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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 the power of the Holy Ghost;" 1 Nephi 3:187

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## Perseverance

"One step and then another,  
And the longest walk is ended;  
One stitch and then another,  
And the largest rent is mended;  
One brick upon another,  
And the highest wall is made;  
One flake upon another,  
And the deepest snow is laid.

"So the little coral workers,  
By their slow and constant motion,  
Have built those pretty islands  
In the distant, dark blue ocean;  
And the noblest undertakings  
Man's wisdom hath conceived,  
By oft repeated effort  
Have been patiently achieved.

"Then do not look disheartened  
On the work you have to do  
And say that such a mighty task  
You never can get through;  
But just endeavor day by day  
Another point to gain,  
And soon the mountain which you feared  
Will prove to be a plain!"

—Author Unknown

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## EDITORIAL . . .

### " . . . WILL HE GIVE HIM A STONE?"

We who are parents share a like concern for our children. We feel a constant urgency to provide for their needs both physically and mentally that they might be prepared for this life and the demands of the world to which they will be subject. Those of us who have a Christian background are concerned also for their life hereafter. Our responsibility can become a heavy weight on our shoulders when we see that the natural desires of mankind to pursue the things in this life often out balance the desires of that which would bring eternal life. In consequence of this, we are aroused in our anxieties to give many words of counsel to our young. The age old fact is, however, that our words of counsel are of little value unless we live according to them ourselves.

Our little children mimic our behavior. They learn more from example by what they see and hear us do and say than they do from our instructions. As they grow up, they feel the need to develop their individualism. Their right to choose others as their examples is often offensive to us parents. If a child has a basic urge to follow the examples that are substantially true, he will objectively compare the counsel with the one who gives it. Many young people have been turned in disappointment by seeing that the counselor did not live up to his own counsel.

These facts only increase our anxieties as we repeatedly feel the grasp of our individual weaknesses bring us to a point of despair. Our parental concern like a sharp knife stabs us at the very core of our personal motivations. If only I could rid myself of that which would be a stumbling block to my loved ones!

At this point of parental concern we might appreciate more the expression of Jesus Christ when he wept over the city of Jerusalem and upon one occasion said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37) We might also consider these words of assurance which Christ spoke to his disciples: "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:11-13)

I trust that there is none among us who as parents would deliberately give unto their children that which would not be to their good. As we are guided by this standard of behavior, we can in turn trust our Heavenly Father to give unto us and our children those things that are to our good through the medium of the Holy Spirit.

Looking into this scripture further, I see another viewpoint to objectively consider. Have we as parents unwittingly at times handed to our son or daughter a "stone" of our own biased wills that has resulted as a great weight upon their unseasoned judgment of good and evil? Has our undisciplined tongue issued forth the "serpent" of prejudiced words which would bring spiritual death to our own loved ones? Have our children looked to us for the truth that would nourish their souls and instead receive the "scorpion's" repelling sting of the precepts of our own making? At our best we are subject to be misguided in the upbringing of our own children. How can we therefore be assured that we have done all that is required of us?

The lifelong necessity of prayer is undoubtedly the first and most important factor in the raising of our children. The sincere expression of prayer can unburden the build-up of anxiety that is in the heart of a parent and consequently avert misguided words that would repel the son or daughter. Words of counsel cannot be expected to bring guidance to a child if they are blurted out in threats of anger or fear. A parent with self-contained sternness can more effectively counsel his child than one who lets his emotions get above him. Therefore the channel of prayer can alleviate anxiety giving the assurance that all young people seek.

The greatest experience of success as a parent would be in the realizing that their son or daughter has learned to shoulder the responsibility of their own behavior. To guide a child into the path of self-responsibility is a talent that unfortunately many of us do not have. Somewhere and somehow we must find a means of filling in our lack of ability.

As we look about us we find that some in unfortunate circumstances have risen above such conditions by their own determinations. Many have made their life worth living by rising above averse conditions in exercising the abundant gift of hope that an all wise Heavenly Father saw fit to give them in their youth. By observing these facts we should realize that God can help us and our children if we are willing to put our trust in Him and look more positively to the actual accomplishment of good.

The responsibility of teaching our youth to communicate to God through prayer and teaching them to respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit is an absolute necessity considering the many oppositions that exist today. A lesson of counseling that was brought to me in my youth was a challenge that my father placed before me when I was in my teens. He handed me the Book of Mormon and asked me to read it and pray over it that God might give me evidence of its truthfulness. It was several years after that that I felt the need to do as he asked. God being patient and merciful gave me evidence by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that I cannot deny except that I deny God also.

This challenge is written within the Book of Mormon itself: "Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam, even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts. And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost; and by the power of the Holy Ghost, ye may know the truth of all things. And whatsoever thing is good, is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is." (Moroni 10:3-6)

It is important that we teach our children to take all things to God in prayer that they "... may know the truth of all things." Teaching them in this manner will give to them the feeling of responsibility as well as giving them assurance through a higher power than themselves.

Joseph Smith as a young lad went to the woods to pray taking the words of James literally which says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5) How important it is that we keep our faith in God simple and not let it become complicated with human reasoning. We are to be as little children in our attitude toward God. It behooves us then to train our children to exercise their faith early in life that they might retain their simple faith.

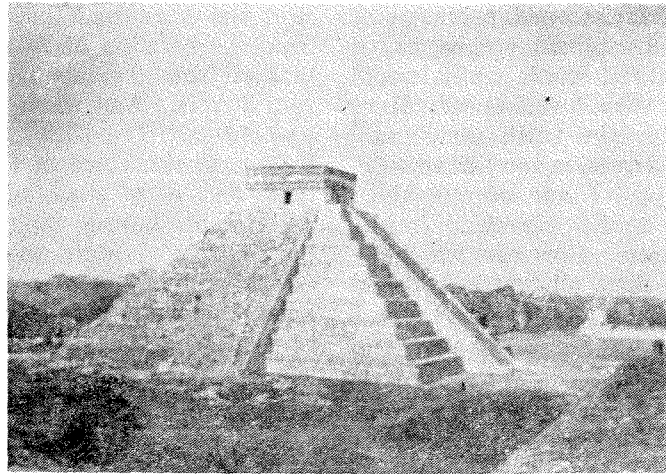
One of the greatest lessons of counseling to be found in the scriptures are the words of Alma to his son Helaman: "O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." (Alma 17:68-70)

Has not the Lord given us sufficient instructions on how to counsel our children? Do not despair then but extend yourself in faith according to the promises of God. Continue your full concern for your child's well being, but let it be in prayer and in patient counseling.

## THIS IS OUR BOOK

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton

(conclusion)



El Castillo, The Great Step Pyramid, at Chichen Itza

After the amazing reception given us in Ticul by the Xiu family, on Sunday morning, February 25th, 1951, we strolled with our hosts to a shady corner of the plaza. There I presented Ramiro Lara (old Nemisio Xiu's secretary) the letter of introduction I had received from Chief Shupe-She, my Pottowatomi friend from the States. After his translation, Xiu pondered it for awhile; then he stated that if he were able to arrange a guide for us back in to the walled city we would be required to pay expenses for his transportation, lodging and food. To this we agreed. Then he informed us that he would have to call a meeting of his leaders in several villages. Their approval would be necessary in order for us to go into the area we wanted to visit; this would take some time. We agreed to this. Consequently we had a wait of two weeks before we received an answer.

In the meantime we arranged to visit the great archaeological areas, Chichen Itza and Uxmal. So, after Xiu sent out his call by Indian drums and runners and received word that the leaders would come in to meet us, he consented to go with us.

What a trip it was! First we went to Chichen Itza, which was the first of the ancient pyramid temples we had ever seen, only having read of them in books.

They surpassed in beauty and magnitude any of our imaginations. Here we spent a couple of days, then returned to Merida and Ticul by bus. After a short rest we made another trip to Uxmal and saw the imposing Temple of the Dwarf and other structures there, with their exquisitely beautiful carved mosaics in stone. As we had done at Chichen Itza we took many colored slides of the area.

Finally the day came for the meeting which Xiu had called. We met at his casa, a thatch roofed hut

in a clearing, surrounded by a high stone wall. It was a Sunday morning, hot, humid and muggy. Just before leaving our casa (by this time they had found us a small stone house to live in), while we were dressing, I was directed by the Spirit to take my Book of Mormon with me to the meeting. The thought came to me that it would be a needless weight; even carrying a few silver pesos in my pocket that morning seemed a burden. I further reasoned that my Book was printed in English and they would not understand it if I read it to them. Thus I tried to pacify my mind but that did not work. Again I was admonished to take the Book, even the third time. Still I was reluctant to do so. Then Angela spoke up.

"Clarence, you'd better take your Book of Mormon with you this morning; you may need it."

To this I rejoined that it was too hot and the book was too heavy to carry.

"Well," she said, "If you won't take it I will, for I feel impressed that you will need it."

That did it! I slipped the Book in my coat pocket and we headed for Xiu's place, which was about three kilometers across town. To my relief I forgot having this extra weight on me and we made our way without incident to our meeting place.

On our arrival, you can imagine our surprise to find the grounds around Xiu's casa filled by a large gathering of people. There were representatives of forty villages, men, women and children. The men were dressed in clean white tropicals and sandals; the women folks wore white dresses that reached their ankles. The yokes and hems of their dresses were embroidered and they wore sandals of many colors. You would have thought we were VIP's of some great government. It filled us with awe and humility to receive such a welcome.



Delegates from several villages, who were present at the meeting at Don Nemisio Xiu's Casa.

Soon we got down to the business before us. This, of course, was accompanied by music, instruments of ancient vintage and drums to beat out the time. Among other features of the program was the "Mosquito Song", sung by young Denisio Xiu. All this had the tinge of the native jungle music.

A guide, Ignacio Carrillo was selected and arrangements made for expenses. Then came the big moment for us.

Don Nemisio Xiu arose and said in Maya, "We will now have a discourse from Senor Clarence Wheaton."

For a moment I was confused as to what to say, as I had not been informed that this would happen and I had made no preparation. So I made a silent prayer for guidance and I know that Angela did the same. We had not come there as missionaries, but on an expedition in search of the walled city in the jungles. In answer to our prayers, I was then made to know the reason I had been instructed earlier to bring my Book of Mormon.

I took the Book from my coat pocket and turned to the 3rd Book of Nephi, 5th chapter. I asked Ramiro to read and interpret the following for me.

"And now it came to pass that there were a great multitude gathered together, of the people of Nephi, round about the temple which was in the land Bountiful;

"And they were marveling and wondering one with another, and were shewing one to another the great and marvelous change which had taken place;

"And they were also conversing about this Jesus Christ, of whom the sign had been given, concerning his death. And it came to pass that while they were thus conversing one with another, they heard a voice as if it came out of heaven; and they cast their eyes round about for they understood not the voice which they heard;

"And it was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice, nevertheless and notwithstanding it being

a small voice, it did pierce them that did hear, to the center, insomuch that there was no part of their frame that it did not cause to quake; yea, it did pierce them to the very soul, and did cause their hearts to burn.

"And it did come to pass that again they heard the voice, and they understood it not and again the third time they did hear the voice, and did open their ears to hear it:

"And their eyes were towards the sound thereof; and they did look steadfastly toward heaven, from whence the sound came; and behold the third time they did understand the voice which they heard;

"And it said unto them, Behold, my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name, hear ye him."

Note: The Indians of Mexico and Central America had a knowledge of this event, as recorded by the Aztec historian Ixtlilxochitil, "... this happened in the year Ce Calli, which, adjusting this account with ours, comes to be at the same time when Christ our Lord suffered, and they say it happened during the first days of the year." (Kingsboro, Antiquities of Mexico)

When Ramiro had read this far he was interrupted by the most excited and animated discussion we had ever witnessed in all the years we had labored as missionaries among the Indian tribes. They went from one to the other, pounding their fists in the palms of their hands to emphasize their words, then waving their arms in great excitement. They raised their eyes to Heaven in an ecstasy of joy such as we had never witnessed before.

One of these men, Don Francisco Zapote approached me to let him take the Book in his hands. I consulted with Ramiro, who then gave it to him. This man was an orator. In the most eloquent manner he went from one group to the other, holding the Book to his heart and then presenting it at arm's length, with these words.

"Es un tersara ser bien querido. Hach la clozit, a literal yacoutal mack." This was translated into English as follows:

"This book is a treasure to be cherished, and it must not be treated with indifference."

WHAT A THRILL! An experince never to be forgotten! Here we were, thousands of miles from home among strange people who had never heard of the Book of Mormon before, hearing such a testimony. Others voiced their opinions favorably too, but this was the only one to be interpreted for us. We still have this whole episode, in Maya and Spanish, on tape recordings, as we were provided with a portable recorder to take with us. They coupled this account from the Book of Mormon with their own accounts of the Bearded White God, Quetzal-coatl, the Fair God.

Soon we were requested to continue to read on from this account of the coming of Christ to America. We then had Ramiro go on, beginning with the 9th verse.

"And it came to pass as they understood, they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a man descending out of heaven;

"And he was clothed in a white robe, and he came down and stood in the midst of them, and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

"And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand, and spake unto the people, saying, Behold, I am Jesus Christ, of whom the prophets testified should come into the world;

"And behold I am the light and life of the world and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I suffered the will of the Father in all things, from the beginning.

"And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, the whole multitude fell to the earth, for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should shew himself unto them after his ascension into Heaven" (3rd Nephi 5:1-13).

Again the excitement broke out. Old Xiu arose and in a very solemn and dignified manner stated that this was the same account that had been written in their old records. These records had been prepared on plates of gold, silver and brass, as well as on parchment. He told us that these records had been destroyed by the "black robed priests", meaning the Spanish priests who were with Landa during the conquest of Mexico. He said that this account had been handed down from that time, among their old people, by word of mouth. There were many other orations, then Xiu stood again and held the Book out to the audience and spoke very reverently in Maya.

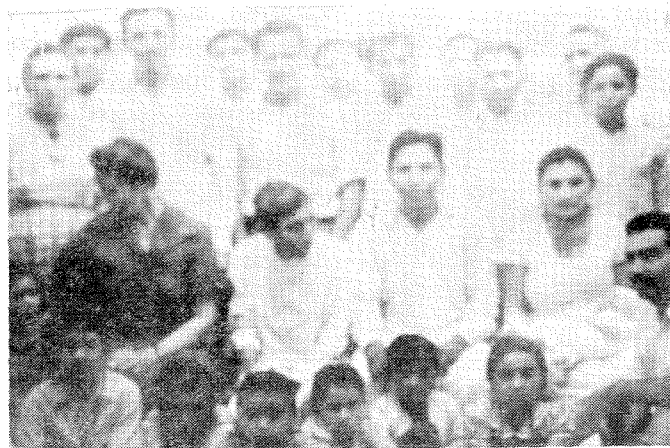
"This is our Book. It is ours!"

So, here we have this wonderful testimony to share with the honest seeker after the truth. This vindicates our belief that ours is the true Church of Christ, restored in these last days. It proves that the Bible contains the word of God and that the Book of Mormon is an added witness for Christ. For, in all lands where this Gospel is taught, it is the same.

We began the next day to get the necessary equipment together for our trip to the walled city. This took several days and that is another story.

Before we left however, after explaining much of the Restored Gospel to them, they begged us with tears to return and we promised if the way were opened up and the Church approved that we would.

After we returned home we received our Church's approval and, during the fall and winter months of the same year, we returned on a mission. For the next six years we spent our time there and established the Church of Christ among them.



Our first Sunday School organized at Ticul. Angela is second from left in second row. On her right is Don Nemisio Xiu.

During our mission there nearly eighty members were baptized and several ordained to the ministry. The first church structure was built at Dzan; I assisted in the labor of constructing it. The Church of Christ thrives in Yucatan to this day.

It is said in the Scriptures that in the mouths of two or more witnesses every word would be established.

Following is an account of a second witness to this Book. This was given to Apostle E. Leon Yates, who succeeded me in that mission in 1957. It was not brought to my attention till some time after I left the Yucatan Mission and went to the Holy Land in 1958 for a three year stay. Now, as a corroborating testimony to what I have written, I wish to add it to my account:

### THE GOSPEL CAME TO YUCATAN

Apostle E. Leon Yates

I am going to ask each one of you to read a story that was written two thousand years ago. Please do not read my story until you have read Third Nephi, chapter 13, begin at verse 12 and read through verse 45. Lay this article down and take into your hands the ancient record of the Nephites. In an attitude of humility and with a prayer in your heart read the above mentioned verses. I am sure as you read in this attitude, the Holy Ghost will be your immediate companion, and the word of God will burn in your soul.

Now that you have finished the reading, I will relate a story that was told to me while in Yucatan. It came to me from the lips of an old Maya Indian Brother by the name of Susano Cabrero.

While in the jungle over thirty five years ago, he, his brothers, and several other men were preparing to break camp, and depart on horseback for a small town some distance away. At this time, a man with a long beard, dressed in a long robe, came to them, and began to preach. He told them that they must forsake the ways of the world and turn unto God. They must obey the teachings of the Son of God, for said he, "There is no other name under Heaven whereby men could gain eternal life." After talking to them in this manner he left them, and started afoot to the same town to which they were going. There was a small hill in the trail a short distance ahead. The men watched this person walk over the hill. It then occurred to them that they should let him ride one of their horses, for it was a journey of about seven hours to the town. They hurried over the hill, but to their surprise the man could not be found. They could not understand it. He had not time to have been out of sight, yet he was not there.

They traveled on, and when they arrived in the town they inquired if anyone had seen such a person come into town. They were told that he had been there. He had preached to the people and had already departed. When they inquired as to what time the man had arrived in town they found that it was just about the time he had disappeared over the hill that morning. In some manner he had covered the distance in a few minutes that had taken them several hours to cover on horseback.

These men had a desire to hear him preach again. They hurried on to the next town, and there they

found him teaching the people. Susano said, as this man talked his eyes seemed to be focused on some point over the heads of the people as though he was looking at something in the heavens. They could not see the color of his eyes, but they seemed to glow and burn as a fire. He told them that the time was soon to come when they would hear of many churches in the land, but the churches would be teaching the doctrine of men. He said however, that there would be a man come into the land at some future date, and he would come preaching the Gospel of the Son of God. He told them that this man would come to a certain house in the city of Ticul. The house would be the house of a man by the name of, Nemisio Xiu. He told them to wait for that time to come and then for them to accept the teachings of this man that would come, for he would bring with him the Gospel. He said they would then hear the Gospel and they would understand, and that they should heed its call.

Susano Cabrera, said that some of the people who heard this man of the robe believed, and some did not believe. Those who did not believe him took him and cast him into a well, but he immediately came up out of the well unharmed. Just to refresh our memories, let us quote Third Nephi 13:32 and see what power the three Nephites had.

"But they did smite the earth with the word of God, insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the depths of the earth; and therefore they could not dig pits sufficient to hold them."

According to Susano, this man of the robe was preaching the word of God, he did smite the earth with the word of God insomuch that he was delivered out of the depths of the earth. Finally as he departed from the city many tried to catch up with him but they could not. They could see his bare feet move as though he was walking, but it seemed his feet did not touch the ground.

All this took place about thirty five years ago. Susano and his brothers never forgot about it, and when Brother Wheaton went into Yucatan six years ago he went to the house of Nemisio Xiu. When he went there he did not go to preach the Gospel. He had been given a letter of introduction to Nemisio from the great council of American Indians, and he went to him for advice as to how he might proceed on his journey into the jungle in his search for the

white Indians. However, while he was there in the home of Nemisio he took the Book of Mormon from his pocket and began to teach them the Gospel of Christ.

When Susano and his brothers heard about someone preaching in the home of Nemisio, they came to listen, and their understanding was opened. They remembered the man of the robe, and they accepted the Gospel of Christ with much joy and happiness.

Thus the Gospel came to Yucatan, and because of it many souls have been brought unto Christ. Brother Wheaton did not know when he went to the home of Nemisio Xiu that he was fulfilling the prophesy of the man in the robe, or in other words, one of the three Nephites. In fact Brother Wheaton never heard this story until I told it to him this year. The Lord works in wonderful ways.

We note in 3 Nephi 13: part of verse 21, "for ye (the three Nephites) have desired that ye might bring the souls of men unto me, while the world shall stand." The world is still standing, and many souls still need to be brought unto Christ. The three Nephites are still on the earth, and in accord with the

promise Christ made to them, they are still ministering as Angels unto the children of men. "And it shall come to pass, when the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom, that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel, and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls, that their desire may be fulfilled, and also because of the convincing power of God which is in them; And they are as angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus, they can shew themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good" (III Nephi 13:41-42).

Thirty five years ago it seemed good unto one of them to show himself unto Susano Cabrera and his brothers. This marked the beginning of a chain of events that has to this day brought many souls into the glorious light of the Gospel of Christ. This was the great desire that was in the hearts of the three Nephites. It was because of that desire that Christ gave them the power to remain on the earth. Indeed, in our day they are ministering as angels to the children of men.

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## FUTURE DIVINE RULERSHIP

Lucinda Scott

(conclusion)

Christ's coming cannot be ushered in with less than a divine preparation; it says in Eph. 4 that Christ set offices in His Church "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ; from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (vs. 10-16 and Col. 1:12, etc.). Because Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, it must be sanctified or "set apart" and cleansed by the words of Christ, as by washing with water, that it might be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:24-27) This has not been accomplished yet through any ministry. This could be done through the Gentile ministry, if they would use only Christ's words according to the new covenant. (Isa. 8:16-20; Heb. 8, 9, 6) The Gentiles must realize the humble place they occupy in the plan of God;

they cannot afford to be highminded or "wise in their own conceits", for they do not bear the root; the root bears them. (Rom. 11)

When the right time comes the Lord will use part of the Israelite "remnant according to the election of grace" to set His Church in order; then the fullness of the Gentiles will have come in; they will be subject to the Israelite remnant. (Rom. 11 and 9:1-5) Jerusalem is still trodden down by the Gentiles. (Luke 21:24) The last laborers that the Lord hired in His vineyard at the eleventh hour were the Gentiles; they shall be the first laborers to be called out of His vineyard. The last laborers in His vineyard shall be His chosen people, Israel. (Matt. 20:1-16; Rom. 9:1-5)

This will bring events down to the beginning of a divine rulership, which will start with a righteous high priest of Joseph's seed: those who were led from Jerusalem to this western hemisphere. He will be Christ's messenger and he will be a choice seer. There is a reason for him to also be a seer. The stick of Joseph states that he is going to bring forth the word of God. It also states that the Lord said, "And it shall come to pass that my people who are of the house of Israel, shall be gathered home to the lands of their possessions; and my word also shall be gathered in one." (Compare with Jer. 23:1-8.) A seer is "one who sees". He is also "a prophet". As Christ's messenger,



he shall be a "forerunner". A forerunner can be used "to usher in" a message for the Lord. According to Job 33:23, a messenger can be an interpreter. An interpreter is "one who translates", one who explains the meaning of something. Translation is an "act of translating, or rendering into another language".

The time is coming when all the languages that had their origin in the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel shall be translated into a "pure language". The Lord says in Zeph. 3:8, etc. that He is going to "turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent", at the time when He turns back the captivity of Israel before the eyes of all. The word "consent" means that all people will be brought into agreement in serving the Lord. (Acts 3:19, etc.; Joel 2:25, etc.; Micah 5:7, etc.; Isa. 2:1-3)

No doubt the Urim and Thummim will be used to translate all languages into a pure language; this shall be done through Christ's messenger, as a choice seer of Joseph's seed who were led to this western hemisphere. "Choice" means "that which is most excellent". As a righteous high priest he will be an excellent, or divine, ruler. The Lord says of this choice seer, in the stick of Joseph, "And I will give unto him commandment, that he shall do none other work save the work which I shall command him. And I will make him great in mine eyes; for he shall do my work. And he shall be great like unto Moses, whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel." "And out of weakness he shall be made strong, in that day when my work shall commence among all my people, unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, saith the Lord. And thus prophesied Joseph (of Egypt. L. S.), saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; And they that seek to destroy him, shall be confounded" (p. 88, vs. 13-15, 24-26).

Let us compare this with Isa. 52:7, etc. Christ's messenger, as His servant, "shall deal prudently, and shall be exalted, and extolled, and be very high" (v. 13). (This agrees perfectly with what the Lord says of the choice seer, in the stick of Joseph, which we have just quoted.) Christ's servant shall bring good tidings; he will publish peace and salvation. This servant (as the choice seer) shall, through the power of God, cause the people to "see eye to eye (or to serve the Lord "with one consent" (Zeph. 3:8,) when the Lord shall bring again Zion. At this time the Lord will have brought comfort to His people Israel, for Jerusalem shall be redeemed. At this time the Lord will have "made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (vs. 7-10). Those who "bear the vessels of the lord" are told to depart, or go out from the midst of uncleanness. (Rev. 18; Jer. 51:1-10) They are not to touch any unclean thing. It shall not be a hasty or flighty departure, meaning it will be an orderly departure, not as though "running from danger", for the Lord will lead them and the

God of Israel shall follow after them. (vs. 11, 12) V. 13 starts out with the word "as", which is sometimes "used to introduce examples and illustrative phrases". It also means "to the same extent". Then v. 15 starts with the word "so", which means "to that degree described in the preceding context". or "referring to a preceding (sometimes following) statement or suggestion". The use of the words "as" and "so" brings out the fact that Christ and someone else are being compared in a physical way. (Christ was "wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 54). Christ's servant shall also be marked. In the stick of Joseph, p. 88, Christ says of the choice seer, "And they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded." On p. 663, He says of His servant, meaning the choice seer, 'Behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand, therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be scarred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.' V. 15 tells what Christ will do through His servant. (According to Ezek. 36:22-25 and Heb. 10:22, the word "sprinkle" means to "cleanse".) Christ will cleanse many nations through His servant. He will tell things at this time that the people of this dispensation have not been told, For as the choice seer, He will bring forth the word of God, which is not available yet. Christ's messenger has a great deal of work to do. As the branch, the Lord will make him strong for Himself; he shall be the man of God's right hand. (Ps. 80)

We have pointed out that Christ's messenger as a righteous high priest who will be a choice seer, shall, in the process of his preparations, make way for a royal priesthood and king of Ephraim's seed. For this king to use the stick of Joseph as the stick of Ephraim, it will have to be a full record; the stick of Judah shall also be a full record. This will be a part of the restitution of all things, which shall be done through the choice seer. This is all pointed out in this article.

When the right time comes there will be another day of Pentecost; this shall be for all followers of Christ, instead of just for the Israelites as it was at Jerusalem. In Acts 2 it says that "in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (vs. 1-18). We believe this will be the day of refreshing spoken of in Acts 3:19-21. Then it seems that, according to v. 21, "the times of restitution of all things" will follow after this day of refreshing, which shall be brought about by the word of God, as we have it in the sticks of Judah and Joseph. The bringing forth of the remainder of His word shall be a part of the restitution of all things. Some time after this the Lord is going to show wonders in different ways as a sign before "the great and notable day of the Lord come; and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:17-21).

Then in Acts 3:19, it says that every one must hear the words of Christ, or "it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people". This great and notable day of the Lord will be the "great and terrible day of the Lord" spoken of by Joel. But shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call" (2:25, etc.). This will be the "remnant of Jacob" (the "remnant according to the election of grace" (Rom. 11), the remnant which shall consist of the seed of Joseph down through his sons Manasseh, then Ephraim) who will be a great blessing or cursing to all people. (Mic. 5:7) Mal. 4 calls this day "the great and dreadful day of the Lord" and describes (to a certain extent, the conditions at that time. Before this dreadful day comes the Lord says He will send Elijah (Elias in New Testament), "And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." We have pointed out that John the Baptist was sent in the spirit and power of Elias and that he was not Elias. (Luke 1:13-17, 17; Matt. 11:7-15; Mark 1:1-6; John 1:19-23) John was sent before the face of Christ, that is, before Christ started His ministry on earth. John said he was the prophet spoken of by Isaiah (40:3). Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 describes another spiritual preparation at which time, "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, (notice) and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." The great and terrible day of the Lord did not come before John's appearance, so it must come at a later date. (Mal. 4:4.) We are to remember Moses, the Lord's servant, and the law which He commanded "for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments". V. 5 starts with the word "behold", which means "to keep in mind". We must keep in mind that Moses did a great work for the Lord and that the law was very strict. We must keep this in mind; there is a correlation between Moses and the strictness of the law, and Elijah (or Elias). We will correlate other scripture with this to get its meaning. (Matt. 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13) Here again there is a correlation between Moses and Elias along with Christ. If we had the fullness of God's word this would be easy to understand but, by bringing all scripture into context, we get its meaning. In part 1, we pointed out from Matt. 17 and Mark 9 that Christ's statement, "Elias truly shall come first, and restore all things", was future tense. The scribes knew that someone was going to come again, in the spirit and power of Elias. This is to take place in the future, for John the Baptist had already come. So we must keep in mind that someone like unto Moses shall be raised up to deliver the Israelites, and he shall come in the spirit and power of Elias, and the commandments the Lord will give him to enact shall be just as strict as the law of Moses. And through the

spirit and power of Elias he shall restore all things. (The stick of Joseph, pp. 87, 88, says this will be the choice seer, for the Messiah shall be made manifest to the Israelites "in the spirit of power; and he will do the work that the Lord commands him. He shall be great in the eyes of the Lord. "He shall be great like unto Moses" (vs. 9-15). This will be Christ's messenger, a righteous high priest, the branch, who shall be the man of God's right hand, through whom He will start working. This will bring about a divine rulership among the holy priesthood, over which His messenger shall be a righteous high priest. Then when the way is prepared for a king and royal priesthood of Ephraim's seed, there will be a united divine rulership between this high priest of Manasseh's seed and a king of Ephraim's seed in the temple of the Lord. (Christ's messenger, as this righteous high priest, the branch, shall have the honor of building it.)

Jerusalem and Zion shall be redeemed through them. This kingdom shall never be destroyed; it shall be as a great mountain and shall fill the whole earth. (Isa. 52: 2:1-3; 1:24-27; Joel 2:25, etc.; Mic. 5:8, etc.; Dan 2:44, 45, 34, 35)

We believe this divine rulership will not continue beyond the lives of this priest and king, for the Lord will finish His work "and cut it short in righteousness; because short work shall the Lord make upon the earth" (Rom. 9:27-29).

We end our study by further explaining Christ's words to His apostles (as recorded in Matt. 19:27, 28; Luke 22:28-30) which we stated in part 9. "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel," "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." This is the reason that Christ told them, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 16:13-20). In part 9 we pointed out that the twelve Nephite disciples shall judge the seed of Joseph, while they themselves shall come under the jurisdiction of the apostles; this is born out in Revelations. Christ told His apostles this would come about "in the regeneration" when He would be sitting in His throne of glory; so this judgment will take place after He comes. "Regenerate" means "cause to be reborn spiritually", "to reestablish on a better basis", "new birth requisite for entrance into the kingdom of God". Evidently this judgment shall begin after the dead in Christ are brought forth in the first resurrection; John "saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them." These are the thrones on which the twenty four elders shall sit in judgment, and the Gentiles shall also come under this judgment.

(Rev. 20) We especially point out v. 12. This speaks of books, besides the book of life that will be used to judge all people. They shall be judged by the word of God in the complete records of the sticks of Judah and Joseph. (1 Cor. 15:51-54; 1 Thess. 4:13, etc.)

This will be the earthly culmination of the divine rulership which the Lord started through His messenger, as a righteous high priest, then a king, both of the seed of Joseph through his sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

## HEART TO HEART TALK WITH THE YOUTH

Howard Leighton-Floyd

How wonderful and how challenging to be young. Webster: "being in the first or an early stage of life, growth or development: youthful, or having the characteristics of youth or a young person etc." So how young do you feel?

When we are young we have such hopes, such ambitions, such expectations and rightly so. As we come to maturity we look around us and come to realize the beauty of the earth, the broad expanse of the rolling hills, plains, streams, mountain grandeur, forests and the mighty rolling oceans. What inspiration can be derived from all the beauty that can be found on this terrestrial ball, planet earth? Consider the beauty of the flowers, just a rose, did I say "just a rose"? What is more beautiful? Someone has said of the flower, "Flowers are smiles from God." I feel in my heart that this can be said of all clean, virtuous young men and women. This generation has special gifts for this closing generation from God and they are of great value to the world.

On this planet earth we have the world, the earthly state of human existence, the inhabitants and all things upon the earth. According to the Bible, Psalms 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Have you stopped lately to contemplate this basic truth? The earth, the world, and even we ourselves are not our own. The earth was created! I hope you believe that, and yet if you do believe I am sure you have not been taught that from your text books in your school, college or university. As for me I believe that the all wise, Almighty God created the earth, the world and all men and women that have walked thereon, you and me. The Bible also says that following His creation God looked at it and said it was good, very good; if it was very good what is our problem? My friends, the problem is Sin. What is Sin? "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4) If we accept that there is an all wise, Almighty Creator then it follows that he is also capable of giving wise laws to govern His creation and the children of men who are in the world. An we must never forget that obedience to divine law is liberty.

Have you stopped to consider the perfect order of the earth; of course you have. All students know how the earth follows its course around the sun, the days and the seasons thereof. All is in perfect time, and now man is learning through study and space explor-

ation much more about the universe of which our tiny planet is but such a small part. Yet all the universe is in perfect order, controlled by divine laws, and man can depend on that perfect order. I would like to share with you the following by James J. Metcalfe, entitled,

### GOD IS SO OBVIOUS TO US

God is so obvious to us,  
How can we ever doubt  
As we consider sun and moon  
And all the stars about?  
As we consider life itself  
The river, tree and field  
The wind and rain, the warmth and cold  
And all the crops they yield.  
And then there is the human side,  
The baby in its crib,  
And all the homo sapiens  
That came from Adams rib  
The man and woman of today  
Who hears and speaks and sees  
A creature that is free on earth  
To do as it may please.  
How else can any one explain  
Our source upon this sod  
Except, as it is obvious,  
Our one, Almighty God.

Those words have such inspiration for me I hope you enjoy them too. While the planet earth and the universe is in perfect order how do we find this world? It has been said of man, "whatever man touches, he corrupts." I believe a great number of the younger generation are looking at this present world in general with a very critical eye, and what are they seeing? They see the world and this nation in particular lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all other nations. They see the many leaders in government and institutions as well as many of the masses filled with all manner of lying, deceits and mischiefs. They look at the churches of the land and too often see hypocrisy and priestcraft. All too often accepted leaders of the community, city, state, nation and parents are involved in whoredoms and secret abominations. National leaders acknowledge that one of the great problems facing the nation and our society is the rise of crime and murder. We live in a day of change. In these circumstances where should our allegiance be? 1 John 2:15-17 gives us the following admonition, "Love not the world,

neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: **but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**" In those words there is a challenge to all the children of men, especially the youth. Think of our accepted way of life. Is it in harmony with the word of God? James said, ". . . whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4) Who do we choose to follow? Jesus said, speaking of those who chose and yet choose to be His humble followers, "I have given them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." (John 17:14-16)

Let us for a few minutes reflect upon these words of Jesus, the Holy One of Israel. First, the followers of Jesus Christ will be hated of the world because

Jesus has given them the word of the Father "thy word." Second, the person that receives **the word**, and becomes sanctified through, "thy truth, thy word is truth", then they are no longer of the world and hence the world will hate them. The essence of the matter can be reduced to this: There is a choice to be made by every young man and woman, a very vital world and its corrupt values. There is a way to gain the victory over the world. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory** that overcometh the world, **even our faith**. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." (1 John 4:4-5). You may say, well that is very simple, I believe that Jesus is the son of God. It is easy to say that, but can we live it? In closing please consider the following scriptures from the word of God: ". . . It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 5:4) I have great confidence that millions of this present generation shall find Jesus, embrace the fullness of the everlasting gospel and be filled with the power of the Holy Ghost for it is written, "man is that he might have joy." It is also written, ". . . the kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness and **peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.**" (Rom. 14:17) Is this not what we all seek?

## LIFE'S EDUCATION

By Agnes E. White

How many of us stop to consider the importance of this subject? The fact that we are learning lessons, either good or bad, every moment of our lives, should cause us to seriously ask ourselves the question, "Are we learning as we should?" and if we are not, it is time we began.

Life is too short to waste in learning lessons that will be detrimental to our education, because these very lessons we are daily learning will be to our honor or shame in the great day when man shall stand before the bar of judgment and render an account for every idle word. There is no standstill in this process of education. It begins when the infant first opens its eyes to the light, and knows no rest till those eyes are closed again, this time in the solemnity of death. Then, and only then, can we say our education is finished.

Some lessons are learned in sadness, some in bitterness, some in joy and happiness but with every trial will come sufficient strength, and it remains with each individual to benefit himself by learning these lessons aright. There is no trial or temptation sent to man, but there is a valuable lesson to be learned therefrom, and there is no joy or happiness but may prove harmful, unless it is accepted as it was sent, a blessing. We may often derive our greatest blessing

from our deepest sorrow, and, for this reason, we should never imagine our heavenly Father has forgotten us because we suffer. The grandest and most beneficial lessons man can learn are those that are acquired through deep suffering.

When we realize that every day, every hour, and every moment we are either advancing or retarding our education should it not cause us to be more sober, more thoughtful and more prayerful? Would we not wish to walk more carefully, to guard our conversation more closely, and to have every act of our life in harmony with the law of God? With the realization of our present condition must come a desire for a better one, and within ourselves lies the foundation principles of a better life. It rests with each individual whether he improves upon those principles or not. Circumstances may have much to do with the advancing or hindering of individual education, but we cannot attribute our success or failure to circumstances or associates, because, to all that earnestly desire, is the ability given to overcome all surrounding obstacles and make for ourselves an individual education and an individual salvation.

—From Autumn Leaves

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## HOUSTON LOCAL NEWS

We would like to tell you in person all the interesting events that have been taking place here but will have to be satisfied with this News Letter.

Our women folks have been busy canning vegetables and fruit for our table use this winter when the snow flies. Our dear friends the Bob Eccles family have supplied us with apples from their farm which is very much appreciated.

Since our last report on our "Little Green Church by the Highway," we have our carpet down, strangers passing by have stopped on the Lord's Day for services, some to investigate. They accept our literature gratefully. Many of our Brothers and Sisters have come as a surprise to worship with us.

Since Bro. and Sis. John Jones have come to make their home in Houston, Bro. Oren Caviness has resigned as Pastor and appointed Bro. John as the Shepherd of our little flock. We now have preaching service each Sunday. In the early part of 1974 in a news letter to the Advocate we solicited an interest in your prayers that we might be able to have preaching services each Sunday. Did you remember to do so? Our prayers were answered. How grateful we are to our Heavenly Father.

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Rhonald Shaw visiting with us a few days. David and Kathy Jones of Springfield come down often to visit their family, Bro. John and Verna Jones, and is one of our guest speakers. We certainly enjoy his sermons as well as our own Bro. John's and other guest speakers.

The Tri-Local Rally, (Ava, Collins, and Houston) was well attended here in Houston. Spiritual prayer meetings and sermons were enjoyed.

We are happy to say that Bro. and Sis. John Jones have enjoyed having their daughter, Mrs. Maybell Worlak and children, of Nekoosa, Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hesse and family, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Mrs. Hesse is Vernas' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Eddy and family of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Mr. and Mrs. Hack Wilson, Sun City, Arizona. Mr. Eddy and Mrs. Wilson are Vernas' brother and sister. Other guests from Phoenix were, Elder and Mrs. Don McIndoo, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lacy and children, Mrs. Karin Malone and children. We enjoyed their short visit.

The young people from Ava and Houston have decided to get together for lesson studies and question

and answer period. They meet at Ava the first Sunday and at Houston the second Sunday of each month.

Our Sister Doris Brockelbank has had surgery again and she is home and seems to be improving. She is still in need of our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eccles and family invited the church group to their lovely home for a picnic supper. With all the goodies that was spread before us would enlarge anyone's appetite. The food was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Eccles and what a joyous evening was spent in their home.

July 3rd Sister Anna Keeney and Sister Alzada Massey of Weatherford, Oklahoma flew to Anchorage, Alaska for a 16 day Alaska Air and Sea Tour, above the Artic Circle. They reported it very interesting to see other peoples' way of life.

On Sunday July 20th we were blessed by the baptism of three of our loved ones. Brother Clifford McGuire and Sr. Roberta McGuire were baptized by Elder John Jones and Sister Lois Helseth by Elder Oren Caviness. We have known and loved these three for sometime and with this entrance into that grand family of Christ they become even closer to us. That evening they were confirmed and received the Gift of the Holy Ghost by the Laying On Of Hands by the Elders.

They were offered the hand of fellowship by the congregation and we were filled with that wonderful peace and joy that can only be from our Heavenly Father. We are so thankful to see this small local in Houston growing not as much or as quickly as we would like but OH! so thankful for what the Lord has given us.

Our church group was invited to the home of Brother and Sister Cliff McGuires for ice cream and while some of our visitors were still here we enjoyed ice cream at the Truman Medders home. We enjoy very much our get-to-gethers.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (St. John 13:34-35)

Anna Keeney, Reporter

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### THE VALUE OF A SMILE

by Henry Evansen

It costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive it,  
Without impoverishing those who gave it.

It happens in a flash, and the memory of it  
Sometimes lasts forever.

None are so rich that they can get along without it,  
And none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

Fosters good will in a business,  
It creates happiness in the home,  
And is the countersign of friends.  
It is rest to the weary,  
Daylight to the discouraged,  
Sunshine to the sad,  
And Nature's best antidote for trouble.

## OBITUARIES

### Reithel Erma Thompson

Reithel Erma Thompson, 75 years of age passed from this life on Monday, September 8, 1975 at the Black River Falls Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

The former Reithel Bowen was born on April 21, 1900 in Burns Valley, La Crosse County, Wisconsin to Archer and Eva Bowen. Her folks lived in the Burns Area until she was 6 years old, then they moved to Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

She was united in marriage to Harry Thompson in March, 1920. They have spent most of their married life in the Black River Falls area, residing in Merrillan Wisconsin for the past 16 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Harry, one sister, Gladys Knapp, a foster son Milo Burge, and a host of nieces nephews, neighbors and friends.

She was baptized into the Restoration on August 7, 1912, later transferring her membership into the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) where she remained faithful until her death.

Services were held on September 11, 1975, at the Merrillan Methodist Church in Merrillan, Wisconsin with Elder Isaac Brockman officiating assisted by Rev. Calvin Carey of the Merrillan Methodist Church. Interment was at the Burns Valley Cemetery, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

### Jess Everett Wilson

Jess E. (Hack) Wilson of 13018 100th Ave., Sun City, Arizona, passed away suddenly early Monday morning September 1, 1975 at Black River Falls Memorial Hospital. Hack and his wife Dorothy were visiting relatives in Black River Falls, when he suffered a coronary attack.

Jess Everett Wilson was born on August 28, 1905 in Weleetka, Oklahoma, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson. He was married to the former Dorothy Eddy on August 13, 1934 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. His wife Dorothy is a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot).

Mr. Wilson served 22 years with the United States Army, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1959. He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict serving with the Field Artillery. Following the Korean Conflict he was on a recruiting assignment in Eau Claire, Wisconsin for 3 years. He must have served his country well because we understand he had in his possession several medals he was awarded for courage and valor, which he accepted quietly not boasting of

them to any one. He and his wife have lived in Glendale, Arizona for 15 years and the past 2 years have been spent in Sun City, Arizona.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Dorothy, one brother Edward of Sherman, Texas; one sister Mrs. Pope (Mae) Walker of Somerset, Kentucky, and a host of relatives and friends.

Services for Mr. Wilson were held Thursday, September 4, 1975 at the Charles Buswell Funeral Home, with Elder Isaac Brockman of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) officiating. Interment with full military rites were held at Riverside Cemetery, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

### Lowel Timothy Larsen

On May 28, 1975 dawn softly lighted the heavy clouds at Sidney, Nebraska. As the rain fell steadily from heaven without wind or lightning or thunder, peace and happiness shone on the face of our dear Tim and his soul gently left to return to God who gave him to us. Two days previously he had suffered brain injuries in a motorcycle accident.

Funeral services and burial were May 31 at Sidney, Nebraska, with Apostle Marvin Ely officiating. The family greatly appreciated his consoling and uplifting sermon as well as his spiritual support in their grief.

Lowell Timothy (Tim) Larsen, the eldest son of Lowell and Alice Larsen, was born December 2, 1949. Tim was raised on the Larsen farm near Gurley, Nebraska. He attended a country grade school, Gurley High School, and MJC College of Kansas City, Missouri. He worked in the Kansas City area until moving to the Larsen farm one year ago.

On January 29, 1972 Tim married Ruth Moncada. Their daughter Teresa (Teri) was born October 3, 1973, and Ruth now awaits the birth of their second child late in September.

Those left to mourn besides Tim's wife and little daughter are his mother Alice Larsen, brothers Tom and David, sisters Jeanie and Joanie, grandparents Elder Harvey Bell and Sister Alvina, great-grandmother Sr. John (Rena) Bell, and a host of other relatives and friends. His sister June and father Lowell preceded him in death.

Tim was a steadfast member of the Church of Christ. His greatest hope was to help others toward a love and understanding of the Gospel that was so dear to him. He and his brothers had organized a small study group.

May we all remember Tim's happy, helpful, hard-working example and use wisely whatever time we have, so when that final call comes for each of us, we may go gladly to join him.

## NEW AVA MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The A. V. A. Committee is happy to inform our church members that we now have some materials available for use. These materials can be obtained by writing to the:

General Church Secretary  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Box 472  
Independence, Missouri 64051

We request that you order these materials only for their immediate use and then promptly return them to the General Church Secretary. A description of the materials and the equipment needed for their use are listed below.

1. **We Sing And We Talk About Jesus.** This is a series of 14 Sunday School lessons geared for use with children from 4 to 8 years of age. Each lesson consists of an 11 x 14 inch teaching picture, a written lesson outline, and a taped song from the **Zion's Praises** to teach the children. The only equipment you would need to provide is a cassette player or recorder.

2. **A Lamp Unto My Feet.** This is a 40 minute slide-tape program about the **Book of Mormon**, what it is, the story it tells, and how it came into being. It is worded especially for use with Indian people. The

program consists of a series of 100 slides, a written narration, and a tape. The tape is available on a 5" reel-to-reel or a cassette. It is available with an audible sound that tells you when to change slides or without the sound and you change slide by following the written narration. Please inform the Secretary which type of tape you prefer to use. You, the user, must provide the tape player and the 35mc slide projector since the church cannot furnish these at present.

3. **A Light At Evening.** This is a 40 minute slide-tape program about the restoration of the Church of Christ and the coming forth of the **Book of Mormon**. This program consists of a series of 100 slides, a written narration, and a tape. The tapes are also available in either reel-to-reel or cassette varieties. They can be obtained with the audible signal or without the audible tone. Please designate the type of tape you prefer. As with the other program, it will be necessary for the user to provide the tape player and the 35mm projector.

We hope these materials can be used to further the missionary program of the various locals in our church.

Respectfully submitted,

The Audio Visual Aids Committee

## THE UNIVERSE

By Elbert A. Smith

The sun is softly bright today,  
The hazy prairies stretch away  
Unbroken by the forest shade,  
Upturned in spots with plow and spade,  
The clouds above us seem to play,  
They float along, or pause in air  
To look upon the scene below;  
Perchance like us they find it fair.

The soft winds murmur as they blow,  
They stir the leaves, and, loth to go  
They wander through the meadow grass.  
We hear them singing as they pass.  
We only feel, we do not know,  
We feel a soul in everything,  
A sentient life that shapes the tree  
And bids the flowers in color sing.

Our little time and lot are here,  
Our binding horizon is near;  
Yet far the universe outspreads  
Its broad wings o'er our human heads.  
And all the day is bright with cheer,  
Because one spirit fills us all;  
And man, and plant, and star have felt  
God's benediction on them fall.

## PHOENIX REUNION

The Phoenix Reunion will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday; November 28, 29 and 30 at our new Church at 2929 E. Siesta Lane, Phoenix.

If you can't be with us in person, please remember our reunion in your prayers.

If you plan to attend, please contact:

Hubert E. Yates  
13419 N. 35th St.  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85032

or

Donald E. McIndoo  
18830 N. 30th St.  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85024

"And it is requisite with the justice of God, that men should be judged according to their works; and if their works were good in this life, and the desires of their hearts were good, that they should also, at the last day, be restored unto that which is good;

"And if their works are evil, they shall be restored unto him for evil: therefore, all things shall be restored to their proper order; everything to its natural frame; mortality raised to immortality; corruption to incorruption; raised to endless happiness, to inherit the kingdom of God, or to endless misery, to inherit the kingdom of the devil;" (Alma 19:66-67)

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## THE PASSING DAY

by David Larsen

Whenever a new day is born,

We arise and feel the sun is warm

And as we look forward to a day anew,

We ask ourselves, "What is it I should do?"

Should I search a treasure for to find,

Way down deep in a shadowed mine.

A treasure long forgotten of

By pirates and their worldly love.

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My pockets then could be filled,

By those who hated died and killed.

And if I sit high on a worldly treasure there

And die in the anguish of dark and deep despair,

My treasure would be left behind,

And my life wasted deep in the mine.

But if when I feel the warmth of the sun

I praise God for another day begun;

And walk through life all the way

With God's will leading me each day.

Then when all of my days are through,

I will find a beautiful treasure in a world anew.

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