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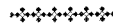
"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;" 1 Nephi 3:187

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## The Old-Fashioned Preacher



Say, what has become of the preacher,  
The preacher old-fashioned and plain?  
Who stood with his hands in his pockets,  
But preached the pure gospel so plain.  
Whose message, aflame with the Spirit,  
Went straight to the heart of the crowd,  
And witnessed with power and conviction  
The doom of the wicked and proud.

Today there's a dearth of the message  
Once taught by the Savior and Paul,  
And he who proclaims the true gospel  
Runs foul of the spirit of Saul.  
For traitors abroad in sheep's clothing  
Deceiving the very elect,  
By means of great learning and cunning,  
Are often quite hard to detect.

The preacher old-fashioned and simple,  
Whose manner is awkward at best,  
When meeting severe opposition  
Will stand when it comes to the test.  
For Peter and John, and the others,  
Were men of the old-fashioned type,  
And into the vineyard God sent them  
To reap, when the harvest was ripe.

And so of today, as aforetime,  
When reapers were needed afield,  
God called on the weak and unlearned,  
For men who true service would yield.  
And thus with God's power and equipment,  
The latter day message to bear,  
It's the old-fashioned preacher whose service  
Will meet the requirements, with prayer.

E. E. Long

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## GUEST EDITORIAL WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD?

As I watched the 200th birthday celebration on T. V. I couldn't help wondering and reflecting upon the thought, "What would our founding fathers of 200 years ago think, were they permitted to view the country today?" They founded this nation based on laws fashioned after prayerful consideration, trusting and seeking guidance from God Almighty's hand; therefore, in the birth of our nation we were a more prayerful and a more righteous nation. What about today? Are we the same God-fearing, prayerful nation, relying on God for direction as we were in the beginning? Nay, we have become a stiff-necked, boastful people, taking glory unto ourselves, forgetting the source from which our greatness came.

This land was ordained of God to be a righteous nation, a beacon set upon a hill, so to speak, to draw the oppressed of the world. To our shores have come peoples from all over the globe and we today are a mixture of those nations yet bonded together under one banner. That banner should be righteousness, worshipping God and well as Old Glory.

We are told in the Book of Mormon that those who possess this land should do so in righteousness, serving the God of this land who is Jesus Christ. Do we serve that God or some other? The almighty dollar has become the God of this land today, not Jesus Christ, and that worship has brought chaos and heart-break to our shores.

The fourth chapter of the Book of Mormon, pages 708 and 709, tells what would occur and it reads almost like our daily papers now. Upon these pages it foretells of the terrible things that would take place in our day and time. Yet Mormon was speaking to the people of his day, warning them what would transpire because of wickedness and unbelief — a falling away from the true commandments of God. He speaks thusly in verse 46 on page 408, "Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present and yet ye are not," showing he was prophecying what would transpire at a future date or time is what he had reference to. Just read your daily papers and you see Mormon's predictions fulfilled to the letter. They are full of murders, all manner of wickedness, just as Mormon spoke of so many years ago. History is repeating itself, whether we like it or not, for we have allowed wickedness to creep in and almost overcome us.

Time is passing rapidly, bringing nearer the second coming of our Lord and Master. He has said "would He find faith" when He does come. Events in the world depict the fulfilling of prophecies and drawing the curtain that will close our dispensation of time and usher in Jesus Christ's reappearing. It is later than we think; therefore, it behooves us to cleanse our garments and make ready, for the bridegroom cometh. We must in truth put on the whole armor of Christ

so that we can withstand the onslaughts of the adversary. No longer must we walk in our stiff-neckedness but renew our faith in God, trusting with a childlike faith in the arm of God. We must get down on our knees in humble prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide us lest we be deceived by the cunning arts of the devil. The devil is well aware his days are numbered, so he is struggling harder to deceive and draw as many as he can down with him, striking the hardest blows at our youth.

Despite the conditions of the world I see, I am made aware of God's Spirit working in the hearts of the people. He is gathering them into the center place, all that will heed His gentle call. He is welding us together into a united band so that collectively we can hear and respond to His pleadings. We are to become as a family, helping and strengthening each other. Though our numbers be few there is mighty strength through the direction of God's Spirit in all things, both temporally and spiritually.

I was asked by a co-worker at my place of employment why so many of our members from far places were selling their homes and moving to Independence. I replied, "It's God's will that His followers be banded together and that this is the center place — the place where we were instructed to gather. The world conditions being what they are, it is a means of safety when we do His will."

The next question was, "Do you actually believe that God literally speaks to people today as He did in Bible times?" I answered, "I most certainly do, for I believe in an unchangeable God who is the same yesterday, today and forever." I know not if these few grains of truth fell upon good ground or will bear fruit; only time will tell.

This nation was founded upon Godly principles and God Himself has declared that this land is choice above all other lands. This is Joseph's land and all

who inhabit it must do so in righteousness, worshipping Jesus Christ, or when they become ripened in iniquity they will be swept off. It is no man-made decree but God Almighty's decree. They shall have no other Gods before Me, we are told, and I believe He means exactly what He says.

Take a real good look at what is happening in our nation today — all manner of idolatries, mere forms of Godliness, paying only lip service, denying the power thereof. We are told in the scriptures this would be true, in this wise, "With their lips they do honor me yet their hearts are far from Me." What a direct fulfillment of the words of Mormon spoken so long ago! He saw what would transpire in our day and now we too can see his words brought to pass on every hand. Wickedness of every description, no law that isn't broken and set aside as naught.

We must never relinquish our hold on the rod of iron for even one second, lest we partake of the evils of the world. We must truly worship the true and living God, for He surely does live, although men would try to make us believe otherwise. We must not worship the almighty dollar, as we see done more and more rampantly upon the face of our beloved land.

We often sing — "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?" — yes, it most assuredly will if we but anchor it securely in the Master's hand.

Do not forsake your prayers to Me,  
Your every need I will supply.  
All I ask of thee — to bow the knee,  
Confess your sins and follow Me.  
I am a jealous God and allow no other,  
Acknowledge My power, draw close to My side.  
I am not dead nor do I slumber.

Your cries I hear — pouring out blessings unnumbered  
On all those who My will unquestioning abide.

E. R. S.

## THE STORY-TELLER (The Sower and the Seed)

(For Small Children)

A long time ago, in a country by the sea, there lived a man who was a great story-teller. Really, he was a prince in disguise. He knew that a lot of people in this country called "world" would like to live in his kingdom instead. He didn't want to get them in trouble, so he talked to them in stories that were kind of riddles. If they wanted badly enough to know what he was telling them, they would think and think and think about these riddles and figure them out. Sometimes he would be real nice and tell a few people. But other people would think they were just interesting stories.

One story was about himself and these people.

Before we start the story, there is one word we should talk about. That is "sow". It's not "sew" like with a needle and thread. It's kind of planting, except that with "sowing" you don't put the seed in the ground. You scatter it out on top of the ground.

He told them, "Once a man went out to sow some seed. He scattered it with his hands as he walked along. Some fell along the path, and the birds saw it and came and ate it all up.

"Some fell in the rock and gravel. It sprouted fast, but when the sun got hot it withered and died.

"Some fell among cactus and brush. It sprouted too, but the brush grew faster and choked it out.

"But some did fall on good ground. It sprouted, and it grew, and finally it even had fruit. Some had a lot of fruit, and some just so-so, and some a terrific amount."

Some of his friends wanted to know what this story meant. He said, "All right. I'll tell you. But it wouldn't be right to tell everyone right now.

"The seed is the stories I tell and the things I teach. Sometimes people hear me, but don't understand a word I say. Then my enemy comes along and tells them something else and they forget all about what I said. This is the seed that the birds ate.

"Sometimes when I teach, people will understand a little bit. That is the seed that sprouts. But they won't make a place in their lives for my teachings to grow. They are stony ground. The seed can grow for a while, but when things get hard, they let it die.

"There are others that hear and understand for awhile. The seed grows for them, too. But they really like other things more. They want to be rich, they want to have this and they want to do that. This nice, new plant is fine, they think, but they don't want it to take up too much of their time. Plants have to grow or die; so this one dies.

"Some people hear the teachings and they say,

"Now that's a good idea. I'm going to try that." And so their seed sprouts. And as it grows they learn more about it and they want to keep it growing. So they take care of it as well as they know how. They take time to work with it and they try to learn **more** about it. And finally these plants grow enough that they begin to have fruit. Of course, each one takes care of his plant differently so each plant bears a different amount of fruit."

The prince told other stories about how he would help the ones that wanted their plants to grow.

What kind of ground do you think you are? Do you pay attention and listen to what's said in church and Sunday School? If you keep that up you won't be a hard-hearted rock.

Do you give up easily, or are you tough and do what's right even if your friends do think it's pretty silly? If you can do that, you have good ground for planting a seed from the storyteller's kingdom.

If you're good ground for seeds to grow in, you have to be careful what kind of seeds you let grow.

Bad, weedy seeds will grow faster than the seed of the kingdom if you let them. So we have to watch what we think and what we do so there'll be time and space for the really important things. If you can do this, there's just no telling how much fruit you'll get from your seed from the kingdom!

## PRIESTHOOD MEETING

We, the Priesthood of Apostle C. L. Wheaton's missionary field, have been holding regular meetings since June of 1975. We started having these meetings for the purpose of giving the Priesthood a chance to meet and discuss problems, to encourage each other, and to try and form a positive course of action for this area of the field.

Since last June we have had four meetings, our last one being on May 9. At this meeting the secretary was instructed to submit to the Advocate those things of interest and requesting nature to the general church.

At this meeting it was resolved "that the ministry indulge in serious prayer and encourage the membership to join together in prayer to strengthen the structure of the Church of Christ as a whole and prepare to bring the direction of the Lord about in the Lord's appointed time as revealed through faith." We feel the time is short and that the church must more than ever before be in such a state that we are prepared as a people to receive the Lord's word. We at this time ask that all the ministry and members of the church join us in this, so that we as a church be spiritually ready to receive direction from the Lord.

There was another resolution "that Brother Polack and Brother Eddy contact and work with Brother Tennent to formulate a list of basic questions and answers to present to the next Priesthood meeting for our consideration. This information may be used in a future book." The book, we hope, will be of thought-provoking nature, giving short quotations and scripture references that can be used as a study guide. Questions, answers and comments in relation to this book would be greatly appreciated.

Those present were unanimous on both these resolutions. We extend to all the Priesthood an open invitation to attend any of these meetings. The next one will be at 2:30 P. M. September 12, 1976 at Flint, Michigan. Pot luck will be served immediately after the morning service and all are welcome to partake of the good food and fellowship.

Your brother-in-Christ  
 Priest Ken Hoare, Secretary  
 51 Mansion Street  
 Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

## PROCLAMATION OF DEDICATION

May 29, 1976

We, the congregation of this Church of Christ TL of Houston, Missouri dedicate this building to the service of Almighty God; and we also dedicate this pulpit to the preaching of God's word with an open Bible and a free pulpit. We further dedicate ourselves to the

keeping of God's commandments to the best of our ability.

By the authority vested in me as the Pastor of this congregation, I attest that the above is the will of this congregation.

John H. Jones, Pastor  
Houston Congregation

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### CONDENSED REPORT OF A HISTORY OF HOUSTON LOCAL

Prepared by Sister Anna Keeney

Read by Elder John Jones, at Dedication of new Building  
May 29, 1976

In May, 1931, Elder S. P. Cox (contractor and part-time missionary) brought the Restored Gospel to the Oak Hill community, near Houston, Mo. His endeavor was successful; he baptized eight individuals during his stay.

In 1933 the Church of Christ headquarters sent Elder A. W. Rathbone of Kinderpost, to minister to this community. He baptized five more, including our beloved Sister Anna Keeney (inserted by J. J.) who, after subscribing to the Advocate, discovered that Apostle J. E. Bozarth was the missionary in charge of Missouri. She promptly wrote him, invitng him to come here to minister. This was in 1936. Since the visit by Elder Cox in 1931 all of those baptized were women; they met together each Wednesday afternoon for prayer and testimony services. Apostle Bozarth came and continued to come as long as his health permitted. During his early visits ten more were baptized, including the Keeney's older daughter, Alzada. Brother and Sister Darrah and son moved here from Independence and lived here for many years. Elder and Mrs. William Postma and two sons were here a few years.

Apostle Bozarth also helped to organize the first Sunday School. Meetings were held in the community church building. It was also through Brother Bozarth that Paul Mercer, whom he had previously baptized, was called to serve as an elder.

Many of the baptized members were young, and not firmly grounded in the gospel before moving from the community, so were lost by the church. It would be interesting to know their whereabouts today and whether or not they ever think about the gospel of Christ, as taught by those elders.

During this time Apostle James E. Yates, a friend of Elder S. P. Cox, at Brother Cox's request, made several visits here, bringing the spiritual food much needed by the little flock.

The brothers and sisters from Ava also came occasionally, and a get-to-gether with those of like faith

was a wonderful stimulant then, as it is today. Apostle A. M. Smith made several visits here, bringing much encouragement to the saints.

In 1940 the Keeney family moved to Licking. The loss of this family left so few members that the afternoon Sunday School was discontinued. The Keeneys did return on the first Sunday of each month for worship services. During this time the Charley Reed family established residence here and were of great help to the struggling saints in the area.

In 1943 Apostle Bozarth baptized Ireatess C., Mary Jane, and Florence Marie Keeney. In 1944 three more baptisms were recorded. Apostle B. C. Flint and wife also made several trips here, holding services both in Houston and at the Pine Grove schoolhouse in Licking. In May, 1946 two young men were baptized by Elder Paul Mercer.

In 1948 the Kenneys moved back to Houston and, although the children had all graduated from high school and were away from home, the parents were happy to be back and attend services. However, many times work for the gospel of Christ fails to run smoothly. Soon, due to irregular services, a few began holding Sunday School in their homes and worship services when visiting missionaries could be present.

In 1957 the Truman Medders family left Houston and moved to Oklahoma, leaving fewer members. Soon Delores Bell moved here and Brother and Sister M. Harvey Siebel to Willow Springs, while Brother and Sister Harvey E. Siebel moved to Mt. Grove. All met with the local group. They now had enough members to justify renting a room to meet in, then began money-raising projects to help finance their needs. They later moved to a larger building.

After the first bake sale it was suggested by Brother Ireatess Keney that \$50.00 be put into a building fund; their first bank account was opened with \$126.00.

In 1961 Margaret Keeney entered the waters of baptism. She had been (and still is) a very diligent work-

er for the local. Step by step this group of dedicated workers began to accumulate for the future by buying some metal folding chairs and a piano. It was necessary to borrow the down payment for the piano from Brother I. C. Keeney; nevertheless, progress was being made.

In 1962 the Cliff Engle family moved to Yukon. Alice Reed moved to Houston to work in the Texas County Hospital. Once more the group was growing. This same year the apostles contacted Elder Oren Caviness and asked if he would consent to come one Sunday monthly for Sacrament services. It was a time of great joy and thanksgiving among the membership when they learned that he had consented to this request. Brother Caviness and his wife Esther became very dear to this people and the memory of their loving fellowship and the outstanding spiritual ministry of Brother Caviness will long linger in the minds of those privileged to meet with them. Elder Caviness continued to serve as pastor until early in 1975. Then Elder John Jones and his wife Verna moved to Houston from Phoenix and he assumed pastoral duties. The only sad note of the dedication was the absence of the Cavinesses due to his recent illness and hospitalization. Their presence was felt as their daughter Sharon Kelley read his letter written for the service.

In 1963 the Missouri Reunion was held at the I. C. Keney farm in Yukon. With a tent, borrowed silverware and chairs from the American Legion, food prepared by local women and prayers of many, it was an enjoyable combination of inspired sermons, spiritual prayer meetings and loving fellowship. The following year the reunion was held here again, with our own silverware. The Spirit of God was evident again.

The group continued to meet in the rented building in town, were many times encouraged when the Cavinesses brought McIndoos, Shaws or Yateses with them from Collins.

In 1964 the Cliff Engle family moved to Kansas; the Lester Burgin family located on the Keeney farm, to stay

only a few months before moving to Ava. Soon the two Siebel families moved away, leaving the two Keeney families alone again. This was a letdown but no one thought of quitting. They continued to have Sunday School weekly, preaching services when Brother Caviness or another minister could come. They also continued in money-raising projects.

In 1968 the senior Siebels were back for awhile. In 1971 a business meeting was held and a financial report given. They agreed to meet in homes again and save the \$40.00 monthly rent, and to accept the offer of a free lot from Brother Ernest Keeney. A building committee was appointed: Brother Caviness and Sisters Anna and Margaret Keeney.

On April 27, 1971, Ervin Baker was hired to bulldoze the basement and on May 5th a contract made with the Gentry Construction Company to build, finishing the exterior and leaving the interior. The building fund was soon depleted and Brother Ernest Keeney loaned \$2,500.00, interest free. The local was able to repay this in late 1974.

Now the Medders family moved back to Houston. "Ikey" and John helped with construction; Mary Jane, Dee Anna, Theresa and Tommie worked on the various projects: rummage sales, vegetable, pecan and walnut selling, fair exhibits, coupons cashed at stores, beads and rings made and sold. Lois Helseth, not then a member, made the latter. She has since been baptized. There were gifts of money and coupons from other area locals; the interest and love is greatly appreciated.

The new building was near enough completion to hold first service on Easter Sunday, 1973, with Apostle Archie Bell speaking. In August of that year a Houston Local was organized and officers elected. Since then the building has been completed and furnished and there are five more baptized members who have made their covenant with God.

"So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).

## WISCONSIN REUNION

To be held August 7th & 8th, 1976, in the American Legion Hall at Rio, Wisconsin. East of Portage, Wisconsin on U. S. Highway 16.

Again we wish to invite as many of you as can to come and fellowship with us these two days. We would appreciate a card or phone call from those who are coming, as it is possible to arrange campsites or motel rooms for those who want them.

Let us pray that all of our reunions in the coming year will be a spiritual success.

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## OBITUARY

Rena Jane Bell

Rena Jane Bell, daughter of Michael and Anne Gatrost, was born October 31, 1873 near Council Bluffs, Iowa and passed from this life at the home of her son, Archie F. Bell June 20, 1976. She was married to John F. Bell of Portsmouth, Iowa March 11, 1896. To this union were born five children, one daughter and four sons. The daughter died at birth. One son, Perry C. preceded his mother in death.

Rena Bell was baptized a member of the Reorganized Latter Day Saint Church during her early teens. She later transferred her membership to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) and remained with it until her death. She was a teacher of younger children in Sunday School for several years and truly enjoyed this kind of work.

Rena Bell's husband was a blacksmith and wheelwright. During their married life, they lived in several states, including Oregon, California, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa. She and her husband moved to Missouri in 1936 and remained in that state the rest of their lives; John passed away in 1945. A few years after John's death, Rena moved to Independence and

there spent the remainder of her years.

Rena Bell enjoyed housework, and as long as her health permitted, she kept busy at this work. She never developed any hobbies; she felt that she had plenty to keep her busy with her family and her home.

She enjoyed good health for years and, even though her advanced age caused her to slowly lose her strength, she seldom missed a meal. The day before her passing she ate her three meals. Although her strength slowly ebbed away, it was a comforting thought to those who remained that her death came quickly and peacefully.

Rena Bell leaves to mourn her passing three sons, Harvey J. of Grand Junction, Colorado; Walter D. of Dubois, Wyoming; and Archie F. of Independence, Missouri, one foster daughter, Mrs. Vernon Everett of Eureka, California, 21 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives, and friends in the states where she and her husband had lived.

Interment was at the Ava, Missouri Cemetery.

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## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR RENA JANE BELL

Independence, June 23, 1976

Apostle Leon Yates

The passing of our elderly people marks the end of an important era of time in the history of this country we love so much.

This loved one, to whom we bid farewell today, began her walk among the children of men when the nation was ninety seven years old. She took her active part for almost one hundred and three years, and was one of the very few who pioneered this country and lived into our day.

Men and women like her were of sturdy stock, physically and spiritually. They went into a raw land of forests, mountains and prairies and with axe, grub hoe and strong faith in God conquered a wilderness, built homes, schools and churches, the things upon which a Christian civilization thrives. We enjoy the fruits of their labor. Today we pay tribute to this loved one who has taken her active part in the service of mankind which, after all, is the service of the Lord.

This service is not primarily for the one who has departed. She stands in need of nothing we can give. In a God-fearing and trusting way she endured to the end. Those of us who have been privileged to know

her have no fear for her soul. We have gathered to share the sorrow of her loved ones, to seek and find comfort in this moment of sadness.

In the face of deep sorrow, "The words of men are but dust in the roaring wind when they try to bring relief." In our inability to bring comfort, we turn to the source of comfort and wisdom.

Going back two thousand years, we read of another occasion when there was grief for the passing of a loved one. "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

"And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

"And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

"And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

"And as they were afraid, and bowed down their



faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

"He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee.

"Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinfiul men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

"And they remembered his words" (Luke 24:1-8).

#### THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS!

We too, in our search for comfort find the words of that same Jesus. Upon the first day of the week after three days in the grave, He arose in newness of life, proving the resurrection of the dead and proving also that, for the righteous, in death there is no sting and for the grave there is no victory.

Words of life fell from the Master's lips.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

"Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

"For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

"He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

"As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

"This is the bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever" (John 6:53-58).

Those who heard these words did not understand them. When they said, "This is an hard saying; who can bear it?" Jesus answered, "What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?"

"It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

In the Book of Mormon we find this.

"Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the words of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life" (2 Nep. 13:30).

More words of comfort from the Master.

"For I came down from heaven, not to mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:38-40).

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"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.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Christ made this promise in person, but He has provided a way in which you and I can have an assurance of these things.

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:25, 26).

It was by the power of the comforter that David penned the twenty third psalm, bringing comfort to countless millions down through the ages. Through his great faith in God he left us these great words for comfort at this moment of sorrow. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Hear again those great words of the Master. "The words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Yes, they are rod and they are staff.

Because of David's great faith the comforter gave him assurance that a place had been prepared for him in His Fathers' house and that he would dwell in that house forever. That same assurance will come to anyone who will be obedient to God's law.

True believers in the gospel of Christ do not regret the passing of an obedient loved one, other than feeling a great loneliness.

We find comfort in these words. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which that all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life" (John 5:28, 29).

To the Bell family: we share your grief, also the knowledge that your loved one lives.

Again, hear comforting words from the Master: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

In the following poem I believe we can find a portrait of her faith and courage.

#### CHRIST LEADETH ME

Clyde C. Walrath

"In pastures green"? . . . not always . . . Sometimes He who knows best, in wisdom leadeeth me In weary paths where heavy shadows be.



Out of sunshine, soft, warm, bright,  
 Out of sunshine into darkest night.  
 I oft would faint with sorrow and affright  
 Only for this . . . I know He holds my hand.

"Beside still waters"? . . . no, not always so.  
 Oft times the heavy tempests 'round me blow,  
 And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.  
 But when the storm beats loudest, and I cry  
 Aloud for help, the Master stands near by  
 And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I."  
 Above the tempest I can hear Him say,  
 "Beyond the darkness lies the break of day.  
 In every path of thine I lead the way."

So, whether on the hill tops high and fair  
 I dwell; or in the sunless valleys where  
 The shadows lie. What matters? He is there.  
 And more than this . . . where e'er this pathway leads  
 He gives me no hopeless broken reed,  
 But HIS OWN HAND, sufficient for my need.  
 So, where He leads me I can safely go,  
 And in the blest hereafter I shall know  
 Why in His wisdom, He hath led me so.

(The closing prayer was by Apostle William Sheldon.

On June 25 there was a graveside service, also conducted by Apostle Yates. It follows.)

Scripture reading of Proverbs 31:10-31. This is a wonderful tribute to a woman who loved righteousness as did our beloved Sister Bell. We quote verses 30 and 31.

"Favor is deceitful, and beauty vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

On behalf of her family, we wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation for your presence, your sympathy, your compassion, your love and faith in God. It has helped them to face with courage and hope the mystery of death.

To the Bell family: your brothers, sisters, neighbors and friends want you to know, together in love for one another we have walked the last earthly mile with our loved one. Here we commit her body back to the earth, knowing "dust thou art, to dust returneth, was not spoken of the soul." As believing Christians

we have the glorious hope and assurance that the spirit, intelligence, compassion, meekness, and gentleness of that God-given soul, sister, Mother, Grandmother and friend, lives at this moment and forever.

Christ proved that though we die, we shall live. Job came to this knowledge and CRIED OUT! "Oh, that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in a rock forever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me" (Job 19:23-27).

"But it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9).

According to God's word, unspeakable happiness lies beyond the grave for those that love the Lord.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

"As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:35-39).

I am persuaded that not many years shall pass away until these stones shall be rolled away and the just shall arise with the coming of the Lord. I am further persuaded that our loved Sister Bell will arise with the just.

"Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

(Closing prayer was given by Elder John Jones)

## DINING HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

May 17, 1976

To the Bishops of Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
 (And to general membership. Ed.)

Report of Conference Dining Hall Committee	
Balance on hand December 31, 1976	\$ 657.99
Donation through General Church	115.00
Other Donations	979.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,752.88</b>

Less purchases (including insurance of \$44.90 on refrigerator and payment to hired cook in amount of \$101.50)	- 956.01
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Balance on hand \$ 796.87

(Signed) Katherine R. Moyer, for dining hall committee

## THE MYSTERY OF THE MOUND BUILDERS

By E. E. Long

America holds the secret of the greatest mystery of all time. Scientists from many nations, with careful examination and patient study, have sought to solve the riddle, but none as yet have made a satisfactory discovery. That both North and South America were once peopled by a powerful race or races of intelligent men is attested by the numerous remains of their handiwork.

They erected immense buildings of cut and polished stone with scientific precision. They constructed great highways with a daring that baffles our bravest engineers of today. They left a language carved on stone monuments that holds our foremost linguists at the point of conjecture, while the ethnologists stand amazed at the stubbornness of their will power and the immensity of their achievements. Great stones twenty feet long, fifteen feet wide, six and a half feet thick, were quarried and transported twenty miles, across a turbulent river, elevated to the hill top and placed in the wall with others of the same size. How did they do it? One of these stones weighed at least seventy tons.

Great pyramids were erected of earth and immense stone structures of cut and ornamented stones were placed atop.

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, in his magazine, "The Defender" for November, 1951, says of ruins in Mexico.

"The Pyramid of the Sun is a mathematical calculation in stone composed of huge blocks hoisted to their positions by a process that remains to us a mystery, held in place by cement that has resisted the wear and tear of uncounted centuries. It was an astronomical observatory. The Mexicans of today are the descendants of an amazing race of people."

And he is not by himself in that, as we shall see. Ruined cities of immense size, beautifully ornamented inside and out are to be seen all the way from Mexico to Peru and beyond. Mounds and earthworks of immense size are to be found from Mexico to the Great Lakes, some of them rich in scientific finds, including copper plates, tools, axes, drills. In 1898 Warren K. Morehead of the Peabody Museum opened a low mound near Chillicothe, Ohio and found a skeleton, with a large copper eagle with spreading wings lying across the chest. So it appears that the eagle was a pre-Columbian symbol, long before our Uncle Sam was born.

In the west in Utah are to be seen numerous cliff dwellings atop the deep canyons and in the recesses, where they were impregnable to attack. So everywhere one goes from Ohio and West Virginia to Utah and Arizona, where the remains of irrigation canals are still visible, the evidences of a once populous and cultivated people are to be found. But their identity

remains an enigma to the scientific mind while, to the unbiased reader of the strange and misunderstood BOOK OF MORMON, the riddle is quickly solved.

However, we can turn to the Bible and find a clue that may assist in solving the mystery, if we can keep our prejudice under our feet. Turning to Acts 17: 24-27, we will hear the Apostle Paul. He says:

"God that made the world and all things therein . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation:

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not very far from every one of us."

Here we have it clearly set out that God is the FATHER OF ALL MEN, of whatever nation or clime and all who seek Him may find Him, for He is "NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS" (Acts 10:34).

Why then should it be thought strange for God to reveal Himself to those ancient Americans, who left the evidences of their greatness behind them? And IF God at some time, from somewhere, brought them here and if He revealed Himself to them, is it not reasonable that they should keep a record of their contact with Him, as did the people of the old world who wrote the Bible? And if God made the Americans, whose remains we see everywhere, and revealed His will to them, would not He give them the same laws for their conduct and preservation that He gave to the people in ASIA? WHY NOT?

However, if God is the Father of all men and all nations and no respecter of nations or peoples, and if the plan of redemption was applicable to ALL MEN OF ALL NATIONS and Jesus Christ His ONLY Son, would not a LOVING FATHER send His Son to the American peoples too, with His plan of redemption and its blessing of eternal life?

Now, all that being true and perfectly reasonable, would not the Book of Life to them be much the same as the Book of Life which was written in the old world? Else what did He mean when he spoke thus to His followers at Jerusalem, Listen!

"As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd!" (John 10:15, 16).

WHERE WERE THOSE "OTHER SHEEP" which were not of the Jerusalem fold? Dr. Winrod was getting pretty close to the truth of the matter when he said that the ancestors of the American Indians "had

contact with sources of divine revelation". That is eminently true. And there are other careful writers who agree with Dr. Winrod's sentiments.

NOW, believe it or not! The Book of Mormon tells us that, AFTER Jesus arose from the grave and ministered to His faithful ones at Jerusalem, He appeared to His faithful church over here and instructed them as to the manner of procedure in spiritual things.

He established His church precisely as He did at Jerusalem by, first of all, selecting TWELVE DISCIPLES to watch over the church and carry the good news to others. Those who were baptized received the Holy Ghost; the sick were healed, and many other spiritual blessings were enjoyed. He taught them how to administer the sacrament and bless their little children. In fact, He taught them the same things which He taught His disciples in the Holy Land, so that they were ALL ONE CHURCH, separated by the great waters. And that explains what He meant when He said:

"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold" (John 10:16).

Jesus had a sheepfold over here in America that they of Jerusalem knew nothing about. And right after his resurrection, He visited this American flock and fed them the same kind of gospel food that He fed those at Jerusalem. Now, who among all the so-called "shepherds" today can disprove that? The numerous TEMPLE ruins in Mexico, Central and South America attest that fact.

The Book of Mormon informs us that at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, 600 B. C., there were two colonies of refugees who escaped the terrible siege and were led of God to this faroff land. The first colony was led by a man named "Lehi", of the tribe of Joseph through his son Manasseh. Lehi had four sons, named Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi. Laman and Nephi were born leaders. Nephi, the youngest of the four brothers, was a godly man of great faith and integrity. Laman, the older boy, was somewhat the opposite. He was a shrewd man of the world. Under God's direction they built a ship and made a successful voyage across great waters, landing somewhere in the region of Salvador, where they settled and began life under benign circumstances, multiplying and spreading out, with the blessings of God attending them.

The second colony left Jerusalem at the beginning of the siege, when many fled, including King Zedekiah and his household. But a detachment of Chaldean soldiers overtook the fleeing refugees and captured the king and his retinue and took them back to Babylon. There, according to the record, the sons of Zedekiah were slain before the king's eyes, after which he was blinded, bound with fetters and thrown into prison for life. (Ed. note. One son escaped and led this second colony to the new world. His name was Mulek.)

Here is a prophecy from Ezekiel pertaining to the above in full.

"The word of the Lord came unto me, saying

"Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it, for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick and write upon it for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions.

"And join them one to another into one stick: and they shall become one in thine hand.

"And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying will thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

"Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

"And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

"And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them unto their own land.

"And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel: and one king shall be king to them all, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all" (Ezek. 37:15-22).

That is the complete prophecy, so far as it relates to Zedekiah's family. Nor do the remaining five verses change the situation in the least.

It will be observed by the careful reader that a "stick" is a record. The "Stick of Judah" is the Bible; WHERE is the "Stick of Ephraim"?

Nebuchadnezzar's attack on Jerusalem occurred about 595 B. C., according to Jeremiah 52:8-11. About five years earlier Jeremiah sounded an alarm and issued a warning in these words.

"Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O, ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the Lord, for Nebuchadnezzar hath conceived a purpose against you.

"Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the Lord, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone.

"And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners: and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the Lord" (Jer. 49:30-32).

There a dire warning of impending danger was issued to some who were wiser than others. These few the Lord evidently wanted to preserve. They were given an opportunity to make good their escape — and they did just that. A small colony of people, of the tribe of Joseph, got that message and made a hasty retreat into the distant wilderness. In due time they built a ship and crossed the great waters under God's protecting care and landed on the west coast of a strange land, now known as AMERICA, where indeed they found a "wealthy nation" who for many centuries

had "dwelt alone" and finally in a terrific civil war been destroyed. But the remains of their greatness were everywhere apparent, as expressed by the abundant testimony of ruined cities, the bones of men and animals scattered abroad, and finally one lone survivor who could tell the sad story. He appeared among the newcomers and from him they got the story of the origin, history and destiny of a people who fled from the Tower of Babel at the time of the confusion of tongues. That singlehanded information was later attested by the discovery of records showing that they came from the Tower of Babel.

In the eleventh chapter of Genesis, we have the story of the building of the great tower and dispersion of the builders, who displeased God with their works. Bible believers can accept that story with a relish — in part. The record says:

"So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth" (Gen. 11:8-9).

If it is true (and Bible believers dare not deny) that God scattered them upon ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, then some of them somehow got over the seas to this land, which was a goodly portion of the earth's surface. And careful scientific discovery has found much evidence to sustain that theory. For instance:

I have before me a magazine dated February 18, 1952 containing a well-illustrated article by Paul M. Hanson, of Independence, Missouri, who just recently made an extended trip to Peru, South America. One of his illustrations is of a large dressed stone, twenty feet long, fifteen feet wide, six and a half feet thick. It was transported across a turbulent river, and some twenty miles along a road. That stone, and others like it that are now in the wall atop a high hill, weigh not less than seventy tons. Mr. Hanson says it is a "sawed stone". What kind of machinery did those ancient builders have to quarry and transport that stone twenty miles, over a river, up a hill, then upended in the wall? Remember, the camera does not lie.

What price would men pay for a record that might be found in the ruins of one of many cities that abound in North, Central and South America, giving their origin, history and destiny! Provided, of course, that such a book would be well authenticated.

Bible believers readily accept the story of Noah's Ark. They accept the story of the Tower of Babel. And they can swallow the story of Jonah and the whale. They see nothing strange about the miracle of the Red Sea and men going over "dry shod". New Testament believers, without the twinkle of an eye, believe the Virgin story of the birth of Christ, though the Jews reject it unto this day. And if some noted man of learning should happen to discover such a book and, by means of his knowledge of languages, decipher it, and it compared favorably with other history books, it would be regarded as a great treasure indeed.

But when we offer them a book that reveals the story of American antiquity in detail, they immediately reject it with scorn, because of the manner of its dis-

covery and production, precisely on the same grounds and conditions that the Jews use to reject the New Testament story of the virgin birth of Christ. This is in spite of the numerous prophetic announcements in their own Bible and the many strange miracles it records. But, like begets like and the poor Jew is not by himself in that.

So we turn to the Bible and, in a lengthy prophecy by Isaiah containing some twenty-four verses we read:

"Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add ye year to year, let them kill sacrifices.

"Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

"And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

"And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy voice shall be, as one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust" (Isa. 29:1-4).

That city where David dwelt was JERUSALEM and this dire warning of her downfall was given one hundred and twenty-five years before Nebuchadnezzar besieged her and scattered her inhabitants to the four corners of the earth. But to continue.

"Stay yourselves, and wonder: cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine: they stagger, but not with strong drink.

"For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered" (Isa. 29:9, 10).

Apparently the inhabitants of Jerusalem were in a very bad situation, from the Lord's point of view — drunken, staggering, blind, and asleep.

But read the next two verses very carefully, for they may determine your own standing in the sight of God.

"And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, "I can not, for it is sealed:

"And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned" (Verses 11, 12).

Note this fact: the words of the book were delivered to a learned man, with the request that he read them. But he replied that he could not do so because it was sealed. Then the book was given to an unlearned man, with the request that he read it, and he replied that He was not learned.

Now note carefully what followed.

"Wherefore the Lord said, For as much as this people draw near to me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men;

"Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous

work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid" (Verse 13, 14).

Here we have the spiritual condition of the people further described, at the time when the "marvelous work" is to be accomplished; they would worship God with lip service, and their fear of the Lord would be taught by the "precepts of men". As a result of the conditions prevailing, the Lord said He would do a MARVELOUS WORK among them, and the WISDOM of their WISE MEN would perish, come to naught.

"Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?"

"SURELY, your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potters clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, he made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?" (Verses 15, 16)?

Someone said that comparisons are odious, but the foregoing comparison of spiritual conditions in our modern times is REVEALING. The description is perfect, so much so that we can easily see and realize that the Lord is talking about US, way down here in the LATTER DAYS. And here is the proof positive. LISTEN!

"Is it not yet but a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?"

"And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness" (Verses 17, 18).

Lebanon, remember, is none other than Palestine. These are well known facts: Palestine lay for centuries a desert, unfruitful, until in these latter days when the "former and latter rains" were restored; and, in 1917 during World War 1, General Allenby at the head of British forces entered Jerusalem and drove the Turks out to return no more. Since that time marvelous things have been accomplished in the Holy Land. The Jews have been returning from all nations and have rebuilt Jerusalem and another great city, besides repairing other cities and places. It is said that it is indeed like a forest, compared to its former condition under Arab control.

"And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind (spiritually blind) shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness."

Denounced, cursed and damned, the book has surmounted all opposition. Today its adherents encircle the globe and have long since passed the million mark, as confirming and fulfilled prophecy vindicate its divinity. There are no other historical circumstances of record that can be made to apply to the foregoing lengthy prophecy of Isaiah 29. The coming forth of the strange Book just "a very little while" BEFORE the return of the rains to the Holy Land (in the early

part of THIS TWENTIETH CENTURY), which is today "esteemed as a forest". In Isaiah 28:21, 22 we find what appears to be the prelude to the wonderful prophecy that follows in chapter 29. It reads:

"For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazin, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

"Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth" (Isa. 28:21, 22).

Needless to say, there have been "mockers" aplenty who have and still do scoff at that STRANGE BOOK, THE BOOK OF MORMON. But the Lord says He will have all of those mockers in "DERISION". When we all stand before the bar of God's JUDGMENT, as we MUST do, it will not be funny when we are confronted with the sordid facts, and the BOOK itself is present to condemn us, AS IT WILL BE.

Shortly AFTER the coming forth of the "strange work", the STICK OF JOSEPH" (or Ephraim, his descendant) (the BOOK OF MORMON, BELIEVE IT OR NOT), God said by the mouths of His prophets that He would GATHER His scattered people and bring them back to their own land. The MARVELOUS WORK and a WONDER, embracing the RESTORATION OF THE GOSPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST, as it was established at Jerusalem, would be followed by the preparatory work of the GATHERING of Israel, including the redemption of the LAND and the restoration to its former fertility, with the return of the former and latter rains. It is well known to careful observers that the rains have been restored; the way was opened for the return of God's scattered people when in 1917 the Turks were driven out.

Jeremiah, an accredited prophet of God, has this to say about the Lord's sheep that were "SCATTERED" by Nebuchadnezzar.

"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, and NONE did search or seek after them" (Ezek. 34:5).

There was a flock of the Lord's sheep who were completely lost, somewhere upon the "MOUNTAINS AND HIGH HILLS" and NO ONE sought for them. WHERE WERE these LOST sheep? Perhaps if we do a bit of seeking and searching we may find some trace of them IF WE LOOK IN THE RIGHT PLACE, leaving our skepticism behind us as we search. The Lord says He intends to do something about it.

"For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out.

"As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are SCATTERED: so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the CLOUDY

AND DARK DAY" (Ezek. 34:11, 12). That "scattering" of the Lord's sheep occurred when Nebuchadnezzar, the Chaldean Wolf, got among them and imprisoned the chief shepherd, Zedekiah: the sheep were scattered upon "ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH". Remember, at that time America was a very high mountain; some of those sheep found their way over here. Who can successfully deny it? Furthermore, another prophet seems to have had a glimpse of those scattered sheep upon some HIGH HILL.

"Woe, to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

"That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, say, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation SCATTERED and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto: a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled" (Isa. 18:1, 2).

Where is that land "beyond Ethiopia" that sends ambassadors by the sea? Wherever it is, there we will find some of those lost sheep, "SCATTERED AND PEELED".

Right at the time when Nebuchadnezzar was taking over the principle sheepfold, Jeremiah the prophet let out a wail in these words.

"Oh, vine of Sibma, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: THY PLANTS ARE GONE OVER THE SEA. They reach even unto the sea of Jazer; the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage" (Jer. 48:32).

So, THREE PROMINENT WITNESSES among them (the prophets, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, than which there are none greater) have had something to say about the Lord's scattered sheep. Nor is that all. Jesus Himself has a word to say about them. Read carefully.

"As my Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

"AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, which are NOT OF THIS FOLD, them also I must bring, and THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE: and there shall be one fold and one shepherd" (John 10:15, 16).

WHERE WAS THAT OTHER FOLD? Ah, Somewhere "OVER THE SEA" on a "HIGH MOUNTAIN", HIGH AND EMINENT, "SCATTERED AND PEELED". The Spanish conquerors "PEELED" them right and left.

So we do find that the prophets had something to

say about those scattered sheep over here, and Jesus too knew about them.

If this treatise shall stimulate more serious thought and further investigation, the intent and purpose will be amply justified. "Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21) is the divine injunction. If adhered to sincerely it will bear fruit, some thirty, some sixty, some an hundred fold. Try it.

God pronounced a "WOE" unto the city of Ariel, better known as Jerusalem, because of transgression and iniquity, whereby her inhabitants were "scattered upon ALL the face of the earth". Some of them, according to the prophets, went "over the sea", "afar off"; some of them would in process of time "speak out of the ground", and even "whisper out of the dust" (Isa. 29:4). And in "that day", it is said, a sealed book would be delivered to an "unlearned young man" with instructions to read it, but he would say, "I cannot, for I am not learned." Then some of the words of the book would be taken to a learned man, with the request that he read it. But HE would say, "I cannot read a sealed book." For the details of this little parable, read the prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 29 in full. Then think it over prayerfully.

In connection therewith, the Lord said HE would do a "marvelous work, and a wonder". The Lord gave another prophet a glimpse of the marvelous work and said:

"Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you" (Hab. 1:5).

Yes, it was to be a MARVELOUS work, a WONDERFUL work, a STRANGE work, HARD TO BELIEVE by those who were in the "dark". Moreover, it was to be done just a LITTLE WHILE" before the Holy Land would be redeemed from the Turks, and the Holy Land would BLOSSOM AS THE ROSE. All of which had its beginning in 1917. The marvelous work was accomplished in 1829, 30. The Book was published to the world in 1829, and the Church ORGANIZED as God directed, in 1830. Missionaries have been sent to all parts of the world and MILLIONS, who are able to see out of the OBSCURE DARKNESS of modern sectism, are indeed REJOICING IN THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, as God said they would.

(Parenthetics and emphasis in quotations are the author's.)

## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Greetings:

For some time now I have been concerned that our children (grownup) were not all baptized and members

of the Church of Christ. I felt it was in part my fault as I am not a very good teacher, not being able to express innermost thoughts and beliefs as I desire to do.



I also sort of felt we were left out, isolated, to a degree, in their earlier, formative years, not having elders or Church of Christ missionaries in our area often enough to conduct services.

A short time ago our oldest son, Jerrold, a sergeant in the Air Force, stationed in Texas, was home on leave with his family. While here he questioned me about a few things he didn't understand. I did my best to answer all his points. As we talked I was surprised and very pleased to learn he wanted to be baptized and have his small daughter blessed, while he was home.

I called our Elder Isaac Brockman at work at the earliest opportunity and told him I had a problem, a young man who needed baptism. "Well, I'll be down at the first opportunity; I'll call you tonight and say when."

The next evening at a nearby campground, a beautiful spot, Jerry was baptized, with only our two families and Isaac and Ruth present. Confirmation was held at our home afterwards. It was a beautiful service and our hearts were full of joy that he had taken this step. Our two little granddaughters were blessed this same evening. Our daughter-in-law, one of my favorite people, expressed her desire to study and learn before taking this step.

I couldn't help thinking that it will be twenty five years this August 25th since my husband and I were baptized and this same son blessed. I almost felt history was repeating itself with this generation.

When they had to leave to go to their home in Texas a few days later we told them we would pray they would have a safe journey. I was a little concerned as they were tow-barring a second car he bought while home. Sixteen hundred miles is a long way to do that. God was surely on the job with them. On their way through Oklahoma, at fifty five or sixty miles an hour on a two lane road, a big truck came over the hill in their lane and forced them off the road, down into a deep ditch. They were not hurt and there was only a slight amount of damage to one of the cars. Jerry said, "Someone had to help me keep it from turning over and get it back on the road again." How easily they could all have been killed in that second or two! Thank You, Lord, for answering our prayers.

I would like for Advocate readers to write this young family, extending them the right hand of fellowship through the mails. They will be isolated there, but hope to be able to attend some of the various church reunions in the south. Jerry says he can get some time off for this if he learns far enough ahead of time about it.

Please write to:

Sgt. and Mrs. Jerrold Addie  
8114 B Mumbrue St.  
Laughlin AFB  
Del Rio, Texas 78840

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Virgil (Mary) Addie

## DATE CORRECTION FOR CONFERENCE OF MINISTRY

In the publication of the notice of the special conference of the ministry, as given in the May, 1976 ADVOCATE, it was overlooked that the apostles are also asking the ministry to meet the day preceding the established time for fasting and prayer concerning the matter of accepting transfers into the Church from other latter day saint churches.

If possible, please come for this purpose on Tuesday, August 17th, at 9:00 a. m. Otherwise, the previously announced dates of August 18th through Friday the 20th will be used to consider the following items:

Incomplete quorums/ministry  
Interaction between locals  
Establishment of missions  
Development of technics and materials to reach Indians  
Advertising meetings successfully  
How to "open" new territory  
Obtaining meeting places  
Our own spiritual preparation  
Ministry in homes

Ministry to young people  
Local priesthood meetings, study and organized labor  
Activities for youth  
A "guide" for ministry  
Involvement of Youth  
Scattered membership  
Further use of Recorder  
Need for "experienced" counselling  
Tracts in Spanish  
Written "programs" for children  
Prayers for missionary work  
Use of Advocate mailing list  
Need for ministry in U. S.  
World Wide mission  
Use of VISTA program  
Missionary articles in Advocate  
Standards of behavior

Respectfully submitted,  
William A. Sheldon, Secy  
Council of Apostles



**PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING**

There is no heart, however free and lightsome,  
But has its bitterness,  
No earthly hopes, however bright and blithesome,  
But ring of emptiness.

The world is full of suffering and sorrow,  
Of anguish and despair;  
Its brightest promises are of tomorrow,  
Its mockeries everywhere.

Our weary hearts with slow and sad pulsation  
Beat to the march of years;  
Their days are given to toil without cessation,  
Their gloomy nights to tears.

But let us wait in patience and submission,  
The will of our great King —  
Remembering this all through our earthly mission —  
Perfect through suffering.

Then cease, O foolish heart, cease thy repining;  
The Master's hand above  
Is only purifying and refining;  
The Alchemist is love.

These tears and thrills of woe, these great afflictions,  
Are but the chastening rod;  
And they shall prove the heavenly benedictions,  
The mercies of our God.

What seemeth now a dark and dreary vision  
Unto our tear-dimmed eyes,  
Shall burst in glory into scenes elysion,  
A blooming paradise.

Then cease, O foolish heart, cease thy repining;  
Hope! lift thy drooping wing;  
The pain is one of God's all-wise designing —  
Perfect through suffering.

**ON CALVARY'S HILL**

Have you stood —  
Have you stood on Calvary's Hill,  
Suffering with THE ONE on the CROSS?  
Or stood agonized by one as they  
Suffered on their private cross?  
on Calvary's Hill!

Have you seen —  
Have you seen the dark clouds gathering,  
Heard the thunder's roll, the heavens shake,  
Felt the earth's quaking and shuddering,  
The rocks rending, wrenching apart?  
on Calvary's Hill!

Have you stood —  
Have you stood, all lost - unutterably lost;  
Terror and fear gripping thy very vitals,  
Thy heart wrenched and stricken by those  
Unheeding, unknowing ones "casting lots"?  
on Calvary's Hill!

Have you seen —  
Have you seen, even then, seen  
Dawn's Star of Hope rising in the yet roiling  
Storm black sky (a seeing of the heart) -  
Of Love's Conquering Resurrection?  
on Calvary's Hill!

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**THE LOVE OF GOD**

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the sky of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

—Selected

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