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

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Take Time

The following lines were given to us by a Jewish neighbor, Masie Hansen, while we were on our mission to Israel.

C. L. W.

- Take time to work—
It is the price of success.
- Take time to think—
It is the source of power.
- Take time to play—
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read—
It is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to be friendly—
It is the road to happiness.
- Take time to laugh—
It is the music of the soul.
- Take time to dream—
It is the road to greater vision.
- Take time to give—
Time is too short to be selfish.
- Take time to love and be loved—
It is the privilege of the gods.

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—Author Unknown

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INTRODUCING NEW EDITORS

With this issue of the Advocate we introduce a new Editorial staff, selected by the recent Conference.

It is the heartfelt wish of your past Editors that our new staff will enjoy the continued support of the Saints that has made this task so pleasant and enjoyable.

Contributions from the Saints at large bring together in the pages of the Advocate the family of the household of God. May we continue to meet in its pages under the guidance of our new Editors and may we support them with our prayers is the fervent hope of your late staff.

O. A. C.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with grateful appreciation that we acknowledge the good wishes and prayers of the former Editors in our behalf, and unite our prayer with theirs, that we may continue to bring to you in our association in the coming year, only those things of high spiritual and moral value as they have so ably done.

R. A. W.

EDITORIAL

With the sound of the last rap of the gavel, the 1964 Conference became another chapter of our history. How it will be reviewed and evaluated in the minds of future generations will depend largely upon how we, both you and I, conduct ourselves in relation to those measures which were considered. Our conduct regarding those measures which carried, as well as those which lost, will be more indelibly impressed upon those minds, than what we may have spoken in favor of or against, in those measures.

We, having accepted membership in the Church, have a duty to uphold the laws of the Church, enacted by the voice of the people. This statement is verified in Mosiah 13:36, "Therefore this shall ye observe, and make it your law, to do your business by the voice of the people." Also I Peter 5:5, ". . . Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." We must, therefore, subject ourselves, either in active support of adopted measures, or by restraining our desires to overthrow those measures by subversion.

Webster defines subvert as; to insidiously or secretly undermine; to ruin underhandedly, to overthrow a government.

This does not imply that the present laws and regulations of the Church can not be changed by lawful means. But it does prevent responsible persons from participating in the unlawful overthrowing of that which is established by the voice of the people. Any person who would thus participate in such unlawful overthrowing would be of a rebellious spirit, for in Christ's own words, Matthew 12:26, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." Such subversive activities can only destroy oneself and if his following is large enough will also destroy that which he believes he labors to save.

We find no justification in the Scriptures for taking the law into ones own hands. But rather is the opposite course in keeping with the teachings of Christ. In III Nephi 5:30 and 31, Nephi records these words of Christ, "For verily, verily I say unto you, He that hath the spirit of contention, is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger one with another; Behold, this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men with anger one against another; but this is my doctrine, that such things should be done away." We see plainly by this reading, that he has not appointed unto us to be avengers of the Word. Rather have we been admonished to humble ourselves before Him, and submit to those having authority over us.

We can not allow ourselves to lose sight of the fact that he has reserved vengeance and retribution unto Himself in Romans 12:17-19, "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, "Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord." See also Deut. 32:35.

We must also remember that there can be no contention unless there are two or more willing to contend.

It therefore becomes us as "Keepers of the Faith" to be obedient to the laws of the body of which we are a part, and from which we gain our succor, whether it be the Church or our nation.

The time is **now** when we must take a more positive course as individuals and as a church, to inspire our members, and those whom we contact outside the Church as well, to a higher plane. It shall therefore be our aim through these pages to direct your minds and actions into such a course.

Let us then, recall the words of David, Psalm 147:1-3, "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. The Lord doth build of Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcast of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." This is the mission of Jesus Christ and the peculiar calling of His Church, and when we begin to move forward as a people dedicated to this mission and none other, then shall we begin to see the work go forth as Isaiah saw it would, in, Isaiah 62:1, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

R. A. W.

MOTHER'S DAY

I am grateful for the divine mystery of motherhood whereby a human soul is created and sent on its eternal pilgrimage.

I am grateful for the mother who bore me and built my life out of hers; who nourished me with her own body and walked to the brink of the grave that I might live.

I am grateful for the lonely nights when she wrestled with God, dreaming of the person she would have me be.

I am grateful for the warm bosom in which she hushed me to sleep; and for tender hands that caressed my cheeks.

I am grateful for the voiceless prayers, the unflinching solicitude that followed my childish waywardness, and her suffering that brought me back to the path of rectitude.

I am grateful for the nameless outpourings of love that have guided my steps through darkness to light, over high and low ways, over smooth and rough places, in sorrow and joy, in failure and success.

I am grateful for all the mothers of men, whether of flesh or spirit, whose divine mission the world forgets to praise, yet without whom life would have no loveliness.

I am grateful for the faith that in this universe there is abiding Love of which these mothers of ours are the holiest revelation.

—W. Waldemar W. Argow, The Right Hand

WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS

God knew that everybody needs
Some one to show the way,
He knew that babies need someone
To care for them each day—
He knew they needed someone sweet
To soothe their baby cries,
To teach them how to walk and talk,
And sing them lullabies . . .
THAT'S WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS.

He knew small children need someone
To lend a guiding hand,
To answer all their questions
And to smile and understand,
Someone to read them story books,
To teach them wrong from right,
To show them wonderful new games,
And hear their prayers at night . . .
THAT'S WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS.

And then throughout their childhood years,
God knew that children need
Someone to smile at them with pride,
Encourage each new deed;
As they grow up and all their lives,
God knew that everywhere
All children need a mother's heart
To understand and care . . .
THAT'S WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS.

The Right Hand

HARD THINGS

Boys like to do "hard" things—things that make them feel big and important. But some boys only **think** they like to do hard things, and squirm when they have an opportunity to do them.

Now, here is a list of hard things for a boy (or a girl, or men and women too) to do: To apologize, to begin over, to be unselfish, to take advice, to admit error, to face a sneer, to be charitable, to keep on trying, to be considerate, to avoid mistake, to be modest, to profit by mistake, to think before acting, to forgive and forget, to keep out of the rut, to make the best of little, to look on the bright side of things.

And it always pays!

The Right Hand

LOCAL NEWS

This feature of the Advocate needs your help. It is empty this month because we have not heard from you. We are certain that there are items in your locality that are of interest to others and will bring new courage and hope to all. We therefore urge each local or scattered member to take time to send us the news in your area.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

NOTE: We solicit articles for this department written in an affirmative

manner. An affirmative article is one in which a belief, or an opinion, is expressed, and evidences presented to support that belief. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OR THE OPINIONS OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF.

SERMON BY N. F. DENHAM

August 11, 1963, 7:30 P. M.

When I'm called upon to stand behind this sacred desk, I have an ever present need of an interest in your prayers, that I may be able to accomplish that which will be to God's honor and glory and to the edification of His children. That is ever my need because I am aware of the insufficiency of the flesh in weak mortal man. I am also well aware of the strength, of the wisdom, of the understanding, and the help that the Spirit of God can grant unto those who are called upon to labor in His vineyards. It is my desire that I might labor in such a way that it will be edifying to those around me. For these reasons I ask an interest in your prayers tonight.

There are many thoughts and many topics perhaps that we could discuss together which would be beneficial to each of us, and sometimes it is hard to determine the best place to begin or which ones to choose. But this afternoon as I was doing some reading, I came across a prayer that was offered by Moroni which channelled my thoughts. We are all well aware of the fact that Moroni was the last of his people as far as he knew, that believed and trusted in the God of Israel, the rest had gone to other gods. I'd like to read this prayer. It is rather short, but it is full of meaning. It is found in the 5th chapter of the Book of Ether and begins with the 30th verse. It follows a statement which he heard from heaven, wherein the Lord told him, "I give unto men weakness that they may be humble" —I want us to consider the words here, I want us to apply these things to ourselves. I need to apply them to myself, and I believe that each one of us needs to apply these things to himself that we might thereby grow and come up to that higher stature in Christ Jesus.

"... I will shew unto them that faith, hope, and charity, bringeth unto me the fountain of all righteousness." Our desire is to attain righteousness. I presume that each of us came here this evening because of a desire, some of us may have come because we were told by those having authority over us, in other words, our parents, that we must come, and that is good, for we should learn to have a desire to come. We have come that we might get closer to God and bring unto Him, from within ourselves through faith, hope, and charity, righteousness. Now, if we feel that we are righteous enough, we deceive ourselves, but if we realize that we have to come and bring unto our Heavenly Father meat for His Kingdom, and that takes

effort, then we will realize that it is an effort that we must put forth in order to please him.

We know that the brother of Jared, from the scriptures that we have read, had great faith, such great faith that he was unable to be kept without the veil. Because of the great faith that he had, God could not hide from him the wonders of His glory. Do you desire to see those wonders of His glory which the brother of Jared saw? I do and I hope you do. There is a promise made to the Gentiles that, when they come with that great faith such as the brother of Jared had, they shall see also the things which he saw, and I want to see them. And I have faith in you, because of your presence here tonight, that you want to see them. And you have come, not to hear me, but you have come that you might come closer to our Heavenly Father. I also have that desire, I have that hope, but I haven't attained the goal yet.

I like to think of us as children in school. We are in school, and just like children in school who sometimes turn up to class without all their arithmetic problems worked, and they begin to wonder, "What is the teacher going to say this morning because I didn't get all my arithmetic problems worked?" We too are showing up to class from day to day without all our arithmetic problems worked. If it wasn't for that, conditions around us would be a lot different than they are today. But let us read on:—"And I, Moroni, having heard these words, was comforted, and said, O Lord, thy righteous will be done, for I know that thou workest unto the children of men according to their faith; for the brother of Jared said unto the mountain Zerin, Remove, and it was removed. And if he had not had faith, it would not have moved; wherefore thou workest after men have faith; for thus did thou manifest thyself unto thy disciples."

Has our Heavenly Father revealed or manifested Himself unto us? Let us stop and ask ourselves a question, "Has our Heavenly Father manifested Himself unto me? Not the one next to me or the one in the other aisle or the other seat?" Let us come right home. "Has our Heavenly Father manifested Himself under the power of the Holy Ghost to me? How do I know? Am I sure? Or is it guess work? If he has, it had to be by faith. If he has not, then I'd better do something about it and soon."

Reading on, "For after they had faith and did speak in thy name, thou didst shew thyself unto them in great power; and I also remember that thou hast said that thou hast prepared a house for man; yea, even among

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"TURN ALL YE GENTILES FROM YOUR WICKED WAYS"

Sermon by Apostle Wm. Sheldon
in Phoenix, Arizona.

The warning as quoted in the above title is applicable to you and to me. It is from III Nephi 14. Read it all.

Among the many facets of the gospel of Christ is one which I believe to be of paramount importance today. It is the principle of repentance. Today we have the same old story of man's disobedience to the commandments of God, and, as of old, the result is the same. Man still must suffer for his disobedience.

Most of us will agree that the time of Christ's second coming is near, but how near? Some say ten years. Some say twenty years, and some say even longer. Can we afford to take a chance and be caught unprepared? Read Luke 17:26-37. Here are some important words about Christ's coming, and the need of preparation.

We as a people were told as recently as 130 years ago, by the warning voice of Joseph Smith to prepare ourselves. All the world needs to prepare.

As we care for our bodies, so we should care even more for our souls; for it will be the spirit that will stand and be judged at the last day. This spirit within us is vital to us and it is this spirit that must heed the commands to be prepared for Christ's coming.

We are told to make preparation for the land of Zion—to build up a temple where the word of God can go forth to all the nations that the people may heed and prepare themselves. I speak of this because of the nearness of the establishing of God's final work of the kingdom here on the earth.

God will not long stand for man's continued disobedience. The wicked will surely be destroyed. The righteous will surely be saved. Satan will surely be bound and Christ will surely reign on the earth for a thousand years!

We must prepare the soil; we must plant the seed; We must cleanse and purify our lives and perhaps we will see the fulfillment of Christ's second coming in our time.

As in the days of Noah and Lot (citation above) both were warned and the wicked were destroyed and God prepared a way of escape for His people. They did not sit still, but did as the Lord desired and prepared (from His directions) a way of escape. To prepare our own way of escape we must develop our understanding of the gospel, obey all God's commandments, and be prepared and willing to do as he tells us.

In Luke 18:17-27 we read of a young man unwilling to do as God bade him, because riches were so dear to him. He had kept the basic commandments all his life but he could not give up his wealth. Do we keep the

principle commandments, and yet have something unpleasing to God which we cannot give up?

God has destroyed the wicked in many ways in the past. Perhaps we are not as bad as to be classified as wicked, you say? Don't you know that inasmuch as we have received the richness of God's word, more is required of us? If we sin against what we have by our failure to keep God's commandments it is equal to, or worse than, the revelries of sin in the old days.

Judgment must begin at the house of God. What shall be the end of him who knows not? That is for God to judge. Just being a member of the Church is no guarantee of escape. We must keep in touch with God by living close to him and keeping his commandments which we know so well. But we cannot qualify for his protection just because we are baptized members of His church.

Read II Timothy 2nd chapter. In these words of Paul to his young brother, Timothy, we can find wonderful advice for ourselves as well, such as: ". . . be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus . . ." and "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," and "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

We in the church are not immune to wrong doing; we must be ever on vigil, and we, as parents must not neglect the training of our children for if they do not learn to obey us, how much harder it will be for them not to respect the laws of our land and how much harder it will be for them to obey God.

Pleasure and idleness are two great idols of our times. Since the time of Adam until our own day man has resisted God, and yet God only wants to draw us near Him that we may have a happier life.

Men have broken and changed the ordinances of God. It is easy to get caught up in the daily struggle of life and to think there is no time to devote to good deeds and the study of God's word. If we get too tangled up in the unimportant things of life to give heed to the Lord's work, we need to change our way of living and go back to God's way. We must let our light shine and strengthen each other. We must give our testimony to each other, and to the whole world, and we must endure to the end of our days in the gospel of Christ. We must help each other and keep in tune to God's voice. Many live by God's word and have the blessings of the good spirit, but many do not. Because of unbelief they have departed from the faith. Even in the Church of Christ, and in our own day and time, we neglect the fullness of the gospel by refusing to receive it.

I would rather be a believer than a non-believer, but is true that many believe too much that is false. Is that worse than to refuse the word of God? I wonder.

There is need of repentance—of purification in the souls of men. In the last days the heathen nations will
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SPOTLIGHTS OF OUR HISTORY

We who find ourselves a part of the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot, have a rich heritage of spiritual experiences handed down to us from those who have traveled the way before us and kept the faith. These experiences express to us a willingness and an ever-readiness on the part of our loving Father, to help us in all our problems, to guide us and instruct us whenever we are sufficiently humble before him that we can hear His "still, small voice that whispereth through and pierceth all things." To the end that that wonderful heritage may live on, this little column is dedicated.

When the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints sued us, the Church of Christ for possession of the Temple Lot in 1891, claiming they were the true church in succession because they had as their leader the son of the prophet, Joseph Smith, although our people had on their return to Missouri in 1867 purchased the 2¾ acres dedicated by Joseph Smith and others of the Church of Christ, as the site for the temple, on August 8, 1831, they the R.L.D.S. won the case in the Circuit Court. We appealed it to the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States. In the Appeals Court the Circuit Court decision was reversed. The Reorganized Church then took an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States—the highest tribunal of our nation, where the Circuit Court of Appeals decision was upheld.

The expense of the litigation up to that time had been great, coming as it did a comparatively short time after the mass migration of many of our people from Woodford and Livingston Counties, Illinois, and vicinity. There is no doubt that in selling their farms and stock in Illinois and making a new start in Missouri, they had suffered definite financial loss and they had not been people of great wealth in the first place.

The Church had, of course, received offers of financial assistance, the Temple Lot having been considered of especial value. One such offer had come from the Church of Jesus Christ with headquarters in Salt Lake City and it was at least presumed the Temple Lot would have to be put up as security.

The little group seeing no better way to finance their defense of the Temple Lot, decided to send a delegation of, I think, three men to see what could be done to negotiate a loan from their former associates in Utah. The names of all the men on this delegation or committee do not come to mind right now, but one of them was my maternal grandfather, George P. (for Pack, he always laughed and said because he packed many burdens) Frisbey. They were on the train well on their way to Utah, discussing and praying over the matter of the best approach to make and just what proposition they should be willing to concede to. I heard the story from my Grandfather's lips and others many times, as I grew up—but am not real sure how far they got—

though I should remember, but it seems to me they said they were somewhere in Colorado when an unusual incident occurred. An angel appeared to them and told them to turn back and cease their efforts to incur debt to protect the Temple Lot, but that if they were humble and faithful and willing to make sacrifices the Lord would bare his arm in their defense of the Temple Lot property, as He had protected it in ages past, and for them to return to Independence and report the matter to their brethren.

They returned and called the little group together to agree upon what sacrifices they should make. It seemed there was no outright demand made upon anyone but each voluntarily made a pledge as to what they were willing to do. The women, I think without exception, walked up to a table in front of the Church (the little, one-story building which was burned a short time before the turn of the century) and laid their wedding rings and other jewelry upon it; the men pulled their watches from their pockets as well as other objects of value and laid them beside them,—all to be sold to help to defend the Temple Lot. Each head of a family made certain pledges of support in harmony with the instructions of the angel.

I can't remember just who pledged what except my grandfather who, by the way, did not affiliate with the Church of Christ until after he was forty years old. His sister however, was the wife of Adna C. Haldeman, who was one of the early elders and was driven out of Missouri with the others in the expulsion of 1833. And I should like to add that he is the Grandfather of Sister Miriam Mason and Brother Elmer Hunter and his several sisters whom many of you know.

Grandpa Frisbey lived on a farm at that time several miles south, the area being known as Raytown. As was the case with most farmers in those days he had a large dairy herd, fruit orchards, hay and grain fields besides a truck garden, and he also had a large family who helped to keep it all running smoothly.

Near the road on the east side of South Blue Ridge Boulevard near 63rd street, there still remains an old log cabin, now preserved by the Missouri Historical Society as an old land mark which was on my Grandfather's farm and used by his family for certain cooking and ironing.

He had a large apple orchard in those days and one pledge he made to assist in paying for the Temple Lot law suit was that whatever the Lord blessed him with in the way of an apple crop, he would turn over to the Church for that purpose.. That year turned out to be a very severe drouth year, dry, hot and dusty. But his prayers were sincere and his faith was strong in the promise of the angel sent from heaven. I remember from a very small child on the time of his death after I was married, how I was so impressed with his sincerity and depth of feeling whenever he referred to these events.

He said that his farm never suffered for water during that long dry summer; that whenever his crops seemed to need a rain a cloud would appear in the sky, sometimes a cloud so small you would think it couldn't possibly have any rain in it. But when it reached the line of his property it would rain abundantly till it reached his fence on the other side and it would stop raining. This happened, again and again during the growing season. No farm around him in the whole area got rain. They even had to haul water for their cattle. His neighbors remarked to him about it because they could not understand it. Whether he told all of them about his pledge I do not know but he told some of them. I have many times seen his eyes wet with tears and his voice choked with emotion as he would tell of that miraculous rain. And I have witnessed the same emotions in my mother (Marion Frisbey Denham) when I heard her tell about it for she too was a witness. I can't recall what he said about his other crops but his apple orchard became a veritable forest with the many poles that had to be brought in to prop up the limbs so heavily laden—otherwise his trees would have broken under the load. No one in the whole area had any apples but him and because of that his huge crop of apples brought a fabulous price. It was all turned over to the church to help defray the expense of the Temple Lot suit.

As I have said I don't remember the experiences of the other families in this cause, but I do know this to be one of the cherished legacies handed down to our family from our forebears. And as for me, if there were no other reason for believing that God has preserved the Temple Lot, for the building of His Temple, this whole incident would be reason enough for me. But there are many other reasons for believing it—some of which will be passed on to you in this column.

If you have some choice highlights that would fit into this column we would appreciate them.

—Angela Wheaton

MEMORIES

What changes the whirling years bring to us. We look back a little ways; behold the events that make up the history of our lives, and find ourselves wondering how things could have turned out so differently from what we planned.

Hopes and plans that seemed bright and strong have sickened and passed away, while things that seemed to have only a remote chance of happening, have come to pass. But, perhaps, the strangest of all is that the little church, known among its friends as the Church of Christ, should still maintain its existence, and exhibit signs of vitality and growth that have proven comforting to those few whose faith has never been shaken in the ultimate triumph of the principles taught by her.

What the future holds in store for our people, only

time will develop; yet we know of a surety that there are men and women in the Church of Christ whose aim has ever been lofty; whose courage has often been tested; whose devotion to the cause has never wavered, and whose faith in God has been only strengthened by their trials. Let those unacquainted with the history of our people not think that we have come thus far without trials.

There has been hours in the history of our little people, when the clouds were so dark and the storm so fierce, that hardly a ray of hope was visible. Such an hour followed the first decision in the Temple Lot suit; by the mandate of a Federal judge, the little piece of hallowed ground, doubly dear to our hearts because of the past, and because of the hopes of the future, seemingly was about to be wrested from us. Just previous to the decision, internal troubles had racked and torn the church until only fourteen members were left at Independence to fight the battles of the church. To add to our dismay, the man who had been chieftest in the first struggle for the lots, withdrew his support and membership from the church. Our attorneys informed us that over \$5,000 would be required for court costs alone. In addition to this sum more than a thousand dollars was required for attorney's fees, printing, etc. And less than a score of people, including men and women, rallied to the support of the church, in this her darkest hour! Suggestion after suggestion was offered as to the best way of raising money to appeal the suit and save the property; but all were rejected for various reasons. Finally a half dozen or so families came forward and offered the church authorities everything they possessed on earth, even to their wearing apparel, and instructed them to go ahead and appeal the suit and call on them for assistance, promising that they would meet their calls for money, by selling, if necessary, everything they had. The determined efforts of these few seemed to stimulate others who once had held an identity with us. Cottage prayer meetings were instituted, and repeatedly a great outpouring of the Spirit was experienced. The distressed condition of the church, her utter helplessness, and the desire for God's help in the final struggle for the lots, drove men and women to the very depths of humility. The writer can remember the prayers of children even, offered during that trying time, which seemed to almost move heaven and earth. Never will we forget one meeting in particular. It was the night before the day set for the final hearing of the case before the Court of Appeals at St. Louis. Two of the elders had gone to St. Louis to be present at the trial. An agreement was made that all the members here should spend the day preceding the hearing, in fasting and supplication to God, that we should not lose the Temple Lots. In the evening a meeting was held at the house of one of the members in Independence, and such a meeting! Old people present, who had been members of the church for years, testified that it was equal to any in their experience; members who were generally backward at prayer meetings seemed to vie with each other as to

who should be first in prayer or exhortation, while from the lips of the young, unaccustomed to prayer as they were, flowed melting streams of touching language, as they implored the Lord to listen to our cries. Had life been at stake, apparently, no greater effort could have been put forth. After all had taken some part in meeting, and the room was apparently filled with the Spirit, the great Father's heart seemed moved with compassion, and one of those present announced by the power of the Spirit, that the Temple Lots should not be lost to us.

From about that time, the church seemed to take on new life, and its members seemed newly awakened to their surroundings. The promises of God to our people were again held up before us, and each heart seemed fired with hope, as we realized anew the privileges that God had extended toward us. When finally the decision was handed down by the Court of Appeals, forever vesting in the Church of Christ the title of the Temple Lots, it began to dawn on our people that God certainly had a purpose in permitting us to still retain the custody of the sacred soil. What could be his object, and what part was the Church of Christ to play in the mighty events yet to happen, having, for their beginning place, the Temple Lots? Our people well understood that the redemption of Zion must soon begin; that the work of the one "mighty and strong" could not be much longer delayed; that the building of the city, New Jerusalem, and the consequent gathering of the "remnant" were events that must be very near our doors. These things were all thought of, and as they were more deeply considered, all could see that the possession of the Temple Lots was a vital factor in the progress of these events. Without control of that spot, all efforts to carry on the work of the redemption and upbuilding of Zion, must prove fruitless. What a thrill came to our hearts as we considered these things and realized that God had permitted us, a few, weak people, to retain custody as against the efforts of a great body of people who outnumbered us a thousand to one.

With a realization of our possibilities as individuals, and as a people, to the hearts of many came a deep resolve to give themselves no rest until they stood before God, stripped of every hindrance, and free to do the work God had so evidently entrusted to us. Whether progress has been made in these efforts, God is the best judge. But time has slipped by—three of (or RAW) four years have passed, and today finds us with enlarged vision, increased faith, and a knowledge of a portion of God's will toward us. The years have tended to soften whatever feeling might have been borne, growing out of the legal contest between us and the Reorganization, **and today the Church of Christ stands with her arms outstretched towards all who have ever embraced the latter day faith, with a desire to help the honest in heart to a better understanding of God's purposes towards them, and to show them their part and duty in the grand work of the "redemption of Zion."** The great need of the church is for men and money; men who understand our position, and who are able to tell it.

Money is needed to supply the wants of those engaged in the ministry. We have only a few men who are at present available for missionary labor. Many openings, where preaching might be done, have been left unfilled for lack of men and means to fill them. Other calls for money from sources which could not go unheeded, have been made.

Our efforts and intentions are certainly for good, seeing that our chief object is the redemption of Zion, a thing that should be dear to the heart of every Latter Day Saint. In our efforts to better her cause, we ask the help of all the lovers of Zion, in whatever manner they may be influenced to extend it. Will you be one to help us? (Reprinted from THE SEARCHLIGHT, Vol. 4, No. 1, Feb. 1899.) (Emphasis R.A.W.)

CONCERNING THE TEMPLE LOT

Now that the Temple Lot suit is settled the humble saints with a good store of faith should importune the Almighty to start the work towards building a temple on the lot to His honor. While the "Hedrickites" feel to rejoice that the Almighty has seen fit to allow them to remain in possession, still they regard the property as belonging to the Lord and will only be too glad to either **lead** or **assist** whenever the Lord shall further reveal His will concerning this consecrated spot of ground—but they insist on knowing that the Lord is behind any movement in that direction. (Taken from THE SEARCHLIGHT Vol. 1, No. 1 page 1, Feb. 1, 1890.)

YOUR LITTLE SON

There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching
night and day;

There are little ears that quickly take in every word
you say;

There are little hands all eager to do everything you
do,

And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be
like you.

You're the little fellow's idol, you're the wisest of the
wise;

In his little mind about you no suspicions ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say and
do

He will say and do in your way when he, too, grows
up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow who believes you're
always right,

And his ears are always open and he watches day
and night.

You are setting an example every day in all you do,
For the little boy who's waiting to group up to be like
you.

Anonymous

TURN ALL YE GENTILES

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rise against the other nations. This will be God's plan of destruction. But He knows His own, and wonderful are His promises to them! Read Ezekiel 34:11-13, a story of God's power to be shown forth, and one of His wonderful promises.

Let us give ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of the Master of men, for now, better than ever, we can set our course and live fully in the service of God.

Read Psalms 91 and rejoice in God's love for His children who serve Him.

SERMON BY N. F. DENHAM

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the mansions of thy Father, in which man might have a more excellent hope;"

Jesus said in Jerusalem, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also." That is where I want to be and I have faith and confidence in you that that is where you want to be. We don't want, at that final day, to show up without our arithmetic problems all worked. We want to be sure we have them all worked, and correctly worked. People are going to have their arithmetic problems worked that day, and like sometimes we have experienced, when the grader goes over them and they will be checked wrong, and what a disappointment. We don't want to be in that situation.

Continuing our reading, "Wherefore man must hope, or he cannot receive an inheritance in the place which thou hast prepared. And again I remember that thou hast said that thou hast loved the world, even unto the laying down of thy life for the world, that thou mightest take it again to prepare a place for the children of men. And now I know that His love which thou hast had for the children of men, is charity;" I wonder sometimes if we fully appreciate this charity which He had for us, that He was willing to come down and take upon Him the frailties of the human and pass through the trials and tribulations that we so often falter under, in order that you and I might live.

I want to re-read that last passage again. "Wherefore, except men shall have charity," the great love of God, that they are willing to suffer the things which are necessary sometimes, or which seems to us to be so unnecessary sometimes, at the hands of one another, that we might serve one another.

"Wherefore, I know by this thing which thou hast said, that if the Gentiles have not charity, because of our weakness, that thou wilt prove them, and take away their talent, yea, even that which they have received, and give unto them who shall have more abundantly." Moroni had a great deal of charity, a great deal of love for us.

"And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord

that He would give unto the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity. And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me, If they have not charity, it mattereth not unto thee, thou hast been faithful; wherefore thy garments shall be made clean. And because thou hast seen thy weakness, thou shalt be made strong, even unto the sitting down in the place which I have prepared in the mansions of my Father." Weakness, oh what a drag it is on us! I have it. Do you have it? Do you recognize your weakness? I don't know how fully I recognize my weakness, but my prayer is that the Lord will show me that I may recognize it, that I may humble myself before Him, that I may be made strong even to the sitting down in the place which our Father has prepared for those who will serve Him. It takes a strong person to be able to sit down. I want us to think what it means to be brought before Him.

One time I had a conversation with a young person who was inticed away. He made a statement to me one time, after realizing he had been inticed away and had done some things that he was ashamed of and which he knew that I was ashamed of, and that any of us who knew of them would be ashamed of them, that chilled my blood. He said, "I know I'm going to Hell." Isn't that an awful statement for any one to confess? Can you think of anything more chilling? I turned to him and said, "Do you know what Hell is?" and surprise filled his face "No", he said. I said, "Remember when you were small and you disobeyed your mother and you knew you had disobeyed her, and suddenly you were brought to face her with this disobedience? Do you remember how you were made to look up into her eyes, knowing you had disobeyed your mother? Do you remember what an awful feeling you had, and how you wanted to hide or run away, anything to get away?" "Yes", he remembered.

We all remember, even these little people, and I like to talk to them because they are precious in the sight of our Heavenly Father, but I think there is no little child who learns a lesson but what every adult can profit by the same lesson. I can.

I said to this young person, "You remember how you felt. Well, I want you to stop and think how much more terrible it will be when you stand before your Heavenly Father, instead of your Mother, who is pure and clean and holy and have to face Him for things wherein you have been disobedient." He hadn't thought about that. What an awful situation it would be to me. His response was, "I don't want to go there!" It began to dawn on him what an awful thing it is to be brought before an offended God.

It takes the strong to be able to sit down in the mansions of our Father, but strong not in our own strength but strong in the spirit of God, strong in the faith, strong in obedience to the commandments of God. Brothers and Sisters, we go through many trials and tribulations today. Sometimes feelings arise with in us because of things that we feel are unjust, and

yet have we suffered as our Master suffered? He suffered that we might have life. We can't suffer that somebody else can have life, but we can suffer that we might humble ourselves before Him that we might receive of this which He has to offer to us. It is up to us whether we suffer in vain. I want to go back over to the writings of Paul. There are so many things that may be said, but here are a few admonitions that Paul gave that would be beneficial to us to remember, to be reminded of time after time, that we might not be overcome of these things that are brought against us to try to discourage us, to try to destroy us.

Humility. Charity. It is hard sometimes to be charitable to the person who slaps us in the face, it is hard sometimes to be charitable to the person who gives us a smarting remark. I know, from experience.

I want to read before we close: Colossians 3:1-17. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: . . ." What does that word mortify mean? It means dead, make dead. We are to be dead in one sense of the word, dead to sin. What is inordinate affection? Improper affection. There are lots of ways that inordinate affection can be displayed. It is improper to love evil things. It is improper to love money. It is improper to love the things of this world. Inordinate affection means more than what we might sometimes think. What is covetousness? Webster says it is loving a thing with a deep desire. Paul say it is idolatry, worshiping or desiring something more than God.

"For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: . . ." This individual of whom I spoke awhile ago, that told me he was going to hell, was ashamed because of some of the things of which I read here.

"In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. . . ." All these things we must put aside. Oh how easy it is to get mad when somebody says some things to us which we don't like, when somebody crosses us! Oh how easy it is to get mad, angry, wrath, malice! How easy it is to turn around and smack 'em back, or give a good tongue lashing! Is that what Jesus did? No, we know it isn't!

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, Circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian,

Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; . . ." Bowels of mercies, that mercy has to go pretty deep within us then, doesn't it? Clean down to the recesses of our innermost beings. "Bowels of mercies"! How hard it is to be humble of mind.

"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. . . ."

Now we've heard lots of times about being perfect, and we know that Jesus commanded us that we should be perfect, 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,' (Matt. 5:48). On another occasion He said, "Be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect." (III Nephi 5:92). And Paul brings it out clearly, "above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. . . . Let's not lord it over someone because our side won, but let us be thankful!

Oh there are lots of admonitions which are given here, Paul goes ahead and gives some good advice to wives and he gives some good advice to husbands, and he gives some wonderful advice to children. I won't take the time to read it, but it is in that same chapter. It would do us all good to read it, re-read it, and turn around and read it again. Oh how we need to be reminded.

Brothers and Sisters, pray for me, that I may not be overcome of my weaknesses, but that I, with you, might overcome those weaknesses with good works. My prayers will be for you.

DREAM OR VISION

Elder G. D. Cole

1. "I was baptized by Richard Hill, April 9, 1870, in Mill Creek, north of Independence. I cannot give the exact date now, but not long after I had joined the church I was visiting at Brother A. C. Haledman's with his son Charles. That night, ever to be remembered by me, not long after we had retired for the night and all was quiet, I seemed to realize that I was on the Temple Lot high up in the air, standing on a rock.

2. "It was night. I could see it plain, although it was just an ordinary starlight night. Finding myself suddenly placed on that rock, for I seemed to wake up just as I was placed standing upright on it, I could not see anything supporting the rock up there in space, neither did it seem as though it was unreasonable or strange, and I had no fear of it falling.

3. "But I, being so high, began to totter as if I

would fall without support of some kind, and without looking for other help I lifted my hands to God and appealed to him for help. And when I did I became steady, calm and without fear, although I was very high up. As I called on God for aid a voice just behind my right shoulder said to me, "That is the only way you will ever be able to stand." The voice was kind, mild, but impressive. It became light, as if the sun was up, as he was talking to me.

4. "I turned to my right, facing the northeast, for at first I was facing the west, and as I turned I saw a stump somewhere near the west of where the building now stands on the Temple Lot, but at the time there was not anything on the lot, not even a switch nor fence.

5. "The stump was about three feet high and two and a half across the top. It was a beautiful stump. A small branch grew out of the stump near the top, about twelve inches long, with about six or seven large, healthy looking buds on it, ready to put forth when the time came; for this was impressed on me that that was the mind and purpose of the Lord. And as I looked steadfastly on it the voice said, 'That is the Church of Christ that was organized on the 6th of April, 1830.'

6. "I was impressed that the tree had become defective, for which cause the tree had been removed, a small part of the blemish or defect extended a short distance down from the top of the stump, as though in cutting off the tree a part was left in the stump on the south side about as broad as the hand.

7. "Notwithstanding it was only about or looked to be two and one half feet across the top of the stump, there was quite a number of people on top of it moving around, and I knew, or seemed to know the most of them.

8. " There were some engaged in joking, treating lightly their surroundings, and as they would come near that affected place in the stump, they would raise an axe to strike in it in their light minded career, but just as they would start to let it fall the axe something would hinder or stop them, and that voice said to me that the Lord would not let them.

9. "I was impressed again that the Lord didn't hinder them they would destroy it.

10. "I said, 'Lord, where is the top?' He said, 'Look!' I looked just across the road running east and west just north of the Temple Lot, and there lay the butt end of the tree. He said it was cut off as the church, but not as individuals. I saw the scar of the axe on the butt end of the tree. The top extended miles and miles, and as it extended from the Temple Lot the top gradually bent to the west until the extreme top was lying in a westerly direction.

11. "I could see that the tree was dead and the leaves were wilted and turning brown. While I was still standing on that stone up in the air He said, 'Look!'

and I looked towards that dead tree. He said, 'Behold the Elders of Israel,' I looked and saw the day that will come when the messengers of the Lord will go through that dead top. It seemed to me like they were pruning the tree, but not as we prune a tree, for we would bring from it the dead branches, but they did bring out the green twigs from the dead tree. I looked down at them while they were working; they seemed, or acted like they knew me. They were in their shirt sleeves, with pretty white, clean shirts, and now and then would stop as they would adjust their suspenders on their shoulders and look up pleasantly at me. They had noticed me standing there watching them while they were at work."

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(Editor's Note.) Compare with Job 14:7-9, "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant."

Are we to be among those whose hand the Lord will stay as in the vision, or is it not our calling to feed and water the root and the branch and glean the green buds and graft them into the true vine as Christ Himself says in John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit?" (Emphasis R.A.W.)

REVELATION

The following revelation was given through Granville Hedrick, in the presence of thirteen members, in answer to solemn prayer, and much fasting, to Almighty God, for two days previous, and this is the word of the Lord unto all the Saints:

April 24, A. D. 1864

Hear, O ye people, and hearken to the counsel of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who are called by My name and keep My commandments, you who have sought to know My will concerning My people, who have professed My name, and entered into the new and everlasting covenant to keep all the counsels and commandments of the only true and living God; hear, then, these things which are revealed unto you by the power of His holy spirit: prepare, O ye people, yourselves in all things, that you may be ready to gather together upon the consecrated land which I have appointed and dedicated by My servant, Joseph Smith and the first Elders of My church, in Jackson County, State of Missouri, for the gathering together of My Saints, that they might be assembled in the day of My chastening hand, when your Lord will pour out His wrath and indignation upon the ungodly. And in as much as My church and people have been driven and scattered, therefore take counsel of Me, your Lord and director, who says unto you: prepare yourselves and be ready against the appointed time which I have set and prepared for you, that you may return in the year

A. D. 1867, which time the Lord, by your prayers and faithfulness in all things, will open and prepare a way before you that you may begin to gather at that time. Hear, now, O ye people of My church—take counsel together that you may escape the awful calamity of war and famine which shall fall upon this people of the Northern States, beginning in the year 1871, at which time the sword shall fall heavily upon the people, and famine shall quickly follow, and thus shall the sword continue to be drawn, and by bloodshed shall this nation war and contend until they are overthrown and their liberties taken away from them, which shall terminate in the year 1878, and thus anarchy and destruction shall reign throughout the dominions of the wicked, while you, the people of My church, shall be assembled and grow up into a peaceable multitude where I, the Lord your God, will raise up a strong and mighty people, whose delight will not be to shed blood, but will trust in God and live in peace—for I, the Lord God will protect them. Wherefore, all ye people who have covenanted with the Lord your God to keep all his commandments according to the fullness of the everlasting Gospel, I say unto you, lay aside all your contentions and false doctrines and teachings, and turn to the pure principles as they are given in the everlasting Gospel. If you do these things you shall be a blessed people.

LETTER FROM JOHN E. PAGE

DeKalb Centre, Ill., May 5th, 1964

Dear Bro. Haldeman: Yours of April 31, '64, came to hand with the copy of the revelation. Thanks for the same.

I consider the revelation to be of the first importance to us and all others that would be called saints, for it calls for a strict obedience to the commandments of God, as laid down in the Book of Mormon, or, in other words, "the fullness of the Gospel." Let it so be done, and all will be right; the glorious light of the Gospel will shine forth in power, error and ignorance will flee away like darkness before the rising sun, and the church once more put on its beautiful garments of practical righteousness, that never has adorned it since the fall of the Nephite church 1400 years since.

On the other hand, if the church does not (as a church) put on practical righteousness, according to the commandments of the Fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, she will fall into worse sins and corruptions and her destruction will be more fearful and signal than ever before since the destruction of the Nephites.

That the saints may have a ready reference to the Book of Mormon to learn their practical duties, let them study and lay to heart the matter contained in the following references, viz: Book of Jacob 2nd. chapter, 4, and 5, Book of Mosiah, 2nd. chapter 2, and 3 and 9th. chapter par. 10. Book of Alma 2nd. chapter par. 4 (ending with "death") Book of Alma 1st. chapter par. 5

3rd. chapter par. 3, 16th. chapter par. 22, 23, 24, 25. Book of Mormon, 4th chapter par. 1.

The above references show clearly the usages of the church, one to the other, as taught by the Nephite Elders or High Priests, kept and preserved by the power of God for our practice in the last days, who shall constitute a like church of Christ, which, if not practiced, will prove to be as blessed and glorious to us as it did to them in the two hundred years of their highest prosperity in this land. May God in mercy, in the name of Christ, interpose His divine grace and help us unworthy creatures to do His will, for we have no strength or wisdom of ourselves.

John E. Page, Elder

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"... A MORE EXCELLENT WAY"

I Cor. 12:31

I once read a little story which is a very good example of our modern way of life.

There was a couple in California who found their dwelling unsatisfactory, so they decided to move.

Soon after, they saw an advertisement that offered a house for sale. It described the house in such an attractive manner that they decided to buy it. When they wrote to the Real Estate agent they discovered that the house they wanted to buy was the one they were living in.

It hadn't seemed so attractive to them until they read the description some one else had written about it.

Our lives, sometimes, give us that same feeling. We feel that our place in life is unsatisfactory. Our problems and troubles become so complex that we cannot live with them.

What we need is not a different location or a different social position in which to live. We do need a new and better perspective of life from where we now stand. We may need to make some changes in our way of living. We may need to improve our relations with our neighbors. We may need to exercise more charity toward those less fortunate than we. We may need to assume more responsibility for the progress of our church.

Whether it be a life or a house there are always improvements that can be added which will make it more attractive. Life will be much more attractive to us if we put our trust and faith in God, and live by the description of life as Christ would write it.

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1.

A cure for a troubled and dissatisfied heart is belief in God. The heart that is faithful, putting its trust in God can be untroubled because it will be able to rise

above the circumstances of daily life. No outward storm can disturb the inner peace that God gives to those who put all their trust in Him.

There is a story of four men who climbed a mountain to see a view.

The first wore new and expensive shoes which did not fit, and he complained constantly of his feet.

The second had a greedy eye and kept wishing for this house or that farm.

The third saw clouds and worried for fear it would rain.

But the fourth really saw the marvelous view. His mountain top experience was looking away from the valley out of which he had climbed to higher things.

Howard D. Bare

True perspective of life is not looking back at what we have done, nor rationalizing our worth and our rewards upon things of the past. Neither is it based upon complaints or worry and fear. It is looking into the future to perceive what can be done, regardless of the past, and finally coming into the sanctuary of God.

How do we come into the sanctuary of God? Like David (Ps. 73), we must re-evaluate our perspective of life and bring things into the proper relationship between ourselves and God.

We have the promise of Christ, "I am with you, always" if we obey His commandments. We must obey in word and in deed. Not only in outward religious duties but in the depths of our own hearts. If we love God with all our heart, soul and mind, only then are we giving Him a chance to make our lives beautiful and full. Only then will we know that we are in the right house, the house of God.

E. J. M.

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

When the publication of the Truth Teller was commenced, it was not, nor is it now, the design of the publishers to devote its columns to the exposing of the false positions and doctrines of any particular division of the Church. In the first number of the Truth Teller no direct allusion was made to any particular party, believing as we then did, and now do that every person, no matter with what division they were identified, if they were a proper subject for baptism at the time they were baptized, and the ordinance of baptism was administered to them by one who had acknowledged authority from Jesus Christ to administer the law of his Kingdom, all such persons thus obeying the all important commandments of Jesus Christ, enters his new and everlasting covenant, they become new creatures, they are in Christ, they are born again. Having obey his commandments, every such person becomes members of the new and everlasting covenant, and

they remain in Christ until they alienate themselves by transgressing the laws of the Kingdom of which they are members. No person comes into Christ without consent of their will, coupled with an act of obedience to the laws of his Kingdom. No person goes out of Christ without the consent of their will. A person in the covenant may wander, their minds may become darkened, they may get out of the way not willingly but ignorantly, they "have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

In view of these truths, we feel it our duty to address as brethren, all who have from their hearts obeyed the commandments of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by which they became members of his Kingdom, "for by one spirit are we all baptized into Christ." It was not required at the commencement of the rise of the Church of Christ, of those who applied for membership that they should believe any particular person should be the President of the Church, they were only required to confess Christ, obey the laws of adoption by which they migrated from the kingdom of Nature, (of which they were members) into the Spiritual Kingdom of Jesus Christ. To be more explicit with regard to the several subjects that is now agitating the minds of the readers of the Herald (at Plano, Ill.) and the Truth Teller, our belief is that as many of the members of the "new organization" as have obeyed the principles of adoption into Christ, the law of adoption having been administered to them by those who were in authority of Christ's Kingdom, are our brethren according to the new and everlasting covenant. It is in view of these facts that we are able to know why it is that honest members of every division, that has grown up in the Church of Christ, are blessed with the gifts promised in the gospel to those who believe. Not understanding these facts have been the cause of many honest and accepted members going astray, in uniting themselves with the different divisions that now exist, they have seen in these different divisions its members enjoy many of the promised gifts, taking it for granted that they as a party were right because many of them were thus blessed when in fact it is no evidence at all in support of the claims advocated by the leaders and aspirants of the party. If the existence and enjoyments of these spiritual gifts promised to the believer is evidence of the truth of the different organizations, whether they be "new" or old, then every organization that has come into being claiming to be the Church organized by Joseph Smith would be right, for there can be testimony in abundance adduced to prove that members of every organization that we have any knowledge of, that has been effected by members of the Church established by Joseph Smith in 1830, do enjoy the gifts of the gospel and even among the Brighamites, many of the honest, though deceived, enjoy to some extent the promised blessings. The divisions who claim that J. J. Strang, William Smith, Colons Brewster, Sidney Rigdon, are the successors of Joseph Smith, enjoy the gifts to some extent, some more than others. Hence it will be seen that is no evidence that any of these parties

are right because its members enjoy the promised gifts, No matter when they obey the gospel. The existence of these very essential and promised gifts prove this and nothing more than this, that those who enjoy them are accepted believers in Christ, no matter to what division they belong. May God the eternal Father, hasten the day when divisions and discord shall cease when the honest in heart in every land shall be united, when they all shall speak the same thing.

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SOLICITATION

We especially wish to solicit articles and other materials which will encourage and further the positive affirmation of the primitive Gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth by Him in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We particularly urge the Apostles, Bishops, Seventies and the Pastors to contribute, as well as others who desire to do so.

The Editors

WEDDING Reed-Ice

In a double ring ceremony solemnized April 2 at the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Alice Irene Reed of Cabool, formerly of Independence, Mo., became the bride of Everett Ice.

The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister Byron Wentworth of Hines, Minn., and Mr. Ice is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Ice of Cabool, Mo.

Elder Nicholas F. Denham officiated at 7:30 p. m. Nuptial music was furnished by Miss Janice Sprague, organist, and Mrs. Martha Harris Bruner, soloist. Lighting the candles before the ceremony were James Wheaton and Duane Wheaton, who also served as ushers.

The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather, Brother Byron Wentworth.

Mrs. Marion Ishaug of Ottawa, Kan., attended the bride as maid of honor. Jordan Day Lindsey of Kansas City was best man.

At the reception following, Mrs. Jewell Beem was in charge, assisted by Miss Karma Wheaton and Miss Konie Wheaton.

The couple will make their home in Cabool, Mo. and the blessing of God is asked for their guidance.

"Words are also actions, and actions are a kind of words."—R. W. Emerson.

IT SURELY IS—A PRIVILEGE

Let's live a little—give a little—do what e'er we can;

Let GOD whittle—our lives a little—to make us better men.

By making a change—HE can arrange—to, our lives, enhance;

By accepting that change—then we can arrange—for our second chance.

For it doesn't take much—to stand fast in the clutch—if GOD gives you the fortitude;

HIS gentle touch—will help you so much—to weather life's interlude.

So, let's you and I—ask Him to be nigh—and whittle us down a bit,

That we might not sigh—as the days go by—but be filled with some get up and get.

Let us ask HIM to be—with both you and me—as we travel life's hectic road;

Let us ask HIM to guide—and in our hearts, abide—that we might lighten somebody's load.

For if HE is with us—to guard and to guide us—'twill be hard for us e'er to do wrong;

HIS LOVE will uplift—be the perfect gift—and our hearts will be filled with a song.

There is no better way—be it now, or for aye—to turn the world's turmoil a'right;

Than to keep GOD within—protecting from sin—and forevermore seeking HIS LIGHT.

For with HIM as our Guide—we just can't turn aside—from the way that HE bids us to go,

And we're bound to come through—if we remain true—to the GOD we're allowed to know.

For it surely is—a privilege—to be allowed to know The Workings of—our GOD of Love—to bask within HIS GLOW.

To know that HE—will ever be—the Guardian of our way;

For if we merit—HIS LOVE, we'll share it—From now through Judgment Day.

If throughout life—the pressure of strife—has left us strong of will,

And we still feel—that GOD is real—and able, all wants to fill;

Then we will have won—the right to become—a part of the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN;

That we might help others—both sisters and brothers—t'ward GOD, where all sins are forgiven.

Harry S. Tordoff

Whoever acquires knowledge but does not practice it is as one who ploughs but does not sow. . . . Saad.

The Right Hand

If someone were to pay you 10¢ for every kind word you ever spoke about people, and collect 5¢ for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?

The Right Hand

A CATHOLIC PRIEST SPEAKS

The Reverend Latis Gratis, a Catholic Priest in Basil, Switzerland in 1739 A. D. had the following to say in his works, Hope of Zion, which is at present deposited in the Library at Basil. "The old time gospel and the gifts thereof are lost, false doctrines prevail in all the Churches on the face of the earth, all we can do is exhort the people to be just, fear God, shun evil, and pray. Prayer and purity may cause an angel to visit a deep and distressed soul, but I will tell, God will have spoken within 100 years."

He will restore the old Church again. "I see a little band led by a prophet and faithful leader. They are persecuted, burned out, and murdered. From every nation shall true believers be gathered by speedy messengers and then the Almighty God will speak to the disobedient Nations with thunder and lightning and destruction such as men have never known before."

The above has been compiled by Lyle D. Flinn.

68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

By Brother and Sister J. M. Hartley

(Ed. Note: From a Sandpoint, Idaho newspaper clipping we quote the following:)

"Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Hartley seem to be following a pattern set by Hartley's late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Hartley, who at one time were the longest-married couple in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hartley observed their 68th wedding anniversary March 25, 1964 with an open house at their home here.

His parents had observed their 80th wedding anniversary before Mr. B. F. Hartley's death in December 1955.

The James Hartleys were married March 25 1896, at Independence, Mo.

They have four sons, Frank, San Jose, Calif.; Paul, Johnson, Kan.; Ray, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Warren, Medford, Ore.; and daughter, Mrs. Pearl Lake, Phoenix; 17 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren."

The editors of the Advocate wish to extend congratulations and best of wishes to our Brother and Sister Hartley. May they enjoy many more of these milestones of happiness.

TENNESSEE REUNION

The Tennessee Reunion will be held on September 4, 5, 6, and 7 in Puryear, Tennessee. For further directions inquire at Foundry Hill for Rony Overcast.

Brother Rony Overcast, anxious to increase the number of Saints in this area, encourages anyone planning to move to Tennessee to locate as near Puryear as possible.

MICHIGAN REUNION NOTICE

The Michigan Reunion will be held at Flint, Michigan at 1802 Utah on the 20th and 21st of June.

Michigan Reunion Committee
Emery Pinder
C. L. Wheaton
Harold Polack

THE MISSOURI REUNION NOTICE

The Missouri Reunion will be held this year at the same place as last year, at Houston, Missouri; July 24, 25, and 26.

The camp grounds are not right in Houston, but can easily be found by any of the Saints who may wish to come. We have held our reunions at this place now for the past two or three years, and each year it has grown a little better, so come and help make this the banner year.

Bring a tent if you can and some bedding. The meals will be served at the meeting place, but the Committee will appreciate all the help you may be able to give in the way of supplies or donations.

For further information, please write Sister Margaret Keeney, Sister Ella Engle, or Sister Anna Keeney.

All are invited to come and enjoy a Spiritual feast with us.

The Committee

WISCONSIN REUNION NOTICE

Our Wisconsin Reunion will be held at the Church of Christ, one mile east of Sparta on U. S. Highway 16, on the 8th and 9th of August. Those who have tents please bring them because we are short on sleeping space.

Wisconsin Reunion Committee
Isaac Brockman
John Davies
Viola Petrie

THE TENNESSEE REUNION NOTICE

South of the Mason Dixon Line

The Tennessee Reunion will be held at Puryear, Tennessee, September 4, 5, 6, and for all that can stay over the 7th (Labor Day), we will hold special services.

Labor Day, September 7, makes it easy for many to attend, as that gives them a day to get back to their home or to work; so plan to be with us this year and join us **South of the Mason Dixon Line.**

Write for information to Sister Myrtle Robertson, Route 1, Puryear, Tenn. or T. W. Paschall, or Elder Rony Overcast, Puryear, Tenn.

All are invited.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith

REUNION DATES

The Michigan Reunion will be at Flint, June 20 and 21.
 The Missouri Reunion will be at Yukon, July 24, 25, and 26.
 The Wisconsin Reunion will be at Sparta, August 8 and 9.
 The Tennessee Reunion will be at Puryear, September 4, 5, 6, and 7.
 The Colorado Reunion (Date to be announced later).
 It is not too early to start to plan now to attend these spiritual feasts.

OBITUARY

Larry Eugene Moyer was born February 27, 1934, in Toledo, Ohio, and departed this life suddenly, April 22, 1964, at Hialeah, Florida, at the age of 30 years.

He was baptized into the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) July 27, 1947, by Brother Ed Padola, in Rasin River, Michigan.

He was married to Lilo Lehman of Germany.

Larry Moyer was the last remaining member of his Air Force Flight crew. He flew in the U. S. Air Force ten years before going into private industry. He was killed by a sudden ejection as he was checking out a faulty government plane that was grounded for repairs.

He leaves to mourn his untimely departure, his wife Lilo, two sons, Keith 4½ years., Quite 2½ years, and a baby daughter, Nicole Sherri four months old, all of Florida. He also leaves his mother Katherine Moyer, a sister Carol Adams, a brother Jim Moyer, his maternal grandfather Levi Maley, all of Independence, Missouri, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Van Orsdell Funeral Home in Hialeah, Florida.

OBITUARY

Edma Louetta Gross

She was the daughter of Jacob and Cora Swartz of Auglaize County. She was born December 21, 1888. She departed this life very suddenly February 2, 1964, age 75 years and 51 days. On July 19, 1905, she became the wife of Marion D. Gross. To this union was born five children, Emory Eugene, being the first, passed on Dec. 10, 1911. Next, Marie May, Beryl Maxine, Jacob Daniel, and Cora Christine.

She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Beryl Gosard, and Mrs. Norma Blank. Also six brothers, Wardner, Lewis, Earl, Roger, and George Swartz.

She united with the Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ in October 1927. She signed over with the Church of Christ, (Temple Lot), November 27, 1952.

Funeral was conducted by our Pastor Elder William E. Welsh, assisted by Rev. Thomas Gossard of Lima, Ohio. Internment, Forest Lawn.

Vivian Olson
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