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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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Editorial . . .

MONEY - WHO NEEDS IT?

When religion becomes unrealistic, it fails to have purpose. Christ was aware of the people's need of physical food while he spoke to the multitude and he provided their needs physically as well as spiritually. His keen sense of reality was always present even though he was the most spiritual minded man that ever walked the face of this earth.

Most modern religionists lack a true sense of reality in their evangelical efforts. Their purposes of doing good are often stigmatized with the collection plate. The constant plea for money echoes throughout their grand churches and temples.

As inflation decreases the value of the American dollar and this nation is rocked with financial insecurity, we can't help but ask questions about the stability of our religions. Can the leading churches of influence stand without a monetary standard to support them? Would their clergy be willing to continue their ministerial work without financial support? Will those, who are truly dedicated to their religious purposes, be able to provide proper leadership and order for their people?

We might speculate the answers to these questions, but we have no way of knowing for sure what would be the reaction of others under such extreme circumstances. Of course, we would hope that the majority of the religious minded peoples would stand firm on the principles of right under adverse conditions.

We are being unrealistic if we do not consider how

totally we are dependent upon the exchange of money in our personal lives. Few if any could exist for any length of time if money should suddenly become of no value. Our factories, businesses and all means of employment would become stilled over night. Our modes of transportation, communications, our utilities, our schools, in fact, all normal activities would of necessity be stopped. It is questionable that there could be any reasonable order maintained by the police or national guard. Due to the greed that has been evidenced among some people, it has been estimated that mob actions in raids for food and drugs would be inevitable. Our fear of such heathenish actions would probably be greater than our fear of starvation.

Our question should be then, would the Church of Christ stand as a structural organization if we could no longer depend upon money? Would the work of the ministry continue? Would the membership gather together in worship services. Would they share their food, clothing and other physical needs one with another? Would there be a continued effort to take this gospel to the world?

We have a definite hope that the answers to these questions are all yes. If such a disaster should occur, we hope that our conversion to the gospel of Christ has developed within us a dedication to this work to the point that we would overcome our own fears and concerns, and that we would continue the performance of our duties and activities.

Although the thoughts of what might happen if our money should become of no value is all hypothetical, we are often caused to reflect upon the uncertainty of the changing times. We know that we are facing a time of great tribulation. What exactly the tribulations will be is not entirely revealed to us. We do know that this is our day of preparation for that time.

Our attitudes and actions in response to our problems today have much to do with whether or not we will survive the trials that are yet future. Our personal dependence upon money is not necessarily an offense to God; it all depends upon whether our attitude toward Him is right or not.

In the first place we must not let money or our means of obtaining money become more important to us than God and the work He has given us to do. We must take seriously the responsibility that we have to provide for our own livelihood without letting this become our entire goal in life. The things that have to do with our physical well-being are temporal and we can only gain a temporal reward when we labor for it. The Lord has promised us a much greater reward in the spiritual aspect of life, the ultimate being life eternal.

This does not change the fact that God will prosper us in the things of this life, but this is all conditioned upon whether we retain the right attitude. Our attitude must be in giving thanks unto God continually for His blessings.

In being realistic about our present situation, we have to admit that we are all a part of an inflationary ballon that is subject to burst at any time. This situation is almost world wide and the chaos that it could cause is beyond estimation.

Let's face it squarely; our only hope of survival is entirely in the hands of God. We have no way of knowing where to go or how to protect ourselves. God alone is our means of salvation physically and spiritually.

We should also be aware that the devil will try to use this situation to trick us into becoming involved in things that would subject us to the powers of man. We are warned concerning secret organizations and combinations.

Here again we must petition God to guide us in our decisions concerning employment, etc. He alone can direct us that we remain free from all evil involvements.

The need for Zion becomes greater each day. Yet the evidence of Zion seems less and less as we find ourselves almost unconsciously being conditioned to the environment about us. What will it take to strip the Babylonish dross from our lives? Only God knows and He alone will bring it about, or else we will not be saved. Let us pray fervently that He will extend His hand of mercy toward us and that we are numbered among His people.

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NEWS ITEMS

The editorial staff of Zion's Advocate solicit news items from all local churches and scattered members wherever gathered. We feel that they are much appreciated by most readers of the Advocate.

That we might accommodate several contributions in each issue, we ask that you keep your news contained to two double spaced typewritten pages, if possible — not more than three pages at any one time. If you have been sending in more than two pages monthly, we ask that you condense your material yourself. It is better that you do it than for us to have to attempt to edit out the less important parts of your news items.

To keep news items new, it is necessary to print them as soon as possible and not hold them over. Unfortunately we have had occasions when several large news items came in at the same time. Some do not send in their news regularly and consequently their contributions are rather large. Since we are committed by postal regulations to have a sixteen page paper, we are unable to fluctuate the number of pages from one month to another. Therefore, when we have several large news items at one time, we have to cut the size of some of them or our paper becomes cramped for space for other articles. We strive toward publishing a variety of material in each issue, not letting one type to become predominate.

It will greatly help us if each contributor will send in a small item each month, even if its only one page, rather than wait and send in five or six pages. Also the news will be more current.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

For the editorial staff,

Roland Sarratt

A LETTER TO Z. A.

Dear Zion's Advocate,

You are needed. I read you and reread you time and time again. Those of us that cannot meet with the loved ones of the church need to read the testimonies and the sermons. They help us to guide our lives better. Studying and praying on your own is fine, but it helps so much to know that others are out there that feel as you do. It touches your heart; you feel closer to the people in the church.

I am praying that you will receive your black corpuscles and that the priesthood of the church will see that they are overlooking a way to reach, keep and help those of us who are cut off from the fellowship and guidance we need.

I add my plea to yours: please send articles and sermons; they are needed. This paper should not be cut in size, but doubled.

Maybelle Woiak
Nekoosa, Wisconsin

HUSBAND and WIFE – THE FAMILY

Basis: Sermon by Marvin E. Ely

Houston, Missouri, Jan. 12, 1980

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26). This scripture shows after what likeness man was made as well as his position in life. David of old had cause to question man’s position in life after considering and beholding the vastness of the heavens, the work of God’s fingers and the moon and stars. David wrote: “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psalm 8:4). Evidently after David beheld the heavens and the greatness of them he felt man was rather insignificant compared to them, but in all this the following answer came to him: “For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet.” (Psalm 8:5-6). Therefore, we see that God is really mindful of man.

God was so mindful of man that he placed him in the garden of Eden, to dress it and keep it. He did not plan that man should be alone. “And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (Gen. 2:18). “And the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man, And Adam said: This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of the Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:21-24).

In a nation that has so many trying and disturbing things taking place within it, it would be well to dwell upon the importance of the relationship of husband and wife and their children to the parents as well as the responsibility of the parents to the children. Years ago when this nation was founded, it was founded as a nation of strong homes. It was founded after God. We find today that many of these homes are weakening and as a result our nation is weakening with it. This should concern everyone of us. A strong home is built upon a great oneness in the marriage wherein two people can function together as one even though they are two separate people.

Jesus said: “Have ye not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together,

let not man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:4-6). In the above reading we learn that a man shall leave father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife. This is a new responsibility away from the home in which he was reared and likewise for the wife, a new responsibility away from the home in which she was reared. The husband and wife are no more twain but one flesh, yet in all this they are two separate individuals. A husband and wife are to work so closely together that they become as one flesh. The closer they work as a unit the happier they will be or the greater the peace will be in their household. It is important to have acts of consideration and kindness between a husband and wife and these should overflow unto the children.

We know that in any marriage there are two different people who come out of two different homes. They were raised two different ways. This makes it all the more important for those planning marriage to pray over the one they choose for a mate in order that they might have the Lord’s blessing in it. Before we accomplish anything unto the Lord we shall first pray unto the Father in the name of Christ that He will consecrate our performance unto us, that our performance may be for the welfare of our souls. (See 2 Nephi 14:12). We are here on this earth to work out our own individual salvation before God. God has also placed man here that he might be fruitful and multiply, that is why a husband and wife. The closer we can walk with Jesus Christ the more blessed we will be. I hope that I will be able to bring some things out that will point us to that very end.

We are living in a day when there is constantly division and strife. It is in our nation as well as the nations of the world. It is in many households. If there is discord or strife in a household, maybe we should look at why this is taking place. A lot of our problems center around a lack of communication one with another. We need communication in order that we might know what the other is doing. Not only as husband and wife do we need communication but we need it in the church. Last year an Apostle brought out in one of the meetings that one of our problems is that we have not had enough communication. How true this is, for we need to know what the other person is going to do. In a marriage this also is important for we need to be able to communicate one with another.

There is also another thing that causes untold problems in a marriage and that is finances or a lack of them. We all want certain things in this life and all too often we can not purchase them because we lack the finances. Yet this need not destroy a marriage, but there is many a one it has destroyed. We are reminded of a scripture that stresses that “a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth.” (Luke 12:15).

Another thing that causes many troubles are problems that revolve around children. Today I want to show some of the husband and wife responsibility to one another as well as their responsibility to their children. Also I would like to bring out the responsibility of the children to their parents. "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:17). This is something that every home should determine, what the will of the Lord is for them.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:22-27). Paul compares husband and wife just like Christ and the Church. If this church is going to be an active unit, it has to be a part of Christ. The church is composed of different members and parts. All these must be functioning effectively in order for the church to be an active unit. The same way with husband and wife, they have to function as one even as Christ and the church function as one if they are to become an effective unit.

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies." (This should be the same way as Christ loved the church). "He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:" (Ephesians 5:28-29). Think upon this, we should have the same concern one for another as a husband and wife as Christ had for the Church. He loved the church that he established here upon the face of this earth. "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and his bones." (Ephesians 5:30). We are a part of Christ, the same way as a husband and wife can be a part of each other and their children can be a part of them. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." (Ephesians 5:31-32). To some this might sound like a strange thing, but what he is trying to show here is that these units must function as one of they are going to be effective. "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." (Ephesians 5:33). This is no lopsided proposition, it is something we must work on. There must be a great oneness and concern for one another.

This oneness reaches out and should effect our whole life plan. Jesus in his great prayer in John 17 prayed concerning the importance of his disciples being one the same as the Father and the Son are one. "And now I am no more in the world, but these are

in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one one, as we are." (John 17:11). Christ wanted his ministry to function as one the same as a husband and wife should function as one. Likewise, he desired that those who would believe in the words of the ministry might also function as one. Christ did not pray for his disciples alone. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." (John 17:20-22). What a glorious thing this would be if this great oneness functioned among the children of men. We would not have the division and strife that exists in our world today if that oneness was really there.

"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:23). This love must be outreaching, one toward another, not only in families, not only in children toward parents, not only in parents toward children, but in our association one with another as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church. Our love must reach out to the peoples upon the face and breadth of this earth even though some might despitefully use and persecute us. It must be an outreaching love if we are going to be successful in these the latter days.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." (Col. 3:18-21). There is a lot contained in this scripture in the way of responsibility in the home and family. That is where a lot of problems have come up in our nation because the once strong homes are rapidly deteriorating. We must re-unify our ranks someway before we end in disaster.

The young people today need not blame past generations for their imperfections. Some say look what has happened to my parents, I was raised up this way so what better can be expected of me. I am reminded of one person who was black and got into all kinds of trouble as a young man. He thought that society had misused him. He was raised up in an undesirable environment and in a poor home which may even have been a broken home but I do not recall. He finally came to the realization that he should not blame anybody for any problem. He had a responsibility, a self given responsibility to change his life. He forsook his unwise pursuits, the robberies and the other things he had done that were wrong. He said: I got a responsibility no matter where I was raised. He was determined to change his life. I really like his attitude on life. We can not blame someone else for what we are. We

are all victims of our environment. Also we can inherit defective genes that might make us prone to character deficiencies. It still is no excuse, let us not kid ourselves for one moment that we can blame someone else for what we are. We are the master of our own choice and destiny. We each have weakness for the Lord gives men weakness, that they may be humble; if they humble themselves He will make weak things become strong unto them. ((See Ether 5:28).

God can bring down strong men to their knees if He chooses to do so. We must unify our ranks and have a greater oneness as a church, as families, as homes and as children. This is going to be our survival. In Ephesians 6:1-4 we can read about parent and children responsibility: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This is a vital responsibility for one of the perils of the last days is that children will be disobedient to parents. (See 2 Tim. 3:2). Parents have fallen down in their responsibility. This has become a permissive generation. Children have been allowed to do things they should never have been allowed to do. Children should be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but all too often because of the cares of this life and other reasons this has not been done. We need to take a good healthy look in the mirror where we are going and what we are doing.

Parents have a great responsibility of regular prayer in their homes. In 3 Nephi 8:50-52 we can read that we must watch and pray always, lest we enter into temptation. This can not be over stressed for Satan desires to have us. We must become instant in prayer and regularly pray in our families. Amulek of old stressed the importance of praying morning, mid-day and evening. He also admonished the people to pray over their flocks and crops. He further warned them to pray against the power of their enemies and to pray against the devil, who is the enemy to all righteousness. (See Alma 16:219). This is why all the heartache and sorrow is in the world. The devil is trying to destroy everyone. He fell from heaven and became miserable so he desires the misery of all mankind. Do you know we have a source of strength greater than the devil? We have God and His Son, Jesus Christ. We must become more Christ oriented in this life.

I would like to share an experience with you that shows how two people were able to overcome a disaster and a tragedy in their life with the help of Jesus Christ and God. This happened in Colorado about three years ago as a young family of five traveled in their camper from Western Colorado to Eastern Colorado. They were traveling there to spend time with some of their family and were looking forward with anticipation to the good time they expected to have upon their arrival.

To start with the three children rode in the cab with their parents; then they became tired so they got into the camper and went to sleep. When they arrived in the area of their relatives they had trouble finding them so drove slowly for about an hour looking for them before they found them. It came out later that while traveling at slower speed the exhaust fumes came into the camper and overcame the children. When the parents opened the door to the camper they found that their three children were all unconscious. All efforts to revive them were unsuccessful. They lost their whole family that day. That was a tragedy. In the summer of 1979 The Daily Sentinel carried a front page news article on this family. It told how this family who through Jesus Christ had found peace in their lives. Now they had another little bud of joy, a baby was born to this family. They were counting their blessings, but the only way they had survived those years since their tragedy was because of God and Christ. They as a husband and wife had to draw closer together. They had to rely upon Christ and the Heavenly Father. This was a touching article on how they had found peace with God in this tragedy. I wanted to bring this out to show what you can overcome with the help of God.

Let us now turn to Deut. 6:4-7 and read the following: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." This is parental responsibility. In the busy world we live in, all too often we do not have the time to do these very important things. We live in a world, and especially the United States, that has more conveniences than any homes have ever had. Yet with all these time saving devices we have less time today than in years past when we did not have all these conveniences. We have too many things taking our time today. One of the things that is really hurting us is that people get so involved in activities. Some activities are fine, but we must use temperance in pursuing activities and not become involved in them to excess. Some are too much involved in school activities or sports activities or other pleasure things. This falls in line with a prophecy concerning our day when Paul said that one of the perils of the last days was that men would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. We must carefully utilize our time.

During the 1979 Phoenix Reunion we had some outstanding testimonies from the young people. Some of them were so involved in sports that it took most of their time to prepare for them so they could really be good in them. And they realized by their own selves that this was taking away from their reasonable service to God. So these young people changed what they formerly were doing. It does not mean that they gave up

all their sports programs but it does mean that they also took time for God. They realized that serving God should be first place in their lives. We must take time for God in our busy world.

I would like to turn to Prov. 3:1-7 and read what a wise father said to his son: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil." We must learn to place our complete trust in the Lord and to not lean on our understanding. I would invite each to read the third chapter of Proverbs for it shows how great our God is and the things that were accomplished through his wisdom. This wisdom should overflow into our walk of life. The merchandise of it is better than silver and gold or even rubies. All the things we can desire are not to be compared unto wisdom. To make things short there are many benefits in keeping the commandments of the Lord.

In Alma 17:68-70 we can read about a father's counsel to his son: "O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; Yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will

direct thee for good: Yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, yet shall be lifted up at the last day." The above reading is wise counsel to all of us.

By reading Alma 21:127-141 we can learn about the concern the men had for their families. They were willing to give battle to their enemies if necessary to supprot their liberty, their lands, their wives, their children, and their peace, and that they might live unto the Lord their God. They were taught never to give an offense and never to raise the sword, except it were against the enemy and except it were to preserve their lives. They had a great love for their God and were close family units. Strong families in the Lord make strong homes and nations. During the 1978 Phoenix Reunion one of the preachers said: As long as Christ is in the home no storm can sink the ship.

In closing I would like to read the following poem:

THE FAMILY

"The family is like a book:

The children are the leaves,
The parents are the covers
That protecting beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair,
But time soon writeth memories
And painteth pictures there.

Love is the wondrous golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust:
Oh, break it not, lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost."

LETTERS OF OLIVER COWDERY

The following letters are taken from the "MESSENGER AND ADVOCATE," published in Kirkland, Ohio during 1834-35.

The letters have been condensed due to their length.

These letters abound with valuable historical facts, doctrinal suggestions, and cheering, ennobling reflections. All lovers of truth and early church history will read them with delight.

Letter No. 1

Norton, Medina Co., Ohio
Sabbath Evening, September 7th, 1834

To W. W. Phelps:
Dear Brother:

Before leaving home I promised, if I tarried long, to write; and while a few moments are now allowed me for reflection, aside from the cares and common

conversation of my friends in this place, I have thought that were I to communicate them to you, might, perhaps, if they should not prove especially beneficial to yourself, by confirming you in the faith of the gospel, at least be interesting, since it has pleased our heavenly Father to call us both to rejoice in the same hope of eternal life. And while the gray evening is fast changing into a settled darkness, my heart responds with the happy millions who are in the presence of the Lamb, and are past the power of temptation, in rendering thanks, though feebly, to the same Parent.

On Friday, the 4th, in company with our Brother Joseph Smith, jun., I left Kirtland for this place (New Portage), to attend the conference previously appointed. To be permitted, once more, to travel with this brother, occasions reflections of no ordinary kind. Many have been the fatigues and privations which have fallen to my lot to endure, for the gospel's sake, since 1828, with this brother.

Near the time of the setting of the sun, Sabbath evening, April 5th, 1829, my natural eyes, for the first time beheld the brother. He then resided in Harmony, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania. On Monday, the 6th, I assisted him in arranging some business of a temporal nature, and on Tuesday, the 7th, commenced to write the Book of Mormon. These were days never to be forgotten — to sit under the sound of a voice dictated by the inspiration of heaven, awakened the utmost gratitude of this bosom. Day after day I continued, uninterruptedly to write from his mouth, as he translated, with the Urim and Thummim, or as the Nephites would have said "Interpreters," the history or record, called "The Book of Mormon."

To notice, in even a few words, the interesting account given by Mormon, and his faithful son Moroni, of a people once beloved and favored of heaven, would supercede my present design. I shall therefore defer this to a future period . . .

No men in their sober senses could translate and write the directions given to the Nephites from the mouth of the Savior, of the precise manner in which men should build up his church, and especially when corruption had spread an uncertainty over all forms and systems practiced among men, without desiring a privilege of showing the willingness of the heart by being buried in the liquid grave, to answer a "good conscience by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

After writing the account given of the Savior's ministry to the remnant of the seed of Jacob, upon the continent, it was easy to be seen, as the prophet said would be, that darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people. On reflecting further, it was as easily to be seen, that amid the great strife and noise concerning religion, none had authority from God to administer the ordinances of the gospel. For, the question might be asked, have men authority to administer in the name of Christ, who deny revelations? when his testimony is no less than the spirit of prophecy? and his religion based, built, and sustained by immediate revelations in all ages of the world, when he has had a people on earth? We only waited for the commandment to be given, "Arise and be baptized."

This was not long desired before it was realized. The Lord, who is rich in mercy, and ever willing to answer the consistent prayer of the humble, after we had called upon him in a fervent manner, aside from the abodes of men, condescended to manifest to us his will. On a sudden, as from the midst of eternity, the voice of the Redeemer spake peace to us, while the vail was parted and the angel of God came down clothed with glory, and delivered the anxiously looked for message, and the keys of the gospel of repentance. What joy! what wonder! what amazement." While the world was racked and distracted — while millions were groping as the blind for the wall, our eyes beheld — our ears heard, as in the blaze of day: yes, more, above the glitter of the May sunbeam, which then shed its

brilliancy over the face of nature. Then his voice though mild, pierced to the center, and his words, "I am thy fellow-servant," dispelled every fear. We listened — we gazed — we admired. 'Twas the voice of the angel from glory; 'twas a message from the Most High. And as we heard we rejoiced, while his love enkindled upon our souls, and we were wrapped in the vision of the Almighty. Where was room for doubt?

But, dear brother, think, further think for a moment, what joy filled our hearts, and with what surprise we must have bowed, (for who would not have bowed the knee for such a blessing?) when we received under his hand the holy priesthood, as he said: "Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer this priesthood and this authority, which shall remain upon earth, that the sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness.

I shall not attempt to paint to you the feelings of this heart, nor the majestic beauty and glory which surrounded us on this occasion; but you will believe me when I say, that earth, nor men, with the eloquence of time, can begin to clothe language in as interesting and sublime manner as this holy personage . . . The assurance that we were in the presence of an angel; the certainty that we heard the voice of Jesus and the truth unsullied as it flowed from a pure personage, dictated by the will of God, is to me past description.

I must close for the present; my candle is quite extinguished, and all nature seems locked in silence, shrouded in darkness, and enjoying that repose so necessary to this life. But the period is rolling on when night will close, and those who are found worthy will inherit that city where neither the light of the sun nor moon will be necessary, "for the glory of God will lighten it, and the Lamb will be the light thereof."

O. Cowdery

THE WAY I SEE IT

by H. C. Scott

As I sit at my table looking out the west window this morning, a sight not possible any other place on earth unfolds before my eyes.

I can see the valley floor, flat as a table top before me. It is covered by a white fleecy blanket of clouds. Above the soft cotton of the clouds rear the grandeur of the Colorado National Monument a full thousand feet above the covering mist of the valley. As the morning advances, the cloud bank slowly fights its way up the rugged and awesome face of the mountain to finally reveal the summit which is wearing a glittering crown of pure white snow covering the brown heads of the rimrock.

Although this scene is unique to this area, you have many places near your home just as grand or beautiful. Many people cannot see the forest for the trees. Stop! Take a real good look. The beauty and wonders of God are all about you.

Judgment versus Forgiveness

Between these two, where lies the duty and or the privilege of man? Lest we forget, it is written . . .

Jesus said, "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" Matt. 18:7.

Add to that . . .

"For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body . . .

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" James 3:2 and 5.

Then balance that with . . .

"For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: that make a man an offender for a word and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought." Isa. 29:20-21.

Humans being human it appears that God foresaw that offences would arise. So how does the Lord counsel us to handle them? If one is the offender . . .

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23-24.

But if one is the offended . . .

"Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him." Luke 17:3-4.

But don't stop there, go over to Matt. 18:21-22 . . .

"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven."

And also go to the Book of Commandments, 47: 13-15 . . .

"If thy brother offend thee, thou shalt take him between him and thee alone; and if he confess thou shalt be reconciled. And if he confess not, thou shalt take another with thee; and then if he confess not, thou shalt deliver him up to the church, not to the members, but to the elders. And it shall be done in a meeting, and that not before the world."

And you do this, not because you forgive not, Book of Commandments 65:11-16 . . .

"Wherefore I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another, for he that forgiveth not his

brother his trespasses, standeth condemned before the Lord, for there remaineth in him the greater sin. I the Lord will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men; and ye ought to say in your hearts, Let God judge between me and thee, and reward thee according to thy deeds. And he that repenteth not of his sins, and confesseth them not, then ye shall bring him before the church, and do with him as the Scripture saith unto you, either by commandment or by revelation. And this ye shall do that God might be glorified, not because ye forgive not, having not compassion, but that ye may be justified in the eyes of the law, that ye may not offend him who is your Lawgiver. Verily I say, for this cause ye shall do these things."

Because . . . Matt. 6:14-15, and Mark 11:25-26 . . .

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

And who can afford to risk that? But what does it mean to forgive a trespass? This is the way the Lord says He will forgive . . .

" . . . For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jer. 31:34.

And in the Book of Commandments, 59:53

"Behold he who has repented of his sins the same is forgiven, and I the Lord remembereth them no more."

God has cautioned about the matter and manner of man's judgment of their fellowman . . .

"Judge not, that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:13.

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven; Give, (forgiveness?) and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:36-38.

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ . . . So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man

put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Romans 14:10, 12 & 13.

"For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." ames 2:13.

"For behold, the same that judgeth rashly, shall be judged rashly again; for according to his works shall his wages be; therefore, he that smiteth, shall be smitten again of the Lord. Behold what the scripture says; man shall not smite, neither shall he judge; for judgment is mine, saith the Lord; and vengeance is mine also, and I will repay. Book of Mormon, Mormon 4:24:25.

Not only must we take care in the manner of our appraisal of the faults of others, because of our own need of mercy from God, but also because of the danger of judging as evil that in which there is none

"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! . . . Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" Isa. 5:20, 21, & 23.

"Behold I the Lord was angry with him who was my servant Ezra; and also my servant Isaac; for they kept not the law, neither the commandment: they sought evil in their hearts, and I the Lord withheld my spirit. They condemned for evil, that thing in which there was no evil;" Book of Commandments 65:17-19.

This man is in danger of doing when judging by appearances. God does not judge so, but by the heart; but who among us dare claim to know the motive in other men's hearts or behind their actions?

"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looked on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; . . . and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth . . ." Isaiah 11:1-4.

Therefore, because . . .

"Behold, verily thus saith the Lord . . . I the Lord forgiveth sins, and am merciful unto those who confess their sins with humble hearts;" Book of Commandments 62:2.

Let us take care that we do not still hold as guilty one whom the Lord has already forgiven. Let us rather . . .

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Epht. 4:31-32. "Forebearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Col. 3:13.

Not forgetting it is our privilege as well as our duty to . . .

"If any man see a brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death." 1 John 5:16-17.

In view of these scriptures there seems no point where the individual can without hurt to himself withhold forgiveness from another . . .

"Yea, and as often as my people repent, will I forgive them their trespasses against me. And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses; for verily I say unto you, he that forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses, when he says he repents, the same hath brought himself under condemnation." Mosiah 11:139-140.

The counsel to the Church includes additional commandments and requires a study in itself. But to us as persons, let us take care in this matter of judging, of imputing motive, of claiming recompence, or of withholding forgiveness.

THIS DAY IS MINE

By Lea Palmer

I will concern myself today with:

Refusing to waste the legacy of time's precious hours by wishing things were better, but making them better with what I have:

Feeling thankful, and taking time to think and pray;

Resolving to learn to improve man's lot by being the first to praise, the last to criticize;

Losing no time in fretting, but filling the hours with worthwhile things;

Sacrificing for love without expecting gain, and being the last to tease or blame;

Keeping my mind free from all ill thoughts, and mastering humility that I may be understanding and forgiving.

I will fly away yesterday's dreams that are spent beyond recall, not waiting for tomorrow, but living this day with tender grace; for God makes each new day bright and beautiful.

REMEMBER — THE LAW OF MOSES!

by Lovita Seibel

Some try to tell us the law given to Moses (the ten commandments particularly) were done away when Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross.

A certain body of laws was nailed to the cross, thus taking it out of the way, requiring us to no longer observe it. This is explained in Colossians 2:14 which says, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." The word "Handwriting of ordinances" gives us an idea of which law is here spoken of, it being the law of sacrifices for sin, as Christ was our effective sin offering, for He "needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself" (Heb. 7:27).

Paul asks, "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgression, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made . . ." (Galatians 3:19). He goes on, "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster" (Galatians 3:23-25). Consequently we no longer make sacrificial offerings of animals, etc., for our sins. Instead we repent of them, offering a contrite spirit and a broken heart.

Recently I was reading in the Book of Mormon where Jesus Christ gave the words of Malachi's prophecy saying that His Father had commanded Him to give the prophecy to them. "And he saith, These scriptures which ye had not with you, the Father commanded that I should give unto you, for IT WAS WISDOM IN HIM THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN UNTO FUTURE GENERATIONS." (3 Nephi 11:29).

Let us look at what is written, and when it is to take place. The same chapter says, "For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven . . . But unto

you that fear my name, shall the Son of righteousness arise . . . and ye shall tread down the wicked for they shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts" (3 Nephi 11:22-24).

I know of no one who thinks or teaches that these things have yet come to pass, but claim it is still a future happening.

Then follows this, "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments" (3 Nephi 11:25). The Father through Jesus Christ wanted to impress upon our minds the words of Malachi, for we also have them in the Bible, for we are some of the "future generations" who also have the Book of Mormon, and we live in the time of the earth when we may see these things come to pass.

To "remember the Law of Moses" has been enjoined on us twice; so we had better learn, and study the law God gave to him, the two Great Commandments, the 10 commandments with the statutes and judgments and apply them.

True, no law was given that could bring salvation or otherwise salvation would have been by the law. We obtain salvation only by the grace of God, and Jesus Christ's atonement. But He has also said, "if ye love me keep my commandments, while James says he will show his faith by his works. Keeping the law is a demonstration which we must make, along with repentance, a broken heart, and a contrite spirit. Moses taught that Christ was to come whom we must hear in all things. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him shall ye hearken;" (Deut. 18:15). Christ has spoken, giving us a second time the words of Malachi. If we would be perfect we would heed his words, even as the Israelites were to heed the commandments through Moses. "Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God" (Deut. 18:13).

Opened He Their Understanding

Years ago my father gave to my mother a book entitled, "The Call At Evening" by Jessie Ward which has been a great help to me in the better understanding of God and Jesus Christ's mission for the human race.

Within the lids of this book the great story of the Gospel of Christ is taught in all its purity. The gigantic work for the salvation of mankind after the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden is beautiful and so well defined from the Holy Scriptures it bears rereading several times. I myself have read and reread it many times in my sixty-six years and at each reading find more beauty and a deeper love for the Old Jerusalem Gospel.

The story woven through it all shows how God will work with us and will lead us back to Him if we will only trust Him to do so and pray for that to take place in our lives.

It was my privilege and honor to teach a Sunday School class at the East Independence Local Congregation of the Church of Christ several years ago. There was no material at hand to use for reading material and the Bible and Book of Mormon alone was a little hard for the young minds to grasp. I remembered this book and started to teach the Gospel story from it. I'll never regret doing that as I feel it did more to help convert those young people and gave them a better and clearer understanding of what was restored

to the Young Seer of Palmyra than anything else I might have used. The wonderful part about this book is that the Bible is the source used to convert and build the Church upon and not someone individual's ideas. When it comes time to show and teach the physical building of the church as it was in Christ's time and which was restored again a visual picture or map was drawn from the scriptural passages in the Bible. To make this more penetrating for those young minds, I asked Brother Larry Beem to make one of plywood so that the young people could see it for themselves and put the map or structure together as we read the story and lesson. What a young person can see and hold makes a lasting impression so it was with this. And how Jesus Christ established His church in Bible times also what He restored to earth back in 1820-1830 through Joseph Smith.

The Sunday School purchased several copies of this book, "The Call at Evening," so that each family of the class might have one. I had several children from one family in the class at that time.

I now have just completed rereading that old book which was published back in 1920 and which tells the old, old, Gospel as I was taught it by my parents, Elder and Mrs. B. C. Flint, so many years ago. To me that is what our youth of today need to be taught so that when the trials and the onslaught of the adversary shall come upon them, as it will be ever stronger, they will have a strong rod of iron to cling to. Mother and Dad won't always be there to shield and protect. The life line between our youth and God must be strengthened and re-inforced with the basic and stable last-

ing truths of the true Gospel. What a beautiful thing it is and oh what a kind loving father He is to plan for us as He has done. His way of life brings happiness and makes us truly free from fear. How could we fear when we stretch out our hand and place it trustingly in His to lead us? All fear is removed from us.

I sincerely believe that the Gospel, as I found taught between the lids of this book, is what Jesus Christ restored to earth 150 years ago. It will be of lasting benefit to all who read it. It has a wonderful spirit and when read prayerfully gives added understanding. I know we can take the Bible and Book of Mormon by themselves, but oft times when told in story form it adds understanding we otherwise miss or would not get.

How very grateful I am that such reading material was placed at my disposal in my youth for it helped greatly in laying a firm foundation for my faith and through the years helped that faith grow. I could not deny the power of the Gospel in my life any more than I could or would deny any one of my children.

God does not sleep nor is He dead only waiting for us to put our hands and hearts to Him that He can lead and instruct as He would and does want to do for us. I can truly say Praise God from whom all blessings flow for I have felt His power and know He hears and answers our earnest heart felt prayers; not just lip service.

Truly He has "Opened Our Understanding."

Edna R. Smith

HOUSTON, MO. LOCAL NEWS

At our February Sacrament Service our Brother John H. Jones emphasized the words of the prayer said over the bread and the wine, that we should be more aware of Christ's suffering and broken body, and by doing so, we may become more aware of our actions and deeds.

De Anna Medders sang a beautiful song, the chorus of which went like this:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angels wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Following this, her father, Truman Medders (Ikey), was ordained to the office of Priest by Elder John Jones with prayers by Elder Virgil Addie. Ikey and Virgil received their call to the ministry the same day last year. We are happy to have three of the ministry residing in the Houston area now.

Brother John spoke of the grave responsibility to be a minister for our Lord, also the great rewards here

on this earth, as well as the promise of eternal life. Best of all, he said, is the love you receive from those you serve. You find joy in serving the master, too.

On the tenth our Brother Truman Medders gave us his first sermon telling us we need to trust in Jesus, to keep our spiritual, physical and mental areas in balance. God created man in His own image, gave us dominion over all, especially over ourselves. Text: John 10:10: "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." God wants us to be healthy, happy individuals. The more we understand ourselves the more effective we will be in life. To know thyself is the most difficult lesson in the world.

On February 20th the Keeney family celebrated the birthdays of Ern Keeney and his great-grandson, Eric Hawkins. Ern was 86 and Eric was one year old. Eric is the son of Steve and Joannie Hawkins of Nashville, Tenn.

Recent visitors here were David Keeney and Deanna Medders, home from college, Benny and Jerry Case, Minnie, Sue and Candy Smith, Greg Phillips, Don and Marian Eddy, Marjorie Cain, Gene and Bernice Gould, and Amy Schrader.

Elder Benny Case spoke to us on the 17th, telling us we need to strengthen our faith as we will need to make strong decisions as individuals and as a church. Many miraculous happenings that came about because of faith were rehearsed to us. By faith Noah built the ark as God directed him. By faith Abraham journeyed to a new land. By faith Sarah conceived in her old age. We need faith to receive answer to prayer.

On the 24th of February Brother Virgil Addie spoke to us of baptism, reading 2nd Nephi, 13th chapter telling us "... if the Lamb of God, he being holy, should have need to be baptized by water to fulfill all righteousness, O then how much more need have we, being unholy, to be baptized, yea, even by water. Repent ye, repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my beloved Son" (God speaking to Nephi). The Father will give you the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In the Hohston Local business meeting on February 6, 1980 the following offices were filled:

Presiding Elder	John H. Jones
Assistant	Virgil Addie
Pianist	Lois Heath
Assistant	Johna Ely
Chorister	Dorothy Wilson
Assistant	Marita Mendenhall
Correspondent to Z. A.	Mary Addie
Sec.-Treasurer	Margaret Kenney
Assistant	Mary Addie
Librarian	Mary Addie
Historian	Lois Helseth
Trustees	Virgil Addie, Truman Medders, Ireatess Keeney
Social Committee	Margaret Keeney, Mary Jane Medders, Mary Addie
Mo. Reunion Committeeman	John H. Jones

A new office or position was created, that of recording technician, James Addie. His brother, Martin, volunteered to maintain equipment and act as purchasing agent for needed supplies, and doted use of some equipment he had.

A new duet to present several specials recently is composed of James Addie and Janeen Barke. Janeen is presently doing her student teaching in the Houston area and staying with the Addies until she completes it. Janeen wrote a poem which we thought was very good on a challenge from Mart and James who told her she would have to take the devotions in Sunday School the next day. Each family of the group has it one month at a time. Usually a few Bible verses are read or a poem is used.

GOD WILL NEVER FAIL YOU

God will never fail you,
This, my friend, is true.
He stands by through thick and thin
He will guide you again and again.
Only trust Him and you'll see
That He's always there, He'll never flee.
When the time gets rough
Or the going gets tough,
When you feel you're falling,
On His name start calling.
Yes, just call on His name,
It's always the same.
Sweet Jesus, oh, my friend
All your pains and cares He'll mend.
And He'll be with you, my friend,
Until the very end.

Submitted by
Mary Addie

A TRIBUTE TO APOSTLE ARCHIE F. BELL

It is with a keen sense of great loss to the Church that we announce the passing of Apostle Bell on March 16, 1980, after several months of illness from a stroke. He had been engaged in ministry among saints in Michigan at the time he was stricken. After a few weeks, he was brought to the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, and later taken to the home of a daughter, Sr. Ella Engle, near Willow Springs, Mo. There, he was lovingly cared for by Sr. Bell and those of the Engle family until his passing. Our deepest sympathy and love is extended to his family.

Perhaps if anything may be said to have characterized the life of our Brother Bell, it was his firmness of conviction toward the Master of men, and in his personal ministry of the Gospel. He was a deep student of the Bible and Book of Mormon, and seldom preached without reference to both. Much of his ministry was devoted to analysis and preaching on the prophecies relating to the latter days, and he delighted in teaching informal classes of Church members and friends concerning his scriptural studies.

Bro. Bell was not only a student; he was deeply spiritual. Being favored with spiritual dreams, he also sought enlightenment to understand the dreams of others. His love for the Gospel was demonstrated by the purity of his life; we know of nothing to mar his moral character. His stated positions were firm, but never with rancor nor the spirit of contention. However, if others were in prolonged opposition, he would not pursue the matter further; he resorted to silence. Seldom if ever did he raise his voice, and when he felt it necessary to rebuke another, it was in firmness, but in kindness.

Bro. Bell was pleasant in demeanor, often in mild humor; always a gentleman, a son of God. His wise counsel among his brethren of the Apostles was invaluable in the resolution of many difficulties in the Church. In all things, he sought divine guidance through much prayer. We shall miss him above expression, but we trust that He who doeth all things well has reserved for Archie a place among the saints who have gone before, and where he may rest his earthly sorrows and labor.

OBITUARY

Archie Francis Bell

Archie Francis Bell, son of John F. and Rena J. Bell was born September 14, 1904 at Hood River Oregon.

He was united in marriage November 2, 1927 to Martha C. Frerichs at Sterling, Colorado.

To this union were born five children two of whom preceeded him in death. Archie was baptized September 14, 1912, a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and transferred his membership to the Church of Christ with headquarters on the Temple Lot in April 1928 and was ordained an Elder the following day. In April, 1929 he was ordained an Evangelist and an Apostle in April, 1954.

He served his country in construction work on Army bases in the Yukon in 1943 and on Air Force bases in Iceland during 1947 - 1952 where he was active in missionary work and baptized three people.

Archie served as editor of Zion's Advocate four years and also as Church Historian for several years.

He traveled far and wide in carrying the gospel to many people. After suffering a heart attack on February 8, 1979 from which he recovered within a few weeks, Archie set out to visit each of the local churches in his assigned field of labor, and upon completing the visit to the last local church, he suffered a stroke September 16, 1979 from which he never fully recovered.

He departed this life March 16, 1980 at the age of seventy-five years, six months and two days, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clifton Engle. He is survived by his wife, Martha C. Bell, of the home; one son, Archie F. Bell, Jr., of Columbus Junction, Iowa; two daughters, Mrs. Ella Engle of Willow Springs, Mo. and Mrs. Delores Smith of Raymondville, Mo.; a brother, Harvey J. Bell of Grand Junction, Colorado; one sister, Mrs. Gladys Everett of Eureka, California, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted at the Speaks Memorial Chapel with Elder Nicholas F. Denham and Elder Leslie P. Case in charge.

Burial was in the White Chapel Cemetery at Kansas City, North, Mo.

THE ROLLING STONE

(Dedicated to our beloved Archie Bell)

The Rolling Stone has looked upon
The Holy Places, then gone on to
Preach the words so old and true,
Faith and repentance, for me and you.

Above all things be holy, and,
Let's see what the Good Books say.
These are the rules he lived by
They served him in every way.

Now a rolling stone gathers no moss.
If it did, 'twould be our loss.
But the stone is smooth and worn away
From traveling by night and day.

So how fitting and how proper
That this apostle alone
In God's wisdom and his own choosing
Called himself the Rolling Stone.

(Written by Betty Trudgen Bradley, Michigan Branch of the Church of Christ and sent in loving memory from all his Brothers and Sisters here.)

SORROW

When sorrow comes, as come it must,
It is in God, we all must trust.
There is no power in mortal speech
The anguish of one's soul to reach,
No voice, however sweet and low,
Can comfort him or ease the blow.

He cannot from his fellowman
Take strength that will sustain him then.
With all, that kindly hands will do,
And all that love may offer, too,
He must believe throughout the test
That God has willed it for the best.

We who would be his friends are dumb;
Words from our lips but feebly come;
We feel, as we extend our hands,
'Tis only God who understands
And truly knows the reason why
So beautiful a soul must die.

We realize how helpless then
Are all the gifts of mortal men.
No words which we can find to say
Can take the sting of grief away —
'Tis God who marks the sparrow's fall
And comforts and sustains us all.

When sorrow comes, as come it must,
In God we all must place our trust.
With all the talents whic we may own,
We cannot meet the test alone,
And only he may stand serene
Who has a faith on which to lean.

Don W. Housknecht

Success is not measured by what man accomplishes,
but by the opposition he has encountered and the
courage with which he has maintained the struggle
against overwhelming odds.

A LOYAL FRIEND

(In memory of Archie Bell)

There's twelve apostles in our church,
Twelve spokes within a wheel,
But God has taken one spoke out
His absence we will feel.

He was a faithful servant
To carry out God's plan;
He walked with us and talked with us,
He was a mortal man.

His work is finished here on earth,
No more this land he will roam.
I know the angels now rejoice,
Another child is home.

To all who knew him he will be missed
But memories still remain;
To the church and loved ones we will say,
World's loss but Heaven's gain.

Dorothy Burgin

A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and words of comfort you sent to me and my family. My testimony is this: even when we walk through the deepest valleys the Good Lord is with us all the time, even to the end. O yes, and how do I know? My dear mother last year got very sick. The doctors told us that it was cancer and she suffered so much pain for 8½ weeks. We all prayed for a miracle and as time passed the doctors gave us no hope. We could see the hand writing on the wall: God was calling our mother home to heaven. It was so heartbreaking to stand by helpless.

One day while praying I had a vision. I saw my mother in bed in the hospital and standing by her bedside was Jesus saying comforting words to my mother. Truly I can say this vision gave me much peace of mind and comfort, a true blessing when we know not how to pray. God never fails us in time of need. So even as we walk through the deepest valley, Jesus is always with us and brings us through to victory.

God has been so good to me I just have to praise the Lord. Even my vision of the golden stairway to heaven so richly blessed me to see Jesus coming in heavenly glory to meet me. Oh yes, my tear drops did fall on the golden steps and my heart was so humble and grateful for a loving Savior

Oh to walk in heavenly glory! Men have not seen what God has in store for them; such wonder and beauty! Just beyond the horizon are the streets of gold. I look forward to seeing my dear, sweet Jesus again and to walk with Him and to talk with Him.

Soon it will be Easter time and God will bless the earth with new life and flowers and a song of joy in our hearts praising the Lord. Happy Easter to all.

With love,
Sister Marie Jones

COLORADO REUNION NOTICE

Please set aside the weekend of June 13, 14 and 15, 1980 to attend the Colorado Reunion. It will be held at the Orchard Mesa Local Church, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

If you should choose to come this year by public transportation, let us know your time of arrival so we can arrange to pick you up. We have no local buses, and we live several miles from Grand Junction.

The cost of a phone call to us is minimal, and we certainly would appreciate to know you are coming, so we can plan for your housing and food supplies.

John E. Bell, Pastor
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Marvin E. Ely
236 - 32 Road 303-434-8149
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Ron W. Church
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Grand Junction, CO 81501

We welcome all who will be able to come and worship with us.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

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Lawrence D. Beem 737-0686
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Kansas City, Mo. 64133

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Independence, Mo. 64055

William A. Sheldon 461-8956
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Independence, Mo. 64050

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