of natural talent, but they have also spent many hard years in developing it.

There is a quotation which states, "whom God calls, He qualifies." If a person has a desire to develop his talent and makes an effort to do so, God will help him.

It is my opinion, that many talents we are prone to think of as great, are not the greatest talents that God has given. God is anxious for all His children, even those of us with the least natural talent, to develop in spiritual grace, that we might appear profitable to all. That through His gifts we might enjoy a more abundant life on a higher spiritual plane.

The most important talents to the spiritual life are

those listed in the Scripture as the "Fruits of the Spirit." In the 5th chapter of Galatians we find, "But the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law." Gal. 5:22-24. And in the 4th chapter of Phillipians, "Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise think on these things . . . and the peace of God shall be with you." Phil. 4:8-9.

We cannot deny the fact that a person who is gifted with meekness, gentleness, a loving heart or a peaceful mind is a talented person. We have heard much of love and faith and I'm sure we all realize the value of those two important talents, but I would like to point out some of the things we seldom think of as talents and their importance to us.

Zion has been an important part of the Gospel since the beginning of the Restoration. So we may say that Zionistic living is a talent to develop. When a large group of people are concerned it is unlikely that there will be a complete unity of thought upon all matters. But there should be a complete unity of purpose. This not only applies to Zionistic living at some future date, but to Gospel living in the Church today.

Selfishness, hypocrisy, neglect, unrighteousness, and ignorance must be overcome by developing and putting to use, the natural gifts and talents which God intended us to use. Love, of course, being the foremost. Neither can we deny the spiritual value of the dormant talents which lie within us. A peaceful mind, a long-suffering and gentle character, wholesome goodness, meekness, joy, and an understanding heart are things which are acceptable to the Lord. Christ said, "Blessed" are they who make use of their talents. Unity of purpose will come about only when men love God more than self.

The cause of Zion, church unity, peaceful home, or any other cause must first be established in the hearts of men and women and that condition takes a lot of preparation. If you are to be successful in your church group, in your work, in your community or in your homelife that preparation must be started today. For you cannot become tomorrow what you are not becoming today.

There was a story in the newspaper some time ago of a little six year old girl who was denied the love of a mother and the security of a kind and gentle homelife. The only love and gentleness she had ever known came from a dog. So she became like a dog, she crawled on all fours, barked like a dog and snarled at people. She forgot how to talk and laugh.

To those who live by the "fruits of the spirit" those things seem unreal and could not happen in our country, or in our own home town—but it did. That little girl did not have a chance to develop her natural talents. Since juvenile authorities found her and placed her in a chil-

dren's clinic she is slowly responding to the kindness, gentleness and love of the nurses and teachers. By making use of well developed God-given talents they are rehabilitating the life of the little girl. We hope she may regain the ability to develop that talent of love within herself and that it will bless her and those around her.

Can we say kindness, gentleness, peace and love are not talents? The mother of this girl had completely neglected to develop her natural talents, ruining her own life and perhaps that of her child.

Recently at two separate locations I have heard two young boys, not yet in their teens, being moved to tears, stand and offer their testimony, thanking God for the blessing He has bestowed upon them through the Gospel of Christ. They are not being denied the opportunity to develop talents which are pleasing in the sight of God, but rather are being encouraged in things which will appear profitable to all.

Paul said, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: for as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart." II Cor. 3:2-3.

If every person would develop those talents of virtue, patience, charity and love, and have them written in their hearts there would be no little girl living like a dog. There would be no loneliness, the sick and the aged would be comforted, homes would be happy and the peace of God would be upon the whole world.

There is a story of a business man who was reading his Sunday paper, but his five year old boy was continually asking him questions. So finally the man found a map of the world in the magazine section. He cut it up in small pieces to make a puzzle for the boy. Then he said, "Here son take this puzzle and see if you can put it together." He settled himself down for a while to enjoy his paper, but in the space of minutes the boy came back and said, "Daddy, I have the puzzle put together." And sure enough he had. The father looked at his son in amazement and said, "Son you are much smarter than I was at your age. However did you get the puzzle put together so quickly?" The son said, "It was easy, daddy. On the other side of the map of the world is the picture of a man. I put together the picture of the man and the world came out all right." And so it is with world conditions, church conditions and family conditions. If all the people would develop the latent God-given talents within themselves and build upon them for the mutual good of one another the world would come out all right.

Think on these things, meditate on them. Give thyself wholly to them, that thy profit may appear to all. And the peace of God shall be with you.

E. J. M.

A big man is not one who makes no mistakes, but one who is bigger than any mistake he makes.

—Michael C. Cahill.

(Ed. Note: Mother's Day was last month, but since in truth Mothers' Day is every day, and since we just received this little poem for Mother, written by one of our Church of Christ members, we pass it on to you at this date.)

MOTHER'S DAY

Who rocked you to sleep at close of day
In the old arm-chair in the dear old days
When you were so tiny you did not know
How tired she was as she rocked to and fro?
That Dear One was Mother.

Who mended your clothes you tore while at play,
Who wiped the childish tears away,
Who tucked you in bed at close of day,
When your evening prayer she had heard you say?
That Dear One was Mother.

Who helped you to bear the greater trials
When you were grown up, no longer a child
Who helped you to say "Thy will be done"
When the greater sorrows of life had come?
That Dear One was Mother.

Let's make each day a Mother's day
Help wipe the tears of sorrow away
Take care of her if she's old and gray
As she cared for us in the dear old days.
Think every day of Mother.

—Miriam Haldeman Mason
Written May 9, 1917

"GIVE US THIS DAY"

All over this great land of ours a back-to-God movement is happily gaining momentum. Americans are lifting their voices in supplication, seeking Divine guidance in solving the complex problems of these trying times.

True Americans have a common interest. United they are invincible. Freedom-loving people can make a most important contribution to the welfare and security of our country by taking the following program as a part of their everyday living:

1. Help other Americans to be correctly informed about the true objectives and methods of subversive planners, and the danger to all we hold dear.

2. Encourage religious activities in your community. Attend and support the church of your choice. The Word of God is the weapon most feared by the enemy.

3. Take an active interest in public affairs.

4. Support the election to public office of candidates who understand the scope and seriousness of the threats to our economy and freedom.

5. In the interest of fair play and sound economy, vote on the basis of what you feel is best for the country, and not on the basis of "what's there in it for me."

Our government will be only as good and strong as we make it.

6. Take a vital interest in the correct education of your children. Get to know their teachers. Know how school books are selected, and what they contain. Be sure that subversive poison is not being administered right under your very eyes.

7. Don't join every group that comes along; and don't sign petitions—unless you first investigate them. Subversive elements have so perverted such appealing words as "peace," "freedom," "welfare," "youth," and "Mother," that any organization or document using these or similar words should be questioned until you know who is behind them.

8. If any evidence of un-American activities comes to your attention, get in touch with your nearest FBI office. Give them all the facts, and then forget it, unless asked by the FBI to do otherwise.—From a Public Statement by the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co., Washington, D. C.

"I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it, nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

—Etienne de Grellet, Philanthropist
France (1773-1855).

The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

—Emerson.

THE SINFUL WAYS OF MEN

By Harry S. Tordoff

If the good Lord took the abuse He took
From the people of His time,
If He—from the cup of gall—partook
And still remained Divine,
If—even though He was abused
By those He tried to aid,
Of base iniquity—accused
By the ones whose debt He paid,
And still remained steadfast and true
To the love He'd sworn to serve,
Then—why do folks like me and you
Let our devotion serve?

If He spent forty days in prayer
Asking only for help—for others,
Seeking His Father's tender care
For His sisters and His brothers,
If He felt that brotherly love should reach
Everyone upon this earth,
And that—the Spirit of God could teach
Each one—to increase his worth,
If He discarded His personal wants
And asked for fulfillment of ours,
Then—why should sordid fears and haunts
Fill all our earthly hours?

If the blasphemous taunts that He endured
While teaching the ways of God,
Did not result in His being lured
By temptations of this sod,
If all the powers that Satan could muster
In an effort to gather Him in,
Lacked the necessary luster
To make Him commit one sin,
If the glory of God was His only thought
And the souls of men—His task,
Why do we let ourselves be caught?
Is what He has the right to ask.

If—even though He was denied
By the ones that He held dear,
And eventually was crucified
Through ignorance and fear,
But—asked forgiveness for each one
Intercession from above,
That this horrid thing that they had done
Would not bar the door to love,
And asked His God to spare each soul
Teach the errors of their ways,
Then, we to-day—should pay the toll
For the way **we** spend **our** days.

If He gave His all—that we might live
In a world that was free of sin,
Then—may both He and God forgive
Us all—for the fix we're in,
For the world—and its people soon forget
The good things that came their way,
Or the suffering it took—to get
The blessings they have—to-day.
But the prayers of Christ upon the mount
Are as potent as they were then.
By following Him—we can surmount
The sinful ways of men.

THE TWO GREAT FORCES

There are two great forces at work in the world to-day, one working against the other—one is destructive, the other builds.

These forces are LOVE and HATE.

We are told that God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believed on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Then comes the question, do you believe Jesus Christ? The one outstanding teaching of Christ was to love. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart," etc. Do you dear reader keep that commandment by giving God first place in your life? When we learn to put this fully into operation in our life there will be no hardship in keeping all the other commandments. When we reach that point, there will be no temptation that will be successful, and the Satanic power will have no power over us.

We might note the other commandment that is coupled with the first, and like unto it, "Thou shalt love

thy neighbor as thyself." Until we are keeping the first commandment we will not heed the second, and so on down the line, for on these two commandments hinge all the others. The keeping of all the other commandments, depends on the keeping of the first and great commandment—God comes first, or should, and when we put God first in our life the other commandments will be easy to keep.

The other force would entice us to go the other direction, and put self and self interest in first place—to love self, and then if there is any time or other commodity left, let God have that. Seek to tear down your brother or neighbor, if he does not see as you do, make accusations against him, and do all you can to discredit him, whether he is dead or alive—so Satan advises.

Jesus said we were to love our enemies, do good to those who persecute us. Which way are we going? Whose advice are we taking? We note in the last prayer of the Master as found in John 17, where He prayed for those of our day, that we might be kept from the evils, that there might be a united force for good, that we might be one with them, that the world might know that Jesus was sent.

"I pray for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. . . . I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. . . . Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Unity is a neglected or forgotten virtue, division is very evident, and on the increase. We tell or try to tell the world that we have the gospel restored in these last days in its primitive beauty—a gospel of unity, and love—these two go together for if we love God with all our heart, then there will be a unifying of our forces, and there will be a light that will shine forth that will attract good people. But as long as there are those who spend their time, talent, and energy to discredit their brother, whether living or dead, they are not being directed by the great force of love.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments," and the great commandments will be the first we must keep. There is no love where efforts are being made to injure each other.

The eyes of the world are on us, and they are forming their opinions from the manner of our lives, and when we do that which hurts or discredits each other, there we find the working of the other force, commonly referred to as hate, ill will, dislike, and all kindred tools of Satan.

Eternal life is the most important commodity we have. To be acceptable to God is the greatest of all favors. Satan will and does do all he can to get us to go his way, when we are not constantly on guard he gets us to follow his lead, and little by little he binds us. True, there has been a restoration of the gospel in our

day, but the world will not believe it as long as efforts are being made to tear down the columns that it is built on.

I am reminded of a local revelation, wherein, The Lord said: "Tear not down another's structure, hoping thus to build thine own." It is true we cannot build a successful character by first destroying another's good name or character.

The one outstanding advice given by the Master was that we love one another. It is not possible to love and hate at the same time. "Return unto me, and I will return unto you" is acceptable to we who claim to be the possessor or custodians of the pure gospel of Christ. We must return to the Great Commandment of Love, giving God first place in our lives. Sit down and figure how much you can give or do for the Lord, rather than how little we can get by with.

Hate is as destructive to spiritual life as strychnine is to physical life. The mission of Christ was love. In love He was willing to come and take on human life that he might rescue mankind from the snares of Satan. So in order to make his teachings effective, He said we were to love even our enemies. I wonder how many of us do as He said? We are told that God is love, and it follows that we can say the same for Christ.

We claim to love each other, yet we find there is a disposition to love self more.

"A great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men; behold I am God, and give heed to my word, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow: therefore, give heed unto my word. Behold I speak unto you, and also to all those who have desires to bring forth and establish this work, and no one can assist in this work, except he shall be humble and full of love," Book of Commandments, chapter 11.

If we ever hope to have Zion we will have to stop hating and begin to love.

—Apostle Wm. Anderson.

OBITUARY

Irl D. Greene, born at Akron, Ohio, February 26, 1894, died early on Monday, April 22, 1963. For nearly a year he had been a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He is survived by his wife Hazel, who is a member of the Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minn., Local. Two married daughters, three grandchildren and one great grandchild complete the roster of remaining issue.

At his home in Menifield, northeast of Brainerd, Minnesota, his passing hours were comforted by the ministry of Elder B. Wentworth of the Bemidji, Minn. Church of Christ who came in response to call.

The service marking his passing was at the Nelson-Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd and interment at Evergreen Cemetery in that city April 24, 1963. Officiating at the service, Elder T. S. Maley, Pastor, Minneapolis, Minn. Church of Christ.

OBITUARY

Matilda Ann Briel was born September 1, 1874, at Liberty Ridge, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Justus and Anna Marie Briel. She departed this life May 8, 1963, at the age of 88 years, 8 months, and 8 days.

On January 1, 1895, she was married to Joseph Matthews. To this union seven children were born, three of which preceded her in death. The greater part of the lives of this well known couple was spent in farming the old farm of Mr. Matthews' parents in the Buck Wheat Ridge Neighborhood about 7 miles from Lancaster. They resided in Montfort the declining years of their life till the passing of her companion in 1954. She then went to live in Madison in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fern Sepko. Her health began to fail for about the last four years, and as a result her busy hands became completely helpless. Part of her remaining days were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stella Davies, also of Madison.

Her life was a life of sacrifice and service to her family and also neighbors and friends alike. She was a living example of patience, love, and all the good things people should be, and a wonderful, kindly person beloved by her loved ones and anyone who knew her.

She leaves to mourn, two daughters: Mrs. Fern Sepko and Mrs. Stella Davies, both of Madison, and two sons; Joseph Matthews of Lancaster and Clinton Matthews of Montfort. Also 15 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Carrie Wilkinson Stitzer. She also leaves many Brothers and Sisters in the Church who will miss her presence.

She was baptized into the R. L. D. S. Church on October 23, 1920, by Elder J. O. Dutton, and was confirmed by Elders B. C. Flint and J. O. Dutton. She was transferred into the Church of Christ, (Temple Lot), on November 6, 1927, and has always been a member in good standing.

Her funeral was held May 11, 1963, 1:30 p. m. at Hannan-Soman Funeral Home in Montfort, Wisconsin. Elder Isaac Brockman, Sparta, Wisconsin, officiated, with Elder Vance Harris, Independence, Missouri, assisting. Place of interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery, Montfort, Wisconsin.

MEMO FROM AN OPTIMIST

To love the good in people around me, and to avoid the wicked to enjoy my good fortune and to bear my ill and to remember to forget that has been my optimism. It has helped me to live. May it help you, too.

—Andre Maurois.

Making an issue of little things is one of the surest ways to spoil happiness.

Handwritten notes: "May 11/63" and a signature.

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