

# Zion's Advocate

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

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## Life's Quiet Place

Oft we yearn for a quiet  
spot of our own,  
A place in which to  
be alone,  
Where stillness reigns and  
calmness rules,  
A place of shade filtered sun  
and limpid pools.

Seek "first" the inward "closet"  
place of prayer,  
And there still thy haste, thy  
hurried sense of care  
In His great ocean depths  
of limitless love,  
Of grace and mercy, sustained  
beneath and above.

And then whate'er thy day's  
pressing toil,  
Thy quiet spot within pours  
healing oil  
O'er all troubled waters,  
calming, smoothing,  
And all its painful  
distresses easing.

And thus we find our  
inward quieting  
Enriches and increases  
the valuing  
Of God's created beauties,  
nature's cool breeze,  
Bird song, dappled shade of  
forest trees.

darleen smith

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## Editorial . . .

### "REPENT YE, REPENT YE . . ."

The cry for repentance should be heard more now than in any time in the history of man. Events of great moment lie before us in unfulfilled prophecy as the writers of the scriptures paint a picture of immense tragedy for the inhabitants of the earth. Destruction, desolation, tribulation, wrath, troubles, distresses, wasteness, gloominess, thick darkness, wars, commotions, famines, pestilences, perils, earthquakes and sorrows are words used to describe the time of the heathen and the day of the Lord.

As John the Baptist was commanded to preach repentance in preparation for the coming forth of the Kingdom of Heaven, likewise were the servants of God commanded to preach nothing but repentance when the fulness of the gospel was restored to earth in 1830. If the world needed repentance then, how much more does it need repentance now!

Many have pointed to our day with adequate warnings that this day would not come upon us unawares. Christ referred to Daniel's prophecy of an "abomination that maketh desolate" and cautioned us to stand in the holy place when we saw it. The groundwork for such an abomination has undoubtedly been laid and the time of sudden destruction could be near. Of that time Christ said, ". . . except those days be shortened, there should be no flesh saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

To be numbered with the elect of God is our only hope to escape that destruction. All those who have heard and obeyed the fulness of the gospel should have this hope if they continue to be faithful in keeping the commandments of God.

As the time of the Gentile comes to a close, we find that the great majority have rejected the fulness of the gospel. Consequently much of the light of truth that they had received is being taken from them as was prophesied. The actual fulfillment of evil being called good, and good being called evil has become evident in the precepts of modern man. Deception is on the increase, while the moral standard of the Gentile nations is decreasing.

A division between those who would hold to the truth and those who partake of the ways of the heathen is becoming more apparent. Those who desire to abstain from evil must of necessity separate themselves from most worldly activities and practices.

The insidious influence that is overtaking the free world through the common media of movies, television, radio, books, magazines, etc. is implanting violence and lust in people's hearts. Many who would have been shocked twenty-five years ago at what they now see openly portrayed, have become so conditioned that they have lost much of their true sense of values.

Christ described this time as being like it was in the days of Noah; the people would be eating and

drinking, marrying and giving in marriage without an awareness to the situation at hand. This prophecy might also be considered a sign of the time by the simple reason that these particular things — eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage — have become problems of overindulgence. Eating excessively and partaking of the wrong kinds of food have aroused the concern of doctors and dietitians. Habitual drinking (alcoholism) also has been a problem which continually grows in spite of the much counseling and organized efforts to control it. Divorcing and remarriage has increased to alarming numbers while the giving of consent to this type of practice has become common even to the relaxing of the laws. The ill effect of broken homes has taken its toll upon the children and the innocent beyond any means that we have to measure.

Many types of wrongdoing are becoming more than just acceptable; actually they are becoming prevalent. The out and out rebellion against the proper traditions of moral conduct is a sign of our time — a ripening in iniquity. The consequence of sinning against the light of truth is a continual compounding of error which finally results in destruction.

As we of the Church of Christ strive to examine our responsibilities, we find that we are faced with the task of exposing the false precepts now existent in the world and declaring the full truths of the gospel. Realizing that there is little possibility of us doing this work effectively, because of the smallness and weakness of our number, we are compelled to totally rely on God, otherwise we would faint at the task. It seems our hopes of success are constantly being tried by the inevitableness of failure, but we are assured of the fact that God can make weak things strong. The rendering of our labors can bring forth fruit of much value in the eyes of God.

We are encouraged by the promises that the Lord has made to those who will repent and turn to Him; only those who will repent and believe in the Holy One of Israel will be the covenant people of the Lord. Let us awaken to the warnings and prophecies of our time. Let us be willing to accept the responsibilities that fall upon our shoulders in the unusual duties that God has given us to perform.

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## A "HOT LINE" TO GOD

Sermon by Apostle E. Leon Yates  
Phoenix, Arizona, Reunion, Nov. 26, 1977

A few days ago, as you will recall, we had a presidential election. I do not intend to make a political speech, but have had a desire to do so in times past. We heard on the news in regards to the votes taken, and a reporter was interviewing Jimmy Carter's son. Now I'm not going to brag about Jimmy Carter or Gerald Ford. It's too late for that. I heard a statement by a commentator to the son of Jimmy Carter in a rather sarcastic way, which startled me. He was speaking to the son about his father. He said, "Tell me about this 'being born again' that we hear your father speak of. What does this mean? Does he have some kind of a hot line to God?" Now this was asked in a rather critical manner. We all know that the leaders of this nation and many other nations, are not exactly enthused with God. Nor are the people exactly enthused with God.

When Jimmy Carter's son was asked about "being born again," he did not give a very good answer, and I doubt if Jimmy Carter himself would have given a very good answer if the question had been given directly to him. But I believe he is a good man, as men go. I am not going to run him down or ridicule him, but I am going to defend, tonight a principle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And I am going to maintain and declare that until such time as the leaders of this

nation and its people get to the point, by their righteous living, that they have direct communication with God, they are heading for defeat and destruction - and Fast!

Since being in Phoenix this time, I heard a television news item on which three men, a Congregational minister, a Jewish rabbi, and a Roman Catholic priest were trying to show that religious people are attempting to put down prejudice. I am not opposed to that, but within the course of the broadcast with the commentator and the questioner, this was put to them: "What about your religion in politics?" One of the three said, "We are all in agreement here. We are opposed to any candidate bringing his religion into the election campaign." I think it is a serious situation when men, and particularly the ministry, take that attitude. And I've heard it all my life. Good people have said, "Oh, he might be a good man, and a good minister, but don't bring any of that into your campaign!" But I ask, "Must the words and teachings of Christ be barred from a political campaign?"

I want to remind you of the Bible story of the rich man which we are all familiar with. He went to Jesus by night and asked the question: "What shall I do to be saved?" And Jesus' answer was, "You must be born again." Well, how was it? Would it have

been all right for this man to ask, "What do you mean 'be born again'? Do you mean I would have a hot line to God? A line between me and God or Christ?" Yes, indeed! Being born again and walking in accord with that new birth, you have within you the mind of Jesus. "Let that mind be in you," says the Scripture, "that was also in Christ Jesus." When that mind is in a man, he is concerned with nothing but the truth in regard to the welfare of all people.

The Book of Mormon gives a very concise illustration of what "being born again" really means. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if ye shall follow the Son, with full purpose of heart, acting no hypocrisy and no deception before God," (Can we say that our political leaders have been in this category, with no deception?) "but with real intent, repenting of your sins, witnessing unto the Father that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Christ, by baptism: yea, by following your Lord and your Savior down into the water, according to His Word: behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost." (Book of Mormon, p. 161, v. 16)

I am positive that we are all guilty of some sin, but I read in the Scripture that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be washed white as snow." If we come to God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, we have a God who forgives those sins. This is what is so beautiful about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Upon one occasion, Jesus asked John the Baptist to take him down into the water of the River Jordan and baptize Him. According to the Scripture quoted above, we are admonished to **repent** of our sins before being baptized. However, it wasn't necessary for the Son of the Living God to repent, for He had no sin, but He was setting an example for the world to follow. When He asked John to baptize Him, John said, ". . . I have need to be baptized by thee . . ." (Matt. 3:14) And Jesus said, ". . . Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness . . ." (v. 15) He set an example for you and for me — a rebirth, to know what it means to be reborn.

Now would it be a shame if had a political leader who had a rebirth, according to the Scripture, and had that mind in him that was in Christ Jesus? Would that be so terrible? And should we ridicule that political leader if he did have sufficient righteousness within him that when he knelt to pray, God would hear? And if He **did** hear, would that man have an open line to God? Indeed he would! And this is the promise to follow that rebirth, as quoted above: ". . . behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost; yea, then cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost; and then can ye speak with the tongues of angels, and shout praises unto the Holy One of Israel." (Book of Mormon p. 162:16, 17)

I want to get to this "speaking with the tongues of angels." We might say, "Well, we don't want a poli-

tician going around speaking like an angel!" What does it mean to speak with the tongue of an angel? It says that you receive the baptism of fire after the baptism of water, and with the Holy Ghost. "And behold, my beloved brethren thus came the voice of the Son unto me, . . ." (v. 18) Here was a man who had a direct conversation with the Son of the Living God. Some people don't believe that these things really happened. But they did happen in ancient times, and "God is the same yesterday, today and forever." If God spoke to those men in those days, He can speak to men today. What an indictment against the civilized world today if we do not have men and women with sufficient righteousness to have God dictate to them what they should or should not do! This is a miracle — when God speaks to people. It is something which we do not quite understand. However, — Oh, I like that statement that you gave today, Brother McIndoo, and I wrote it down. The thought was beautiful. You were speaking about people that were trying to do the right thing, trying to live righteously. You said that behind that righteousness is all the power that sets the universe in motion. And I believe that. I believe that there is a God Almighty who caused the earth to revolve around the sun, and I believe there is a God who hung the stars in the heavens in outer space, so intricate and so precise in their movements that those who study them can set their watches by them to the nth degree. These things did not come about by accident. There is a power behind all this and there is a power behind men, who, when they will walk uprightly before God, can have an open line to God Almighty — a "hot line" if you will, to understanding and discernment and guidance in things that God would have them do.

"And now behold, my beloved brethren, I suppose that ye ponder somewhat in your hearts, concerning that which ye should do, after ye have entered in, by the way. But behold, why do ye ponder these things in your hearts? Do you not remember what I said unto you, that after ye have received the Holy Ghost, ye could speak with the tongue of angels? And now, how could ye speak with the tongue of angels, save by the Holy Ghost? . . ." (Book of Mormon p. 163, vs. 1-3)

According to the Scriptures, to speak with the tongue of angels is a gift — a part of the rebirth. "And angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ." (P. 163:3) If an individual, in all sincerity and honesty, is promoting the Gospel of Christ, he is speaking with the tongue of angels, if he has been inspired of God to speak: because according to the Scripture, that's the way angels speak. Anytime a person is interested in the truth and nothing but the truth, when he speaks, —in spite of everything, he will tell the truth. And when he speaks the truth, he will be speaking with the tongue of angels. That's Scriptural.

This nation has been celebrating what we call the

Bicentennial — 200 years as an independent nation, and I believe with all my heart that God had a hand in bringing this government into being. I believe He did have a direct line of communication to many of our founding fathers because of their great faith in Him. But I, in thinking upon these things, meditate upon a record that we have, regarding a people that lived upon this continent prior to Columbus' landing here. What does this record say about the people who lived here, and how does it square with authentic past history? Did the people who lived here before Columbus ever prosper, if they did prosper, what was their situation? Were they under the influence of God? Did they have communication with Him? If so, what about the decline and destruction which later befell them?

Brother Wheaton, Brother McIndoo, myself, and others here have been in the Southland among those ruins that indicate the great civilization that existed there many hundreds of years ago. When scholars go there and see the evidence of this great civilization that, in some ways, surpassed our own modern civilization, they ask, "What made them great, and what caused their destruction?" We will find the answers to those questions from their own history.

But, first, let's turn to the New Testament. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in lust of uncleanness, and despise governments. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil against dignitaries." (II Pet. 2: 9-10). Then he goes on to say. "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with the tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity." (and in the past few years, you and I have become sick of our politicians speaking great words of vanity and untruth). "they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." (II Pet. 2:17-19). Now to the two most important verses: "For if after they escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." (II Pet. 2:20-21).

Now let's find out whether these people who created this great civilization here on this continent knew God.

A man by the name of Harold Velt of the RLDS Church, a good student of history and of the ruins down there in Mexico, was in Australia upon one occasion giving a slide lecture in regard to those great ancient ruins of Mexico, explaining their rise and their rapid

decay. When he went into a period of questions and answers, one man said, "Mr. Velt, there's one thing certain,—we have something those people didn't have. We have the Gospel of Christ, and had they had it, their civilization would have been promulgated down to this day." Oh, how mistaken can a man be! Let's find out from the Book of Mormon if that great civilization actually ever knew God.

"And it came to pass that they did go forth among all the people of Nephi and did **preach the Gospel of Christ** unto all people upon the face of the land; and they were **converted unto the Lord** and were united unto the church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the word of Jesus." (Book of Mormon, P. 678, v. 35-36 Emphasis mine, L. Y.) Going further, "And it came to pass in the thirty and sixth year, the people were all converted unto the Lord . . ." P. 681, Chapter 1, v. 3) Here is a people converted unto the Lord (and this is their own actual history), yet the man in Australia assumed that had they known the Gospel, such a great civilization would not have declined and gone into ruin. We are living in a nation with the greatest mark of civilization upon it of any nation in the history of the world; but we are on the downhill pull, because the mass of the people, though they may confess Him with their lips, yet they deny His power—even deny that they believe in Him. Finishing verse 3,, ". . . the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another;"

Going back to the Bible at the time when the apostles gave all their goods to have all things common, there was no hunger among them. Nobody had an unfilled need. There were no rich and no poor, but everything was cared for. This was a people where every man had a desire to deal justly, one with another. That is the only way that justice can ever come into being. That is the only way that salvation can come into being for this nation or any other nation.

On page 683 of the Book of Mormon, verses 17 through 21, which I hope you will read for yourselves, there is further evidence of the righteousness of this ancient people—of their having the Gospel of Christ, of their living together without contention, war, murder, strife, tumult, whoredom, lying, theft. "And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God:" (v. 19).

Now there is a reason for the breakdown of this ideal condition, and the destruction of those Nephite people. Alma 7:: 24-38, too long to quote here, reads in part, "But behold I say unto you that if ye **persist in your wickedness**, that your days shall not be prolonged in the land, for the Lamanites shall be sent upon you;" (v. 24, Emphasis mine, L. Y.) There is the answer. After having lived righteously and having enjoyed such wonderful blessings from the Lord, they turned from

their righteous living into wickedness which eventually resulted in their destruction. What did Jesus say? He said that it would be better for them that they never knew God than to turn from Him after having known Him. Their condemnation was great. "Yea, after having been such a highly favored people of the Lord; yea, after having been favored above every other nation, kindred, tongue or people, . . . I say unto you that if this be the case; that if they should fall into transgression, that it would be far more tolerable for the Lamanites than for them." (Parts of verses 28-36)

And so it was, as the Book of Mormon indicates, because of the wickedness of the Nephites, the Lamanites were permitted to destroy the Nephite Nation. And later, because of the wickedness of the Lamanites, we the Gentiles took possession of this land and built the

greatest nation upon the face of the earth. Yes, we too have been favored above every kindred, tongue and people. What are we doing with our birthright? Wickedness and destruction, cause and effect, have been the same throughout history, and surely that pattern will never change. Isaiah tells what will cause the destruction of a people when he warned the children of Israel: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59: 1, 2) This applies to individuals as well as to nations. But thank God, there is forgiveness, if there is repentance.

(to be continued)

## CONFERENCE - 1978

Friday and Saturday (March 31, April 1) were set aside for Solemn Assembly. There were many beautiful prayers and testimonies given by our brothers and sisters from many parts of the vineyard, bringing strength and encouragement. This atmosphere carried on into the Sacrament Service, held Sunday at the East Independence Local, in the charge of Apostles Leon Yates and Don Housknecht, with Elders Harold Gill, Marvin Case, Ray Hunholz and Tony Grzincic serving the emblems.

A manifestation called Brother Alvin Harris to the office of Elder and to fill the vacancy left in the bishopric by his late father, Elder Vance Harris. Shortly after this a testimony was given verifying the call. Reluctantly, we separated after a spiritual feast — to share in a physical one served in the church basement, the first of several offered us by our dining hall committee (Amy Schrader, Katy Moyer and Sherri Pennington).

That evening there was a special service in loving memory of Apostle Clarence Wheaton and Elder Vance Harris, in the charge of Apostle Archie Bell and Elder Nicholas Denham. This memorial was opened by prayer from Apostle Wheaton's son, Elder Richard Wheaton, and closed with prayer by Elder Vance's brother-in-law, Elder Wilbur Morris. In the same affectionate "family" spirit, special songs were sung by Elder Harris' daughters (Martha Bruner and Mary Lois Bryant) then by Konie Caviness, Jody Housknecht, Tricia Wheaton and Nanette Wheaton (granddaughters of our late apostle).

This was followed by a song service, led by our General Church chorister Konie Caviness, and a special by Debbie Hedrick and Nina Finnell, then preaching by Apostle Marvin Ely (Elder Frank Fann in charge). The gist of his message was: that we mustn't relax our

guard, must be alert to the poorly understood, and awful, power of the evil one; we must feast on Christ's words and live closer to Him; if we follow the commandments we are promised an eternal home in Heaven and understanding now of God's mysteries.

The conference business began on Monday morning; Elders Hubert Yates and Harold Gill acted as ushers, continuing through the sessions. In the afternoon the General Sunday School Association met, with much interest shown in getting together a catalogue of materials available to Sunday School teachers. It was agreed that, if each local will send in a list of teachers, these will be on a mailing list to receive the catalogue. We hope to include approved materials from the Audio Visual Aids committee, and from all interested contributors (who should send material to the quarterly committee: Apostle Marvin Ely, Apostle Leon Yates, Amy Schrader and Donna Moser).

On Monday evening there was a song service, then a special song by Randy Sheldon. Elder Hubert Yates was in charge and Apostle Robert Jensen was the speaker, who started out by telling how precious in the sight of God is the soul of a little child. We must become like children in recognizing our unworthiness, filling our hearts so full of the love of God that there is no room for anything else. Like children, we must be taught to love and serve one another; a child observes all these things. We need a childlike faith **before** we can receive from God all that we need. We must have an earnest desire to have the scriptures revealed to us. All of our heart is no more than sufficient for the Lord. There is monetary control and rebellion against God in the world today. We need Zion, not just for the future.

Tuesday morning the apostles and elders met for prayer at the East Independence Local; other visitors



participated in a prayer meeting at the Temple Lot Local. Then the School of the Ministry convened at the East Local, followed by another meeting of apostles and elders in the afternoon. In the afternoon at the Temple Lot, the United Workers met, to receive reports, elect officers and enjoy a delightful program.

In the evening there was another song service, then a very special song done by all our priesthood. Elder Jim Lacy was in charge of the service; Elder Albert Leighton-Floyd was the speaker. He caught our attention by holding up a figurative sword of justice with the words, "The sword of justice hangeth over this people!" He told us it is time to become serious about this gospel work, to use our money for spreading the word, not let our bank accounts slip away through inflation. Emphasizing that God doesn't make us do anything, he urged us to fill our hearts with love — and hate! We need the love of God and a fierce anger for Satan. We can't daily rub shoulders with filth without getting dusty. There will be soon, he said, a time of natural destructions and of invading armies. We must care deeply about the souls of our neighbors, as well as our own.

On Wednesday morning there was again a prayer meeting at the Temple Lot, while the apostles and elders met at the East Local. Then we came together at the Temple Lot for a business session. Apostle Jenson opened the meeting, then with an urgent request that we be kind to one another, he told us that he must leave us. His mother was not expected to live many hours.

One of the especially interesting items on the agenda was that of creating the office of "coordinator" of the different young people's organizations and activities. This is to be sent out to referendum of the people. The afternoon business session brought discussion of the next solemn assembly. The two days of Friday and Saturday were approved, with emphasis laid on the true nature of such assembly — to petition God for direction and instruction, for the Church. We also elected a Spanish Hymnal committee; among its members are two of our young Missourians: Nanette Wheaton and Bill Fann. Each of these has a good educational background of Spanish language study. The separate printing of conference minutes and their being sent only to members is to become another referendum.

In the evening there was another fine song service, with a special by Elder Gary Housknecht and Jo Eddy. There followed what was, for many of us, a once-in-a-lifetime experience: the ordaining of an apostle of Christ. Apostle Leon Yates was spokesman and, with Apostle Marvin Ely, laid hands on Elder Don McIndoo, for God's blessing. Then, with Apostle Ely in charge, the new apostle, his unaccustomed shoulders burdened by a load heavier than most of us realize, gave us a sermon full of spiritual meat. The Spirit has laid down a challenge, he said; God wants an answer to the question, "Who do you think you are?" The Church has had a poor self-image for too long; now

we must be ready to yield to God with a broken heart. We, the ministry and laity, are called according to His purposes, each one with a particular mission. We are not just custodians of a piece of ground, we are stewards of the gospel. We must choose Whom we will serve. He went on to say that the era of the Gentiles has ended, that we are in the era of the heathen, and that it will be short. All the end time prophecies point to this day. Are we preparing ourselves for God's service? We are what He has to work with. We must be prepared to have His Spirit with us, to wear the wedding garment of righteousness.

On Thursday morning there was a prayer meeting, then the business session. At this session we amended missionary appointments to include a field for Apostle Don McIndoo. For the fact that he is able to do this, we give grateful acknowledgement to our dear Father. Elder LeRoy Wheaton was appointed business manager, to be assisted by Elder Oren Cavinness. We pray most earnestly that each of these dear brothers, as well as our new apostle, and indeed all of our ministry be filled with "the spirit and power of the Holy Ghost".

On that last evening, Elder Gary Housknecht was in charge and Elder Jim Lacy brought us the final sermon. Elders Gary Housknecht, Don McIndoo, Bill Sheldon and Roland Sarratt made a wonderful quartet and Apostles Don McIndoo and Leon Yates, sweetly assisted by Frances Yates sang "The Old Rugged Cross" in Spanish.

Elder Lacy told us that though we may sacrifice much of our time and material wealth, we are among the richest in the world. We have not yet received the great endowment that is to come. The more that is given us, the more will be called for by God. It is our responsibility to sacrifice if need be, to support our ministry. Once we have accepted a calling, we no longer have the right to say we have no time. Does anyone think he or she has no individual responsibility? Ask God what He would have you do! The Church doesn't need criticism; the Church needs support. We must give our all, spiritually and temporally.

As always, the last service ended with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". As always, the loving tears flowed freely. Won't it be wonderful when we no longer have to be separated at all, when we are together in Zion?

Your Temple Lot Local reporter found herself somewhat lacking in presence of mind, due to the charming addition of a new granddaughter-in-residence. Though I really had no notes whatsoever, God has provided, and I'm grateful. My sweet cousin, Velma Wheaton, took copious notes on the meetings; my favorite son-in-law, Ken Hoare, did same during the sermons, most of which I missed.

God bless and keep and use you, till we meet again.

Donna Moser

## A TESTIMONY

I write that all may share in a testimony that I received while at conference this year. First let me explain a little of my thoughts about the calling of Brother Don McIndoo to be an apostle; my testimony is about his calling.

I read of Brother Don's call in the Zion's Advocate, but it seemed by the way the call came that Brother Don not only was called but also ordained at the same time. The account in the Advocate stated that the one through whom the call came also placed his hands on Brother Don's head when he called him to the office of an apostle. Now this caused me to have some doubts as to the truthfulness of the call.

I had made it a matter of much prayer to know if the call was divine. Up to the evening that the ordination was to take place I had not received any evidence to show me that the call was divine.

Now, I know that it isn't necessary for each one to have evidence to the calling of one to the ministry

or even to be an apostle. But at the time that Brother Don was ordained, I did get the evidence of the divinity of his calling and this is my testimony.

As Brethren Leon Yates and Marvin Ely prepared for the ordination, we all bowed our heads. As Brother Leon started to speak in the prayer of the ordination, there was a power or force that caused me to lift my head, to open my eyes and to look where the three were. As I looked I saw a personage in white come and stand between Brother Leon and Marvin. This personage in white also laid his hands on the head of Brother Don.

Oh what joy and peace filled my soul! I had not only received the evidence I had prayed for, but I had seen our Lord and Master, Himself, come and lay his hands on the head of one whom he had called into his service.

Your brother in Christ,  
Elder Eugene Gould

## APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

The following is an excerpt from a personal letter from a sister concerning her feelings regarding the Solemn Assembly services.

"Well, I'm back to work now but things won't ever be the same again. My experiences there in Independence have shaped my life for a long time to come. The meetings were so glorious in spirit and love, and the promise and hope of Zion is almost unbearable joy. I feel a bit stranded now — for several days I was so homesick for those people and that Spirit that I ached whenever I thought of it . . . but I'm trying to pray hard and often now, and I'm fasting also . . . I

attended a mixed denomination prayer group here last night. So many of the same ideas were expressed, inner work going on . . . . . absolute surrender to God's will is the necessary condition. The Spirit is moving and there will be saints to come to Zion.

"This is really a note of thanks to you for your beautiful hospitality. Your home was our home and such a lovely peaceful place to come to, to keep that peace that was in those meetings.

"When I came I felt like a dried up sponge; when I left I was full to overflowing."

## A FEW THOUGHTS EXPRESSED DURING CONFERENCE

"And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

(Paraphrased for our busy days)

I AM thy comfort in every trial,  
I AM thy peace of mind in all distresses,  
I AM thy strength in your depth of weakness,  
I AM the answer to all life's "whys?"  
I AM thy health, thy riches, thy joy,  
Thy wisdom, thy life — Yea, Eternal Life!

While listening to prayers in prayer meeting, I heard one say that it is as though we were praying to someone who isn't there, to someone a million light years away. Why can't we talk to our loving Savior as to a friend, a dearly loved "friend", for such He truly is? We don't talk to friends in such high-flown phrases. How blest it is to hear the few who are able to talk to our Father simply.

We are told, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). What a blessed healing are in these words for troubled, grieving hearts to realize HE IS



**PRESENT** if there be only two or three of a room filled with people, if these two or three be truly met in His name.

O! Pity, to ever feel prayers rise no higher than the ceiling; there is no need for them to rise to a far beyond for He is present with us.

One, a non-member, who believes she was directed to come to the Church of Christ, asked, "Have you seen the Christ-likeness shining in faces?" as a young brother walked by. She witnessed to us that she had seen this shining quality in his face and in many other faces. She whispered, "Praise God, praise God"

throughout conversations, discussions, through evening singing and preaching services.

A dear sister bore testimony to what God had wrought in her life in finding work so she could be with her family. As she and others formed a car-pool and drove to work, they each told of God's goodness in their lives. Also when her job changed she was in a new car-pool of workers where each told of the many experiences of God's goodness in their lives; these people were of many faiths. O! Indeed, God's Spirit is moving in earnest searching hearts all over the world.

Darleen Smith

## FROM THE GENERAL BISHOPRIC

With the 1978 Conference behind us and the new conference year before us, we are faced with many challenges. With the passing of each year our time is shortened by that amount. The hour is late and there is much to be done.

The world is in great need of the knowledge of God and the faith in His word which we have. Though we are a poor people and our numbers are few, we should remember that God has taken the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty and, with God's help and direction, His weak children have accomplished great works when they have moved forward in faith. He has promised to accomplish a great and marvelous work.

It was while musing over some of these facts that this writer decided to gather a few statistics by which to approach the problem of what the church might reasonably hope to accomplish with its small membership.

Taking a given known group of church membership, family by family, and determining the number of those who were employed either part or full time and giving a reasonable estimation of their probable wages or salaries, some surprising and astounding fig-

ures come to view. In compiling these figures it was kept in mind that this group was largely made up of people of low income (and some even no income), yet a few, no doubt, have income in the "middle income range". Of these 53 church members of whom 30 or 47% are fully or part time employed, their estimated total annual income is \$198,000 or an average of \$3735.85 per church member. If this is a fair figure, and we believe it to be, then by multiplying it by the number of the church membership of 2580, we get \$9,638,493.00 as a total annual income to church members. Realizing that Uncle Sam takes his share first of near 25% would leave \$7,228,869.60 as "take home pay". Suppose we cut this figure in half to account for members who have lost interest. We still have \$3,614,434.80 on which we owe the Lord His tenth. This tenth would be \$361,443.48.

If we each would give to the Lord that which He tells us is His (See III Nephi 11:11-13), we can do many needed things in 1978 and 1979.

Let us do it now!

Nicholas F. Denham

(Editor's Note: Amen!)

## A LETTER FROM A READER

Columbus, Ohio  
April 5th, 1978  
Office of Zion's Advocate  
Church of Christ

. . . I am hoping to receive a good report of the conference in future papers.

My heart and wishes are that someday I will be able to live in Zion. I surely do love the church and

all its people. Best wishes and prayers for you all.

I am isolated. I hope to hear about the convention of the church when Brother Jenkins gets back home from conference.

Thank you for sending the Advocates each month. As long as I am able, I'll distribute them.

Sister Ethel Walters

(This sister receives 6 Zion's Advocates a month to use in a missionary effort.)

## TEMPLE LOT LOCAL NEWS

On Sunday afternoon, April 16th, our little church opened its arm to a young lady we want to feel more and more a part of our "family". Kathy Harris (Mrs. Mark) was the honoree at a stork shower given by Bonnie (Jim) Case and Barbara Case. Since both the hostesses are in the same interesting condition, along with another guest, Becky Sheldon, Joyce Harris lined the four (plus!) up for a portrait. What a lovely picture it should make! One game we played was a scrambled word list of baby items; my reaction proved that it's been a long time since I used such. One gift was a large, sturdy baby buggy-bassinet combination; it made a fine receptacle for all the other pretty things. And, of course, the very decorative cake served with punch came from the kitchen of our Bonnie. How we do pray for God's blessing on Kathy, Mark and the new little Harris!

On Wednesday, April 19th, our weekly prayer meeting was preceded by a special business meeting. We carried out its purpose, approving the call of Alvin Harris to be an elder and the transfer of Barbara Case from the East Local to ours.

The rest of this report truly concerns the whole Church.

The special business meeting had a rather dramatic finish. There were more people present than I have ever seen at a business meeting in my almost eight years here in the center place. A vote of sympathy (unanimous, I believe) was taken, to approve the work of the storehouse and welfare committees to give as much help as possible to our Lamanite brothers and sisters coming through here on "The Longest Walk". We adjourned at nine and quite a few stayed for a late prayer meeting. We went home very weary, but feeling that God's Spirit had met with us.

Sunday, April 30th, the church building and grounds (exclusive of the actual temple site) were turned over to the Indian people for all day services. Due to various misunderstandings they did not arrive until early afternoon. In their absence the upstairs chapel was used for song service, followed by prayer and testimony meeting, led by three of our ministry

(two, apostles). The room was full; there were members of our own two local congregations and of other Restoration groups in the area, plus various interested citizens. There was a consciousness on the part of many of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Around three hundred of the walkers were fed by members of our two congregations, then they gathered on the lawn out in back to hear various ones of their own people speak. When this was over a few of their ministry joined our own for a meeting in the building; I am told that the Spirit was there in power. In the evening there was an open meeting; this too was said to be rewarding.

Many of these Lamanite brothers and sisters will be in and out of our church area for perhaps a week or so. They have been showing us that they are keeping this effort on a spiritual plane, carefully excluding drugs, alcohol and violence. When they depart as a body to resume their arduous Longest Walk, it is our ardent prayer that God will guide and direct them in His chosen way, thus bringing them the greatest possible blessings.

It seems that our spiritual futures are tied up with those of these covenant people. Believing this, I must also come to the conclusion that their temporal welfare concerns us too, and intimately. Therefore, I will take the liberty of reporting to you, our General Church membership, what individual Indian people have said to me. I have been in and out among them as they came into our church building for several days. Their great fear is that Senate Bill 1437 will be passed during the current legislative session. This is the Criminal Code Reform Act of 1977. This seems to greatly diminish freedom of speech and the right to peaceably assemble, not only Indians but ourselves. It would weaken Indian self-government by increasing state and federal jurisdiction on reservations and by abolishing the distinction between federal enclaves and Indian reservations. It would also do away with all previous treaties with the Indian nations.

Perhaps we have a great responsibility here.

Donna Moser, reporter

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### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM LAMANITES

Reference is made in the Temple Lot Local news, in this issue, to a visit by Indians at the Temple Lot, as they were enroute to Washington, D. C. to protest congressional legislation which was felt to be detrimental to the interests of Indian people in general. This movement is termed, "The Longest Walk", originating at Alcatraz Island off the Pacific coast of California. Because of our sincere interest in Indian peoples generated through firm belief in the Book of Mormon and

its prophetic utterances regarding the promises of God to the Lamanite brethren in the latter days, these people were welcomed to the Church facilities on the Temple Lot, and considerable effort made through the local church in cooperation with the General Bishopric to provide for their well being while here, and to assist them upon their further journey along with support of their political efforts on an individual basis.

The following note from one of the spiritual leaders

of this group reflects their response:

Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you for helping our people. I know the Great Spirit is very pleased with your response. Of all the churches, your(s) is chosen; you have the name

the spiritual place, and most of all, the Spirit, the heart, the love, and the action of true Christians. May we live in harmony with the Great Spirit.

In Jesus name.  
(signed) David Hill

### Editor's Note

The following comes to our office from Rev. Baruch Maoz, a Jewish Christian minister.

Yesterday, April 16th, I was summoned by telephone to the police station, being told that, should I decline to come, an injunction would be issued.

"Having just returned from military duty, I hastened to the police station while still in uniform. I was questioned by two plainclothesmen from the Intelligence Department of the Israeli Police as to my activities, with special emphasis on my possibly having transgressed the recent anti-missionary law now in effect in Israel. I was also questioned about my acquaintances and co-religionists, their number and habitation.

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"Previous threats to implement the law in order to impede Christian liberty of expression have now taken on an ominous reality. I have no intention of limiting my endeavors, but I do have concern for those who might be intimidated by police investigations. Assurances given by the Attorney General that he would make sure the law would not be used to inhibit Christian expression have now proven ineffective. Liberty cannot be dependent upon the good will of an official, especially when laws which compromise such liberties are in the statute book."

## THE RESTORATION OF THE HOUSE OF JUDAH

by

Harvey E. Seibel

"Yea, I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews, in the latter days; And I did rehearse unto them the words of Isaiah, who spake concerning the restoration of the Jews, or of the house of Israel; And after they were restored, they should no more be confounded, neither should they be scattered again" (1 Nephi 4:31-33).

Many people feel that the current gathering of the Jews in the Holy Land is a fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the gathering and restoration of the Jews back to their homeland. And indeed that would seem to be a worthy conclusion. However there are certain other scriptures which would seem to contradict this view, scriptures which today are currently in process of fulfillment.

The clear statement of our opening scripture is, that the Jews, when once restored, should never again be confounded or scattered. Perhaps some feel that in view of recent middle east wars that such has proven to be a fact. But is this the case?

The supreme test is still enactment. The ultimate crisis is still ahead. Will they be victorious? What say the scriptures? "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to bat-

tle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; AND HALF OF THE CITY SHALL GO FORTH INTO CAPTIVITY, AND THE RESIDUE OF THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT BE CUT OFF FROM THE CITY" (Zechariah 14:1-2).

This prophetic word states plainly that Jerusalem will again fall to invading forces. What then? Is this a contradiction of the previous prophecy? Not at all, for this seeming contradiction is resolved in the following scripture!

"And as for those who are at Jerusalem, saith the prophet, they shall be scourged by all people, because they crucify the God of Israel, and turn their hearts aside, rejecting signs and wonders, and power and glory of the God of Israel . . . NEVERTHELESS, WHEN THAT DAY COMETH, SAITH THE PROPHET, THAT THEY NO MORE TURN ASIDE THEIR HEARTS AGAINST THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, THEN WILL HE REMEMBER THE COVENANTS WHICH HE MADE TO THEIR FATHERS; YEA, THEN WILL HE REMEMBER THE ISLES OF THE SEA; YEA, AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, WILL I GATHER IN, SAITH THE LORD, ACCORDING TO THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS ZENOS, FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE EARTH; YEA, AND ALL THE EARTH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION

OF THE LORD, SAITH THE PROPHET; EVERY NATION, KINDRED, TONGUE AND PEOPLE, SHALL BE BLESSED" (1 Nephi 5:251, 253-257).

Though there has been a preliminary gathering of Jews to the land of Palestine, this gathering has been effected, not in fulfillment of those prophecies concerning their gathering, but in fulfillment of those prophecies which tell of a coming terrible conflict to be fought in the Holy Land (for how else could those prophecies be fulfilled except the Jews had first become re-established as a nation there?) The great future gathering will not take place until after their conversion to Christ. That event will trigger the gathering of the whole house of Israel. And every nation, kindred, tongue and people shall at that time be blessed even as stated, concerning the blessing of Abraham, which should be fulfilled in the latter days. The Jews, however, that have gathered back to Palestine are unconverted Jews. Thus the statement in Zechariah 12 concerning those Jews in Palestine who are converted upon seeing the nail prints in the Lord's hands, refers to those Jews who will still be in Jerusalem after the great conflict has ended.

Concerning the time of the gathering of the Jew we read, "And they shall crucify him: For thus it behooveth our God; And there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God" (2 Nephi 7:6-7). "But behold, thus saith the Lord God: WHEN THE DAY COMETH THAT THEY SHALL BELIEVE IN ME, THAT I AM CHRIST, THEN HAVE I COVENANTED WITH THEIR FATHERS, THAT THEY SHALL BE RESTORED IN THE FLESH, UPON THE EARTH, UNTO THE LANDS OF THEIR INHERITANCE, And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth" (2 Nephi 7:12-13).

Can there be any question but that the gathering of the Jew is to be commenced only after they have been converted to their Redeemer? "That these sayings which ye shall write, shall be kept, and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles, that through the fulness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed (the Jew, HES) who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth, because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. AND THEN WILL I GATHER THEM IN FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE EARTH; AND THEN WILL I FULFILL THE COVENANT WHICH THE FATHER HATH MADE UNTO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL" (3 Nephi 7:28-29).

And how shall they be gathered? "And the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers; Wherefore the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute?" (2 Nephi 7:14-16).

Again, "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; And they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: They shall bow down to thee with their faces towards the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; And thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me" (2 Nephi 5:17-21).

Jacob, in commenting upon this scripture from Isaiah says, "And after he should manifest himself, they should scourge him and crucify him, according to the words of the angel, who spake it unto me . . . Nevertheless, the Lord will be merciful unto them, that when they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, they shall be gathered together again to the lands of their inheritance. And blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written: For behold, if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church, they shall be saved . . . Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord, shall lick up the dust of their feet; and the people of the Lord shall not be ashamed. FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD ARE THEY WHO WAIT FOR HIM: FOR THEY STILL WAIT FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH. And behold, according to the words of the prophet, the Messiah will set himself again the second time, to recover them; Wherefore, he will manifest himself unto them in power and great glory, unto the destruction of their enemies, when that day cometh when they shall believe in him; And none will he destroy that believe in him. And they that believe not in him, shall be destroyed, both by fire, and by tempest, and by earthquakes, and by bloodsheds, and by pestilence, and by famine" (2 Nephi 5:25, 29-31, 33-39).

These words identify which of the Gentiles shall one day lick up the dust of the feet of the covenant people. And again the prophet informs us that the gathering will not commence until after the Jews have been brought to a knowledge of their Redeemer. We are also given to understand which portion of the unbelieving Jews that will not be ashamed in that day. It will be those Jews who will be waiting for their Redeemer to come. Consequently the Lord will set His hand a second time to recover them. Moreover they shall not be given into the hands of their enemies for God shall manifest himself in great power in destroying them. When? When the day comes that they shall believe in Him. Evidence from Zechariah 12 indicates that will occur when they see Christ. Then will commence the great gathering of converted Jews from all over the world. These will join their converted brethren who are already in and still remain in Jerusalem. The unbeliever, however, shall be destroyed.

"And they shall know that the Lord is God, the

Holy One of Israel: For shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the Lord; Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for the mighty God shall deliver his covenant people. For thus saith the Lord: I will contend with them that contendeth with thee, and I will feed them that oppress thee, with their own flesh; And they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; And all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob" (2 Nephi 5:40-45).

When shall the Jews be gathered home to their lands? After their conversion! We read, "And now, my beloved brethren, I have read these things that ye might know concerning the covenants of the Lord; that he has covenanted with all the house of Israel; That he has spoken unto the Jews, by the mouth of his holy prophets, even from the beginning down, from gen-

eration to generation, until the time comes that they shall be gathered home to the lands of their inheritance, and shall be established in all their lands of promise" (2 Nephi 6:1-3).

In conclusion we quote the words of Christ, "And it shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fullness of my gospel shall be preached unto them, and they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name. Then shall their watchmen life up their voices; and with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye. THEN WILL THE FATHER GATHER THEM TOGETHER AGAIN, AND GIVE UNTO THEM JERUSALEM FOR THE LAND OF THEIR INHERITANCE. Then shall they break forth into joy — sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Father hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem" (3 Nephi 9:69-72).

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## NOTICE

The Audio-Visual Aids Committee has tape recordings (cassette) of all the sermons and music of the 1978 Church of Christ Conference. These are available to those who wish to listen to them on loan (\$1.00 postage and duplication) or to keep them (\$3.75 postage-paid for sermons, \$2.75 postage-paid for music).

Sermon tapes include opening and closing songs and specials.

LIST OF AVAILABLE TAPES FOLLOWS

Apostle Marvin Ely (In the Service of God)  
 Apostle Robert Jensen (Do the Will of God)  
 Elder Albert Leighton-Floyd (The Sword of Justice)  
 Apostle Donald McIndoo (Reaching Out with the Gospel)

(This tape includes his ordination)

Elder James Lacy (Stewardship, Our Reasonable Service)

Music (Specials and congregational singing)

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Collins Local Church of Christ is currently in process of compiling a history dating from its beginning in the early 1930's. We are soliciting any information that would be helpful and necessary, such as names, dates, special blessings, experiences, and

the circumstances of deaths, births, baptisms, blessings of babies, marriages, ordinations, etc., that in any way pertain to the Collins Local Church or its people. Send all contributions to Louis McIndoo, Rt. 1, Box 67, Preston, Missouri 65732. Thank you.

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## GLEANINGS

There will be no new truth in these gleanings; but I have read that it has been demonstrated that it takes thirty-two repetitions before any thought is secured in the mind never to be lost again. Sometimes a well repeated truth just said in different words enlivens the mind's perception in a way the familiar words never reached.

"The study of God's word for the purpose of discovering God's will, (and doing it) is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters", J. W. Alexander.

"No affliction would trouble the child of God - if God revealed his reasons for sending or allowing it", Morgan.

## WE WILL KNOW HIM

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When heaven's recorded our last vow;  
 not by purple robe of scorn-  
 But by comely light upon His brow.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When gathered into His courts above;  
 not by stripes of biting lash-  
 But by His humility of love.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When at last we're safe from earth's alarms;  
 not by strains of sacrifice-  
 But by clasped of His dear loving arm.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When on yonder shore our souls arise;  
 not by wounds of scratching thorn-  
 But by the deep love in His eyes.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!

When in His presence we're given place;  
 not by stain of sweated blood-  
 But by smile of welcome on His face.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When our feet reach His pastures of rest;  
 not by cries of pain or thirst-  
 But in the safe leaning on His breast.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When we from this mortal life depart;  
 not by scar of spear pierced side -  
 But by the joy in His broken heart.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 When clothed in the garments of His bride;  
 not by nail prints in His hands-  
 But by enthronement at His right side.

We will know Him,  
 We will know Him!  
 Purified by the Celestial dove;  
 All sin, pain and grief removed-  
 We'll dwell with Him in the realms of Love.

## MY GOD, COULD HE?

I paused upon a woodland path  
 To rest, and saw a bed of flowers.  
 No gardener's tools had stirred the earth,  
**Nor hand had sown a single seed,**  
 Nor had a drop of water poured to wet  
 The woodland soil in vain; for here  
 Beauty in simple line and hue  
 Was at my feet, unpicked and free.  
 Then came to me to ask,  
 How could it be? God, could He?

Before me spread a boundless sea  
 Heaving and tossing each wave at me.  
 In thunderous tones it spoke of power,  
 A measured surge of dangerous tides  
 That rise and fall in ceaseless rhythm.  
 Its waters, continents and peoples part  
 Untamed; yet upon it's bosom glides  
 Great ships and sea swallows equally.  
 Again came questions hard and fast  
 How could it be? God, could He?

I stood beside a friend I'd loved  
 Whose voice was still, as was his hand  
 Once warm and strong in labor gave  
 Of talent and strength without stint.  
 A smile upon his face was there,  
 But could he know how much I care?  
 Where could he go that I might be

To share his hopes and joys with me?  
 The questions rose unanswered  
 In my heart: God, could He?

The simple flower in woodland glade  
 Was by God's hand and love designed.  
 The oceans cannot hold back His power,  
 But furnish rain for springtime shower

The earth can never hold my friend  
 Imprisoned in a cold dark tomb;  
 The spirit free given power of flight  
 Sped upward through the darkest night,  
 Returns to God to rest in peace  
 Till time is done. God, could He?

Ah, yes, He can and will provide  
 Where we are free of storm and tide.  
 A rest from fears and heartaches sore,  
 A wealth of beauty and every store  
 Of goodly things that we need more.  
 Where love and kindness is complete  
 And friend meets friend with warm embrace  
 And smiles are on each loving face.  
 There will no question raise to cloud  
 Our thoughts - for He is God!

Arthur G. Smith



## OBITUARY

### Gladys Marquette Barton

Gladys Marquette Barton died Monday, April 3, 1978, at the Hennipen County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn. She had reached the age of 77 years, 11 months and 24 days.

She was born in Sparta, Wisconsin on April 9, 1900, the daughter of Otto and Adelia Brockman. In December of 1925 she was united in marriage to Peter Marquette in Sparta. They lived in Sparta for all of their married lives until Peter died in January of 1959. She later married Thomas Barton in February of 1964 and they lived in Hayden, Colorado until his death in 1968. She then lived with her daughter in Sparta for awhile and then with her daughter in Minneapolis.

She was a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). In addition to her husband Peter and her husband Thomas, she was preceded in death by 1 child in infancy; 1 grandson; 1 sister, Mrs. Julia Jerome; 4 brothers, Elmer, Samuel, August and Isaac Brockman.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Mrs. Harold (Wanda) Stavlo, Sparta; Mrs. Leo (Evangeline) Clifton, Minneapolis; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 sister, Mrs. William (Goldie) Schmidt, Sparta; 2 brothers, Lewis and Owen Brockman, both of Sparta, Wis.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held April 6, 1978 at the Smith-Page Funeral Home, interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Sparta, Wisconsin with Elder Isaac Brockman officiating, assisted by Priest Isaac Brockman Jr.

(A personal note added)

Gladys M. Barton, after many years of suffering from cancer, was called home to rest on April 3, 1978. When our Heavenly Father calls, it is enough. Those who loved her a great deal had the solemn task of officiating at her final rites. Her nephew, whom she loved dearly, Elder Isaac B. Brockman, officiated with the aid of his son Isaac. Her pallbearers were her grandsons and a grandson-in-law (Evangeline's boys) who bore her casket to her final resting place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Sparta, Wisconsin on April 6, 1978.

In spite of the sorrow there was a happy note. On April 5th three of Gladys' great-grandchildren were blessed under the hands of Elders Isaac B. Brockman and Kenneth J. Smith. Evangeline remarked, "Wouldn't Ma be happy were she here in this room to see those whom she was so closely akin to being blessed." I remarked that I believed that she knew for there was a good spirit present when Brandon Justice Smith, Jamie Lee Clifton and Carolyn Mae Campa were placed before our Heavenly Father's throne to receive a blessing from Him.

Edna Smith

From the family . . .

### IN APPRECIATION

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

In memory of Mother, God bless you all!

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stovlo  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clifton

## CONFERENCE NOTICE

The August Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) for the year 1978 will be held Wednesday through Friday, August 16th-18th, at the East Independence Local Church of Christ. Conference will convene at 9:00 A. M. Wednesday. All members of the Priesthood are encouraged to attend. Evening services will be open to the public.

This conference is designed to "resolve mutual problems of the Ministry, to increase the zeal, enthusiasm and experience of the Ministry toward a co-

operative missionary endeavor, and to seek the will of the Lord concerning the missionary program of His Church." Special consideration should be given to individual spiritual preparation for the tasks required of a Minister of God in these latter days. Earnest fasting and prayer by all concerned is needed.

Committees are reminded to submit reports to the conference secretary no later than August 10th.

Gary A. Housknecht, Sec.

### Attend Church?

Of course we do, like others  
in our set,

Except on days that seem  
too cold or hot or wet;

But all the other Sundays  
you will find us in our pew,

For we always go to church  
when we've nothing else to do.

Author Unknown

## COLORADO REUNION

June 9, 10 and 11, 1978 are the days to set aside to attend the Colorado Reunion at the Church of Christ, Orchard Mesa Local, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado. We have places to park campers and housing is available in our homes by contacting the Reunion Committee:

Robert L. Ely Phone:  
3201 B½ Road, Rt. 4 303-242-1676  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Marvin E. Ely Phone:  
236 - 32 Road, Rt. 4 303-242-2993  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

John E. Bell Phone:  
572 - 34 Road, Rt. 1 303-434-7100  
Clifton, CO 81520

Please communicate your intentions to us in advance, so we have an idea of the number for food preparation.

We urge you to prepare spiritually that we may feast on the word of God together.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

## MICHIGAN STATE REUNION

On the 17th and 18th of June the Michigan State Reunion will be held at Maple City, Mich., hosted by the Maple City Local. Housing and camping areas will be available. For more information contact:

Elder Conley Addington Phone:  
Rt. #2, Box 45 (616) 334-4922  
Maple City, MI 49664

Your Brother in Christ  
Conley Addington

## MISSOURI REUNION NOTICE

The Missouri Reunion will be held at the Temple Lot Local in Independence, on June 23, 24, 25, 1978.

For accommodations you may contact the pastors of the two Independence Churches:

Elder Richard Wheaton Phone:  
704 S. Elizabeth Road 816-796-3843  
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