

Zion's Christian Legion

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THE HISTORY, ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES OF ZION'S CHRISTIAN LEGION



Any organization coming into existence for the purpose of rendering human service must grow out of the demands of human necessities. Zion's Christian Legion is answering just such a vital call and is extending to all the opportunity of a definite service in the Kingdom of God. This institution has been created to answer the oft repeated interrogation, "What can I do for the church, where can I find place in the program of building Zion?"

The yearning of souls for the privilege of rendering a definite contribution in the task confronting the church has often made a strong appeal to many of the ministry. Many times they have been put to their wits end to know what to answer to such anxious souls. Our feeble attempts to direct our young people in such matters have almost invariably proved a source of dissatisfaction. Each of us has longed for the time when the church would place at his disposal a service organization toward which he could direct the attention of old and young and inform them that there they would be supplied with a task which would help each and all make a distinct contribution to the cause we all love.

Zion's Christian Legion came upon the scene of action to provide just such an opportunity. In short, it is to be a service organization that will complete the transmission of power from the young people to the church.

Every Legionnaire, therefore, should keep himself in touch with the original source of energy if he hopes to render a distinctive service through the church to a world sadly in need of help. The gospel must be preached to all the world for a witness to all nations before the end of time if the prophecy of Jesus is to be fulfilled. To begin the realization of this objective the church must be liberated from the bondage of debt. To this outstanding and essential task Zion's Christian Legion now dedicates itself.

In light of this statement, we invite the attention of the reader to the following; with the hope that he will find a desire within himself to have part with us in this great work. Also we are asking those who have cast their lot with the movement to consider the following as a source of education in the history, organization, and objectives of the institution.

The History in Brief

Every movement has a distinct point of beginning even though it may at some date in the past have emerged from some other trend of events. Such is the case with Zion's Christian Legion. Apostle D. T. Williams, who has been for several years minister in charge of the Great Lakes Regional Territory was urgently invited by Elder Hubert Case, the president of the Central Michigan District, to attend a young people's meeting to be held at Bentley, Michigan the night of Thursday, September 7, 1933.

As he witnessed the activities of those who entertained the four hundred Latter Day Saint young people who crowded the Methodist church that night and sensed the intense interest demonstrated by the audience, there was borne home to his consciousness the vast possibilities tied up in such a congregation. In this connection he remembered also other thousands of youth throughout the church of which those present were but a mere handful.

Could this vital power be harnessed in such a way as to make it of greater value to the church than at present? Could the energy necessary for the entertainment of four hundred people for two and a half hours as well as the interest needful to give attention for the same period of time be utilized to the achievement of some bigger objective in the work of the church? Such were the interrogations crowding in upon the mind and crying for answer.

To the insistent query; "Can something be done?" the answer just as insistent seemed to be, "It is worth the trying." As a result that evening the minister in charge advised the congregation that he would make every effort to meet with them on the occasion of their next district gathering. Moreover, he asserted that at that time he would have something of definite value to present on the problem of how his energy and talent might be used in the forward movement of the Kingdom of God—toward the goal of Zion's establishment.

As a consequence, when the young people held their next meeting on November 12, 1933 at Saginaw, Apostle Williams was there to make recommendations in line with his previous suggestion. The outcome of that afternoon meeting was an insistent demand from some of the young people that an organization be effected at once. One among the number spoke up and said, "Strike while the iron is hot." The young man thus insistent was advised that his hammer might be hot and that the results of striking under such circumstances might prove disastrous to his instrument of attack.

The advice offered, therefore, was to the effect that nothing definite should be done at that time, nor at any later date unless the consent of the church headquarters was had to the proposed movement. After a similar meeting at Lansing with the young people of the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District, the minister in charge directed his way toward Independence, and after a lengthy conference with the president of the church, obtained his full con-

sent to move forward with the proposed project. A similar conference with the Presiding Bishopric ended as satisfactorily.

Nor was this sufficient in itself; it was necessary to discover whether or not the people in general throughout the territory were ready for such a proposition. Up to the present the promoter of the proposed organization had only felt the pulsations of those who had attended the young people's meetings previously mentioned. The next thing was to discover the disposition of the thousands who had not as yet come in contact with the movement. To accomplish this purpose about fifty congregations were contacted through personal visitation before a definite decision to organize was reached. Having put the proposal frankly to each of all these branches and finding scarcely any opposition to the suggested institution, it was decided to proceed.

Then, and not until then, was it decided to call conventions in every district in the State of Michigan. The first of these was held at Beaverton. At this convention Mr. Harry Runkle of Midland, Michigan, was elected divisional commander. Mr. Runkle thus has the distinction of being the first officer to be elected to a place of permanent trust in the "Christian Legion" as the movement was then called. Other conventions were held; one at Cadillac for the Western Michigan District, one at Gaylord for the Northern Michigan District, one at Port Huron for the Eastern Michigan District, one at Pontiac for the Detroit District, and one at Lansing for the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District.

In this manner was the way prepared for a general convention to meet at Saginaw, Michigan, on March 25, 1934. To this gathering President Frederick M. Smith was urgently invited. The very urgent invitations coming from many sources seemed to bear home to the President of the church the importance of the coming convention. So much was this true that he felt it worth while to attend even though it would necessitate his leaving the activities of the pre-conference council to do so.

So it happened that President Smith was the guest of honor at a banquet heralding the coming convention. This feast of fun and fraternal feeling was staged at the Masonic Temple in Saginaw at nine o'clock Saturday evening, March 24, 1934. Three hundred and seventy-five guests were accommodated and thus the foundations were laid for the events of the succeeding day.

After a prayer service in the morning of Sunday, March 25, and a preaching service at which President Smith set out quite lucidly his ideas concerning the Word of Wisdom, the convention was dismissed for lunch. At 2:00 p. m. came the climax of the day's activities in an organization meeting. Apostle D. T. Williams was placed in charge of this important session.

From this point the real history of Zion's Christian Legion really begins. The first move of importance was to accept as a foundation for organization a "Statement of Outlines and Objectives" written originally by D. T. Williams and constructively criticized and edited

by President Smith who made many additions of value to the document. This statement will be presented later under the heading of "Organization."

D. T. Williams was elected unanimously to the position of Legion Commander. Miss Blanche Engle of Midland, Michigan was chosen secretary. The matter of the election of a treasurer was referred to the Presidency of the church and the Presiding Bishopric. This arrangement eventuated in the selection of Bishop E. C. Evans of Grand Rapids. Elder S. Gordon Brown of Lansing, Michigan was elevated to the position of General Director of Solicitation. Elder Allen Pohly of Flint was extended the authority of General Director of Socialization, while Elder William Patterson of Port Huron was selected for the position of General Director of Publicity.

Thus the organization with which this work concerns itself had its start. All Divisional Commanders were admonished by the Legion Commander to enter at once into the work of organizing the local congregations throughout the territory into companies and set them to work on the general and special objectives of the institution as these had been determined by the action of the Saginaw convention. At this writing, the work is moving definitely toward the ends indicated.

Immediate Objectives

To give added emphasis to the fact that this is a service organization, let us take a look at the special objectives the young people have placed before themselves.

First: Every member of this organization will, insofar as lies within his power, pay twenty-five cents dues for each month. The full amount thus collected will be used in an endeavor to liquidate the Auditorium debt now resting on the general church.

Second: Making the tithing card system, now being sponsored by the organization, a matter of chief concern for the education of our young people, as tithe payers for the future, will be an outstanding task for the institution.

Third: The athletic angle has not been entirely forgotten. In some companies, baseball teams, volley ball groups, etc., are being provided for. In this matter we hope to develop the association of our young people with each other and with the better class of the youth of other denominations. This phase of the movement we trust will develop itself into an official association or league for teams and groups.

Fourth: The purely social matters are already provided for under the Director of Socialization.

Fifth: The organization is and must continue to foster the spiritual aspect of our religion. Those who have been in the prayer meetings held under the supervision of the Christian Legion will have no doubt of the deep spiritual significance of the movement and the possibilities lying before it in this connection.

Possibilities

There are about twenty thousand young people in the church between the ages of thirteen and thirty-five. If this vast army could be persuaded to take up the financial objectives now engaging the time of the Legion members, the results would be astonishing indeed. Let us view them for the moment:

If twenty-thousand young people should decide to pay twenty-five cents a month on the Auditorium debt, the whole obligation which approximately is \$300,000.00, could be entirely eliminated in the course of five years. Figure it out for yourself: twenty-five cents a month from twenty thousand young people in the course of a year amounts to \$60,000.00 and five times \$60,000.00 makes the grand total of \$300,000.00. Is such an achievement worth the effort?

Again, where the tithing card system is being worked, and it is working more and more as we get into our stride, it is doubling the income to the general church. If this could be done all over the church the results would be even more astounding. If we could double the income of the church for the coming five years and during the same period would hold our expenditures down to the present low minimum we could pay off on an average of \$275,000.00 a year on our indebtedness. Reducing our debt at this rate for the five years the total amount of reduction for the period would amount to \$1,375,000.

Add these two amounts together and we have a debt reduction in the whole of \$1,675,000.00. This amount will to all practical purposes wipe out the present financial obligations of the church and free her from the bondage of creditors. Again we ask, "Is such an achievement worth the effort?" And think once more that while our young people are engaging themselves in such a worthy task they are thereby tying themselves up to the church through the avenue of a godly work.

Organization

The character of organization directing the forces of the institution toward these goals is indicated in part in the following statement of "Outlines and Objectives," which, as mentioned previously, was made the foundation of the organic structure of Zion's Christian Legion. It appeared in the Saints' Herald for April 17, 1934. While it does not profess to set out in detail the organization as it will and is functioning, it did very well as an instrument of beginning. However, there will appear later a complete list of the officers with a statement of their responsibilities.

A STATEMENT OF OUTLINES AND OBJECTIVES OF ZION'S CHRISTIAN LEGION

Introduction

We, the youth of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, desiring to form an association to be known as Zion's Christian Legion for the promotion of the interests of the church and to enhance our own spirituality, covenant ourselves to work for the following objectives:

General Objectives

A. To promote higher standards of Christian living and a greater efficiency in service to Christ among the young people of the church.

B. To foster the spirit of Zion among the rising generation and make a reality of the economic philosophy long proclaimed the center of our future hope.

C. To encourage the ministry of missionary work especially as it may effect the redemption of Zion and thus realize one of the greatest goals looking toward the evangelization of the world.

D. To promote, to the good of all concerned, the social relationships of our young people, one with another by and through the organization in its local as well as in its general aspects.

Membership and Dues

A. Those seeking to ally themselves with this association should be persons of good moral character, willing to subscribe to the rules of the organization.

B. Dues shall be required of each member at the rate of twenty-five cents a month; but no person shall be dropped from membership for the reason that he is unable to meet his obligation in this connection. Dues, however, must be kept up by that group of which such member is a part; but if it be determined by the Executive Council that such member could bear his part of the burden but is not disposed to do so, such member shall be dropped from membership by the majority action of said Executive Council. Moreover, no person's dues shall be maintained, as above provided, who is not within the range of ages between thirteen and thirty-five.

C. No person shall be received to membership who has not been admitted to such association by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council.

Officers

A. To administer the affairs of the general association the following officers shall function:

1. A chief officer to be known as "The Legion Commander" shall preside over the general activities, such as the Legion Convention

and other general meetings, and have oversight over all Legion activities.

2. The necessary secretaries shall keep the records of the association.

3. A treasurer to care for the funds, to encourage collections and supervise wisely in the matter of disbursements in harmony with the budget and other enactments under the direction of the Legion Commander shall be chosen.

Note: There should be included in this statement at this point mention of three officers of importance: the General Director of Solicitation, the General Director of Socialization and the General Director of Publicity. Of these offices we will learn more later.

4. A Supreme Council shall be created composed of the officers of the general organization, the President of the Church, the head of the Religious Education Department, the Presiding Bishop, all Divisional Commanders, and all members securing twenty-five persons to membership in the preceding year, or doing some equivalent work, the equivalent work to be indicated by the Supreme Council. A further qualification for membership in this council shall be that each member shall have paid his tithing in full or shall have made provision for such payment.

a. This council shall be advisory to the Legion Commander and and to the General Convention.

b. Only from this council shall persons be nominated for elective or appointive responsibility as officers of the Legion.

Divisional Organization

A. The district head of the Legion shall be known as the Divisional Commander. His responsibility and influence shall extend to the Divisional territory only and he shall be subject in all his operations to the Legion Commander.

B. A secretary and a treasurer shall be provided in accord with like provision under the general organization.

C. A Divisional Council shall be created composed of all the officers of the Division, the district president, the district bishop, all company commanders within said division, and such members within the division, as have won ten persons to membership in the preceding year or performed some equivalent task to be named by the Divisional Council.

1. This Council shall be advisory to the Divisional Commander and to the Divisional Convention.

2. From among this Council only shall be nominated those who are to occupy places of elective or appointive responsibility in the divisional organization.

Company Organization

A. The local head of the Legion shall be designated the Company Commander. His responsibilities to be what the title implies; to di-

rect the affairs of the local organization and give general direction and encouragement to the groups and group heads.

B. A secretary and a treasurer shall be selected to care for the usual responsibilities incident to these offices.

C. Groups of convenient size shall be organized and the executive officer over each shall be known as Captain and he shall direct the activities of his immediate group.

D. A local council will be provided known as the Executive Council composed of all officers of the company, the branch president, all group heads, and all members who have won five persons to membership in the preceding year, or those who may have done some equally important task. Such task to be named by the Executive Council.

1. This council shall be advisory to the Company Commander and the Company Convention.
2. From among this council only shall nominations be made to office in the company.

Nominations and Elections

A. Selection of officers, local and divisional, shall be by appointment of the Supreme Council and ratification by local conventions effected.

B. The time and place of conventions shall be determined by the council within whose range of influence the proposed convention may come.

C. Those qualifying for nomination to office in the association must do so under the limitations suggested in previous articles.

D. Voting on appointment may be by acclamation or by ballot as the said council or councils may determine.

E. No person not coming within the range of ages, between thirteen and thirty-five shall be eligible to vote in company and divisional conventions unless he is an elected or an appointed officer of the Legion.

Finances

A. The three dollars annual dues collected from each member shall be utilized as a means of realizing our general objective.

B. Money shall be gathered in other ways for the general, divisional, and local good of the organization.

1. The activities through which funds shall be gathered must be determined by the councils mentioned in the foregoing articles; each council to decide on the activities which would naturally come within the range of its influence.

C. All money other than the three dollars mentioned in a previous paragraph shall be expended only as the conventions concerned shall

decide in the passage of an annual budget or by such other acts as the said conventions shall deem proper.

General Convention

Responsibility to represent the Legion in General Conventions will rest upon all the members of the Supreme Council and all the members of the Divisional Council.

Installation of Officers

All officers shall be inducted into office through proper installation ceremonies.

Initiation

A. Initiation ceremonies shall be provided at the beginning of each quarter, at which those who have applied for membership and have been admitted by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Council shall be initiated members of the Legion.

B. Admission shall be by classes which have been taught the fundamentals of our religion and the aims and ideals of the Legion.

Officers and Their Functions

In order to clarify the responsibilities of officers in the Zion's Christian Legion it would appear logical to make a statement setting forth the tasks to be assumed by each one of those appointed or elected to places of responsibility.

The responsibility of the Commander is that of an administrative officer who will have the task of co-ordinating all the forces of the organization and directing them toward a given goal. The goal before every company and divisional organization will be determined largely by the policies adopted by the institution in its general as well as in its divisional conventions. It will be the duty of this officer to see that all subordinate officers are attending to the tasks that are implied in the position they hold; for instance, he will have the definite responsibility in a local way of seeing that the group captains are attending to their tasks in social, financial, spiritual and educational matters. To give an illustration more to the point, we might suggest that in case a group captain is not attending to the matter of collection of dues it will be the immediate responsibility of the company commander to see that this one is either attending to such collections, or through the proper channels to bring about a change so that efficiency may result. And this, let it be remembered, is but an illustration of what should take place with regard to other officers either divisional or general who hold their places either by election or by appointment.

Director of Solicitation

The Director of Solicitation is a post of considerable responsibility in the light of our immediate objectives. The task confronting this officer is one having to do wholly with financial matters. This officer will be responsible in the company for directing the activities of the group solicitors in the collection of tithing under the tithing card system and will in no way be responsible for the collection of dues. This officer will be expected to see to the organization of groups of homes within the branch and the direction of the group solicitors who will be expected each week to visit these homes in solicitation of tithing or offering. However, it should be remembered that the tithing collected by these group solicitors will not pass through the hands of the director of solicitation but will be handed to the Bishop's Agent in the branch, officially known as the Branch Solicitor. He in turn will issue a receipt each month for everyone paying tithing under the tithing card system. The receipt thus issued will be handed by the group solicitor to the one from whom he has collected tithing in the preceding month. In case any group solicitor is not attending to his task it will be the responsibility of the director of solicitation to encourage such an one to move forward and if he fail in this after the proper degree of effort it will be this officer's responsibility to pass the problem to those who have the task of making such appointments and through this channel have someone else appointed to this place. Group solicitors will be appointed by the Branch Solicitor, the Branch President, the company commander and the director of solicitation.

Director of Socialization

The responsibility resting in the hands of this officer is one of getting the highest degree of sociability demonstrated through the activities of the company or other divisions of the organization. In many instances such activities will have only a social significance but again at times they will carry the dual significance of being both social and financial in their outlook. In other words we will hope that through certain of our social activities funds will be collected through which we can meet our operating expenses in the company, the divisional and the general organization. We feel that each director of socialization should have these objectives clearly in mind and should in the process of his work get such material as will not only be of aid in his immediate tasks but may also be suggestive to others of the things which may be done to further the ends of the organization. We would hope as well that this officer will keep in contact with the general director of socialization and thereby keep him informed of any new ideas that are being tried out and any new projects being fostered, to the end that such information may be distributed from the central office to all other directors of socialization.

Director of Publicity

The task confronting the Director of Publicity is one of importance to Zion's Christian Legion as well as to the general activities of the church, for it extends an opportunity through which we can distribute information of a wholesome character to people generally through the press and through other means of publicity. As a church we can realize thousands of dollars of advertising space in newspapers in the year if this officer is diligent in the performance of his duties. We would suggest that such an one seek all the information possible on the ways of advertising his local church and his company of Zion's Christian Legion through the avenues of the public press, etc. The general officers of the organization will be always ready to cooperate in such efforts. It will be the responsibility as well of this officer to carry to editors in his locality such news items as are put in his hands by the Director of Publicity of the divisional or the general organization.

Group Captains

The position of group captain should be filled not as a result of election but as a consequence of appointment, the appointment to be made by the executive officers, namely: the company commander, the director of solicitation, the director of socialization, the director of publicity, the secretary and the treasurer, counseling with the branch president. The statement of outlines and objectives of the organization sets out the fact that the company should be divided into groups of convenient size for most efficient operation. Over these groups there will be these group captains whose responsibility it will be to see that the groups are functioning in full cooperation with the objectives of the institution. They will have the specific responsibility of collecting from and receipting dues for each member. Such dues when collected should be turned over to the treasurer of the company who should issue a receipt to each captain for the amount he has turned in. Furthermore, each captain should receipt each member for his monthly dues in the space provided for such receipting on the membership card carried by said member.

Executive Council

The executive council, as set forth quite clearly in the statement of outlines and objectives, is to be made up of the executive officers of the organization. Added to these should be the Branch President, the group captains and all who have won five members to membership in the preceding year or who have done some equivalent work—the equivalent work to be designated by this council. It is suggested that frequent meetings of this group for the proposal and development of ideas essential to the welfare of the organization would be a splendid thing and should be urged as a matter of education for the general good of the institution.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A DIVISION OF ZION'S CHRISTIAN LEGION

Divisions of the Legion from a geographical point of view are organized on the basis of the lines enclosing our present church district. This makes for convenience in determining who belongs where and evades much of the embarrassment which would be brought about by drawing up a new set of boundary lines.

Where a divisional organization is anticipated it would be wise for those sponsoring such a movement to be sure that they are working in accord with all the church officers concerned. This advice should be considered in the organization of companies as well; of these we will speak later. If this council is heeded those doing so will find it valuable.

Before attempting the organization of a division of the Legion, those participating in the initial effort should feel the pulse of the situation very carefully to discern that the interest is sufficiently strong to justify such a move. The best way to do this is to go from branch to branch and set forth the organization, and its objectives with the means that it seeks to utilize in their realization. If these visits receive an enthusiastic response, it will be time enough then to think of organizing. As these workers make their way through the congregations, they should ask those who are willing to enter into such an association, should it be organized, to sign their names to a document setting forth their application for membership in the proposed institution.

If the situation seems to justify the further movement a call should now be issued for a divisional convention. Here the following procedure should be followed, after the formal opening of the meeting by song and prayer.

A. Put the question, "Whom do you wish to preside over this convention?"

B. When that point has been decided, let the one so chosen take up the matter of completing the organization as far as it is necessary for the business coming before the body.

C. At this juncture the question should be proposed, "Do you wish to institute a division of Zion's Christian Legion?"

D. If this question is determined in the affirmative let the following officers be chosen according to the rules of the Legion:

1. Divisional Commander
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Director of Solicitation
5. Director of Socialization
6. Director of Publicity

Note: Similar procedure should be followed in organizing a company.

Appeal

Zion is the goal of this people and the youth of the church are anxious to see something done looking in this direction. Are they visionary and impractical? Then so were the prophets both ancient and modern. This one thing the coming generation recognizes, that nothing can be accomplished toward the building of this long-looked-for economic order set out in the law and the prophets until the church, the chief instrument of its realization, frees herself from the hindrances that now prevent her progress.

Long we have talked about making Zion Builders out of our young people. But the processes we have been proposing will never of themselves produce them. There is one element just as essential as preaching and teaching and without which we cannot hope to attain any practical goal, it is "practice." Too long have we been satisfied with teaching the theory of the gospel and too short have we been on giving the rising generation the opportunity of a practical demonstration of their religion.

Now the opportunity comes to view. Here is the avenue through which old and young may practice their religion. Zion's Christian Legion sets itself up merely as an instrument of possible achievement, not as an end in itself. It begs the sympathy and saintly consideration of all members of the church wherever it may be instituted. To every Legionnaire we would say: Do your best to make your organization a living and vital thing and thousands will yet be converted to its way of working God's will.

Supplement

As a consequence of the development of a new organization such as Zion's Christian Legion many loose ends may remain unattached for some little time awaiting the finishing touches which can be made only as a result of experience. Such being the situation with our organization the Supreme Council was called by the Legion Commander to meet at Lansing, Michigan, September 1 and 2, 1934 with a hope that a greater completeness and compactness may attach to the institution as a result of the Council's efforts. The fruits of this meeting were thought to be of such importance as to justify our setting them out in this brief supplement for the advice and direction of all Legion officers and members.

Martyrdom Week

The Council decided to set aside the last week in June ending with the last Sunday in the month as a permanent period of meditation, consecration and sacrifice for all members of the Legion. This is a period of considerable historical significance to our church. It might well be termed "The Passion Week of the Restoration." It includes the time of Joseph Smith's exile from Nauvoo, his return with promises of protection by Governor Ford, his incarceration in Carthage jail his martyrdom and his burial.

It is the opinion of the Council that we could choose no time quite so appropriate as this historical period for a week of meditation, consecration and sacrifice. These tremendous events all happened between the dates of June 22 and 28. In light of these facts it will be clear why these important days were chosen.

Elections

All officers of the Legion are to be elected annually. The election of general officers will take place at the general Legion convention which will be held the last Saturday and Sunday of each June. These officers will take office the first of the following August.

Divisional officers will be elected and will assume office at such time as will be determined by the divisional convention concerned.

All company officers should be elected in sufficient time to take office October the first of each year.

Finances

All money paid as dues to Zion's Christian Legion should be collected by the group captains and turned over to the company's treasurer each month. The company's treasurer should in turn send his check for the full amount on hand to the divisional treasurer in sufficient time for him to get the money into the hands of the general treasurer on or before the 15th of each and every month. The general treasurer will then forward such sums as is at his disposal at the end of each thirty day period to the Presiding Bishopric to apply on the Auditorium debt.

This has nothing to do with the money collected as tithes which should pass through the regular channels provided by the Presiding Bishopric.

Company and Group Meetings

It is recommended by the Council that all groups should have a meeting at least once every two weeks. It is further recommended that all companies should meet at least once a month. The recommendation further suggests the study by all groups of the new volume of Church History recently written by Mrs. Inez Davis, which will shortly be off the press and which can be obtained from the Herald Publishing House.

Music and Dramatics

Miss Louise Evans was chosen to take charge of music, dramatics, and writing of history for the Legion. The Council advised that she contact those capable of writing plays and playlets and engage their services in writing such sketches as will portray the distinctive features of our church work. Those therefore who are interested in this phase of development or service should get in touch with Miss Evans at 240 Travis Street N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Credits

A committee to make recommendations on a system of credits was appointed. They are expected to have something of real value to report to the next general convention, the last Saturday and Sunday in June. The committee consists of Percy Farrow, Allen Pohly, E. C. Evans and Louise Evans.

Reports

A form of report blanks is being worked out by a committee composed of D. T. Williams, Louise Evans and Hector McKinnon. This will be of special value as indicators of our progress.

