

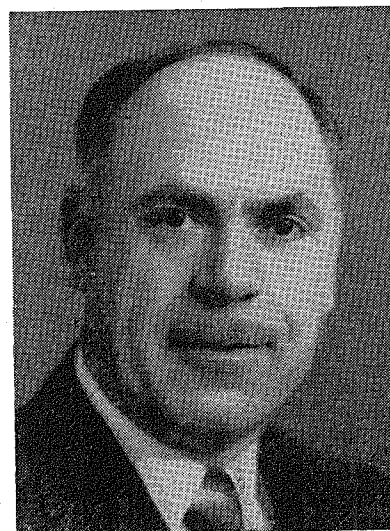
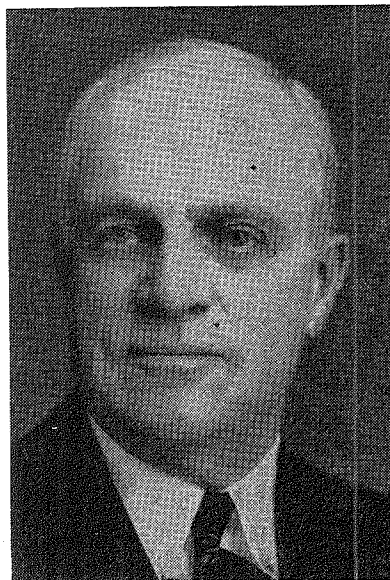
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## Greetings from the First Presidency

AS THE HOUR for the organization of the General Conference draws near we are reminded of the thousands of members whose hearts and footsteps are turned toward Zion and this great gathering of the Saints. We desire above all else for you to know that we as general officers of the church welcome you to the Center Place. Manifestly it is a time when some of us at least will be so burdened with the responsibilities of the Conference that we shall not be able to give the personal attention to your visit that you are entitled to under other and ordinary circumstances. Believe us when we say that we regret this.

We of the First Presidency have the responsibility of preparing the daily agenda for the Conference business sessions, so that when time for adjournment arrives all of the necessary business of the church will have received proper attention. We are your servants. Upon us rests the duty to get the business to be transacted before the body and to expedite as much as we can, consistent with proper and necessary attention, the business of the church.

In former years sometimes the General Conference was prolonged unduly

and unnecessarily, it was thought, and under the presidency of the late President Frederick M. Smith, the business of the Conference was much enhanced by careful planning. We have tried and believe we should continue to try to accomplish the business of the Conference with dispatch, overlooking nothing, neglecting nothing, that the sessions of the Conference be terminated within the week or eight days devoted to it. We believe this has met with the approval of the majority of the delegates and ex officis who come to the Conference.

We trust that none will gather from our planning and our conduct of the Conference that we desire to limit or curtail proper consideration and debate. A mutual understanding of what we have tried to do in respect to these matters will be extremely helpful.

Ever praying that divine grace and power may attend our efforts and that the General Conference will mark another great step forward, we beg to remain

Yours in gospel bonds,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

*F. M. Smith*  
*J. Reuben Edwards*  
*W. Wallace Smith*

## Getting the Most from Your Conference Program

YOUR 1954 OFFICIAL PROGRAM is packed with information and directions. However, you may not get around to reading all of them until the week is nearly over; then you'll look back and see you've missed "just what you wanted."

Why not take time out right now to thoroughly look over the Program? First, before you forget, write your name and address on the title page—just inside the cover. There are several thousand copies in circulation, and you don't want to get yours mixed up with the rest.

The contents are listed on page 4. But for your convenience, here's a simplified summary of certain important things you'll want to know:

*How to keep from getting lost, or how to find yourself if lost:* pages 5 and 33.

*Where to rush to for the next service:* pages 15 through 28.

*Where to go when you want to rest (rest room locations and lounge:* page 33.)

*What buildings to see and where to find them in Independence:* page 32.

*Where to get your mail, to repair a cut finger, to check your umbrella, to ask for the latest weather report, to send a telegram:* page 5.

Where to get information you should know without having to ask other people for it: pages 10 through 14.

Which class to attend and where to find it: pages 37 through 49.

What special evening activities there are: page 58 (also see pages 34-36).

Where to go between meetings: pages 60 and 61.

Where to eat on Sundays if the Auditorium dining hall is too full: page 64.

Who to hear preach and when: pages 30 and 31.

**H**ERE ARE a few other facts that will help you "shift gears" to meet changes from previous Conferences:

There are two general prayer services each day, Monday through Saturday, at the Stone Church. The first one is at 8:30 a.m., and the other begins at 9:45 a.m. A preaching service follows in the same location at 11 a.m.

Health, music, and religious education classes begin this year at 8:30 a.m.

Young people will find their activities and classes listed on page 47.

Archaeological lectures will be held at the Stone Church Annex daily, Monday through Saturday, at 4:30 p. m. See page 49 for more information.

An organ recital will be presented daily at 1:00 p.m. in the Stone Church. Your conference program is probably "befuddled" on this bit of information, for page 52 got mixed up with page 58 on some copies. The ladies' names in the middle of page 52 are the organists, in case you're wondering.

If you're still confused after this "simple" explanation, call for an usher—or better still, ask the folks where you're staying to extricate you from the dilemma.

P. A. W.

## Rules of Order

Few copies of the Book of Rules published by the church in 1921 are now available. For the guidance of the General Conference we therefore recommend that the following parliamentary rules be recognized as applying in this Conference:

A yea and nay vote may be ordered on petition of one third of the delegates and ex officii present and voting.

A motion to suspend the rules, or to make any matter a special order of business, shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

The previous question, objection to consideration, and motions to limit debate may all be ordered by majority vote.

In all elections, voting shall be continued until a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY



This is Fred Cool, testing and installing pipes—big and little—a few weeks ago. Since this picture was taken, he has put together 813 pipes, assorted keys, tabs, and pedals to make the organ in use at this Conference.

## First Pipe Organ in the Auditorium

**M**USICIANS will have already noticed, and the rest of us should be informed, that there's a new kind of music at General Conference this year. It's coming from the "great" and "swell" pipes of a real pipe organ.

Through the efforts of Fred Cool of the Temple Organ Company, this organ has been temporarily installed. Fred, a 25-year-old organ builder and graduate of Graceland, says this is a small organ and inadequate for permanent use in a building the size of the Auditorium, but it will give a general idea of organ quality that can be expected from a larger one in some future years.

The parts of this small organ have been gathered from three different instruments. The "great" pipes are 50 years old, and were originally made in St. Louis. They are of a tin and lead mixture. One rank or row of pipes in the "swell" section is of wood. These pipes are cut in squares. A 3-rank mixture (named thus because it plays three harmonic tones under one key) has been made-to-order in Zeiss, Netherlands.

The organ is divided into three loca-

tions in the Auditorium assembly room. The console is on the platform on the main floor. The swell pipes, encased in a chest, are in front of the imitation stained glass windows high above the platform. The "great" pipes are located directly above the swell chest. The tones of the "great" organ carry up under the dome and "fall" on the audience, while the "swell" tones go directly out and meet the "great" tones. It is expected that in all instances the volume will be inadequate for each nook and cranny of the assembly room.

Acoustical difficulties are still to be reckoned with before the most pleasing results can be attained all over the assembly room, but steps toward correcting the condition will be taken in the not too distant future. The Bishopric announces that the next major Auditorium project following the face-lifting job on the front of the building (now in progress) will be the completion of the interior of the assembly room. Your dollars will soon create the proper physical atmosphere for housing a musical instrument of power and beauty!

P. A. W.

# Report of the

## Department of Statistics

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

We present herewith the statistical report for the years 1952 and 1953.

TABLE I

Summary of changes of total enrollment from January 1, 1952, to January 1, 1954

Total Enrollment January 1, 1952	147,355
Baptisms	4,462
Reinstatements	5
Transferred from Unk'n	44
Gains by Correction	37
<b>Total Gain</b>	<b>4,548</b>
Deaths	1,658
Expulsions	4
Withdrawals	240
Losses by Correction	12
<b>Total Loss</b>	<b>1,914</b>
<b>Net Gain</b>	<b>2,634</b>
Total Enrollment January 1, 1953	149,989
Baptisms	4,906
Reinstatements	5
Transferred from Unk'n	33
Gains by Correction	57
<b>Total Gain in 1953</b>	<b>5,001</b>
Deaths	1,777
Expulsions	9
Withdrawals	332
Loss by Correction	22
<b>Total loss in 1953</b>	<b>2,140</b>
<b>Net Gain in 1953</b>	<b>2,861</b>
Total Enrollment January 1, 1954	152,850

TABLE II

Tabular comparison of the number of miscellaneous reports received during the years 1952 and 1953

Type of Report	Number in 1952	Number in 1953
Transfers	9,874	15,225
Baptisms	4,462	4,906
Deaths	1,647	1,777
Deaths in Unknown File	10	10
Reinstatements	5	5
Withdrawals	240	332
Expulsions	3	9
Blessings	3,193	3,474
Marriages	1,973	2,915
Divorces	288	540
Change of Name	10	52
Ordinations	776	1,002
Licenses Restored	15	12
Silences	15	28
Licenses Surrendered	9	3
Branches Organized	12	7
Branches Disorganized	12	5
Missions Recorded	0	61
Districts Organized	4	2
Districts Disorganized	1	1
	<b>22,549</b>	<b>30,366</b>

Note 1: Exceptionally high number of transfers in 1953 result from three factors: (1) unusual amount of work on records, (2) handling of intra stake transfers, and (3) setting up records for new missions.

Note 2: Exceptionally high number of marriages and divorces in 1953 results primarily from record checks. Also from the fact that we now have a report for each "member" married or divorced.

TABLE III

Changes in church membership during the year 1952 by individual stakes, districts, missions, etc., showing the number of baptisms in each, together with gains and losses by transfer, deaths, withdrawals, expulsions, and the enrollment at the beginning and end of the period.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Enrollment Jan. 1, 1952	GAINS		LOSSES			Enrollment Dec. 31, 1952	
		Baptisms	Transfers	Transfers	Deaths	Withdrawals		Expulsions
**Alabama	675	20	181	63	15		798	
**Mobile	1,155	50	357	26	9		1,527	
Arkansas & Louisiana	1,758	50	125	135	3		1,795	
Northern California	3,442	130	438	334	38	2	3,636	
Southern California	1,746	81	185	128	11		1,873	
E. Colorado	2,513	133	249	214	28		2,653	
W. Colorado	411	11	24	73	9		364	
**Pensacola	1,264	38	189	52	32		1,407	
Idaho	867	46	118	181	13	1	836	
Central Illinois	1,240	15	27	52	10		1,220	
Chicago	1,129	30	210	237	7		1,125	
Nauvoo	1,008	18	23	153	19	1	876	
Northeast Illinois	833	31	43	116	30	1	760	
Rock Island	2,256	80	104	85	18		2,337	
Southeast Illinois	1,382	53	60	75	27		1,393	
Northern Indiana	963	20	45	39	15	2	972	
Southern Indiana	1,078	28	62	40	12		1,116	
Des Moines	2,357	72	112	131	24	9	2,377	
Northwestern Iowa	2,283	97	129	176	33	1	2,299	
Southwestern Iowa	2,233	57	58	86	15		2,247	
Kansas	1,184	93	150	196	46	3	1,182	
Kaw Valley	522	27	122	54	5		612	
Kentucky and Tennessee	1,105	28	39	39	4		1,129	
Maine	1,235	26	11	23	12		1,237	
Southern New England	1,180	14	26	31	10		1,179	
Central Michigan	1,352	57	75	100	38	2	1,344	
Eastern Michigan	1,166	32	142	162	10		1,168	
Flint-Port Huron	2,285	108	247	239	15	3	2,383	
Northern Michigan	1,520	34	47	116	38	2	1,445	
South Central Michigan	1,655	71	56	54	20	12	1,696	
Southern Michigan	2,215	62	189	185	30	10	2,241	
Minnesota	1,041	36	113	131	13	2	1,044	
Rich Hill	1,377	23	117	129	15		1,373	
St. Louis	1,636	37	84	71	22	1	1,663	
Southern Missouri	479	5	20	75	14	1	414	
Spring River	2,852	115	285	308	30	3	2,911	
Northern Plains (Mont.)	443	7	20	13	6		451	
Western Montana	723	24	20	2	10	1	754	
Central Nebraska	464	4	20	99	43		346	
Northeastern Nebraska	1,437	41	82	58	9		1,493	
Southern Nebraska	749	36	63	72	11	1	764	
New York	602	21	34	37	8	1	611	
Red River	492	19	9	24	4		492	
***Columbus		12	38	14	2	3	1,060	
Kirtland	1,920	56	112	95	15	7	1,971	
Northwestern Ohio	760	32	36	42	7	2	777	
***Southern Ohio	2,880	65	48	76	31	4	1,853	
Youngstown	589	11	29	21	17	1	590	
Western Oklahoma	894	35	85	156	23		835	
Central Oklahoma	2,876	141	172	212	25		2,952	
Oregon	2,328	83	149	105	21	3	2,431	
New York & Philadelphia	2,125	72	110	102	11	4	2,190	
Pittsburgh	735	32	9	19	6	1	750	
Central Texas	1,306	42	171	157	16	5	1,341	
Southwestern Texas	809	41	71	52	16		853	
Utah	367	16	22	22	11	3	369	
Seattle	1,759	105	123	84	12		1,891	
Spokane	1,115	52	80	41	2	1	1,203	
West Virginia	1,261	78	80	110	25	1	1,283	
Wisconsin	1,119	45	58	45	12	1	1,164	
Alberta	776	15	36	21	12		794	
British Columbia	733	27	32	26	5		761	
Chatham	1,218	18	36	47	18		1,207	
London	1,262	51	56	55	17		1,297	
Owen Sound	1,156	40	49	74	30	3	1,138	
Sault Ste Marie	757	22	11	13	11		766	
Toronto	2,267	68	109	94	16	103	2,231	
Saskatchewan	868	13	27	64	11		833	
*Gulf States	665	2	4	649	22			
Subtotals for Districts as listed above	90,852	3,154	6,463	7,010	1,175	197	4	92,083

**Table III (Continued)**

NAME OF DISTRICT	Enrollment Jan. 1, 1952	GAINS		LOSSES			Enrollment Dec. 31, 1952	
		Bapt- isms	Trans- fers	Trans- fers	Deaths	With- drawals		Exp- l's.
<b>STAKES:</b>								
Detroit-International	3,910	135	123	129	37		4,002	
Central Missouri	2,686	59	221	216	21		2,729	
Center	9,859	264	539	671	104	15	9,872	
Kansas City	3,865	119	378	304	30	1	4,027	
Lamoni	2,452	95	52	114	36		2,449	
Los Angeles	3,238	119	234	278	30	5	3,278	
Far West	3,051	101	78	168	42	5	3,015	
<b>STAKE TOTALS</b>	<b>29,061</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29,372</b>	
Unorganized: United States and Canada	4,300	159	789	507	45	6	4,690	
<b>Subtotals for United States and Canada</b>	<b>124,213</b>	<b>4,205</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>126,145</b>	
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD</b>								
British Isles	1,578	55	5	18	15		1,605	
Australasia	3,504	52	7	9	26	7	3,521	
Germany	1,406	8		6	8		1,400	
Hawaii	878	37	11	10	1	2	913	
Holland	369	14	1	3	2		379	
Sweden	18			4			14	
Denmark	9		2				11	
Isles of Pines	74						74	
Norway	47				1		46	
French Oceania	2,129	91		2	50		2,168	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,012</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10,131</b>	
Totals for membership properly enrolled	134,225	4,462	8,903	9,449	1,623	238	4	136,277
Suspense Files	12,784		1,045	420	35	2		13,372
Disorganized File	345			4				341
Suspense Subtotals	13,129		1,045	424	35		2	13,713
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>147,355</b>	<b>4,462</b>	<b>9,948</b>	<b>9,874</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>149,989</b>

\* Totals shown here for Gulf States are for nonresidents for first six months. District disorganized as of June 30, 1952.

\*\* Alabama, Mobile, and Pensacola Districts set up as of July 1, 1952, resulting from division of Gulf States District. Beginning totals for each district are the branch totals as of July 31, 1952. Gains by transfers include nonresidents enrolled with Gulf States District and recorded as transfers.

\*\*\* Columbus, Lancaster, and Springfield Branches transferred to Columbus District as of July 1, 1952. Not shown as transfers, hence, Southern Ohio figures do not balance. Columbus, Lancaster, and Springfield enrollment figures added making totals as given.

**TABLE IV**

Changes in church membership during the year 1953 by stakes, districts, missions, etc. Showing beginning enrollments, baptisms, transfers, miscellaneous gains and losses, deaths and final enrollments.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1953	GAINS			LOSSES			Enroll'ts Dec. 31, 1953
		Bapt- isms	Trans- fers	Misc.	Deaths	Trans- fers	Misc.	
*Central Oklahoma	854				11	843		0
Alabama	798	32	35		8	22		835
Mobile	1,527	46	68	2	17	78	3	1,545
Arkansas and Louisiana	1,795	35	109	1	20	103	2	1,815
Northern California	3,636	143	404	6	35	383	1	3,770
Southern California	1,873	59	238		28	187	2	1,953
Eastern Colorado	2,653	124	190		21	184	14	2,748
Western Colorado	364	7	21		4	47	2	339
Pensacola	1,407	62	66		9	50		1,476
**Hawaii	913	30	22		6	18	9	932
Idaho	836	53	105		12	98	1	883
Central Illinois	1,220	26	73	1	83	216		1,021
Chicago	1,125	29	101	1	8	94	1	1,153
Nauvoo	876	50	154		27	224	1	828
Northeastern Illinois	760	30	65		6	37		812
Rock Island	2,337	42	174		23	200	2	2,328
Southeastern Illinois	1,393	83	162		26	199		1,413
Northern Indiana	972	32	82		11	66		1,009
Southern Indiana	1,116	28	54		12	31	1	1,154
Des Moines	2,377	92	307	4	32	336	5	2,407
Northwest Iowa	2,299	45	214	1	43	223	2	2,291
Southwest Iowa	2,247	113	68	3	18	126		2,287
Kansas	1,182	56	163	4	11	109	2	1,283
*Kaw Valley	655	27	346	1	6	290	2	731

It will be seen from the above table that in 1952 we did not maintain the steady increase in baptisms which began in 1946. It is noteworthy, however, that 1953 produced a significant increase over 1952. This is even more significant when it is considered that (1) there were more baptisms in the domestic field (United States and Canada) than in any year since 1921 and (2) the lower figure for Missions Abroad is partly explainable in terms of reporting (for example, we have received in 1953 only one group of reports from French Oceania, when we generally receive two groups each year). Furthermore, reporting from Missions Abroad has always tended to be spasmodic due to distance, wars, failure to appreciate value of reporting, and other factors. This makes comparison of baptisms reported from Missions Abroad in given years lose some of its validity. In addition, in some countries, particularly the war-torn countries, conditions were unusually conducive to missionary activity in those years after the war when there began to be some return to normal living. Thus, the lower baptismal totals for Missions Abroad in 1952 and 1953 are not alarming but simply represent a "leveling off" that is to be expected as conditions return to normal.

Considering all these factors, it seems probable that the increase which began in 1946 is a trend, following the difficult war years, and that the performances in 1952 and 1953 do not constitute a break in the trend but merely a fluctuation. This conclusion is further borne out by noting the per cent of baptismal increase each year, which is a more significant indication of witnessing power than is number of baptisms. Although the steady increase begun in 1946 is not maintained, the increase of 1953 over 1952 is such as to indicate the probability that we shall be able to increase the number of baptisms each year so as to hold at least the per cent of baptismal increase at its most recent peak. This would be a stable condition in which the body may be preserved and strengthened so as to grow into a real witnessing, saving power among the children of men.

During the two-year period there were 19 branches organized in the United States and Canada, as follows: West Monroe, Louisiana; Lockwood, Missouri; Chanute-Iola, Kansas; Orlando, Florida; St. Paul, Minnesota; Aurora, Missouri; Gering, Nebraska; Turlock, California; Jackson, Michigan; Torrington, Wyoming; Chadron, Nebraska; Harbor Beach, Michigan; Bakersfield, California; Hannibal, Missouri; Jack's Creek, Tennessee; Bend, Oregon; Roseburg, Oregon; Eugene Oregon; and Oregon City, Oregon. These 19 branches represent a total enrollment of 1,077. In a few cases, they result



from outstanding missionary activity, but for the most part they result primarily from population shifts.

This latter can also be said of most of the 17 branches which were disorganized. Seven of these branches as follows, with an enrollment of 374 have retained their records and continue to function as missions: Seminole, Oklahoma; Pullman, Michigan; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Homestead, Kansas; Utleyville, Colorado; Chillicothe, Ohio; and Blue Rapids, Kansas. Four others had at the time of disorganization a total enrollment of 199, most of which were received into newly organized branches near by, resulting from the above-mentioned population shifts. These were Liberty Hill, Kentucky; Brown City, Michigan; Huron Center, Michigan; and Minden City, Michigan. Most of the remaining six—Crab Orchard, Kentucky; Ukiah, California; Black River Falls, Wisconsin; Levering, Michigan; Prescott, Michigan; and Piper City, Illinois—had been inactive for many years and contained a total of only 121 names on their records. Many of these had moved away and were active elsewhere but just had not been transferred.

West Pullman and Central Branches in Chicago were amalgamated to form the Chicago Brainerd Branch, and St. Clair and Port Huron Branches in Michigan were amalgamated to form Blue Water Branch. Thus there are the same number of branches of record as at the beginning of the period—561. (Some missions formerly in the branch count were given distinguishing numbers and removed from branch count thus accounting for apparent loss of 8 branches.)

In recent years, standards for organizing branches have been raised considerably. A Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, on September 15, 1952, adopted principles which give official status to these standards. Among them are these two: (1) at time of organization a branch shall have a minimum of 50 members and (2) it shall have "at least three qualified members of the priesthood."

The same council provided that "a record of the membership in General Church and district missions shall be kept by the Department of Statistics at headquarters." Accordingly, 61 mission records have been set up. The average enrollment of these is 42. It will be seen from this that under older standards of organization, many if not most of these would have been organized into branches. Thus, although the actual count of branches has not increased, much of our increase in membership is accounted for in organized congregations. There has been a definite increase in number of organized congregations available to our membership. There are 131 congregations

Table IV (Continued)

NAME OF DISTRICT	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1953	GAINS			LOSSES			Enroll'ts Dec. 31, 1953
		Bapt- isms	Trans- fers	Misc.	Deaths	Trans- fers	Misc.	
Kentucky and Tennessee	1,129	34	133	1	29	138	1	1,129
Maine	1,237	44	64		19	72	1	1,253
Southern New England	1,179	30	69		25	82		1,171
Central Michigan	1,344	67	89		17	107	4	1,372
Eastern Michigan	1,168	69	71		23	84	5	1,196
Flint and Port Huron	2,383	70	126	1	10	123	15	2,432
Northern Michigan	1,445	35	57	1	25	114	1	1,398
South Central Michigan	1,696	37	164		16	178	4	1,699
Southern Michigan	2,241	58	188		39	227	5	2,216
*Minnesota	1,015	46	100	2	21	91		1,051
***Missouri Missionary Area	342	30	436	2	17	149	7	637
Rich Hill	1,373	41	92		17	183	3	1,303
St. Louis	1,663	66	106	1	19	97	1	1,719
Southern Missouri	414	18	21	1	5	40	1	408
Spring River	2,911	131	192	1	50	243		2,942
Northern Plains	451	17	8		2	28		446
Western Montana	754	16	91		10	89		762
Central Nebraska	346	19	25	1	22	71	1	297
Northeast Nebraska	1,493	62	165	1	17	186		1,518
*Southern Nebraska	721	30	177		22	210	1	695
New York	611	22	39		9	17	3	643
Red River	492	15	14		9	32		480
Columbus	1,060	29	31		9	37		1,074
Kirtland	1,971	114	91	1	22	100	4	2,051
Northwest Ohio	777	23	44		6	31	3	804
Southern Ohio	1,853	46	86		32	70	2	1,881
Youngstown	590	12	5	2	8	16		585
*Oklahoma City	873	48	325	5	10	186		1,055
*Tulsa	1,222	72	733	2	13	288	1	1,727
*Western Oklahoma	838	35	51		8	62	1	853
Oregon	2,431	129	249	2	14	229	4	2,564
New York & Philadelphia	2,190	74	77		13	65	4	2,259
Pittsburgh	750	18	108		6	117		753
Central Texas	1,341	37	226		8	160	1	1,435
Southwest Texas	853	33	61	3	11	35		904
Utah	369	6	16	1	2	8	2	380
Seattle	1,891	107	158	1	18	97	1	2,041
Spokane	1,203	52	58	2	10	76	3	1,226
West Virginia	1,283	54	105	2	22	144	8	1,270
*Wisconsin	1,193	37	82		18	84		1,210
Alberta	794	33	42		5	53		811
British Columbia	761	20	85		9	82		775
Chatham	1,207	52	50		40	99	2	1,168
London	1,297	37	98		21	104		1,307
Owen Sound	1,138	50	76		20	119	11	1,114
Sault Ste Marie	766	29	81		14	120		742
Toronto	2,231	67	201	2	29	313	108	2,051
Saskatchewan	833	30	33		4	38		854
**DISTRICT TOTALS	93,338	3,445	8,820	59	1,272	9,458	258	94,674
STAKES								
Center Stake of Zion	9,872	338	532	1	107	670	5	9,961
Central Missouri	2,729	107	196	2	29	212	3	2,790
Far West	3,015	141	103		38	177	8	3,036
Kansas City	4,027	118	70	5	38	159	14	4,145
Lamoni	2,449	97	362		15	315		2,442
Detroit International	4,002	158	147	1	48	157	2	4,101
Los Angeles	3,278	167	360	2	31	230	12	3,534
STAKE TOTALS	29,372	1,126	1,770	11	306	1,920	44	30,009
***Unorganized	4,348	105	647	2	54	748	3	4,297
United States and Canada	127,068	4,676	11,237	72	1,632	12,126	305	128,970
MISSIONS ABROAD								
British Isles	1,605	53	6		35	103	5	1,521
Australasia	3,521	117	11	23	45		9	3,618
Germany	1,400	31	1		12	10		1,410
Holland	379	11	4		1	2		391
French Oceania	2,168	17	2		8		1	2,178
Sweden	14							14
Denmark	11							11
Norway	46	1						47
Isle of Pines	74							74
**MISSIONS ABROAD TOTAL	9,218	230	24	23	101	115	15	9,264
Membership Properly								
Enrolled	136,276	4,906	11,261	95	1,733	12,241	320	138,244
Unknown	12,708		1,414		39	440	43	13,600
Suspense	1,005		23		5	17		1,006
Intra Stake Transfers			2,527			2,527		
GRAND TOTAL	149,989	4,906	15,225	95	1,777	15,225	363	152,850

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## Table IV (Continued)

## Report of the Council of Presidents of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The Council of Presidents of Seventy in submitting this report wishes to express gratitude to God and the church for the privilege of having been associated with others in the work of Christ in these years of world crisis. We wish to take this opportunity to reaffirm our faith in the Restoration, the eventual gathering of his people, and the successful establishment of the kingdom triumphant on earth.

We have felt keenly the loss of Brother E. Y. Hunker, our past Senior President who was ordained as a member of the Order of Evangelists. To fill the vacancy thus left, Brother Z. Z. Renfroe was chosen and ordained and has served the past two years as our Senior President. During this time we have functioned with five council members rather than the seven provided by law. We pray that God may give us wisdom and inspiration that our Council may soon be filled, thus adding strength to our work. We are grateful for the degree of his Spirit that has been present with us in our deliberations as we have endeavored to carry out the responsibilities placed upon us.

In our work we have been concerned with the more effective functioning of the Seventy in relation to the missionary work of the church. Our efforts have been directed, as far as possible, to searching out such men as are qualified and in a condition to take upon them the office of Seventy. It is the deep conviction of this Council that the consistent increase in the number of men serving in the office of Seventy, free to fulfill the duties of this calling, is essential to the successful building up of the kingdom and establishment of his righteousness. It is our firm belief that more stress should be placed upon training men in skills and attitudes which will qualify them to serve in the office of Seventy. Inasmuch as the future of the church depends upon qualified priesthood we are of the opinion that the Seventy ought to feel some responsibility in the better training of local priesthood in all phases of their calling.

As a council in the church we believe that our work is dependent upon a more

\* District boundary changes. Note difference between December 31, 1952, and January 1, 1953, figures as follows:

1. Central Oklahoma District divided and officially disorganized as of January 1, 1953. Non-residents transferred in January, hence show as a beginning enrollment.
2. Oklahoma City and Tulsa Districts, organized, statistically effective January 1, 1953. January 1 enrollments are for branches only. Nonresidents show in transfers.
3. Blue Rapids, Kansas, Branch transferred from Southern Nebraska District to Kaw Valley District.
4. Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Branch transferred from Minnesota District to Wisconsin District.
5. Enid, Oklahoma, Branch transferred from Central Oklahoma District to Western Oklahoma District; Calumet, Oklahoma, Branch transferred from Western Oklahoma District to Oklahoma City District.

\*\* Hawaii District formerly carried in Missions Abroad.

\*\*\* Missouri Missionary Development Area set up, statistically effective January 1, 1953. Beginning total is for 5 branches formerly carried in "Unorganized." Nonresidents in area show in transfers.

Special Note: 61 missions organized during 1953 involve transfers and cause transfer figures in some districts to be exceptionally large.

### BAPTISMS FOR 10-YEAR PERIOD 1944-1953

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Stakes .....	550	529	539	635	601	624	913	1,055	892	1,126
Districts .....	1,771	1,691	1,893	2,581	2,784	2,983	3,255	3,426	3,154	3,445
Unorganized .....	55	50	43	55	95	110	144	110	159	105
Missions Abroad .....	155	221	199	218	226	*1,021	459	361	257	230
Totals .....	2,531	2,491	2,674	3,489	3,706	*4,738	4,771	4,952	4,462	4,906
% of Baptismal Inc.....	2.09	1.89	2.02	2.60	2.72	3.42	3.37	3.42	3.03	3.27

\* Includes 570 German baptisms accrued in previous years.

in stakes, 561 branches, and 69 missions making a total of 761 congregations of record in the United States and Canada.

A diligent effort is now being made to establish districts according to certain well-defined principles. One of these principles is that in general districts shall be smaller and well integrated. It is hoped that as new districts are established, after careful study, their boundaries can be left unchanged for at least 5 years. In harmony with these principles, changes have been made as follows: (1) the Gulf States District was divided into three—Alabama District, Mobile District, and Pensacola District; (2) Columbus District was organized, most of its territory being taken from Southern Ohio District; (3) Central Oklahoma District was divided into two—Oklahoma City District and Tulsa District. This makes a net gain of 4 districts and including Hawaii—which as of January 1, 1953, is carried as a district instead of as a Mission Abroad—makes a total of 70 districts in United States and Canada as of December 31, 1953.

The figures which we have available are important and tell us much that we ought to know. Also important are some figures which we do not have available. In this category are attendance and activity figures. We are now in the process of making a check upon the activity of our membership. We need the continued help of pastors and recorders on this. We have made specific requests of a few branches to keep attendance records and, looking toward obtaining a complete attendance check, we take this opportunity

to request all pastors and recorders to work together to keep attendance records. If desired, we can furnish a suggested system of keeping such records.

An I. B. M. Machine System has been installed at headquarters and made available to give service to the department. There is much yet to be done before adaptation of the system is complete, but already much has been achieved through use of the machines. The processing of statistical reports has been speeded up, although we are not yet up to the schedule which has been set. 1953 work was begun March 1, and completed January 20, 1954. This is the earliest completion date of record. Other achievements include furnishing complete new records, in triplicate, for all stakes, setting up records for 61 missions, and furnishing a check list for every stake, branch, mission, and district nonresident record. The year's work was 40 per cent increase in volume over the previous year and was completed in less than 11 months.

We are encouraged by the possibilities that open before us through use of these machines, and feel confident that before 1954 has ended we will have been able to compile statistics that will be of great value to the church.

The help and co-operation of recorders and pastors throughout the church has been such as to assure us that we move in the right direction and that accurate records and worth-while statistics shall be increasingly effective in the work of the church.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS  
MERLE P. GUTHRIE, *Statistician*

complete understanding of the function of this Council and of the work of the Seventy. Years of comparative missionary inactivity have left their mark upon the minds of our people, and as the church tends to become more pastoral in its ministry in an effort to meet the needs of our own members the function of the Council of Presidents of Seventy and of the Quorum of Seventy receives less emphasis and becomes more obscure. We hope that in the coming years we can work with the Saints and other quorums concerned to establish the missionary message of the church as its primary concern and function.

It has been our observation that in spite of the extensive building program undertaken by the church in recent years the work still suffers for lack of adequate houses of worship in many places. This is especially true in small branches and missions. Where at all possible we feel that strong branches should sponsor missions or groups and see that they are cared for both as to places of worship and leadership of trained personnel. Where this is not possible we feel that such groups should receive help from the General Church. There should be some form of revolving fund set up which would be usable by missions in securing houses of worship. We ought to look forward to getting missions and groups out of people's homes and into public places of worship such as libraries, halls, other churches, etc. We hope that progress can be made toward that end.

In conjunction with the Quorum of Seventy our Council has made prayerful study of the function of the individual Seventy and of the Quorum of Seventy. It is our hope that through more complete understanding of God-given responsibilities the ministry of the Seventy as individuals and as a quorum may be expanded to more adequately execute the work to which we have been called.

As we look to the future we pray that our lives may be of such quality as to merit divine guidance to the end that our service may be acceptable and render an increase to God. Our prayers are that the gospel and Spirit of Christ shall find complete fruition within the lives of his people.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY

Z. Z. RENFROE, *Senior*  
*President*

RUSSELL F. RALSTON, *Secretary*

## Report of the First Quorum of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

As we submit our report to the General Conference for the past two-year period, we wish to acknowledge that any accomplishments of the Quorum or individual members are due to the guiding inspiration of God's Spirit. We are happy to have shared in the activities of the church during this period and to see the church move forward in winning souls for Christ.

The Quorum of Seventy is one of the chief missionary quorums of the church. A major portion of our responsibility is being out on the "front lines." As such, much of our activities center in the individual Seventy, who functions in an assigned field of labor. However, from time to time opportunities are arranged so the body can meet together to share periods of worship, study, fellowship, and quorum business. The major meetings of this nature naturally are at General Conference time. Before the Conference of 1952 the Quorum met several days. During the Conference period an interesting program was followed. In a number of these sessions the Quorum of Twelve and the Missionary Elders were associated with us to make a program centering in missionary policy and program of the church very worth while. During the inter-Conference period, the Twelve and Seventy met in April, 1952, for a series of joint sessions. The topics of discussions centered in the missionary program, function of the Seventy and their responsibility. Such gatherings as these have developed a closer bond of fraternity between these two leading missionary quorums of the church.

During the past two years, the First Quorum of Seventy, which is the only Quorum of Seventy at present, has gone under considerable change. At the 1952 Conference, E. Y. Hunker, who served as quorum president for a number of years, was called and ordained an Evangelist. He was a leader who had a clear vision of the function of the Seventy and guided the quorum through many vital years of rebuilding. His wise counsel, guidance, and personal ministry are greatly missed. We extend our very best wishes to him as he continues to minister in his new office and calling. To fill this vacancy the Quorum selected Glen H. Johnson of the Presidents of Seventy to serve as president of the First Quorum.

Other men released from Seventy responsibility according to laws governing the body were Ernest N. Burt, J. D. Curtis, Byron H. Doty, R. L. Fulk, A.

V. Robinson, William E. Shakespeare, W. J. Vaughn. We extend our appreciation to these men for the many years of fine service as Seventies. We trust that their continued ministry in their closing years of activity in the church shall be full of joy and happiness.

The rebuilding of the Seventy has been moving forward slowly but surely. It is interesting to note that in 1940 there were only five men out of fifty-nine whose age was under fifty-five years. The hope then was for more young men of valor, deep conviction, and devotion. The present number of Seventy is only fifty-seven. However, today there are only seven who are older than fifty-five. During the past two years Alvin F. Burdekin, James E. Everett, Stanley W. Johnson, William L. McMurray, Jacques V. Pement, James E. Renfroe, and Aleah G. Koury have been called and ordained to this growing group of younger men as the gap in ages of the Seventies is beginning to fill. It is also to be noted that in 1940 there were only twenty-seven Seventies under General Conference appointment. Today forty-seven are serving as appointees. There are only ten serving locally. These "local Seventies" are limited in time to carry on all the functions of the Seventy. However, many report that they are finding opportunities of missionary ministry. Although this changing picture is encouraging, the work of building up this body is great. The call awaits many men who will qualify and devote their time to the divine task of evangelism as the church asserts itself in ministry to a sin-sick world.

The individual Seventies are scattered into many areas of the church; forty-five in the United States, four in Canada, two in Australia, two in England, two in the Society Islands, one in Germany, one in Hawaii. Reports from these men reveal that many areas of church life are receiving their ministry. Twenty-four are general field missionaries and supervisors, eight are city, stake, or branch missionaries and supervisors; one is in charge of a mission; two are associate ministers in charge; two are in charge of unorganized territory, seven are district presidents; two are pastors, two are assistant pastors, seven are serving in local branch priesthood functions, and one is the General Church Statistician.

Reports also reveal an increasing interest in evangelism throughout the many areas being served. Many of the local priesthood and church members are ably assisting in this noble missionary work. Their willingness and eagerness is enabling the Seventy to develop a real missionary program in some areas, enlisting these men in service. Although it is pleasing to see such develop, yet our constant concern is for accelerating our

efforts. If the cause of Zion is to be realized, souls need to be won to the cause of Christ. The Seventy hope, from a demonstration of Christian living, that a strong missionary program can be developed throughout the church. Care is being exercised that people are led to experiences of genuine conversion rather than just seeking a goal of baptisms. The great need is for people of deep convictions in the purpose of Christ and the church.

Statistical reports of individual Seventies indicate a number of baptisms and other activities. As in the case of any group of ministers, the individual statistics fail to reveal the true work of the Seventy or gauge the value of service rendered. The Seventy is attempting to fit in to the total program of his area. As such the total achievements and response of district, stake, or mission has some reflection of the Seventy ministry.

We look forward with the church to great accomplishments in the years immediately ahead of us and to the kingdom triumphant. Problems will be great but challenging as we create opportunities of church expansion through missionary endeavor. As we face the future the Seventy rededicate our efforts to the great unfinished task before us. We trust that this Spirit of dedication shall be manifest throughout the church as goals and objectives are achieved in "evangelizing the world and Zionizing the church."

#### THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY

GLEN H. JOHNSON, *President*

VIRGIL J. BILLINGS, *Secretary*

## Report of the Order of Evangelists

January 1, 1952, to January 1, 1954

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The activities and ministry of the men of the Order of Evangelists may be statistically summarized as follows:

Sermons Preached	4,298
Total Services Attended	17,904
Baptized	190
Ordained	89
Children Blessed	225
Administered to Sick	5,191
Marriages Solemnized	92
Patriarchal Blessings	3,379
Pastoral Visits and Counseling	9,089

A statistical report of this nature can at best give information only as to the extent of activities. Each year more of the

patriarchs through study, special training, and experience are preparing themselves to be of greater service in the ministry of personal counseling, bringing comfort and guidance to those in need. With consecration and devotion the men strive to build up faith in the gospel of Christ and to encourage the membership to greater support of the church and its work. The rich ministry and spiritual strength that these men bring to the life of the church membership must never be underestimated.

During the inter-Conference period, the order gained, by ordination, six men: William E. Twombly, Sparks, Kansas; E. Y. Hunker, Independence, Missouri; Richard J. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Allen Schreur, Gaylord, Michigan; Jerry C. Fitch, Nashville, Tennessee; Floyd T. Rockwell, Dayton, Ohio.

During the two-year period, the order lost two men by resignation and five by death:

William I. Fligg, died September 23, 1953

Charles A. Dickinson, died October 23, 1952

Robert Rogers, died March 15, 1953

Silas Condit, died October 4, 1953

I. M. Smith, died January 19, 1952

The total membership of the Order of Evangelists is now seventy-one.

ELBERT A. SMITH  
*Presiding Evangelist*

LYNN E. SMITH  
*Secretary*

## Report of the Quorum of High Priests

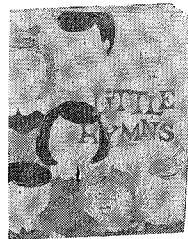
*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

Except for the simple statistics of such things as baptisms, etc., the work of the kingdom is very difficult to evaluate for a report such as this. With a Quorum composed of more than 425 men who are scattered all over the world, wherever our church has any activity, the total of their work is to be counted in innumerable bits of ministry, some large and some small—yet all is ministry. Being primarily an administrative group, the high priest's work touches practically every movement of the church from that of the Presidency to that of the smallest outpost mission in some foreign field. To such a task these men are committed and to such a task they give themselves freely and gladly in an effort to bring souls into a closer relationship with Divinity.

During the Conference interim now closing the quorum suffered the loss of Brother John F. Sheehy, for many years a counselor to the quorum president. His record of achievement was one that does not need elaboration. Few men of this day have endeared themselves to the people more than he. His loss to the quorum will be felt for many years. His memory will live in the hearts of many

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and the influence of his life will continue to be a strength and incentive for others for many years to come.

In the tentative reorganization of the quorum administration which followed the passing of Brother Sheehy, Brother J. C. Stuart, London, Ontario, was asked to assume the responsibility of a counselor to the quorum president. Brother Stuart had been the quorum secretary for several years and is in close touch with the policies and movements of the group. Brother W. J. Breshears, Rock Island, Illinois, was asked to assume the responsibilities of the task of being secretary to the quorum. Brother C. J. Smith, Sioux City, Iowa, continues as treasurer and Brother Emery E. Jennings of St. Joseph, Missouri, continues now as the senior counselor to the quorum president.

At the request of the First Presidency the quorum officers have been giving their attention to the task of compiling material for a handbook of questions and answers concerning our faith and polity for general distribution to the public. The work is now emerging from its initial movement and assignments are being made to many of the men of the quorum as well as to others not of the quorum. Much of the time of the quorum sessions will be given over to the discussion of the various areas of thinking which are to be included. It has become quite evident that there are many things concerning which the church is not yet in a position to speak with any degree of finality. This will be disappointing to some, yet

wisdom admonishes that such topics be left for printed statements at some future time. The project will require considerable time for completion yet before it can be placed in the hands of the First Presidency for final consideration. The quorum would welcome any suggestions, material, or questions which the laity or others might wish to put in our hands for consideration. Such material should be sent to the quorum president, Ward A. Hougas, 480 Marion Street, Denver 18, Colorado, as quickly as possible or it could be left at the High Priests' Booth during the Conference period. This booth is near the usual location. It has become a sort of a central clearing agency for ways and means of doing things in the church. Not too much of official action is manifest there, yet during the week of the Conference activities hundreds of pastors, local workers, and people from all walks of life come to the booth desiring to discuss problems, projects, or plans with someone who has had more experience in such fields. Since the high priests are the chief administrative officers of the church, there is generally someone who has had the necessary experience in that particular field to be of help. Watch for Booth 9, across from the east dining hall exit and feel free to ask for such assistance as you may feel the men of the quorum might be able to offer.

This year, as usual, our numbers have been reduced by loss by death of a number of our older members. This of course is inevitable, and yet it always brings to

us a measure of sorrow and regret. Yet, mingled with our sorrow, there also comes a measure of satisfaction as we look back and realize that most of them have given many, many years of active service to the work of the Lord and have accumulated results of a type and quantity which defy recapitulation. The work of the kingdom as it is promoted by the church militant must be greatly strengthened as these seasoned warriors slip across and take up their work there with the same degree of patience and conviction which marked their activities while with us here.

The members of the quorum stand pledged to continue their work of administration and the kindred activities of spreading the gospel. Theirs is the realization that administration has value only as it in turn brings souls into the kingdom of our Master. To this end we continue to dedicate our ministry and add to this dedication the determined intention of continuing our personal and collective growth that our ministry might ever become more and more effective.

We look forward to meeting you each during the Conference period.

WARD A. HOUGAS, *President*  
*The Quorum of High Priests*

## Report of the Department of Priesthood Education

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

I am pleased to submit the following report covering the work of priesthood education in the church during the period July 1, 1952, to February 15, 1954. (Between April 1, 1952, and July 1, 1952, I was completing my special assignment at Graceland College.)

### EMPHASES AND OBJECTIVES

During the period covered by this report special attention has been given to

1. The wider distribution and use of the materials now available for priesthood education
2. The preparation and publication of additional materials
3. A continuing program of inspiration and instruction of the standing ministry at institutes, conferences, reunions, retreats, and through class-work, fellowship, worship, correspondence, and personal interviews
4. An increasing emphasis has been given to the following:
  - a. The stimulating and training of key administrative officers
  - b. Stressing the responsibility of such officers for mobilizing, training,

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and utilizing their priesthood man power

- c. On-the-job training for local priesthood under the direction of these administrative officers
5. The training and utilizing of local priesthood in missionary endeavors. This under the direction of the missionary appointees in each area

#### CONTRIBUTING ACTIVITIES AND TRENDS

Because priesthood education has been advanced by various means quite apart from the endeavors of the department itself, we gratefully acknowledge here

1. General Church sponsored institutes and workshops.
2. The increasing co-operation of the several departments of the church under the direction of the First Presidency. This co-operation is not only fruitful but healthy, and we have sought at every opportunity to further such practices.
3. The marked improvement in variety and quality of church publications. These provide splendid source materials for reference and study by the priesthood.
4. The splendid and most significant leadership and priesthood training provided as a part of the total campus life at Graceland
5. The noteworthy contribution of a number of missionary appointees in training and supervising members of the local priesthood in missionary enterprises
6. Research in the field of our teaching mission and objectives now being conducted by a special committee appointed for that purpose
7. The increasing number of stakes and districts which are planning and conducting long-time programs of priesthood education and administration in harmony with the peculiar needs and objectives of the area involved

#### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR PRIESTHOOD

Acting upon what we believe to be sound advice our major attention has been given during the past inter-Conference period to the distribution and use of the wealth of material now available for priesthood training. This rather than the mere multiplying of publications.

We have sought, however, to fill some of the obvious gaps in our present supply of pamphlets and books for priesthood. We are proud and happy to present such new publications as *The Ministry of the Elder* by Dwight DW Davis, *When They Seek Counsel* by Dr. Roy A. Cheville.

Giving promise of being a major contribution is "The Kingdom-building Program." This, a unique approach to

person-centered priesthood ministry, was first developed experimentally in the Center Stake and presented in a mimeographed workbook. It is now being revised and edited for publication subject to certain experimental testing now taking place under the direction of several co-operating stakes and district presidents.

Though not the product of this department we are equally pleased to mention *Missionary Methods* by Apostle Maurice Draper and *The Missionary Handbook*, the product of a recent institute in Evangelism. Other publications worthy of the priesthood library are *Zionic Problems*, a product of the Business and Professional Men's Institute, *Upon This Rock*, a product of the Institute on the Doctrine and Covenants. Space will not permit calling detailed attention to the excellent materials made available by the Department of Religious Education for church schools and for leadership education.

#### FUTURE PLANS, EMPHASES, AND SUGGESTIONS

Since any program of priesthood education tends to become meaningless and futile separate from the total program of the church, we shall continue to urge and practice at every opportunity

1. Increasing co-operation between the several departments of the church
  - a. In the preparation of materials, thus avoiding gaps and duplications
  - b. In planning and conducting institutes and workshops, thus avoiding competition, overlapping, and perhaps confusion.
  - c. Fostering a quality of leadership education adequate to the needs of the several departments and the church as a whole.
2. Training and equipping key leaders—appointees and administrative officers—so that they in turn may be equipped to supervise local forces in their respective areas. To do this we would suggest:
  - a. More General Church sponsored gatherings with significant educational objectives
  - b. More regional key-workers institutes and workshops for the special purpose of training administrative officers and appointees
  - d. The utilizing of facilities available at Graceland College during several weeks of each summer for intensive training of leaders, perhaps on the college level
  - d. Providing responsible administrative officers and other key leaders with manuals, kits, and other essential tools of their craft
3. Since any adequate program of priesthood education and utilization must stem from the total program of the

church and the total program of the administrative area involved, we recommend and urge

- a. The clarifying and consistent year-by-year pursuit of goals worthy of our cause. This on a General Church, stake, district, and local level.
- b. Closer co-ordination of priesthood education with the total program of the various administrative units so that members of the priesthood in that area will be trained to carry forward the work at hand.

FLOYD M. McDOWELL

## Report of the Department of Religious Education

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

We report progress. Among our anticipated areas of labor for this inter-Conference period was the following as promised in the Conference report, 1952:

"As a step toward making church school teaching and experiences more redemptive, distinctively Latter Day Saint, and adapted more definitely to life-centered needs, we recommend a curriculum survey to be launched this inter-Conference period."

This project was undertaken with awareness of the enormity and of the importance of the undertaking. Awareness of the magnitude has increased as the work has progressed.

Our church is growing. More is required today than a half century ago. We cannot be satisfied with present achievements. We must not be satisfied with our deficiencies.

Certain situations prompt the taking up of this curriculum research. These are fairly self-evident:

1. Limited interpretation in many quarters about what constitutes our curriculum
2. Concern to achieve an integration of our educational activities in a well-balanced, well-unified program
3. Existence of duplication of materials, omission of others, and weak spots in our present program
4. Expansion of the conception of the educational program as the work of the total branch in action
5. Desire that inherent in our curriculum might be more of the genius of the Restoration Movement

We proceeded with our study shortly after last Conference, exploring for the answers to the following questions:

1. What constitutes the kind of Latter Day Saint we set out to develop?
2. What activities will achieve in this Latter Day Saint these educational objectives of appreciations, skills, allegiances, etc?
3. What standards shall we employ to evaluate the effectiveness of our educational endeavor?

A thrilling program of research has followed for two years. At present we are on schedule, having achieved the following, thanks to the help of approximately 300 persons who have helped in original research or as consultants:

1. Determination of Latter Day Saint objectives of Religious Education
2. Determination of age-group characteristics
3. Determination of "fields of educational experience"
4. Listing of religious experiences at each age level for development of potential in light of our objectives
5. Preparation of research for analysis and blending of a long educational development
6. Development of a curriculum manual
7. Bibliography of present material

As this project continues it will mean the enrichment of experiences and materials at each age level. The first of these materials should be forthcoming in 1955 or 1956. Others, as indicated in 1952, will be added during the next eight to ten years. We now have sufficient research material in hand to indicate areas in which some texts can be prepared, especially for adult study. These have been long awaited. We are happy in the knowledge that we can now proceed on some other basis than guesswork in determination of our needs.

A new adult study course has been released during this Conference period, *The Combined Testimonies of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*, prepared by John R. Darling. The manuscript for *The Prophets of Our Scriptures* by Clifford A. Cole is in the hands of the publishers. Bishop G. L. DeLapp is nearing the completion of his course in the field of stewardships. Other authors are at work preparing texts; viz., Reed Holmes is preparing *Our Missions around the World*, a survey of our missionary endeavors abroad.

#### OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS DURING THE INTER-CONFERENCE PERIOD

- Church School Handbook*
- Zion's League Leader's Handbook*
- Leader's Guide: Church School Directors

- Annual camping materials for high school and junior high
- Annual reunion materials for children and youth
- Sundry kits and bulletins

#### THE NEW GUIDELINES

The Department of Religious Education has participated with other departments in producing *Guidelines* as a monthly periodical. We feel it has been vastly improved. Its concentration is upon means of practical assistance to you.

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

During the Conference period our work in leadership training has been reorganized. Elder John R. Darling has been appointed Director of Leadership Training. He is assisted by Thelona Stevens.

In the two-year period, 426 classes with 3,181 students have registered for study courses for credit. Another 2,202 students registered for study by correspondence, making a total of 5,383 individual students registered. As a result of this work, 3,576 units of study were completed.

Many classes neglect to register when they begin their courses of study; they register at the same time they report their completed work. This means that doubtless many others fulfilled the requirements for credit with the exception of

early registering. These registrations and completions usually come in during the following year.

In recent months the course "Ways of Teaching" has been given a church-wide emphasis. We are happy to report that more than 1,200 persons have already completed this study introduced in April, 1953.

The Department is grateful to the administrative officers and teachers who have been giving fine support to the Christian Education and Leadership Training Curriculum, and to the stake and district examiners who have given so freely of their time and talents. Certainly the increase in the number of "Certificates of Progress" issued during the past year indicates growth. In 1952 the units completed numbered 1,106; "Certificates of Progress" awarded, 72. In 1953, the units completed numbered 2,470; "Certificates of Progress" awarded, 151.

It should also be noted that there has been a definite expansion of this work in Australia, England, and Hawaii.

#### FIELD WORK:

Field work has been based largely upon the needs discovered by survey during the preceding inter-Conference period. Members of the staff have sponsored and/or participated in the following gatherings related to the training of workers:

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Stake or District Church School Institute	Regional Church School Institute	Youth Camps	Reunions	Junior Camps	Youth Conferences	College Student Conferences
Lamoni Stake.....	x	x					x
Detroit-International Stake.....	x	x					
Far West Stake.....				x			x
Central Missouri Stake.....	xx						x
Center Stake of Zion.....	x			x	x		x
Kansas City Stake.....				x			
Los Angeles Stake.....	x				x		
Arizona.....	x						
Arkansas and Louisiana.....	x						x
Northern California.....	x				x		
Southern California.....	x						
Sault Ste Marie.....		x		x			
Alberta.....							x
British Columbia.....							x
Chatham, Ontario.....		x		x			x
London, Ontario.....		x		x			
Owen Sound.....		x	x	x			
Saskatchewan.....							x
Toronto, Ontario.....		x	x	x			x
Eastern Colorado.....	x						
Western Colorado.....							
Alabama.....	x			x	x		
Mobile.....	x			x	x		
Pensacola.....	x			x	x		
Hawaiian Islands.....							
Idaho.....	x						
Central Illinois.....							x
Chicago.....							xx
Northeastern Illinois.....		x					x
Rock Island.....		x					x
Southeastern Illinois.....							x

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Stake or District Church School Institute	Regional Church School Institute	Youth Camps	Reunions	Junior Camps	Youth Conferences	College Student Conferences
Nauvoo.....						x	
Northern Indiana.....		x	x			x	
Southern Indiana.....	x						
Des Moines.....	x	x					x
Northwestern Iowa.....		x				x	
Southwestern Iowa.....		x				x	
Kansas.....				x		x	xx
Kaw Valley.....							x
Spring River.....	x			x		x	x
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	x					x	
Maine.....				x			
Southern New England.....				x			
Central Michigan.....	x	x		x		x	
Eastern Michigan.....		x				x	
Flint-Port Huron.....		x		x			
Northern Michigan.....	x	x		x		x	
Southern Michigan.....		x				x	
South Central Michigan.....	x	x				x	
Minnesota.....	x						
Rich Hill.....							
St. Louis.....							
Southern Missouri.....							
Missouri Missionary Area.....							
Northern Plains.....							
Western Montana.....							
Central Nebraska.....	x						
Northeastern Nebraska.....							
Southern Nebraska.....							
New York.....	x		x			x	x
New York and Philadelphia.....				x			
Red River.....							
Kirtland.....		x				x	
Columbus.....	x	x	x				
Northwestern Ohio.....		x	x				
Youngstown.....		x					
Southern Ohio.....	x	x	x				
Tulsa.....							
Oklahoma City.....							
Western Oklahoma.....							
Northwest Oregon.....						x	
Southern Oregon.....							
Pittsburgh.....		x					
Central Texas.....	x						
Southwest Texas.....	x			xx			
Utah.....	x						
Seattle.....						x	
Spokane.....						x	
West Virginia.....		x					
Wisconsin.....							
Unorganized Canada.....		x					
Unorganized Florida.....	x						
Unorganized New Mexico.....	x						

**MISSIONS ABROAD:**

- Australia
- New Zealand
- French Oceania
- British Isles
- Germany
- Holland
- Alaska
- Norway
- Switzerland
- Denmark
- Latin American

**ZION'S LEAGUE**

From reports and personal observations, it is evident that more Leagues are being organized, and more youth—both member and nonmember—are participating in the program. From reports received from youth supervisors, it is estimated there are 420 organized Leagues.

Also, there have been an increasing number of youth conferences, retreats, and youth leaders' training institutes.

Program materials for League meetings are provided in the *Zion's League Annual*; and the *Annual* current for 1953-54 is "Exploring the Life and Ministry of Christ," the second in the series, in the second cycle of five years.

During the inter-Conference period, the *Zion's League Leader's Handbook* has been completed. As its name implies, it is a manual for the training of League leaders. A leadership training course, using the *Handbook* as a text, is now being prepared for use by district and stake leaders in training local Zion's League leadership.

**JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAMS**

With the redefinition of the responsibilities of the young people's leader to include administrative supervision of the junior high activity programs as well as Zion's League, increased attention is being shown to the needs of these younger boys and girls for ministry beyond the formal services of the branch or district. As this plan of leadership is extended to more areas, it is hoped that additional branches and congregations will take advantage of the available activity programs for this age. A church-centered coed Zion's League-type program for junior high boys and girls eleven through fourteen is now under development.

*Girls' Work*

While complete statistics are not available, there are an estimated 650 girls (ages 11 through 14) in 70 Oriole circles, and 700 girls (ages 7 through 10) in 70 Skylark bands. The Center Stake leads, with approximately half of these girls. The Northwest Iowa District easily is second. Groups are active in England and Canada. Figures are not available of the number of our church girls participating in the Girl Scout, Girl Guide, Camp Fire, and similar programs.

During the inter-Conference period, 22 girls were presented the "Light of Life" religious award pin. Of these, 19 were Oriole girls, one was a Girl Scout, one a Camp Fire guardian, and one a Canadian Girl Guide. The latter, Miss Mirla Jewett, of Chilliwack, British Columbia, was the first Girl Guide to receive this award of our church, and the first Girl Guide of our church to earn the Canadian "Religion and Life" emblem. During this period, too, the first two Canadian Oriole girls and their monitor received the "Light of Life" awards, in Chatham, Ontario.

*Boys' Work*

Boy Scouting and Cubbing continue to be the official programs of the church for junior high and junior boys. Statistics are not available, but it is estimated that 50 troops and packs are operating under our church sponsorship. Many of our boys are attending troops of other sponsorship.

Thirty-eight Scouts have received the "God and Country" badge during the inter-Conference period. To date, only one Canadian Boy Scout of our church, Cameron Jay, has completed the comparable requirements for the "Religion and Life" emblem.

At this time when the supply is exhausted of the printed program booklets on the "God and Country" religious award program, a rather critical restudy is being made of requirements. For present use, mimeographed booklets of requirements are being furnished.

#### OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE

The disparity of interests and needs of these older young people (single persons 19 through 24 years of age), as contrasted with the high school students, calls for further attention to the special needs of this group in order to give them assistance in matters of marriage, vocational selection, workable religious concepts, and church participation. Some of the considerations being given to this age include

1. Ministry to College Students. Through the General Church committee, chaired by Dr. Lawrence Brockway who is submitting a separate Conference report, the Youth Office is assisting in serving the five hundred known students in more than sixty different college and university campuses (excluding Graceland and the Sanitarium) in the United States and Canada.
2. Ministry to Servicemen. A General Church Armed Services Committee has been established by the First Presidency to give attention to the particular needs of our approximately 1,500 members in military service. The chairman of this committee is Charles Neff.
3. A few older young people are also being served by the Zion's League program, either as part of the regular Zion's League, or in a separate senior Zion's League.

The need is evident for the establishment of a more specific senior Zion's League-type program for our working older young people to include a greater provision for youth conferences for this age on a regional and perhaps church-wide basis.

#### CAMPING

From one camp in 1928 with approximately thirty campers, the youth camping program in the church has grown until in the summer of 1953 there were 29 senior high camps and 10 junior high camps with a total of nearly 4,000 camp-

ers. In addition, one young adult camp was held. ("Camp" is here defined as a resident camp of at least five days.) Added to these, there were many short-term or week-end camps or retreats.

While the primary purpose of youth camps is to provide ministry toward the conservation to the church of our young people, an enthusiastic response to the missionary effectiveness of the camps has also been indicated by district and stake officials as well as by camp leaders. The number of nonmember friends in our youth camps runs from two to 35 in each camp, and the conversion of many fine young people has been reported as a direct or indirect influence of the camps.

In addition to the regular program helps prepared by the Youth Office for the directors of senior high camps, there has now been added program helps for the junior high camps.

As youth camps become absorbed into the regular administrative pattern of the districts and stakes, and as youth camping continues to grow, the problems of maintaining a standard of quality has been increased. To assist youth camp committees, the church has now published a set of proposed camp standards for our youth camps. This action was spurred by the fact that the American Camping Association has adopted camp standards to be used in inspecting and grading camps, and that increased state and dominion legislation regarding health, safety, and sanitation is expected to follow. It is hoped that our proposed standards will help our church to keep in the forefront in the church youth camping field.

With the rapid expansion of our youth camps and with the anticipated further increase particularly in the field of junior high camps, our districts and stakes are in danger of running beyond the capacity of the church to supply an adequate number of trained and experienced camp leaders to man these camps. District and stake leaders are therefore being cautioned to move carefully in the establishment of new camps.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUTH WORK

1. It is felt that the number one need in our ministry to young people is the establishing of a medium of direct communication with our youth of high school and college age, preferably through a youth paper made available through the church Sunday school.
2. In the interest of the rapidly increasing number of junior high boys and girls who are beginning to flood our branches, it is necessary that attention be given to providing increased facili-

ties and leadership for ministry to this age group.

3. Additional personnel needs on the General Church level for youth work include further assistance in one or more of the following areas: junior high, older young people, camping.

#### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

We are happy to report an increase in the number of vacation church schools. Experience is showing that we do better when these are planned and conducted by our own branches rather than in the union-type held by several denominations. Even our small branches have little trouble getting enough children for a good school.

#### DAY CAMPS AND CAMPING SCHOOLS

Elder Clifford Cole participated in two children's camps in 1953. Each represented a different approach to camping for children. Children's camping must be approached with a great deal of caution. We would like to see some of the activities of camping expanded in our reunion program. There are values to be derived from the camping experience which are usually unrealized in reunion schedules. There is possibility for development of day camps as an extension of the vacation church school.

In the day camp the children are transported to a campground where they enjoy the activities of camping through the daytime but return home at night. Such camps may be carried on for one or two weeks and include in them the study, music, worship, and crafts found in the vacation church school but also may include the swimming, nature craft, recreation, cook outs, etc., which can hardly be done in the restricted time allowed in the vacation church school.

In the resident camps mentioned above the children were taken to a campground to reside for one to two weeks. This has been done primarily in some of our larger centers on the west coast. It meets a particular need in city areas where the children are so scattered that they cannot be gathered together each day for a day camp or vacation church school. By taking them all to a campground they can be kept there to engage in a concentrated period of study, worship, recreation, and fellowship which has proved very successful.

#### EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES

Major Curriculum Meetings: June, November, December, 1952; May, December, 1953

Doctrine and Covenants Institute: 1952

Radio, TV, and A-V Seminar: 1952  
Conference on Teaching Mission:  
1954

Religious Education Association: Pitts-  
burgh, 1954

Division of Christian Education of the  
National Council of the Churches  
of Christ, in the U.S.A.: Cincinnati,  
1953, 1954

International Audio-Visual Workshop,  
Green Lake, Wisconsin: 1952, 1953

American Camping Association Meet-  
ing, Missouri Valley Section: 1952,  
1953

National Scouting Conference, Mend-  
ham, New Jersey, 1952, 1953

#### PERSONNEL

Personnel of the Department consists of Reed M. Holmes, General Director; John R. Darling, Director of Leadership Training; F. Carl Mesle, Director of Youth Work; Clifford A. Cole, Director of Children's Work; Edna Easter, Director of Girls' Work; Mrs. Thelona D. Stevens, assistant to Brother Darling; and Mrs. Milton Costlow, Mrs. Louis Hays, Miss Sharon Lynn Blakeman. Others who have worked in the Department in this Conference period are Mary Lou Henson (now Mrs. Donald Lusha), Mary Cooper, and Delores Tandy. The latter two worked during summer vacation periods. Dr. Roy A. Cheville spent part of the summer, 1953, in the Department working on the Curriculum Research Project.

#### AREAS REQUIRING ATTENTION 1954-1956

1. Continuation of the Curriculum Development Project. We need to share responsibility for this project in order to make it an effective and total educational effort.
2. Stepping up the program of Leadership Training. Excellent materials will be useless unless we have qualified people to handle them.
3. Stimulation of church school attendance. We must not be satisfied with 25 per cent - 35 per cent of total membership attending. Church school attendance should exceed branch membership. (In one Protestant denomination of 250,000 membership, 570,000 are enrolled in the church school!)
4. Help must be extended to missions abroad, especially in training leaders and translation of materials.
5. A youth paper should be established during this Conference period.
6. We must improve our ministry to junior high youth.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
REED M. HOLMES, *Director*

## Report of the Radio Department

### *To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

During the past inter-Conference period, the Radio Department has undergone considerable expansion along the policy lines laid down in our last Conference report; that is, the policy of spreading our radio program over as wide an area as possible.

#### STATUS OF BROADCASTING *Local*

During the past inter-Conference period, the Radio Department has undergone encephalitis-Kansas City area consisted of the thirty-minute program "Hear Ye Him," which was presented each Sunday morning from 8:30 until 9:00 o'clock over KMBC and KFRM. This program used Evan Fry as radio minister, plus the music of a twenty-voice choir directed by Franklyn Weddle, and accompanied by Bethel Knoche, organist. These programs were recorded on tape in the new studios in the Auditorium and transmitted from KMBC in Kansas City and KFRM, Concordia, Kansas. All were distinctively doctrinal in their sermon content and were designed to cover the most important phases of church belief in the total year's broadcast.

A permanent mailing list was set up to supply copies of the "Hear Ye Him" sermon each week during 1953 to those who wished to receive them. This mailing list averaged 850 names. The average weekly mail count for the year 1953 has been 38, or a total for the year of 1,967, representing 750 different names, and a total of 1,091 copies of sermons. Including the permanent mailing list and the special weekly mailing, the number of sermons sent out each week has ranged between a low of 956 and a high of 1,289. Many of these are requested by members but are handed on to nonmember friends, and about 40 per cent of these requests are from nonmembers, as near as we can estimate.

Beginning with the year 1954, this broadcast was changed to fifteen minutes, in line with our policy of having more programs on different stations and at different times, in order to reach a more diversified listening audience.

#### *Recording Activities*

The work of the Radio Department has included supplying tape recordings of last year's "Messiah" broadcast to our Australian Mission, the supplying of other recorded music for use on locally produced radio stations and in cottage meetings, assistance in preparing script for locally produced stations, production of special one-time programs for local sta-

tions as time becomes available to our local representatives, and supplying sample tapes to local pastors or publicity agents who are trying to place programs.

During the inter-Conference period we have continued to add to our recorded library of program material for broadcasts on stations throughout the world. As this report is written we have four complete series of doctrinal sermons consisting of thirteen programs each, a fifth series partially completed, and a sixth series in the planning stage which will be completed before midsummer. The last two series of thirteen each are on the subject of the Book of Mormon. We also have a total of 156 nondoctrinal services prepared and ready for broadcast.

The 52 "Hear Ye Him" services broadcast on KMBC last year could be made available for broadcast in other places by changing the opening and closing announcements. To facilitate the recording of these programs, we have built up a library of recorded music, in which is contained something over 175 hymns, 32 anthems, 12 vocal solos, 37 organ solos, 30 hymns by the Stone Church Choir, and 40 hymns by a quartet. New material is added to this library almost weekly.

#### *Programs on the Air*

Our centrally prepared tape-recorded sermons have been used on the following stations in the inter-Conference period:

#### *1952-1953 Radio Stations*

KWCB—Searcy, Arkansas  
KNEA—Jonesboro, Arkansas  
KDGM—Stockton, California  
KUBC—Montrose, Colorado  
WNLK—Norwalk, Connecticut  
KJAN—Atlantic, Iowa  
KOKX—Keokuk, Iowa  
KSPT—Sandpoint, Idaho  
KFRM—Concordia, Kansas  
—Lansing, Michigan  
KLCO—Poteau, Oklahoma  
WICA—Ashtabula, Ohio  
KDCA—Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
KLMW—Marlin, Texas  
KWIE—Kennewick, Washington  
KASL—Newcastle, Wyoming  
KMBC—Kansas City, Missouri  
KMMO—Marshall, Missouri  
KGEZ—Kalispell, Montana  
WXRA—Buffalo, New York  
WLOF—Orlando, Florida  
KGRA—Lamoni, Iowa  
KBIZ—Ottumwa, Iowa  
KLIX—Twin Falls, Idaho  
KCLO—Leavenworth, Kansas  
KBOA—Kennett, Missouri  
KSRV—Ontario, Oregon  
WESA—Charleroi, Pennsylvania  
KSDN—Aberdeen, South Dakota  
KRGV—Weslaco, Texas  
WRCO—Richland Center, Wisconsin  
—Armed Forces Network



- KWCB—Searcy, Arkansas
- WATM—Atmore, Alabama
- WNLK—Norwalk, Connecticut
- KCOL—Ft. Collins, Colorado
- KSPT—Sandpoint, Idaho
- KMBC—Kansas City, Missouri
- KGEZ—Kalispell, Montana
- WWHG—Hornell, New York
- WICA—Ashtabula, Ohio
- KSRV—Ontario, Oregon
- KMLW—Marlin, Texas
- KAKE—Wichita, Kansas
- KNEA—Jonesboro, Arkansas
- KWSO—Wasco, California
- KUBC—Montrose, Colorado
- WLOF—Orlando, Florida
- KFRM—Concordia, Kansas
- KBOA—Kennett, Missouri
- WKMI—Kalamazoo, Michigan
- KLCO—Poteau, Oklahoma
- WAND—Canton, Ohio
- WESA—Charleroi, Pennsylvania
- KWIE—Kennewick, Washington

The Radio Department has also assisted to a greater or lesser degree in producing programs locally on the following stations in 1952-53:

*Locally Produced Programs 1952-1953*

- WKRK—Mobile, Alabama
- KLZ—Denver, Colorado
- WALE—Fall River, Massachusetts
- KAFL—Fulton, Missouri
- WJER—Dover, Ohio
- KUOD—Denver, Colorado
- Marseilles, Illinois
- WSAR—Fall River, Massachusetts
- KWOS—Joplin, Missouri

And on this list of stations in 1954:

*Locally Produced Programs 1954 as of February 15*

- WKRK—Mobile, Alabama
- KFAL—Fulton, Missouri
- WALE—Fall River, Massachusetts
- WRCO—Richland Center, Wisconsin

We estimate that these broadcasts have reached either partially or completely the following states:

*States Completely and Partially Covered in 1954 as of February 15*

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Alabama       | Montana      |
| Arkansas      | Nebraska     |
| California    | New York     |
| Colorado      | Ohio         |
| Connecticut   | Oklahoma     |
| Florida       | Oregon       |
| Idaho         | Pennsylvania |
| Kansas        | Tennessee    |
| Kentucky      | Texas        |
| Massachusetts | Washington   |
| Michigan      | Wisconsin    |
| Missouri      | Wyoming      |

*"Messiah" Broadcasts*

During the inter-Conference period there have been two broadcasts of Handel's *Messiah*; one on December 20, 1952, and the other on December 20, 1953. This activity reaches more people each year than any other one thing we do. With the co-operation of Elder Charles Neff, Assistant to the First Presidency, an intensive promotional campaign has been carried out for each of these broadcasts. On the 1953 broadcast, for example, about 60,000 two-color post cards were distributed to members for their use in inviting friends to listen. Newspaper advertising mats were sent to 206 branches, who purchased ads in their local papers; and press releases were sent to many others who did not use the prepared advertising mats. Letters were written to every C. B. S. station in the United States and Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Philippines. It is estimated that there were sufficient stations carrying the 1953 broadcast to make it available to listeners in every state of the union. There are 206 C. B. S. stations in the United States and Canada, and 10 in Hawaii, the Philippines and Alaska; 56 replied to our letter saying that they would carry the broadcast, 2 replied negatively. There was no post-performance survey in 1953 to ascertain how many actually did carry our "Messiah" performance, but a post-performance survey in 1952 indicated that 142 carried the broadcast and 18 did not, with some stations not replying.

*Television Programs*

Little has been done in the field of TV during the past two years. We have produced three TV programs locally on WDAF-TV, and in March Elder Evan Fry, Radio Minister, was sent to Houston, Texas, for a series of five 15-minute television programs. This is a field in which there is much room for expansion. Such expansion should be preceded by careful study and planning.

**AUDITORIUM PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

During the past year J. Harold Higgins, engineer for the Radio Department, has had general oversight of a complete revamping of the public address system in the Auditorium, so that all controls should center in a newly constructed control room on the mezzanine balcony at the west side of the main auditorium. From this control room connections radiate out to the Stone Church, to the dining room in the basement of the Auditorium, to the Auditorium itself, and to the radio control room in the studios in the south end of the building where the recording equipment is placed. This makes it possible to record any of the proceedings of the Conference and to control all sound for either broadcast, recording, or public

address distribution from one central point, which is in view of the auditorium floor.

**CONFERENCE RADIO BOOTH**

Conference visitors who wish to know more of the work of the Radio Department are invited to visit the radio booth in the basement of the Auditorium, where sample tapes will be available for listening; also free information about the programs and sermon subjects available on tape, and an information sheet with all the technical and mechanical details about these tape recordings.

**PERSONNEL**

The personnel of the department, in addition to the director of radio, who has general supervisory and administrative responsibility, consists of one full-time radio minister, Elder Evan Fry, one full-time secretary, and one full-time engineer. Then there is a part-time organist and, from time to time, extra help in the engineering work.

The department is in an awkward stage just now, not enough recording yet to require two full-time engineers and yet too much for just one. Another full-time radio minister is urgently needed. The staff joins me in soliciting the prayers of the Saints in behalf of this work.

FRANKLYN S. WEDDLE  
*Director of Radio for the  
General Church*

**SOUTH AND EAST PARKING  
LOTS RESERVED FOR WORKERS**

Both the south and east parking lots at the Auditorium are reserved for those with special administrative duties at Conference. The announcement on "Parking" that appears in the "Official Program" is in error when it lists the south parking lot as having an unreserved section. The rest of the announcement is correct, however. Conference delegates and visitors are invited to use the Stone Church parking lot and the Slover Drive-In lot.

We regret the necessity of giving parking preference to any, but we are sure Conference visitors realize that there are numerous people who have to divide their time with the Conference business and with their respective church institutions and areas of labor throughout the city. They need the time that can be gained with reserved parking so that their work can be accomplished.

Your consideration and co-operation in leaving these reserved areas open for those who are assigned space will be greatly appreciated.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
Assistant to the Presidency

# Report of the Audio-Visual Department

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The Audio-Visual Department was created by 1952 General Conference action. At this time the only personnel assigned was a one-half time director. On May 1, 1953, Kenneth Raveill began handling the production of materials, and Mrs. Clifford Wood was placed full time with the Department to handle clerical work, filing, and distribution of materials. This Department is presently housed in four rooms, consisting of camera copy room, darkroom, office, and file room. In addition to the \$2,603.74 worth of equipment purchased during the inter-Conference period, Stele Bryant of Independence, Missouri, has donated equipment amounting to over \$5,000.00. In addition to the equipment, Brother Bryant donates freely of his time for technical work with the copy camera and in the darkroom.

## POLICY

The policy as suggested by the Executive Committee to govern production of materials has been that each department, council, quorum, and institution of the church initiate needed materials and in co-operation with the Audio-Visual Department plan, create, write script, have necessary art work done, and complete materials with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Audio-Visual Department has been able to act only as an adviser, and assists in securing needed volunteer or paid personnel to complete a project.

Most materials are distributed through Herald House. Some restricted materials are handled through the Audio-Visual Department.

## AIMS

One of the first aims of the General Church Audio-Visual Department was to centralize usable and acceptable materials from the slide libraries of Roy Weldon, Apostle Charles R. Hield, Apostle Paul M. Hanson, Harold I. Velt, Stele Bryant, Kenneth Raveill, and others. This has been accomplished, a library of original slides is filed with the Department and over 35,000 slides were distributed in 1953.

It is the hope that during the 1954-55 inter-Conference period additional personnel will enable this Department to

be more than advisers on much needed Audio-Visual projects, making possible a professional quality and service to meet the growing need of the church.

## PRODUCTION

Since the beginning of production in the Audio-Visual Department, May, 1953, the following has been accomplished:

Two hundred and ten separate work orders have been classified under the headings of *general commercial photography, 2 x 2 color slides, photostats, photo-packets, research and experimental projects*. This comprises the routine photographic and darkroom work. General commercial photography includes pictures taken for the Herald House, First Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, church publications, and church institutions. There were 307 prints processed and delivered. 36,510 2 x 2 slides were processed in 1953. 733 photostats, including General Church reports, Independence Sanitarium and Hospital reports, and historical papers, were completed. 1,100 8 x 10 glossy prints comprising photo-packets A through E, Book of Mormon research pictures, were placed on sale through the Herald House.

Included in the research and experimental projects under consideration, nearing completion, or on the market at the time of this publication is a booklet of 250 photostat pages of publications that substantiate the claim of the Reorganization, a number of slide sets, filmstrips, a motion picture trailer, and master slides comprising a library of over three thousand slides.

Mimeographed listings and information sheets are available on the miscellaneous and listed slide sets. Anyone wishing information and listings of these slides should contact the Audio-Visual Department, The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri.

There are over 750 flat pictures on file in the Department, approximately 4,000 feet of motion picture footage, consisting of archaeological sites, missions abroad, church property, and personnel. Approximately 500 negatives are already on file. This will be increased by many thousand when the entire file of the Graphic Arts Bureau is placed in the Auditorium.

## EMMA AND JOSEPH SMITH PORTRAIT RESTORATION

Of special mention is the restoration of the Emma and Joseph Smith portraits. These have been in the Smith family since the days of Nauvoo, when an itinerant artist painted the two portraits while the First Lady and the First Proph-

et sat for the artist. Mr. James Roth of the Nelson Art Gallery did the restoration work. Mr. Roth is a specialist in the restoration of oil paintings. He stated these were good Early American portraits and placed the date of painting near 1840. John Blackmore, church historian, has verified the date to be 1842. The portraits are now in condition to last from 75 to 100 years without further work. Available now for the first time are full color framed and unframed 4 x 5, 8 x 10, and 16 x 20, lithographed reproductions, 2 x 2 color transparencies, and black and white prints. The original portraits are on display for several hours each day in Booth 4 of the lower Auditorium.

## RECOMMENDED FILMS, FILMSTRIPS, AND SLIDE SETS

In addition to the vast library of 2 x 2 slides the Department maintains a cross-indexed card file of available sound films and filmstrips that can be recommended for use in the church school, church services, youth work, women's work, priesthood work, and other departments and activities of the church. A small rental library has been established of vital materials recommended by the various departments, who have purchased and placed the materials in the Audio-Visual Department for distribution. As budget and personnel allow, this loan library will be increased to fill a need in the church. There are some slide sets available to branches on a loan basis. The only charge is for transportation.

## FIRST 16 MM SOUND FILM

For the first time the church is using the medium of sound motion pictures to report the inter-Conference period and progress to the church. This has been in production for the past months and will soon be available for showing in the branches.

## TELEVISION

The Audio-Visual Department has assisted in the production of a limited number of television programs in the Kansas City and Houston, Texas, areas and special Conference news interviews. As this programming increases it is hoped that the Audio-Visual Department will be able to assist in the production of film and live programs.

## REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

In co-operation with the Department of Religious Education the Audio-Visual Department has helped conduct regional workshops in the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa; Columbus, Ohio; Flint, Michigan; Independence and Kansas City, Missouri.

## RECOMENDATIONS FOR THE INTER-CONFERENCE PERIOD 1954-55

In the ten months of Audio-Visual activity the available personnel has been able to do only routine work and very little original and new material has been produced. Material has been gathered from many sources, placed in this central file, and made available to the General Church and missionary forces.

Much is involved in one film project. This phase of the work requires the undivided attention of a qualified writer and producer who understands the aims of the General Church program. A new department such as the Audio-Visual Department, with years of unorganized production behind it, needs a strong and workable program of production, utilization, and distribution, with personnel enough to satisfy the growing need of the church.

We recommend that the Conference of 1954 appropriate an amount which the Appropriations Committee shall deem sufficient to insure the continuation of an Audio-Visual Department to supply the needed materials in all departments and areas of the church. To keep pace with the church needs in this area of communications, we feel the church should use the best in audio-visual materials. It is the aim of this Department to produce quality materials to enhance and enliven the teaching, preaching, and ministerial program of the church.

ARTHUR J. ROCK  
*Audio-Visual Director*

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## Report of the Music Department

### *To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

We are pleased to report on the activities of the Music Department of the General Church for the inter-Conference period, April, 1952, to April, 1954. Many people have contributed to the growth and expansion of the work of this department. A number of local musicians have contributed appreciably to the elevation of the standards of church music through their services in a choir for the Radio Department by giving a high quality of performance. Many people, musicians, pastors, and other church workers all over the church have contributed by being alert to follow the signposts set up by the department toward the goal of good worship music, making themselves personal missionaries to spread the "gospel" of suitable music and manner of performance of music for worship. Our gratitude goes out to all who have assisted.

## LOCAL

### *Music in Zion*

Miss Aleta Runkle has continued as supervisor of music for the congregations in the Stake of Zion and has done excellent work in assisting in the music programs of the various congregations and the integrating of the music program of the Center Stake.

### *The Independence Symphony Orchestra*

The orchestra, which this year is celebrating its tenth anniversary, is a community enterprise which involves many church musicians. The General Church has contributed in many ways to its success and had a part in the founding of the orchestra and helping it in the struggles of its early years and therefore can look with some pride on the progress that has been made. The conductor of the orchestra is the General Church Music Director. At this General Conference it will have a large part to play on the Conference music program, Friday evening.

### *The Community Music Association*

The Community Music Association of Independence is another community organization whose music director is the General Church Director of Music, and whose Board of Directors includes members of the church. This organization has also received excellent support from the church and in turn offers benefits to church members as well as other people of the community in the cultural advantages and inspiration it offers to each resident of this territory. A feeling of fellowship is promoted in the community through working together and producing and promoting fine music and its appreciation among the people of this area. Each year the Community Music Association sponsors four regular orchestra concerts, a concert for the youth of our schools, one or two concerts by some outstanding artist or group of artists well known in our country, and one soloist of merit for each of the orchestra concerts. It also brings together a number of pianists for the Piano Festival which is given each year. It collaborates with the Ministerial Alliance of Independence for the annual Church Music Festivals given the first Sunday of May each year. It has been an encouraging influence for the improvement of the school music program of Independence for a number of years now and is a well-recognized cultural force in this area.

## GENERAL CHURCH

### *Conference Music*

The Department of Music has the responsibility of providing music for most of the services in this 1954 General Conference, in addition to conducting daily

classes on church music. The special music for this Conference is listed in the official program of the Conference and needs no further discussion here.

## *Institutes*

The General Director of Music for the church has conducted classwork in many places on the Ministry of Music. During this inter-Conference period institutes have been held in Northwestern Iowa District; Northwestern Ohio District; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Central Missouri Stake; Des Moines District; Wichita, Kansas; Pensacola, Florida; Orlando, Florida; Paris, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Montgomery, Alabama. In addition to these institutes a number of single sessions were held in the Southern Mission and other areas during the past two years.

## *Nauvoo Memorial Services*

The Music Department customarily furnishes the music for the June Memorial Services for the Martyrs at Nauvoo, Illinois. Sometimes a quartet, sometimes soloists, sometimes a small chorus is provided.

## *The Book of Little Hymns and Other Songs*

The material for this book has been ready for some time and we finally found suitable art work for it so that just before Christmas, 1953, the book was ready for distribution. The committee, co-ordinated by the General Church Music Director, was composed of Tessie Smith, Lena Wells Jones, Kleta Finley, Eleanor Sandy, Beatrice Darling, Aleta Runkle, and Norma Smith. The art work for the book was handled by one of our own members, Hal Sandy and Associates, of Kansas City. This book was designed primarily for preschool through the primary department and is suitable for use in the church school, vacation church school, reunions, and the home. This book should fill a long-felt need for material for the very young.

## *The German Hymnal*

This hymnal, which was very much needed among the German speaking Saints, has finally been published by a firm in Hannover and is in the hands of the Saints in Germany at this time. It contains 248 hymns, a large number of which are excellent translations of hymns used in our hymnal. Brother Paul Radelow of Philadelphia did most of these translations. Others who assisted in the preparation of material and in the publication of this book are Clara Hoxie, Elli Rosenthal, Roy Cheville, Blair Jensen, Eugene Theys, Kurt Radelow, Louis Zonker, Oliver Houston, and Arthur Oakman.

### *The Saints' Hymnal Revision*

Immediately following the 1950 General Conference the Presidency appointed a working committee to revise the *Saints' Hymnal*, consisting of the General Church Music Director, Franklyn S. Weddle, as chairman, Apostle Arthur Oakman, Roy Cheville, Herbert Lively, Chris Hartshorn, Mabel Hyde, Evan Fry, Alice Edwards, Henry Livingston, and Paul Craig, to which Harold Neal was added last fall. This committee has worked diligently on this assignment and has almost completed its work. By the first of June, or thereabouts, the hymnal should be ready for the publishers. It is anticipated that it will be somewhere near the 1956 Conference time before the hymnal will be ready for general distribution.

The new hymnal will contain a much wider selection of hymn material for the ordinances of the church. There will be something slightly in excess of 500 hymns and a section of responsive readings. The indexes are considerably enlarged to make the book more readily and easily usable. A number of the new hymns, both words and music, will be by church members who have sent in their contributions. The committee has had fine co-operation by members of the church in making material available for its selection and wishes to express its gratitude for this co-operation and help by members of the church.

*Songbook for Zion's League, Youth Camps, Reunion, Campfires, Banquets, etc.*

In the Music Department report to the last Conference, reference was made to a committee which was to work on a book of material suitable for Zion's League, reunions, campfires, youth camps, etc., but during the past inter-Conference period the committee has been inactive due to the pressure of other work in the departments involved. It is anticipated that this work will go forward so that a report of progress can be made at next General Conference.

### *"Messiah" Choir*

The broadcast of *The Messiah* each year accompanied by members of the Kansas City Philharmonic orchestra and soloists is another activity of the General Church Music Department as well as the Department of Radio. In the Radio Department report will be a detailed account of the statistics regarding the broadcast. This choir has attained a high degree of national renown because of its musical excellence and has brought some degree of fame to the church. In addition to that it has filled

a longing on the part of each church member for some recognition nationally for the church and has created new interest in many new areas. The chorus this year numbered 320 voices and the performance in the TV playhouse of KMBC had an audience of something over 2,000 people.

### *Recommendations for the Inter-Conference Period 1954-56*

We recommend that the Conference of 1954 appropriate an amount which the Appropriations Committee shall deem sufficient to assure the continuation of the nation-wide network broadcasts of *The Messiah* during the Christmas seasons of 1954 and 1955. We have felt as we have traveled among the people of the church that there is a gradual raising of the general level of the type of music used for worship in the church, and we see in various places an urge to improve worship through the use of appropriate and well-chosen music. We are aware that development in an organization as large as the church is necessarily slow. It is therefore incumbent upon each one who has responsibility in this field to renew his efforts in improvement of the choice of music for worship and to be constantly

on the alert to use the best materials available. We feel particularly that pastors and members of the priesthood who design worship services should avail themselves of all the helps possible. Since the hymnal is the people's manual of worship, and since it contains much of the world's great sacred literature, it is necessary for members of the priesthood to study the hymnal and become acquainted with the material therein contained so that they can more intelligently use it in the planning of worship services.

Music leaders and choir directors should be very careful to use music for worship which shall be an aid to worship rather than an entertainment for the congregation.

Everyone who works in the field of church music should strive continually for an improvement of the quality of music used and also its manner of performance so that nothing in the musical portion of the service will detract from worship.

We solicit the prayers of the Saints in behalf of the work of the General Church Department of Music and pledge to serve to the best of our ability.

FRANKLYN S. WEDDLE  
*Director of Music for the  
General Church*

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHOTO PACKETS

These black and white, 8" x 10" photographs provide public relations materials for local missionary work. They can be used for newspaper cuts, posters, programs, bulletins, etc. Produced by the Audio-Visual Department of the General Church.

### PACKET A—Chichen Itza

1. Pyramid Temple called "El Castillo." 4. Face of the Bearded White God.  
6. "The Caracol" or observatory. 11. Feathered serpent columns at Temple of the Warriors.

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### PACKET B—Uxmal and Kabah

38. Stone mosaics on "House of the Governor." 41. "Quadrangle of the Nuns."  
26. General View: ruins of Kabah. 27. Detail of the "Palace of the Mask."

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### PACKET C—Monte Alban

15. General View: ruins of Monte Alban. 16. System IV. 18. Great stairway. 24. Tomb 60 (cross design).

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### PACKET D—Teotihuacan

33. Pyramid of the Sun. 34. Pyramid of the Sun (different view).  
32. "Cuidadela" or little citadel. 35. West facade—Temple of Quetzalcoatl.

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## Report of the General Department of Women

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

We are pleased to report the activities of the women of the church as they have worked in an organized way in the stakes, districts, and in the branches. There are now seven stakes, approximately eighty-one districts with stake and district leaders, and practically every branch and mission in this country and in Canada has an active women's department as well as organized women's groups in England, Australasia, Germany, Holland, Hawaii, and the South Seas. They are working according to the suggestions made to them by the General Women's Department and in harmony with the General Church goals. It can be safely stated that throughout the church no busier, happier, nor more worth-while group of workers can be found.

The office of the General Women's Department in the Auditorium requires daily attention of the chairman and office staff to carry out the program and unify the work of the women. Because of the consistent growth of the church which

is reflected in the growth of the departments, the present quarters of the Department of Women, remodeled in 1952, are being enlarged by the addition of an adjoining office.

The Department has the responsibility of preparing a page on women's work for the *Pastor's Handbook* each year, of editorship of the "Home Column," a weekly feature of the *Herald*. Inspiring articles of home life as well as special items of interest are provided. "Remembering," a recent feature written by church leaders recalling memories of home and incidences which created family unity, love, and church loyalty is being appreciated. A section in *Guidelines* is devoted to helps for women's department workers. This is edited by a committee of the General Council of Women.

In addition to the large volume of daily correspondence, the editing of *Herald* articles, preparing stencils and mimeographing the study pamphlets are an important part of the work. It might be of interest to readers to know that approximately 13,000 study pamphlets were purchased by women's groups during the inter-Conference period.

The office is the meeting place of the General Council of Women who come together regularly to plan and write reunion outlines, institute and conference

programs, new study material and discuss emphases for women's work. Contact is maintained with the First Presidency to whom the Department looks for counsel and guidance.

The yearly emphases of the women's work have coincided with the themes chosen by the General Church. More unified programs have been possible by sending the yearly and monthly themes to the leaders during the summer so that the local program could be planned with these in mind.

### REUNION OUTLINES

The reunion theme of 1952, "Spiritual Growth through Stewardship," formed the basis of an outline *Women's Stewardship Responsibilities* which was prepared by the General Council of Women and used in most of the women's classes. In the fall a study pamphlet, "Women's Stewardship Today," was compiled by Sister S. A. Burgess from lessons written by Council members.

The 1953 reunion outline for women was called *Women Accept the Challenge of the Restoration*. This was written by the Council members and received many favorable comments.

The General Council of Women is also working on the outline for the summer 1954 reunion women's classes and it will be ready to place in the hands of workers in time for them to make their preparation.

### STUDY MATERIAL

Several fine study pamphlets have been written in the inter-Conference period and used in the study part of their program by the majority of women's groups throughout the church. "All Good Books," "The Church in Our Children" and "Restoration Concepts of Food and Health" were compilations of lectures given at the women's classes at the Conference of 1952.

In the spring and summer of 1953, "Women's Stewardship Today" by Sister S. A. Burgess, "Women and Evangelism" by Sister Alice Johnson, "The District Women's Leader and Her Opportunity" by Sister Lydia Wight, and "The Lesson" also by Sister Lydia Wight were issued. The latter two have outlined steps in achieving a more complete understanding of the privilege and responsibilities of leaders and their relationship to the district presidency. Methods, materials, and procedures available to make the study period of the women's meeting more meaningful have been included. A fine pamphlet, "Women's Distinctive Stewardship," written by Sister Thelona Stevens, was widely used in women's groups.

At the request of a sister in Michigan, a skeleton yearbook was developed and printed for the use of small groups hav-

## When They Seek Counsel

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by Roy A. Cheville

F. M. McDowell, director of priesthood education, states in the preface, "This book should be studied, used, and applied. Its sane and sound teachings should become embodied in the life and ministry of those who would provide a redemptive leadership in a most challenging yet most confusing age. . . . We see no reason why teachers, leaders, and parents should not use this little text with profit." This is an attractive, 133-page paper-bound edition.



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ing neither the time nor facilities for making their own books. Over four thousand have been sold. These are still available for groups that wish to use them next year. Groups which have made their own program books are continuing to do so, and many attractive booklets have been sent in to the office and are on display at Booth 7.

The policy of adding new material each year will be continued. This will include some of the classwork material which is presented this Conference and it will be available in the near future in mimeographed form. A complete list of current pamphlets is on display at Booth 7 on the lower level in the Auditorium. It is well to remember that all mimeographed material for women's work is ordered direct from the General Department of Women, The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri; the printed *Handbook* is obtained from the Herald Publishing House, 103 South Osage Street, Independence, Missouri. Prompt delivery can be assured and unnecessary delay avoided if this is kept in mind, and remittances and orders sent accordingly.

#### MISSIONS ABROAD

An encouraging sign is the steady growth and increasing interest of the work of the women in the countries listed at the beginning of this report. In England and on the Continent in past years, the work was hindered by war conditions, but faithful women kept at their task and the present interest and growth is attributed to their work and that of the good leadership which has been given by mission, district, and local leaders, and the appointees and their wives. Sister Nellie Arrowsmith, a former mission leader, has moved to Canada. She visited her sister, Sister C. George Mesley, and her brother, President F. Henry Edwards last year. We are happy that she will be with us at this Conference.

Regular correspondence has been maintained and suggestions and helps given when requested and by next Conference it is hoped that the number of groups and the number of members can be added to the statistical report. To have our report complete, reports from all countries are necessary.

In November, 1952, at the request of Brother Louis Zonker of Germany for "information and helps that you feel would facilitate the beginning of a basic and sound program for the women of the German Mission," a program was outlined and suggestions were sent to him which he acknowledged with appreciation, and added that he thought it would assist immeasurably. He informed us that the *Handbook* was being translated into the German language.

In Australia, women's work has made steady progress. We feel that the good work and leadership given by the wives of the apostles over the years has strengthened the bonds and unified the work of the women. During the mission of Apostle and Sister Davey, many fine comments have reached us of Sister Davey's untiring, selfless work with the women in the Australasian Mission.

Sister Nance Parks, who was the Council representative during her tenure of office, gave a fine leadership, and the new mission leader, Sister Charles Davies, has already begun to build upon this fine foundation. Apostle Maurice Draper has been working with Sister Davies in the interests of women's work. We are very happy to welcome Sister Davies to America and are persuaded that there will be mutual benefit resulting from her visit.

#### PROGRESS IN STAKES AND DISTRICTS

The fine work that has been done during the past years by the existing stakes has been augmented by the organization of the Metropolitan Los Angeles and the Detroit International Stakes. The concentration of Saints in these areas has made it possible for the leaders to plan a more extensive program and make it available to a larger number of women.

The disadvantage of distance has been overcome to an extent in the rural stakes by providing regional meetings for workers and an equally fine program has been developed.

The splendid work in the Center Stake of Zion that was done by the past leader, Sister Gail Wilson, and her associates has been carried on under the able leadership of Sister W. Wallace Smith, the present leader. A forward-looking program has been given the women of Independence, and much emphasis has been made in the training of workers. This is equally true of neighboring stakes, Kansas City, Lamoni, Far West, and Central Missouri. Fine leadership has been given by the devoted stake leaders.

#### DISTRICTS

Reports from our efficient district leaders are encouraging. Definite goals have been chosen which unify their district, and these leaders have been indefatigable in contacting their local groups by letter and personal visits.

Day meetings and institutes have been provided and planned by these leaders in co-operation with district officers to assist local workers to help them achieve their objectives.

#### LOCAL DEPARTMENTS

Reports of work accomplished by branch women's departments are outstanding. Without consecration the results that have been reported could not have been obtained. Study, worship, fellowship, visiting, service, and money-making projects are included in the program of each department, as well as participation in branch activities. Unofficial, as well as organized official, friendly visiting has been stressed in many places, with the result that friends have been made for the church, assistance has been rendered to the missionary program through the distribution of tracts and visits, and the needs of the members cared for. In emergencies, sickness, or disaster to both members and nonmembers the women have rallied, giving hours of service, clothing, furnishings, and other assistance.

In many branches a building program is in progress and is being supported enthusiastically by the women's groups. Members are making individual sacrifices, and funds earned by their united efforts are being contributed.

Of especial note is the growth which is indicated by the increased skill with which this work is accomplished.

#### DEPARTMENT CO-OPERATION

In December, 1952, the First Presidency called all department heads together to outline their goals and to discuss how each department might be mutually helpful.

In the fall our department was called upon to be a member of the committee which discussed initiatory plans for the "Teaching Mission Institute." Mrs. S. S. Arnsen, Mrs. C. G. Mesley, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, and Mrs. W. N. Johnson were invited to attend the "Teaching Mission Workshop" which was held at the Auditorium January 15, 16, and 17, 1954.

Members of the General Council met with the Audio-Visual Department to view and comment on filmstrips that might be helpful in women's work.

Apostle Reed M. Holmes, Director of Religious Education, and Clifford Cole, Director of Children's Work, met with the Council to discuss the committees' work on the curriculum study.

A brochure (five chapters) was prepared by Council members to be included in the *Missionary Handbook* for church-wide distribution.

#### CONFERENCE CLASSES

Splendid classes have been prepared for the 1954 Conference. Teachers have been chosen from the church officials, the General Council of Women, stake and district leaders and qualified workers in various areas. Attention is called

to the program printed in the Official Conference Program.

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council members have given of their time unstintingly as teachers in local areas, reunions, district conferences, institutes, and in every way they have been asked to assist. This condensed report does not allow space for an account of the many activities of council members; however, these faithful women have given much toward the onward progress of the women's work.

There is a fine fellowship among the members of the council and their thoughtful and prayerful attitude toward their responsibilities is deeply appreciated. Sister H. I. Velt, the secretary of the General Council, has kept the records in a painstaking and efficient manner. She has assisted in the preparation of this report and appreciation is extended to her for her help.

We are very happy to have with us at this Conference our esteemed member Sister Audentia Anderson. Conference visitors will have the privilege of hearing her review *Joseph Smith III* at the Stone Church, 4 p.m., April 6, after the business meeting.

#### CONCLUSION

As we view past accomplishments most satisfying is the development of church women and their increased ability to carry on the work assigned them.

Local workers are being called upon to take active part in institutes, district conferences and reunion programs, and through this participation are growing and developing into splendid leaders for the church.

We notice a growing desire on the part of women to comply with the whole law and to demonstrate saintly living in their homes now.

We are grateful for the guidance and counsel which comes from our General Church officials and for sympathetic understanding of the purpose of organized women's activities by the appointees, district officers, and local priesthood members.

It is a great privilege to have the opportunity of being a part of the Restoration Movement. It is worthy of the best that can be given and no greater satisfaction can be enjoyed than being engaged in so great a cause.

It is our conviction that the church is entering into a more fruitful and profitable era, and it is our prayer that the women of the church may measure up to the responsibilities which have been entrusted to them and, by diligence and assisted by the Spirit of the Master, go forward triumphantly toward their goals.

MRS. S. S. ARNSON, *Chairman*

## Report of the Society for Archaeological Research

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The members of the Society for Archaeological Research continue to study, as time permits, all available materials that may bear upon the possible proofs of the truths in the Book of Mormon. Excavations and research in Mexico, and Central and South America are constantly uncovering evidence of new facts. Of particular value is the recent discovery of an ancient crypt under the "Temple of the Inscriptions" at Palenque, state of Chiapas, Mexico. Covering the tomb in this crypt was found a large slab upon which is carved the figure of a man about to be swallowed by mother earth. He is looking up, gazing upon a beautifully fashioned cross. Doctor Alberto Ruz, the discoverer of the crypt, says: "I interpret the scene as symbolizing the yearning of man for an afterlife. One can't be sure whether the figure depicts mortal man in general or a specific individual for whom the monument was built. He is doomed by fate to be swallowed by the earth, on which he reclines. But in hope of eternal life he gazes fervently at the cross" (*The Saturday Evening Post*, August 29, 1953, page 98). Recently, much interest is also being focused upon the "tree of life" motif found in some of the ruins.

In the inter-Conference period, several expeditions have been made by members of the society and others into Mexican and Central American archaeological zones. Partly under the auspices of the Department of Audio-Visual Materials, Kenneth Raveill, Clair Weldon, Ward Weldon, and Page Burch visited and photographed several of the ruins in the states of Yucatan and Chiapas, Mexico. They took movies which will be shown at General Conference. In the spring of 1953, Paul M. Hanson and Charles R. Hield visited and photographed the jungle ruins at Tikal and Uaxactún in the state of Peten, Guatemala. They also photographed other sites in Guatemala and Mexico. These pictures will also be shown at General Conference. During the summer of 1953 Roy Weldon visited and photographed the ruins at Tullum in Quintana Roo, Mexico. Accompanied by Ward Weldon, Joe Anway, and Ronnie Anderson, they also photographed ruins in British Honduras, Guatemala, and Honduras. Of particular interest were the photographs they obtained from

Giengola, state of Oaxaca, Mexico. These pictures show a series of fortifications and temples on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Their pictures will be shown at the 1954 General Conference. Brother Roy Weldon took some of his pictures in 3-D.

Most of the members of the Society have been giving lectures in our own churches as well as for other groups, such as high schools, universities, Kiwanis, Rotary, Pan-American Clubs, etc. Many duplicates of the slides are now available for purchase from the Herald Publishing House, and the newer ones and the movie are being prepared for sale. Many of the appointees and local priesthood use this material in church and cottage meeting evangelism.

Lectures with slides and movies are to be shown each weekday during the 1954 General Conference at 4:30 in the Stone Church Annex.

The Society for Archaeological Research in order to be of service to those of the church who may be *definitely* planning trips into Mexico and Central and South America to visit the ruins have prepared some mimeographed materials with map. These outlines show the location of most of the ruins, how to get there, what to look for in the ruins, and some suggestions on food, travel, climate, clothes, lodging, etc. These can be obtained from the Society but are only to be asked for if a trip is actually being planned.

CHARLES R. HIELD  
*President of the Society*

## Report of the Church Historian

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

Efforts to expand our collection of local histories are very encouraging. The files indicate that during this inter-Conference period the number of locals reporting has increased 100 per cent. The preservation of these written histories is very important. As the years pass this information becomes increasingly valuable for reference. Files on all local histories are being kept. This cannot be accomplished without the co-operation of all local, district, and stake officials. Therefore it is essential that an active historian be appointed in every branch, district, and stake of the church. Appreciation of this work is increasing on the local level and we are experiencing much co-operation from local historians and administrative officials. All district presi-

dents have been asked by this office to co-operate in compiling these histories by insisting that local historians be appointed in every branch or mission. The result has been gratifying. Every local historian as well as district historian has been supplied with instruction leaflets and general information. These are available upon request.

All local or district historians are invited to come to the Historian's office on the fifth floor of the Auditorium and to check files of their branch, mission, district, or stake.

#### CORRESPONDENCE WITH PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS

We have had much profitable correspondence with publishers of magazines, newspapers, books, and encyclopedias. As a result several of the important encyclopedias have given our church more favorable recognition and have published articles making a clearer distinction between the Reorganized Church and the "Mormon" Church of Utah. Authors have promised that the next edition of their books would correct inaccurate statements now published about the life of Joseph Smith, Jr., and the origin of the apostate tenets of polygamy, temple rites, and other doctrines peculiar to Mormonism. There is, however, much misinformation published by prejudiced and uninformed writers. The Saints have co-operated by sending in clippings so that correct information can be sent to these authors.

#### THE RESEARCH LIBRARY

A number of students doing research work in the field of religious history have received appreciable help through the Research Library. This service could well be expanded in the interests of the student and the church. Information of historic content has been made available to the general officers and the various departments upon request. Many individual Saints and study classes have called upon the department for information on historical questions in relation to the church. Manuscripts of recent books published by the church have been reviewed for historical accuracy.

The library and its facilities have been used to advantage by many of the officials, appointees, and students of the church. More reading room space is needed for this type of service.

Valuable manuscripts, books, and documents are collected, classified, and preserved in the vault attached to the library. Students must come to the library to do their research. This office is always alert to the possibility of securing old documents, papers, and letters written or published during the early period of church history. The collection

of this valuable material is constantly growing. Help in securing this material from the Saints is appreciated.

#### OBSERVABLE TRENDS

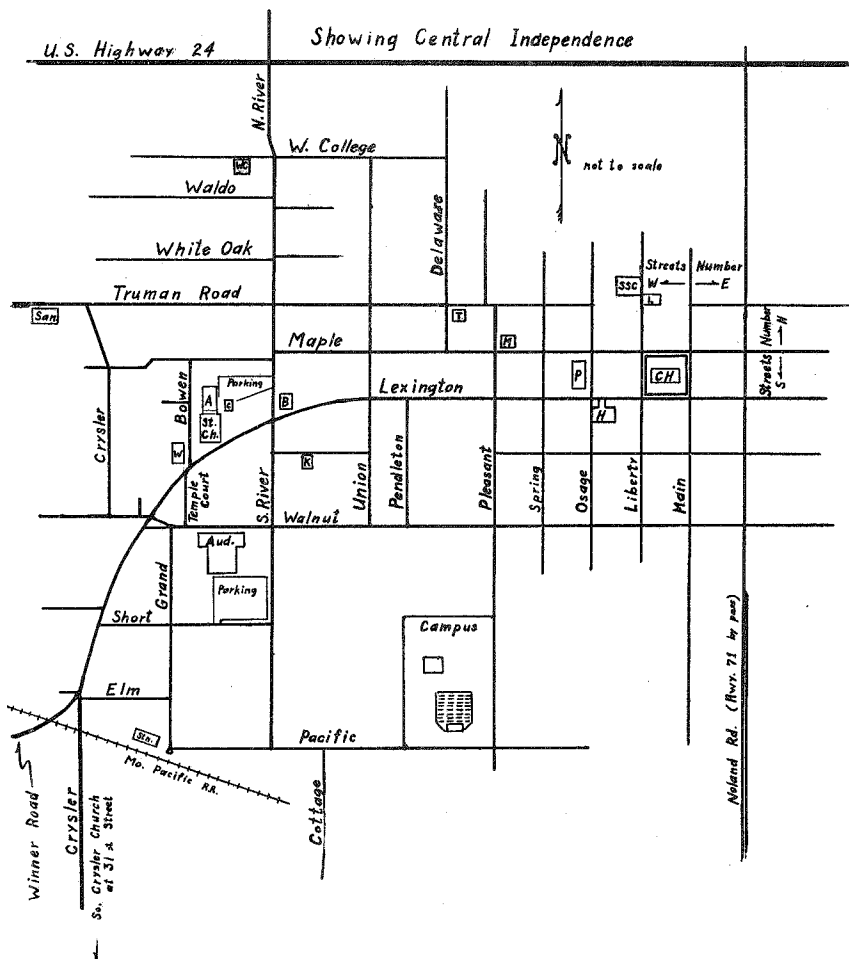
The church is rapidly growing in spiritual culture, refinement of worship, and in excellency of church building. The one-room church is gradually passing. In its place is the functional church with multiple purpose rooms for various functions of the local church. This trend will have important influence upon the future history of the church. From the historian's viewpoint the church is passing through a phase of cultural evolution toward higher standards of spiritual living. The church is on the march in all phases of her ministry.

JOHN BLACKMORE

### Conference Edition of Independence "Examiner"

April 5, 1954, will bring to Independence for the first time a daily newspaper dedicated to our General Conference. Greetings, features, news and interviews with delegates will make this issue of special interest to Conference visitors. Copies will be on sale at the Auditorium in the afternoon.

### Conference Map



#### LEGEND:

- A—Stone Church Annex
- B—Bartholemew Hall
- C—Cottage
- W—Women's Center
- K—Kansas Avenue Chapel
- L—Liberty Street Church
- WC—West College Street Church

- H—Herald House
- M—Memorial Building
- SSC—Social Service Center
- CH—Court House
- P—Post Office
- T—Home of Former President Truman
- SAN—Independence Sanitarium and Hospital

# Credentials Report

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

The Credentials Committee herewith presents the following report. The credentials blanks, as sent to us from the various district, branch, stake, and mission presidents and secretaries, show the following selected as delegates to the General Conference from their respective jurisdictions:

## AUSTRALASIA:

*Northern New South Wales District,*  
*Southern New South Wales District,*  
1,329: Harold Dickinson, Clarence Ferrett, Barry Fuller, Ralph Ferrett, Alma Dickinson, Margaret Ferrett, Elsa Davies, Mrs. George Turner, Tess Grundy, Jo Parkes, Lorna Taylor, Beryl Ferrett, Mrs. Perce Judd.

*Victoria,* 566: Elsa Davies, Charles A. Davies, E. Walters, Mrs. R. E. Davey, C. G. Mesley.

### Branches in Unorganized Territory:

*Adelaide,* 165: Grace Turner  
*Auckland,* 94: Elsa Davies  
*Fremantle,* 34: C. A. Davies  
*Murillumbah,* 54: C. A. Davies  
*North Brisbane,* 59: Mabel Davey

## BRITISH ISLES:

*Midland and Southern District,* 825: Arthur A. Oakman, Eric S. Rowe, W. E. Timms, Trevor Norton, Walter Arrowsmith, Mrs. Walter Arrowsmith, Edward Parker, Mrs. Edward Parker.

*Northern District,* 729: William Black, Nora Black, John Wood, Kitty Wood, William Entwistle, Margaret Entwistle, Nellie Dawbarn.

## DOMINION OF CANADA:

### ALBERTA:

*Alberta District,* 811: F. L. Dickson, William Levitt, Fay Levitt, Robert Jenkins, Lena Scherer, Murray Richards, Ellen Levitt, Mrs. Robert Jenkins.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA:

*British Columbia District,* 775: Margaret Clark, Alfred Beer, Jr., Alvin Mogg, Robert Allish, Norman Allish, Mrs. A. Beer, Jr., Herbert H. Stanbridge.

### ONTARIO:

*Chatham District,* 1,168: W. B. Arrowsmith, Mrs. W. B. Arrowsmith, John W. Banks, Mrs. John W. Banks, William Leverton, Al. M. Pelletier, Jr., Mrs. Al. M. Pelletier, Jr., Luther Walkinghood, C. W. Badder, Nelson Badder, John Badder.

*London District,* 1,307: William A. Alford, Ruby Alford, Archie Hill, Frank Gray, Angus Kennedy, Ethel Leney, Howard Marshall, Glen Renecker, John C. Stuart, Eleanor Stuart, Gerald Wilbur, Carol White, Mrs. Howard Marshall.

*Owen Sound District,* 1,122: Leslie W. Kohlman, Mrs. L. W. Kohlman, A. Leslie Gardner, Alex Cadwell, Mrs. Alex Cadwell, Ruby Taylor, Hudson Grundy, Mrs. Hudson Grundy, Gordon Farrow, Benson Belrose, Sr., Mrs. Benson Belrose, Sr.

*Toronto District,* 2,051: George Towers, Nellie Towers, Hilda Horsley, Harry Horsley, William Archer, Ada Archer, Ila Farr, Gordon Kent, Shirley Kent, Helen Trask, Dean Donoghue, John Booth, Helen Booth, Gladys Pycock, Doris Hillyard, James Wilson, Gwen Ferguson, Martin Ware, Nana McLean, Orville Marshall.

### SASKATCHEWAN:

*Saskatchewan District,* 854: Howard W. Fisher, May Richardson, Peter Harder, Ted R. Bowerman, Dale Williams, W. D. Bowerman, Orville D. Fisher, D. A. Laverty.

### BRANCHES IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY:

*Cameron, Ont.,* 95: Maretta Eyres.  
*Kirkland Lake, Ont.,* Mary Diggle.  
*Little Current, Ont.,* 73: Marvin Diggle.  
*Manitowaning, Ont.,* 18: Elizabeth Beaudin.  
*Monteville, Ont.,*  
*New Liskeard, Ont.,* William McMurray.  
*Ottawa, Ont.,* 79: Mrs. Phyllis Graveley.  
*Providence Bay, Ont.,* 51: Andrew Beaudin.  
*The Slash, Ont.,* Marie Farrow.  
*Winnipeg, Manitoba,* 260: John Walker, Nancy Walker.

### FRENCH OCEANIA:

*French Oceania Mission,* 2,168: F. E. Butterworth, Mrs. F. E. Butterworth, A. J. Breckenridge, Mrs. A. J. Breckenridge, J. C. May, Mrs. J. C. May, John Richard May, Joseph Yager, Mrs. Joseph Yager, Ronald Yager, Mrs. J. H. Rutherford, P. M. Hanson, Mrs. P. M. Hanson, C. G. Mesley, Mrs. C. G. Mesley, Walter Johnson, Pataha Samuela, M. H. Siegfried, Robert Brown, R. J. Farthing, Mrs. R. J. Farthing.

### GERMANY:

*German Mission,* 1,403: F. Henry Edwards, Arthur Oakman, G. L. DeLapp, Otto Smolny, Frieda Smolny, Andrew Gustav Buttgen, Maria Buttgen, Walter Beil, Ursula Beil, Elli Rosenthal, Karl Heinrichs, Henry Schaefer, Selma Soper, August Maluch.

### THE NETHERLANDS:

*Holland Mission,* 387: Arthur A. Oakman, Mrs. C. Kaat, Sr., Anton D. Compier.

### DENMARK:

*Denmark,* Edward Larsen.

### NORWAY:

*Norwegian Mission,* 46: Ragnhild Fossum.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

#### STAKES

*Center Stake of Zion,* 9,961: L. Marie Adkins, J. C. Alexander, Charles Leslie Allen, Mrs. Charles Leslie Allen, Mrs. Leo L. Allen, Elmer L. Armstrong, Pauline Arnson, O. L. Athey, Evelyn N. Barwise, Daniel M. Belcher, John Blackmore, William F. Bolinger, David W. L. Bowerman, Mrs. Ephraim Brown, Verda E. Bryant, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, O. Kenneth Byrn, Harold W. Cackler, N. Ray Carmichael, Hubert Case, Oscar Case, John W. Chapman, Herman A. Chelline, Mrs. H. A. Chelline, Glen B. Closson, W. Iven Clothier, Clifford A. Cole, Byron P. Constance, Paul N. Craig, John R. Darling, Roscoe Davey, A. Neal Deaver, G. L. DeLapp, Mrs. G. L. DeLapp, Donald E. DeTray, Mrs. Donald E. DeTray, Wayne A. Eckard, F. H. Edwards, Mrs. F. H. Edwards, Edna A. Farley, Evan A. Fry, C. F. Grabske, C. V. Graham, Kenneth L. Graham, Merle P. Guthrie, Mrs. Ralph Harder, Elmer R. Hart, Lee O. Hart, Chris B. Hartshorn, Virginia Henson, Reed M. Holmes, William P. Hubble, E. Y. Hunker, Mrs. E. Y. Hunker, Irene F. Hunter, David Hurshman, Walter N. Johnson, William LaGrece, Herbert C. Lively, Henry L. Livingston, Mrs. M. A. McConley, F. M. McDowell, F. Carl Mesle, Mrs. F. C. Mesle, Mrs. C. G. Mesley, E. E. Moorman, Mrs. E. E. Moorman, Sadi A. Nagel, Charles D. Neff, Carroll L. Olson, Montague L. Parker, Russell W. Pearson, C. Arvella Propst, L. J. Richards, J. H. Robinson, B. C. Sarratt, Almer W. Sheehy, Delmar M. Sloan, Elbert A. Smith, Glaude A. Smith, Israel A. Smith, Lynn E. Smith, W. W. Smith, Mrs. Roland R. Speaks, Arthur E. Stoff, Marion G. Talcott, John A. Taylor, Eugene A. Theys, James T. Van Biber, Franklyn S. Weddle, Alma T. Whipple, Joseph H. White, F. Lester Whiting, John W. Thomas, Elmer D. Sloan, Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, August Witte, William Worth, Jr., Myron Zerr.

*Central Missouri,* 2,790: Herbert Barto, Mrs. Herbert Barto, W. C. Becker, Mrs. W. C. Becker, Ammon Beebe, Mrs. Ammon Beebe, Earl Craven, Mrs. Earl Craven, W. C. Ferguson, Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, Florence Hughes, D. R. Hughes, Mrs. D. R. Hughes, Paul Landsberg, Eugene Look, S. E. Mifflin, Mrs. S.

E. Mifflin, P. W. Moore, Mrs. P. W. Moore, H. J. Simons, Mrs. H. J. Simons, J. T. Smith, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Roy Smith, Roy Weldon, Mrs. Roy Weldon, Ward Weldon.

*Detroit International Stake*, 4,101: W. Blair McClain, Gwendolyn McClain, L. Wayne Updike, Mary Updike, F. E. Butterworth, Lilly Raye Butterworth, Eldon V. Osborn, Herbert Voltmann, Paul Crinzi, Rigby Leighton, Ruth Leighton, George McIntosh, Della McIntosh, William Garnier, Yola Garnier, Robert Newman, Carl Nicholson, Carmen Nicholson, Richard Gault, Mildred Gault, Noble Gault, Artie Ecker, Rachel Ecker, Ruth Ward, Roland Curtis, Evelyn Curtis, Donald McIntosh, Gary Sampson, Clyde Bigham, Glada Crinzi, Edmere Shaw, Evelyn Arnold, William Kelly, Thomas Willard, Martha Bailey, David E. Dowker, Athol Packer, Jennie Dowker, Deiores Packer, Olive Hicks, and Maxine Korman.

*Far West Stake*, 3,027: E. E. Jennings, L. E. Landsberg, Donald Bowman, G. F. Hedrick, Robert Gould, Arnold Adams, Charles Haden, Norman Hinderks, Archie B. Constance, John Newhart, F. L. Hinderks, Donald Harvey, Mrs. Donald Bowman, Joseph Albus, Mrs. A. B. Constance, B. W. Berridge, David Coffman, Mrs. Charles Haden, Mrs. Kenneth Piepergerdes, Mrs. Edwin Swails, Robert V. Turner, James F. Bowman, Mrs. Grace Salisbury, Mrs. Joseph Albus, Freeman Hamann, Orman Salisbury, Mrs. John Newhart, Kenneth Nelson, Raymond Jensen, Mrs. Orman Salisbury.

*Kansas City Stake*, 4,112: Mrs. Mary Anderson, J. E. Baldwin, Mrs. Fred B. Baldwin, Gladys I. Bronson, Lester W. Bronson, Ada L. Browne, Roy E. Browne, Margaret K. Burgess, Mabel Crayne, Vernon E. Cornish, Violet L. Cornish, F. O. Davies, Virgil Ray Fisher, Pearl Gamet, Simon P. Gress, Vivian W. Graybill, Charles S. Hawker, Frank E. Hawkins, Orville G. Helm, H. Ross Higdon, Edith H. Higgins, Harmon A. Higgins, Wardell E. Hinderks, Lyman Jones, Violette A. Jones, Harold W. Keairnes, Henry A. Koehler, Josephine Mader, Howard F. Miller, Leo Parish, Ruth Ringer, Mrs. Arthur Rock, Albert A. Scherer, Bernice Six, Rena W. Steele, Vera M. Westwood, Frank R. Westwood, Curtis A. Vernon, Louis B. Wolfe, Estella Moore, Ira Whipple.

*Lamoni Stake*, 2,442: Violetta Maxine Cole, Gerald D. Evans, William E. Shakespeare, Mildred W. Amundson, Raymond W. Stiles, David E. Blair, O. Harry Propst, Melvin D. Boswell, Alma John Heide, Kelton A. Shipley, James

B. Burdick, Charlotte E. Cheville, Roy A. Cheville, Robert S. Farnham, E. J. Gleazer, Jr., Charlotte R. Gould, Virgil J. Billings, Earl T. Higdon, Mabel A. Hyde, Viola M. Lorange, Jerry C. Runkle, Harold Tabor, John P. Land, Berniece Kopp.

*Los Angeles Stake*, 3,534: Richard Andersen, Herbert Blakeman, Mayme Blakeman, Fred A. Cool, Falice Cunningham, Hazel Cunningham, Jack Van Eaton, Lacygne Van Eaton, E. J. Gleazer, Richard Hacker, Alice Johnson, Audentia Kelley, J. S. Kelley, Lillian Kingsbury, W. D. Kingsbury, Albert Knowlton, Opal Lane, Walter Lane, Warren McFarlane, W. J. Moyle, Sr., John Miller, Lester Macrae, Al Nunamaker, Lois Nunamaker, Mae Peterman, Harold Rowlett, Marjorie Rowlett, Ann Scott, Lewis Scott, Marie Sheppard, Virgil Sheppard, G. E. Tickemyer, Hazel Tickemyer, Nellie Woods, Earl Yager.

#### ALABAMA:

*Alabama District*, 835: A. A. Odom, Mrs. Paul Booker, Mrs. E. B. Odom, W. N. Sellers, Mrs. W. N. Sellers, J. W. Odom, M. L. Salter, Mrs. M. L. Salter.

*Mobile District*, 1,545: J. L. Barlow, Sudie Barlow, A. Noll Barnes, Gracie Barnes, Percy E. Farrow, Brewton E. Greene, Elizabeth Greene, Myrtle Jennings, Anna Mae Lavinghouze, Clifford Lavinghouze, Clyde Parrish, Herbert W. Patrick, Helen L. Pray, Jack A. Pray, Corbett M. Scott.

#### ARKANSAS:

*Arkansas-Louisiana District*, 1,823: P. E. Farrow, J. E. Renfroe, R. L. Morrison, T. B. Sharp, Dale Edwards, Paul Booth, Frank Pollard, Ralph Ziegenhorn, Paul Earnhart, Frank Owens, E. C. McDonald, Minnie Owens, Vivian Carr, Curtis Morgan, Robert Cowan, Vera Cook, Charleen McDonald, Jessie Wilson.

#### CALIFORNIA:

*Northern California District*, 3,770: Clinton Saxton, Edwin C. Burdick, Albert V. Burdick, Dorothy Burdick, James A. Damron, Hazel Damron, Elizabeth Schall, Lawrence R. Schall, John A. Moffett, Jr., Margaret Moffett, John A. Moffett, Sr., Ida Moffett, Thomas Beil, Mary Stark, Donald Damron, Eula Damron, Paul Cline, Elbert D. Guilbert, Lena A. Guilbert, Edward E. Workmon, Kenneth L. Epperly, David C. Elliott, Douglass Wright, David C. Holden, Emery S. Parks, James W. Damron, Cora J. Hintz, Zella Cline, Eugene N. Bivens, Victor L. Wilshuson, Helen F. Wilshuson, Leona Condit, James Reynolds, W. A. Reynolds, Lee Zender, Frank Snively, Marlene Powell.

*Southern California District*, 1,953: E. J. Gleazer, J. P. Davis, Mrs. J. P. Davis, Louis J. Ostertag, Mrs. Louis J. Ostertag, Nelson Van Fleet, Mrs. Nelson Van Fleet, Peter S. Whalley, Mrs. Peter S. Whalley, Kenneth Arkley, Mrs. Kenneth Arkley, W. H. Kemple, J. F. Cooper, D. B. Carmichael, Fred West, Roy F. Hewes, Mrs. Roy F. Hewes, Warren Best, Mrs. Warren Best.

#### COLORADO:

*Eastern Colorado District*, 2,748: E. E. Crownover, Mrs. E. E. Crownover, W. A. Hougas, Mrs. W. A. Hougas, Joseph A. Hufferd, Edwin P. Anderson, Donald Peterson, Ruth Goddard, Norman Cable, Irby Mundy, Mrs. Irby Mundy, W. W. Poe, Mrs. Harold N. Schneebeck, Harold N. Schneebeck, E. R. Sivits, Mrs. E. R. Sivits, Elsie Harper, Mrs. Burrell Shupe, Wilbert E. Richards, T. Evan Thomas, Jr., T. Evan Thomas, Sr., K. G. Brolliari, Byron Graybill, Conrad E. Graybill, Mrs. Conrad E. Graybill, Stephen F. Bullard, Mrs. Stephen F. Bullard.

*Western Colorado District*, 339: Arthur G. Rose, Roland H. Oliver, Florence Ford.

#### FLORIDA:

*Pensacola District*, 1,418: Lee R. Oliver, Lucille Oliver, Ben L. Jernigan, Lula Jernigan, Audrey Wall, T. F. Vickery, Mary Vickery, G. W. Hall, Mrs. G. W. Hall, Mrs. A. Rasmussen, Orena Manning, Loyce Grimsley, Ira McDonald, L. G. Tipton.

#### HAWAII:

*Hawaii District*, 932: George Awaya, Evelyn Directo, Robert Kunichika, John C. Ledo, Marie Ledo, Pauline Leialoah, Leila Miyamoto, Carol Suehiro, Jacqueline Whiteford.

#### IDAHO:

*Idaho District*, 883: G. Wayne Smith, Mrs. G. Wayne Smith, Maxine L. Fletcher, Mrs. J. C. Ford, Cecil B. Gilmore, Beatrice Gilmore, Tom Ultican, Erma Ultican.

#### ILLINOIS:

*Central Illinois District*, 1,021: Margarette Daugherty, Arthur Henson, William Banfield, Guy Moses, Harold Walker, Harold Skiles, Ernest E. Thomas, Henry Phillips, Elizabeth Phillips, Tilford Phillips, Carl Gorden.

*Chicago District*, 1,147: Lyle W. Woodstock, Kenneth D. Lusha, L. S. Wight, Raymond Troyer, Hattie K. Bell, Mrs. Lyle W. Woodstock, D. H. Smith, Patsy Jean Wayne, Mrs. L. S. Wight, Mrs. Kenneth D. Lusha, Mrs. Henry Hershey.



*Nauvoo District*, 852: Bernie G. Hunter, Fred Banta, Jan Banta, David J. Williams, Lillie Williams, William H. Gunn, Cloda M. Gunn, Leo M. Hromek.

*Northeastern Illinois District*, 768: Cecil Ettinger, Betty Ettinger, Anne Pettit, William Pike, Sr., Everette E. Parcell, O. T. Hayer, Lloyd L. Hadley.

*Rock Island District*, 2,324: W. J. Breshears, Evelyn Breshears, Philip Wagler, C. M. Beil, Doris Beil, Ambrose King, Grace King, E. J. Lenox, B. A. Lenox, R. W. Martens, E. R. Williams, Nora Williams, L. W. Stiegel, Helen Stiegel, J. C. Stiegel, Winifred Stiegel, C. E. McKee, H. L. Braun, William D. Scott, George C. Shippy, Ruth I. Shippy, F. C. Bevan, Margaret Braun.

*Southeastern Illinois District*, 1,387: D. L. Kyser, Mrs. D. L. Kyser, R. W. Poore, Mrs. R. W. Poore, Russell Ellis, Mrs. Russell Ellis, Lowell Wilson, Mrs. Lowell Wilson, J. V. Whitehead, Mrs. Stella Henson, O. P. Allen, Billy Poore, Mrs. Norman Jackson.

#### INDIANA:

*Northern Indiana District*, 989: Mrs. Jessie Weldon, Clair Weldon, Dale Wismer, Mrs. Katherine Wismer, V. L. Coonfare, Marion Blanchard, Eudora Blanchard, Glenn Cease, Iona Cease.

*Southern Indiana District*, 1,154: Howard Pace, Daisy Glenn, A. W. Gage, Chester Metcalf, Rose Metcalf, Mrs. Leon Pollard, H. W. Burwell, Richard Reid, James Welsh, P. E. Farrow, Clark Glenn.

#### IOWA:

*Des Moines District*, 2,423: Marion Pease, William Haden, Ralph Wicker, Asa Smith, Henry Castings, Paul Winans, Florence Freberg, Vic Lents, Wanda Bingaman, Clyde McDonald, Anna Wicker, Thelma Williams, Jennie Page, Frank Price, Clarence Tyree, Avis Tyree, Guy Fowler, Fay Sawtelle, Katherine Berg, Charles Cackler, Ira Shippy, Twila Rollstin, Stephen Robinson, Gerald Toney.

*Northwest Iowa District*, 2,306: W. R. Adams, Ruby A. Adams, Paul Argotsinger, Nettie Argotsinger, Catherine Baughman, Sylvester Coleman, Chester Davis, Floris Davis, E. L. Edwards, Ben T. Fish, Luella Fish, Lloyd Hurshman, Jean Hurshman, Guy Johnson, Eunice Johnson, Lewis Moore, Fanchon Quick, Jessie Quick, Frank R. Smith, Bernadine Smith, Charles J. Smith, Walter Weldon, Jeanette Weldon.

*Southwestern Iowa District*, 2,287: Blanche Currie, O. A. Currie, Donald E. Benton, Sabria Birkby, Andrew N. Epperson, Leslie W. Hale, Ruth Hale, Eilienne Heuermann, P. H. Heuermann, Ella Klopping, Mrs. Walter Klopping,

Lee E. Landon, Lucille Landon, John Loren, Donna Mae Olsen, Charles F. Putnam, Lela Ranney, V. D. Ruch, Zella M. Ruch, M. A. Smith, Emma Spanswick, Mrs. T. L. Weldon.

#### KANSAS:

*Kansas District*, 1,283: Wallace Brotherton, Wilma Jean Bozarth, Dale Coen, Cody Gose, Hazel Gose, Edna Henry, Marian Manuel, Kenneth Ingram, Clarence Owen, Kenneth Ward, Jack Welch, Ronald E. Manuel.

*Kaw Valley District*, 731: Herbert A. Lynn, Collier Hendricks, Ammon S. Andes, Merle Harmon, Inez Norris, Alma Hobbs, Richard P. Howard.

#### KENTUCKY:

*Kentucky-Tennessee District*, 1,129: J. H. Yager, Mrs. J. H. Yager, R. T. Cochran, George L. Green, Mrs. George L. Green, Ada Farris, J. C. Fitch, Mrs. J. C. Fitch, Danine Farris, J. A. Withee, Glen Coltharp.

#### MAINE:

*Maine District*, 1,255: Chester Gray, Ray Ashenhurst, Eva Ashenhurst, Calvin Crowley, Robert Gray, Mrs. Robert Gray, Virgil Foss, Bernard Holland, Mrs. Bernard Holland, Cecil Billings, Mrs. Cecil Billings, Mrs. Calvin Crowley.

#### MARYLAND:

*Washington Metropolitan District*, John T. Conway, Thomas M. Carr, Dr. Robert A. Carr, William J. Davies, Arthur G. Edwards.

#### MASSACHUSETTS:

*Southern New England District*, 1,160: Jacques V. Pement, William T. Guthrie, Myron C. Fisher, Jr., E. M. Brown, R. M. Hardy, Edgar Woodward, Roy M. Churchill, Mrs. R. M. Churchill, Mrs. E. M. Brown, Mrs. R. M. Hardy, Mrs. M. C. Fisher, Jr.

#### MICHIGAN:

*Central Michigan District*, 1,372: John W. Blackstock, Leona Blackstock, Byron H. Doty, Burt Benjamin, Rena Benjamin, Albert Seymore, Marshall McGuire, Leona May Blackstock, Pearl McGuire, Elroy Hanton, Wanda Hanton, Angus McGuire, Cristy Doty.

*Eastern Michigan District*, 1,196: Lillian Dunlap, Elroy Hanton, Mrs. Elroy Hanton, John W. Blackstock, Mrs. John W. Blackstock, H. E. C. Muir, Mrs. H. E. C. Muir, Audrey Murray, Mrs. Audrey Murray, Albert Dukert, Mrs. Albert Dukert.

*Flint-Port Huron District*, 2,432: Robert M. Russell, Paul Bacon, Jr., Lucile

Bacon, Ruth Bush, Warren Chelline, Bonnibelle Chelline, Ervin Cook, Barent Eliason, Elwood Hester, Gladys Hester, Frank Hester, Ann Hester, Myrtle Holden, Eri Irwin, Kathleen Irwin, William Joplin, Hattie Joplin, Henry Koehler, John Luce, Fred Robbins, David Russell, Robert Russell, Onalee Spencer, W. V. Skinner.

*Northern Michigan District*, 1,432: Bessie Brown, Harry L. Doty, Vera V. Doty, Elmer Parkes, Lucy Parkes, Elaine Parkes, Ted Engle, Thelma Engle, Lena Bitters, Max Kramer, Rolland Johnston, Ted Scott, Leta Babbitt, Beth Johnston.

*South Central Michigan District*, 1,699: Ila Smith, Janice Carpenter, Barbara Martin, Hugh Martin, Ed Burtch, Bud Burtch, Jacqueline Brown, Harold Mogg, Dale Parkinson, Ida Crosby, Ray Persall, Ruth Persall, Artemus Freeze, June Freeze, Elroy Wood, Ella Wiley.

*Southern Michigan District*, 2,216: James Arnold, Mrs. James Arnold, T. A. Beck, Mrs. T. A. Beck, John R. Cox, Mrs. John R. Cox, Alva Dexter, Mrs. Alva Dexter, Mrs. William Farwig, Mrs. J. Charles Mottashed, Mrs. Edward Reel, James C. Phillips, Mrs. James C. Phillips, Lee Pfohl, Edward Reel, Muirl Robinson, Mrs. Muirl Robinson, Donna Rae Robinson, Vern Swager, Mrs. Vern Swager, Mrs. Mattie Willis, George Clark.

*Michigan Upper Peninsula District*, 524: William Bushila, Phineas Walsh, Mrs. Hilma Bauers, Mrs. Jessie Stowe, Mrs. Evelyn Backman.

#### MINNESOTA:

*Minnesota District*, 1,051: Wesley Elvin, Delbert Smith, Robert Fishburn, Hans Olson, Hollis Olson, Mrs. Hans Olson, Harvey Seeley, Paul Staffeld, Mrs. Paul Staffeld, Doyle Sundell.

#### MISSOURI:

*Rich Hill District*, 1,303: Arthur B. Dennis, Doddie D. Williams, Arlie D. Allen, William E. Williams, Ronald E. Anderson, A. Leroy Beckham, Maxine Beckham, Dale Crown, Mildred L. Ingram, Cad C. Martin, Susan J. Smith, Faron A. Stafford, Henry E. Winegar.

*St. Louis District*, 1,719: Alma C. Andrews, Ona Lee Andrews, Clarence Archibald, Mathel Archibald, Zoe Davidson, Mary Dickens, Cedric Evans, Dorothy Evans, Ellen Goetz, Fred Immer, Mrs. Fred Immer, Earl Langford, Frances Langford, Fred J. Mottashed, Celeste Nicholson, J. E. Nicholson, Ellen Noakes.

*Southern Missouri District*, 400: P. P. Reed, W. A. Kuntz, J. A. Phillips, Mrs. Merl Fears.

*Spring River District*, 2,942: Prescott Foo, L. W. Hunt, Bessie Kastl, Eldon

Kastl, Jr., Stephen Black, Lea Black, Athol Cochran, George Doubledee, Frank Kyser, Gail Kyser, Harold Van Sickle, Hazel Rook, Clarence Rook, Alvin Smith, E. R. Coldren, Ruth Gray, Nobie Bath, Melba Morehead, Marjorie Gilbert, Gene Gilbert, Andy Jones, Mary Jones, Francis M. Bishop, Hattie Mae Bishop, Bennie D. Simmons, Lena Parkhurst, Dave Wilson, John Hubbard, Mrs. A. M. Hogan.

#### MONTANA:

*Northern Plains District*, 439: Orrin Wilcox, Lester Anderson, Luther Troyer, Houston Hobart.

*Western Montana District*, 762: Harvey F. Eliason, Helen L. Eliason, Ruby Troyer, Mrs. Lyman Threet, Lyman Threet, Martin Crabtree, Joseph Minthorn.

NEBRASKA: See page 27.

#### NEW YORK:

*New York District*, 589: Ralph Miller, George Landes, Jack Voltmann, Evelyn Voltmann, Jane Johnson.

*New York Metropolitan District*, 447: Bernice Billings, Perce R. Judd, Arthur Starks, Clifford E. Webb.

#### NORTH DAKOTA:

*Red River District*, 485: Charles F. Young, Karl O. Schiebold, Mamie O'Neil, Ferne Nelson.

#### OHIO

*Columbus Ohio District*, 1,074: Leslie Cunningham, Betty Griffin, Dr. Margaret Barker, G. T. Glandon, Lucinda Madden, N. J. Weate, Elizabeth Smith, James Overly, Orval Hooten, Marie Glandon.

*Kirtland District*, 2,021: Loyd Adams, Lula Adams, Charles Brockway, Harry Black, Allene Black, William Crispin, Rubert Conrad, Earl Curry, Glenn Carlisle, Raymond Clough, Rankin Davis, Gerald Davidson, Richard Fenn, Joseph Kochis, Evelyn Kochis, Casimer Nikel, William Rimes, Othel Smith, Jerome Wildermuth, Irma Wildermuth.

*Northwestern Ohio District*, 804: Ethel Deitsch, Lloyd Deitsch, Clarence V. Holmes, Gladys Holmes, Robert Galusha, Cleone Lynn, Lloyd Lynn, Etelka White.

*Southern Ohio District*, 1,883: Calvin French, Lavon French, Floyd T. Rockwell, W. J. Williams, Jr., Russell M. Rockwell, W. E. Rausch, Millard Weese, Edward Ashley, Jacob Halb, Dale Cunningham, H. R. McCray, Julia Williams, Sally Ashley, Carol Rockwell, Loraine Smith, Nancy Ann Hunter, Herbert Smith, William Brown.

*Youngstown District*, 592: Homer McDowell, Emma Ryhal, Mildred Rosacker, Edith Richardson, Ethel M. Garwood.

#### OKLAHOMA:

*Oklahoma City District*, 1,046: R. J. Jones, O. O. Dollins, Sr., Paul L. Norris, George W. Fahrubel, G. Stewart Wight, K. G. Sinclair, O. O. Dollins, Jr., Mrs. K. G. Sinclair, Mrs. O. O. Dollins, Sr., Mrs. R. J. Jones.

*Tulsa District*, 1,709: Gladys Beck, Robert E. Beck, E. Louis Bailey, Ona Lee Bailey, Harley G. Chatburn, Floyd Farley, D. E. Harder, Mrs. D. E. Harder, Floyd Karlstrom, Mrs. Floyd Karlstrom, A. W. Ledsworth, Otis J. Stephens, Mrs. Alice Wallar, Theron Woods, Mrs. Theron Woods, Alfred H. Yale, W. Raymond Yeubanks.

*Western Oklahoma District*: See page 27.

#### OREGON:

*Northwestern Oregon - Southwestern Washington District*, J. L. Verhei, Effie Verhei, James N. Kemp, Harold Carpenter, Leona Carpenter, Ray Rogers, Verle Rogers, Harry L. Howell, Sue Jane Howell, Lillian Livingston, Wayne Lapworth, Lloyd R. Shannon, William A. Swain, Sr., Pearl Swain, Clinton Dobson, Della Dobson, Leonard Hoisington, Elmer Larson, Carolyn Larson.

*Southern Oregon District*, 453: Don D. Landon, John D. Rodley, Rena R. Whittington, Gelda C. Barnhart.

#### PENNSYLVANIA:

*Philadelphia Metropolitan District*, 816: David M. Wiesen, Burdina Bobbitt, Ralph A. Bobbitt, Mrs. A. Haines Troth, Henry Beers, Jr., Adolph Edwards, Jr., A. Haines Troth, Clara Spalding.

*Pittsburgh District*, 754: Don R. Ross, Sr., Ben Cooper, John Tenos, Clarence Winship, A. H. Warner, William Horn, Jessie Winters.

*Scranton District*, 460: Edison Dipple, Sr., Stanley Hayes, Sr., Frank Dipple, William Hyde.

#### TEXAS:

*Central Texas District*, 1,402: Marion R. Bishop, Robert Wayne Banta, Albert J. Banta, Jessie Banta, Fred A. Olson, Roy Vandel, J. Henry Porter, R. V. Sherrell, Hardy Hay, Alfred Feldman, C. W. Fischer, A. V. Arnold, Harvey L. Spiller, Carl C. Aaron.

*Southwest Texas District*, 904: Rouss Eastham, Charles Kornman, Raymond Jackel, Wayne Simmons, Robert Wakeman, J. E. Wilder, Catherine Wilder, John Williamson, Wayne Jackel.

*Western Texas District*: See page 27.

#### UTAH:

*Utah District*, 477: Travis L. Brown, Marianna Jones, Marolyn Ardis Everett, Mary E. Collins.

#### WASHINGTON:

*Seattle District*, 2,041: Aleah Koury, Patricia Koury, L. R. White, Edna E. White, Ruth L. Bogard, Mary Mascher, Gertrude Hathaway, Ruth Selzer, Elliott Gilberts, George Njeim, Eva V. Lundeen, A. W. Lundeen, E. J. Gleazer, Alma Johnson, Byron Inslee, Howard Sheehy, Mildred Sheehy, Monte Lasater, Blanch Boyk, Frances Inslee.

*Spokane District*, 1,226: Leo V. Taylor, Thomas E. Sylvester, Jacqueline Bernice Downing, Arnold Van Den Bosch, J. Frank Curtis, Dallas Elaine Webb, Vern Webb, Leonard E. Johnson, Hugh Chapman, Sandra Hight, Marvin Cox, and Carl E. Hammell.

#### WEST VIRGINIA:

*West Virginia District*, 1,278: Samuel M. Zonker, Mrs. Samuel M. Zonker, Clyde S. Rice, Mrs. Clyde S. Rice, May R. Griffin, John Treiber, Mrs. John Treiber, Laco Wilson, Ralph Fleming, Otto Melcher, Willard Allen, James Menzies.

#### WISCONSIN:

*Wisconsin District*, 1,210: Phillip Davenport, Anna Davenport, Carleen Heaviland, Cleo Kimball, Ormond Kimball, Jack Kimball, Cecil Robbins, Leda Colbert, Fred S. Moore, Eva Moore, Fred Moore, Jr., George Noble.

#### BRANCHES IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY:

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*, 86: Alvie A. Barrett.

*Bevier, Missouri*, 57: John T. Puckett.

*Bisbee, Arizona*, 58: Bob Wakeman.

*Chadron, Nebraska*, 51: Elisa Miller.

*Douglas, Arizona*, 18: T. R. Davies.

*Hannibal, Missouri*, 67: Wayne Peters.

*Huntsville, Missouri*, 50: Mrs. Fred F. Jackson.

*Jefferson City, Missouri*, 63: Ross Mortimer.

*Linn, Missouri*, 91: Mrs. John T. Puckett.

*Macon, Missouri*, 55: Loyd Clark.

*Miami, Florida*, 171: Mrs. N. L. Booker.

*Orlando, Florida*, 72: Jane Breckenridge.

*Phoenix, Arizona*, 383

*Tampa, Florida*, 122: Gretchen Knight.

*Torrington, Wyoming*, 40: Orville Heide.

*Tucson, Arizona*, 164: Frank Reistad.

Central Nebraska District, Northeast Nebraska District, and Southern Nebraska District elected delegates prior to territorial changes which discontinued them as districts, and created new districts in the same area. We recommend that the delegates be seated as having come from the three districts as formerly constituted as follows:

*Central Nebraska District, 305:* Myron F. LaPointe, Lois Evelyn Ries, Thomas Ralph Jones.

*Northeastern Nebraska District, 1,526:* Frank A. Fry, Zeta G. Fry, Audentia M. Anderson, Maxine Link, Stella Merchant, H. A. Merchant, Lee Conger, Albert Livingston, Clifford B. Constance, Fae Gardner, Eugene L. Carey, Donald Vogelsang, Claude Carter, Ora Carter, Minnie Conger.

*Southern Nebraska District, 713:* Francis T. Schrunk, Randall D. Collins, Harry E. Niehaus, Lavern Sivits, David G. Krahl, Donna LaPointe, George Kreglo.

Western Oklahoma District elected delegates before territorial changes which removed much of its territory and created a new Western Texas District from that territory and territory formerly unorganized. The newly constituted Western Texas District has held no conference for election of delegates. We therefore recommend the seating of the delegates according to the composition of the areas at the time of the election, as follows:

*Western Oklahoma District, 850:* Otis Baker, Jr., Raymon Carson, Lena Carson, Douglas Church, Arthur F. Gibbs, Clayton Graef, Edith Graef, Lois Lee.

*Stanton, Texas, 33:* Christene Church.

*Lubbock, Texas, 50:* Mrs. J. T. Davis.

#### THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MERLE P. GUTHRIE

FRED O. DAVIES

## Attention P.B.S. Club Members

There is to be a luncheon for all present and alumnae members of the P.B.S. social club on Saturday, April 10, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Myradene Winship Dempsey, 828 North Union, IN 0387. There will be a charge of fifty cents per person; the address is one block east and eight blocks north of the Stone Church. Transportation can be arranged by calling Mrs. Dempsey as soon as possible, and not later than 10:00 a.m., April 10. Come one and all for your lunch and the renewing of club friendships.

## Report of Graceland College

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The attached report of Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., President of Graceland College, showing the activities since the last General Conference including a condensed balance sheet, was approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College, held at Lamoni, Iowa, on February 27, 1954.

This report thus becomes the report of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College to the First Presidency and General Conference.

VERNE L. DESKIN, *Secretary*  
*Board of Trustees, Graceland College*

Graceland is completing a two-year period in which major decisions have been made in regard to the role of the College as an institution of higher education and an arm of the church.

#### ENROLLMENT CEILING

Notable action taken by the Board of Trustees during the summer of 1952 was the establishment of an enrollment ceiling of 585 students. In view of plant capacity this was the number recommended by the College administration as being the maximum which could be served by the College with reasonable effectiveness and this only for a short time. The large number of applicants wishing to enroll for the 1952-53 college year made the action necessary. Inasmuch as no additions were made to physical plant capacity, the same maximum was maintained for the 1953-54 college year. The Student Selection Committee of the College endeavored to give equitable consideration to all applicants on the basis of criteria approved by the Board of Trustees and published in the *Saints' Herald*.

#### PLANNING

During this biennium the Board of Trustees and faculty have attempted to identify major areas of need in the physical plant of the College. As a result the services of Hare and Hare, planning firm of Kansas City, were contracted for to develop a campus plan which would give order to location of new buildings, establishment of parking areas and roads, and construction of sidewalks. The plan has developed to a point of helpfulness.

A major need of the College was felt by Board of Trustees and faculty alike to be the improvement of instructional

space in the field of science. The firm of Morgan and Gelatt has been employed to provide preliminary drawings for a science building. Another critical area was considered to be the food service department which provides meals for approximately 500 students each meal in space designed to serve less than one half that number. The architectural firm has been authorized to design a food service building which would relieve the present congested situation in the basement of Walker Hall. In the planning of these structures there has been a cooperative approach involving those people who will work in the buildings. Payment for preliminary drawings is being made out of funds contributed last College Day.

#### PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

*Completion of Gunsolley and Patroness Halls* has contributed a great deal to the comfort and attractiveness of these residences. Extensive repairs have been made in Walker Hall including replacement of the elevator, a much-needed project long overdue, and the repiping of the dormitory so as to provide a more adequate supply of hot water. Both an institutional and student laundry are now housed in the east end of Patroness Hall.

*A new athletic field* is being constructed in the southeast corner of the campus. Some 55,000 cubic yards of dirt have been moved. Next steps include tiling of the field for drainage and construction of a quarter-mile track and football field. Funds have been provided by the Alumni Association for the work done to date. Receipts from the current alumni fund campaign will also be directed toward the field's completion.

*Print Shop.* Also through the generosity of the alumni a print shop has been established in the Administration building. Multigraph and other duplicating equipment take care of major printing needs including the catalog, alumni bulletins, class outlines, tests, forms, and letterheads.

*New Road.* With the co-operation of the city of Lamoni, a new road has been built from the business section of Lamoni to the College. The new entrance to the campus eliminates the winding road up the hill which, though scenic and associated with pleasant recollections of many Gracelanders, was difficult to maintain. An additional factor is that all vehicular traffic is now routed along the periphery of the campus and not through the heavily traveled pedestrian areas.

#### PERSONNEL

The most significant developments in an institution may not be immediately

obvious to the casual observer. One of these may prove to be the formulation of a statement of policies for academic personnel at Graceland. For the first time in the history of the institution there have been clearly set out by the faculty and the Board of Trustees those policies having to do with conditions of appointment, sick leave, vacations, salary, tenure, and the many other matters of concern affecting the relationship of faculty personnel and the College.

*Job Descriptions.* As a further step in adding to the effectiveness of the faculty and staff, attention has been given to the formulation of job descriptions for administrative officers. The process has been democratic in nature and helpful in result by more clearly indicating lines of responsibility and areas of administrative function. The growth of the College has necessitated frequent appraisal of administrative structure in order to efficiently and harmoniously provide a beneficial climate for the educational function. Also in the area of nonacademic personnel, policies are being formally stated to include those matters that are involved in the individual's relation to the institution.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

During the two years there have been several changes in personnel. Dr. Harold Condit has replaced Clifford Cole, who was on a leave-of-absence arrangement with the General Church, as Dean of Student Personnel. Dr. G. A. Platz has brought the richness of his teaching experience to the area of academic administration by replacing Roy A. Cheville as Dean of Faculty. Dr. Cheville resigned his administrative post in order to give more time to teaching and to his ministry as an evangelist. After serving for more than twenty years as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Evan Walden left the Graceland staff to accept a similar position at Drake University. The services of Mr. Walden to the College cannot be overestimated. Among his contributions was the supervision of the construction program for the buildings erected on the campus since 1947. Philip Beckmann has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Walden. Other resignations received have been those of William Graves, Doris Marriott, Ethel Durboraw, and Richard Dunlap. Appointed to the faculty have been Harold Neal of Toronto, Canada, as instrumental music instructor; Lila Davis, instructor of women's physical education; Norman Nelson, instructor of agriculture and chemistry; Mary Beth Evans, instructor of education; Harry Dennis, instructor of history and political science;

Myron Beebe, instructor of communication; and David Haseltine, named to a newly created position, Director of Housing. Raymond D. Zinser has returned to the faculty after a leave of absence for military service. Mildred Judkins, R.N., has been appointed Director of Health Service.

*Teacher Exchange with Belgium.* One of the outstanding features of the past two years was the exchange arrangement effectuated between Mariette Delahaut of Namur, Belgium, and Ruth York of the Graceland faculty. Under the terms of the Fulbright Act and upon the approval of the Board of Foreign Scholarships, Miss Delahaut is spending the 1953-54 college year at Graceland teaching French and geography while Miss York is teaching at Tournai, Belgium. Miss York's teaching schedule is such as to provide her with ample opportunity for taking full advantage of the rich cultural resources of the European continent. Miss Delahaut's work has been of the finest quality and as a person she has contributed to a growing appreciation of peoples abroad by faculty and students alike.

*Graduate Work.* Also granted a year's leave of absence was Deam Ferris who made a distinguished record in research at the University of Wisconsin in completing requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Zoology.

Of the total number of college faculty there are seven persons with the Doctor's degree, twenty-three with the Master's degree and four with the Bachelor's degree.

#### FINANCE

Very few church-related or independent colleges these days are without financial problems. Graceland is no exception; however, it can be reported that during the Conference period the perennial problem of cash in the current fund was considerably improved. And of most importance is the fact that with the participation and understanding of the faculty, procedures have been developed to provide for budget formulation and control as well as adequate reporting measures for administration of the cash account. The budget is conceived of as the educational program expressed in "dollars and cents." The present financial policies of the College ought to result in a gradual strengthening of the financial foundation of the institution.

It has been necessary to increase tuition by a small amount in order to provide additional income. It is the hope of the College administration that further needs of the College program may be met out of additional nonstudent sources of income so that the possibility of attending Graceland is not put beyond the financial

reach of qualified young people of the church.

Of great importance from the standpoint of finance was the understanding reached by the College administration and county tax officers in connection with the tax-exempt status of the College. The question as to what properties of the College were tax exempt has been a subject of discussion for more than ten years. As a result of several conferences the tax status of the institution was established to the satisfaction of county officers and College representatives.

#### COLLEGE FARM

The College owns two farms as a part of its endowment property. Walker farm which lies immediately east of the College campus has provided land for Gunsolley Hall and the new athletic field. It was decided by the Board of Trustees in 1953 to make Banta farm the center of farming operations and to sell the Jersey herd with the intention of developing a herd of Holstein cattle for production of whole milk. Necessary improvements have been made on Banta farm including construction and repair of buildings, digging of a pond, new fencing, and purchase of a herd. A program of management has been adopted with the intention of making the farm a contributor to endowment income after the present costs have been amortized.

#### WORLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The geographic area from which Graceland draws her students continues to expand. During the past two years the number of students from various countries outside the continental boundaries of the United States have been as follows:

Australia—4
Japan—1
Korea—1
England—1
Hawaiian Islands—17
Canada—24
Guatemala—2
Mexico—1
British West Indies—1
Norway—3
Tahiti—2
Holland—1

In recognition of the value to the College of having students from abroad the Graceland College World Fellowship fund was established in 1949 to provide financial assistance to deserving applicants who were handicapped in their desire to attend Graceland because of currency restrictions or lack of opportunity to save or earn the necessary funds. Since 1949 a total of 17 students have been aided. Some persons who have benefited by the fund and have chosen to remain in this country have repaid the amount advanced

them in order that other applicants could be aided. There will continue to be expanding calls from youth abroad and additional funds needed. Gifts to date, with a total of \$7,152.00 contributed, have come from alumni, friends of the college, women's groups, Zion's League groups, and some congregations.

#### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Analysis of student applications presents convincing evidence that the majority of students at Graceland have come because it is the college of their church. The expansion in size of the student body and in the scope of the religious life program presents serious problems from the standpoint of personnel and space. Since 1947 Sunday morning services, as well as the traditional Wednesday evening "Fellowship" services, have been held on the campus. One reason for this arrangement has been lack of space large enough to house both the Lamoni congregation and the college congregation. The Graceland congregation this year has numbered slightly more than 600 students and faculty. Attendance has averaged close to 500 at the Sunday morning services. There are more than 100 members of the priesthood in the student body. A rich program of religious activities has been administered by a Director of Religious Life nominated by the College president and appointed by the First Presidency. Relationships administratively with Lamoni congregation and stake officers have been co-operative. The student congregation is this year made up of sixteen pastoral groups under student leadership with faculty associates.

*Sino-Japanese and German Institutes.* During the past two years the College has conducted two week-end youth institutes on phases of the General Church program for missions abroad. In 1953 delegates from stakes, districts, and large branches in the territory adjacent to the College were invited to the Sino-Japanese Institute. In 1954, the theme of the Institute was "Building a Twenty-five Year Program for Our German Mission." Both programs had the support and participation of General Church officers. An example of the outreach from Graceland to missions abroad is the word received recently that Kisuke Sekine who was graduated from Graceland in 1953 to return to his home in Japan has completed translation of *The Story of the Church* in the Japanese language.

*Ministry of Patriarch and Bishop.* On the College staff are a bishop and patriarch. The bishop functions as counselor in financial affairs of students, especially in matters of financial statements. The patriarch is a counselor at large. Each year many students receive their patri-

archal blessings. Those wanting this ministry register with the patriarch and are later invited as the time seems wise. These two years of college involve the shaping of many life plans making this an expedient time for patriarchal ministry. Student stenographers receive applied training related to church work through their reporting of the blessings.

*Need for Full-time College Pastor.* At the present time and for the past several years a staff member of the College has been responsible for the religious life program and has taken the load in addition to his full-time commitments as a faculty member. The load is too great and the opportunities too rich for indefinite continuance of this policy. The demands of such a group are certainly as exacting as those of the average congregation of six hundred. The potential for growth under wise and stimulating ministry is tremendous. A full-time college pastor is badly needed if Graceland is to take advantage of the opportunities for the development of leadership for the church, as well as those of spiritual ministry to the students. Such a pastor could expect valuable assistance from Dr. Roy A. Cheville. If a pastor or chaplain can be appointed it would be advisable for him to teach some courses in religion and therefore essential that he complete requirements for the professional degree in this field which is the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

#### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A COLLEGE?

Just as the public's conception of what it wants in an automobile has changed over the last two decades so has the public's view of what a college ought to offer. A Marietta Hall type building which once served as a dormitory is no longer considered suitable by the clientele of the College. Although muddy paths were once accepted as inevitable, students and parents now expect concrete sidewalks. Although there have been many improvements in the Graceland picture over the last few years the greater expectations which people have of a college program have contributed to what might appropriately be called a "progress deficit."

*Progress Deficit.* From the year of 1929, when the Model A Ford was first introduced, until 1947 no additions were made to the physical plant of the College and normal maintenance was severely curtailed. The College passed through the period of almost twenty years of debt and depression which was suffered by the General Church. These two factors, the depression and debt period, plus the rapidly developing responsibilities placed upon institutions of higher education, have resulted in a lag in the progress of the College. The College has found it necessary to add work in remedial read-

ing and writing, to expand the counseling program, provide a print shop, a laundry, an infirmary, audio-visual services, a public relations office; all these and many more are attempts to meet the expectations people place upon a college. If Graceland is to "catch up" there are further urgent needs to be met.

#### A PROGRAM TO "CATCH UP"

A minimum program of plant improvement in order to provide adequately for a student body of 585 includes construction of a science building which will make possible remodeling of present space to house the music department. A science building will also free the basement of the gymnasium for much-needed physical education space.

More than one hundred and fifty students are housed in college buildings located in downtown Lamoni. At the present fifty-eight men are housed in the remodeled bakery building, Baker Hall. This arrangement should be considered as expedient under the circumstances but not as permanent. Forty-eight girls have been placed in Herald Hall, the former church publishing plant. Thirteen girls live in West Hall, a frame residence about one mile from the campus. Eight girls have been accommodated in a private home near West Hall. The provision of additional dormitory space for approximately 160 students would make it possible to consolidate all student housing on the campus. This appears to be a highly desirable objective.

#### THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The first business of a college is education. The heart of the educational program is in the academic experiences of teachers and students. In studying physical plant needs the college personnel have not become preoccupied to the exclusion of evaluation of the academic life of the institution. An administrative committee has recently instituted a two-year study of college offerings. All of the faculty will share in an intensive appraisal of the college program. A complete report will be forthcoming by March, 1956.

#### WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

As was indicated early in this report an increasing number of students applying to enter Graceland each year has made it necessary to establish an enrollment ceiling of 585. The plant additions and improvements discussed to this point are needed in order to meet with fair adequacy the requirements of the number of students now being enrolled. Further factors to be considered by those responsible for meeting future needs of the College are these:

1. Enrollment at Graceland has grown

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

Graceland College

June 30, 1953

CURRENT FUND

General Section:

Assets:

Cash .....	\$ 58,621.49
Receivables—Net .....	11,433.69
Inventories .....	56,918.69
Stocks and Bonds.....	444.56
Utilities and Other Deposits.....	100.00
Deferred Charges.....	3,164.91
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 130,683.34</u>

Liabilities:

Payables and Overdraft.....	\$ 2,766.44
Due to Student Loan Fund.....	15,158.33
Student Credit Balances and Deposits.....	16,121.74
Due to Operating Reserve Fund.....	26,900.00
Equity .....	69,736.83
Total .....	<u>\$ 130,683.34</u>

Special Section:

Assets:

Cash .....	\$ 17,002.13
U. S. Government Securities.....	—
Due from Other Funds and Presiding Bishopric.....	31,570.82
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 48,572.95</u>

Liabilities and Funds:

Operating Reserve Fund.....	\$ 27,295.01
Men's Dormitory Furnishing Fund.....	372.19
Construction Fund.....	338.54
Other Funds.....	20,567.21
Total .....	<u>\$ 48,572.95</u>

PLANT FUND

Assets:

Land and Buildings—Dormitories and Educational.....	\$ 412,530.31
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.....	242,394.25
Machinery and Equipment—Farm.....	13,413.16
Totals Assets.....	<u>\$ 668,337.72</u>

Liabilities and Funds:

Payable to the Presiding Bishopric.....	\$ 10,878.14
Equity—Expended Plant Funds.....	657,459.58
Total .....	<u>\$ 668,337.72</u>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Assets:

Cash .....	\$ 33.33
Coliseum Trust Company.....	25,378.46
Bonds Receivable.....	233,300.00
Accounts Receivable.....	280.10
Farm Land and Dormitories.....	676,374.27
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 935,366.16</u>

EQUITY:

Total Endowment Equity.....	<u>\$ 935,366.16</u>
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SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUNDS

Assets:

Cash .....	\$ 13,178.70
Receivables—Net .....	26,807.21
U. S. Government Bonds.....	83,166.00
Due from Current Fund.....	15,158.33
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 138,310.24</u>

consistently over the past twenty years. If abnormal periods caused by World War II and postwar "bulge" are leveled out, there is an increase of about twenty students each year.

2. In fifteen years the number of Graceland students per 1,000 church members has increased 2½ times.

3. It is predicted by reliable agencies that there will be a steady increase nationally in the number of high school graduates entering college each year and that in fifteen years twice as many young people will be entering college as is now the case.

In the publication *College Age Population Trends 1940-1970* prepared by the Committee of Special Projects for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, published in 1953, it is stated that

"One fact remains. Barring some unprecedented national catastrophe, there will be in 1970 approximately twice the number of young people of college age in the United States that there was ten years ago. Each college or university through its faculty, its administration, its board of control, and its supporting clientele will determine the extent to which it is willing and able to assume a fair share of the responsibility of providing education for these young people."

The problem at Graceland has shown evidences of being greater than that developing nationally. Not only are there more high school graduates, and more high school graduates attending college, but evidence supports the statement that more high school graduates of the church who plan toward college are planning toward Graceland.

PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

It is clear that to "catch up" alone is not enough. Graceland must also "keep up." A development plan for both physical expansion and for academic program is essential. To house students beyond the number now accommodated means additional dormitories. Consideration is being given to construction of these buildings in units as a part of a larger structure. For example, the building of a unit which will house sixty or seventy students and be a part of a total structure including three of four such units. Such an arrangement would permit more frequent building as needs arise and would economize in the long run on both administrative and maintenance costs.

Graceland College will need a chapel to provide a suitable setting for the religious life program offered. Expanding enrollments will necessitate more library space, an additional physical education building, permanent fine arts building, a



**Liabilities and Funds:**

Deferred Loan Fees, etc.....	\$	407.50
Earnings Account.....		16,303.96
Fund Equity.....		116,800.46
Due to Other Funds.....		4,798.32
Total .....	\$	<u>138,310.24</u>

**AGENCY FUND**

**Assets:**

Cash .....	\$	16,264.68
U. S. Government Bonds.....		46,922.00
Due from Other Funds.....		127.50
Deficit .....		1,271.30
Total Assets.....	\$	<u>64,585.48</u>

**Liabilities:**

Students Deposits and Accrued Interest.....	\$	<u>64,585.48</u>
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**SUMMARY—ALL FUNDS**

Total Assets.....	\$	<u>1,985,855.89</u>
Total Liabilities.....	\$	<u>206,492.86</u>
Total Equity.....		1,779,363.03
Total .....	\$	<u>1,985,855.89</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, as of June 30, 1953, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the College and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the College and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent I deemed appropriate. A detailed report of examination has been made to the First Presidency.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheets present fairly the position of Graceland College at June 30, 1953.

LLOYD L. BLAND,  
*Certified Public Accountant*

Independence, Missouri  
 February 15, 1954

large student union, and other facilities to meet future needs brought about by a growing church which encourages higher education.

The College faculty and Board of Trustees are giving consideration to these developing enrollment trends and their implications for the College program. They are impressed with the necessity for determining the continuing role of the College as an educational institution of the church in order that effective planning may be possible.

**THE STRENGTH OF THE COLLEGE**

Through its continuing function as an institution of the church and with the growing support of its alumni and other friends Graceland College will do all within its power to match the requirements of its mission. The College has need for capital to achieve this objective. However, the events of this biennium have demonstrated beyond question that the enduring value of Graceland is in

nonmaterial assets—

a faculty and board devoted to the great idea of a college set upon a hill which can teach the way of truth and light

students and alumni who achieve life-long fellowship and motivation to service through the "Graceland Spirit"

the support of the church that fosters her as together we move out to the social and spiritual frontiers of our day

It is in this spirit of assurance and outreach that we shall continue our work into the sixth decade of the Graceland story.

EDMUND J. GLEAZER, JR., *President*  
 Graceland College  
 February 27, 1954

VERNE L. DESKIN, *Secretary*  
 Board of Trustees  
 Graceland College

**General Conference: Which One Is This?**

**T**AKE YOUR CHOICE. Pick a figure out of the air, and you may have the right number.

According to the church historian, this is the one hundred and nineteenth General Conference; but a past *Herald* writer (1948) insists this is the one hundred and twentieth. And if you take the figures which appear in the Conference minutes in *Daily Herald*s from 1915 to 1938 and add the number of Conferences since those dates, you will discover this is the eighty-seventh. Of course, if you really want to get confused, add the unnumbered General Conferences prior to the Reorganization, and you can end up with a figure anywhere between 116 and 170. And you may start counting the Conferences of the Reorganization from the year 1852 or 1860—depending upon your particular opinion concerning which of these dates is the legally and technically correct one.

This may sound confusing, but actually it isn't (not much). This is really what happened. Prior to 1852 there are no records that are accurate enough to definitely determine the total number of General Conferences held. There is indication that they were supposed to be held twice yearly starting with the year 1830 and until the death of Joseph Smith in 1844. But frequently other Conferences are recorded as taking place. How many of these can be considered "General" is not known. The Utah Church has taken the position that General Conferences were held once annually during these early years, but this apparently cannot be correct, for we find historical evidence of two "General Conferences" being held in the same year.

**R**ECORDS since 1852 are fairly accurate. Beginning with that year Conferences conducting General Church business were held semiannually. This practice continued without interruption through the year 1882. In 1883, in harmony with a Conference resolution adopted earlier, the General Conference became a yearly event. (It was at this same time that our first reunions were officially made a part of the church program. They took the place of the fall conference and were not concerned with official business of the General Church.) The annual Conference continued through the year 1920 with only one interruption—the year 1899 was skipped. Since 1920 the general trend has been to maintain biennial Conferences, although this practice was interrupted three times in the 1920's and once in the 1940's.

Conference secretaries up to the year 1938 apparently considered that the April Conferences during the years 1852 to 1882 were the only official Conferences to be considered when they numbered their "minutes." So they dropped all mention of the fall conferences and arrived at a figure thirty-odd less than our historian. And the *Herald* writer of 1948 apparently didn't know that 1899 was missed.

So it looks as if we'll have to give the historian credit for doing the most accurate job of keeping track! Of course there's always a catch to things; just when you think you've found the one and only answer, something else comes up. The historian whispered to me after I got all of this information assembled: "I'm not exactly sure this is correct. You see, there were some extra meetings at which General Church business was conducted, and we can't decide if we should call them General Conferences or not." Oh, no! After all this work! Will I ever find out which General Conference this is? I think I'll add all these figures together and divide by ten and call that my answer!

P. A. W.

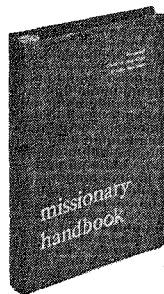
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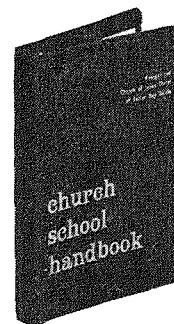
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## Patriarch E. A. Smith Presides at Memorial Service

**H**OW DO YOU STAND with reference to the cause for which I have given my life?" The answer we give to this question is the homage we pay to

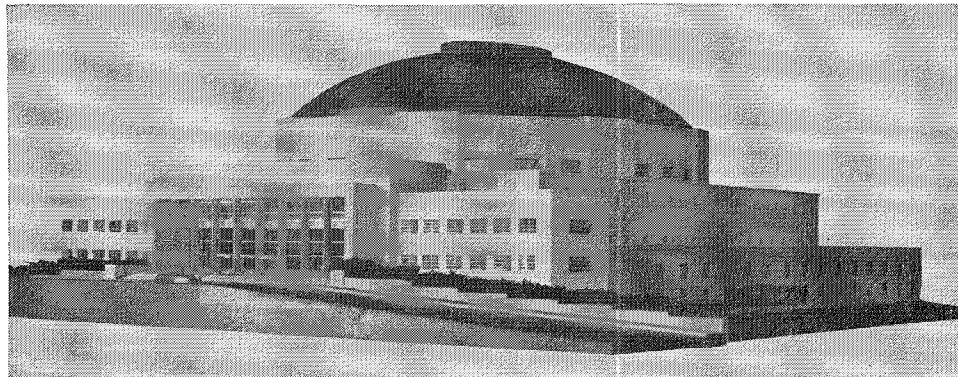
the dead stalwarts of the church. This may well be the question of the men who were honored in the Memorial Service at 1:45 p.m. in Stone Church, Sunday, April 4. Evangelist Lynn Smith presided over the service and offered the invocation. He introduced Apostle Paul M. Hanson, who read the names of members of the Melchisedec priesthood who died during the biennium since last Conference as reported to the Department of Statistics. There were 64 listed in 1952 and 73 in 1953. The names will appear in a later issue.

F. M. McDowell brought the message of encouragement and comfort in honor of the dead. "Their record is in the hand of God," he said.

"Weeping over our personal sorrow would be folly. They would want the homage of our devotion to the cause they espoused. I have heard some say, 'I'm sorry that I have only one life to give.' They say to us today, 'God bless you. Go on in this cause that was so dear to me.'"

A male quartet consisting of Roy Stearns, William Leonard, Fred Weddle, and Dave Smith sang, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "There is a Land Immortal." A bugle played taps and Seventy George Njeim read the twenty-third Psalm. Irene Wolf was at the organ. Evangelist Elbert A. Smith in the benediction reminded the listeners that the best honor that could be paid these men has not yet been rendered, for the inheritance which they have left calls for a greater effort on the part of those living.

SADI NAGLE



Model of Auditorium as it will appear when finished.

## President I. A. Smith Speaks at Afternoon Service

**A** CAPACITY crowd gathered in the Auditorium at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, April 4 to hear President Israel A. Smith, The combined Children's choir from

## Over 12,000 Persons Served Communion

**C**APACITY CROUDS attended both the 7:45 and 10:00 o'clock Communion services at the Auditorium Sunday morning, while an estimated two thousand stood in the foyer, halls, and ramps unable to get seats. Following a period of congregational singing led by Dr. Roy Cheville, the Messiah Choir, under the direction of Franklyn Weddle sang Handel's "Hallelujah." President Israel A. Smith gave the call to worship, and President W. Wallace Smith the invocation. Preceding the offertory, Bishop G. L. DeLapp explained the sacrament of the oblation.

An appointee oral choir, led by Elder Stephen Black, presented selected verses from the first chapter of James. In his Communion address, Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith stressed the need for taking the Spirit of God into all meetings, the classrooms, and the homes.

In his pastoral address, Apostle Paul M. Hanson emphasized the importance of sharing the gospel so that each generation will become stronger in the faith.

After the benedictory hymn, President F. Henry Edwards gave the closing prayer.

In addition to the 5,795 communicants in the first service and 5,867 at the second, 678 choir and priesthood members were at both services, an estimated five hundred were served in the halls, and seventy-five Laurel Club workers were served in the kitchen and dining room.

N. R.

Center Stake and Kansas City Stake sang under the direction of Aleta Runkle before the sermon. Colin Ferret of Los Angeles, California lead the congregational singing.

Taking as his subject, "Remainders and Remnants," President Smith preached on world conditions as they relate to our church. "One of the outstanding things is the change going on around us. In view of the spirituality achieved by the ancient prophets in their nomadic life of tent dwelling, we wonder if our present living is too high priced."

Quoting from such contemporaries as Churchill, Toynbee, and Eisenhower the speaker observed that men of wisdom and learning have been prompt in bringing us warnings of what we might expect. We take no satisfaction in reviewing these things, but we cannot see terrible destruction in the world today and say, "All is well." We can look about us and observe world conditions just as Joseph Smith predicted.

O inhabitants of the earth, I the Lord am willing to make these things known unto all flesh, for I am no respecter of persons, and willet that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh, the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand, when peace shall be taken from the earth.—D. and C. 1: 6.

The concluding remarks challenged us in solving the problems of saving civilization. We must be diligent in taking the gospel to a world that seeks the way out.

The full text of the address will appear in a later issue of the *Daily Herald*.

LILLIE JENNINGS

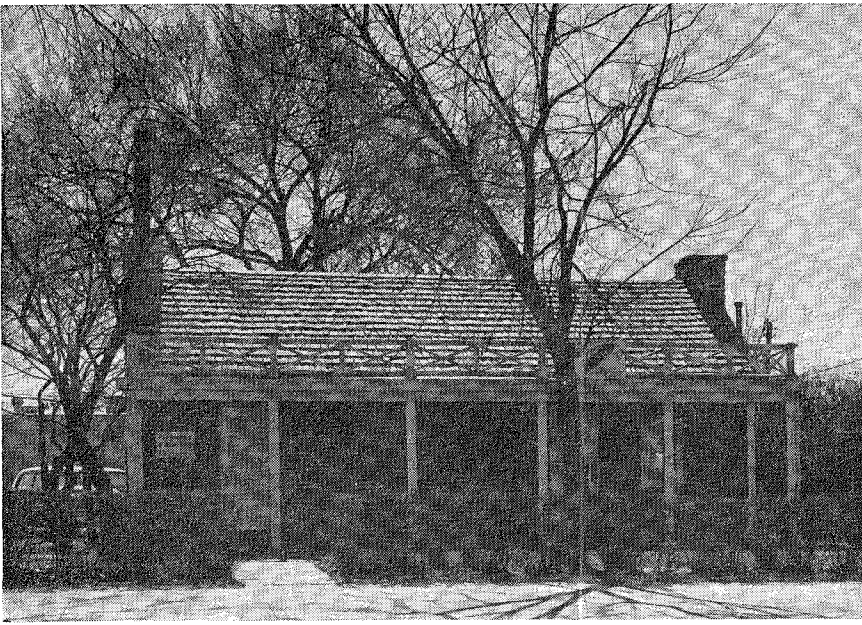


Photo by Val Wilson

First Jackson County Courthouse, erected 1827. Located on Kansas, between Liberty and Main Streets

## WELCOME TO JACKSON COUNTY

**S**AINTS COMING to Conference in 1954 will see a much different Jackson County than Joseph Smith saw when in 1833 he gave the revelation concerning "the land which I have appointed to be the land of Zion." Jackson County and "the land of Zion" have been almost synonymous to Saints since then without definite boundaries for either one. What was Jackson County in those early years of church history?

St. Louis County, now a small county in eastern Missouri, at one time extended west to the Osage Indian holdings and contained about twenty-five counties as presently organized. This boundary between the Osage Indians and St. Louis County in 1813 began at a point on the Missouri River near the mouth of the Little Blue and ran directly south.

Like the little dog's tail which was cut off a piece at a time, other counties were severed from St. Louis County in successive steps. First, a western slice of St. Louis County (and a portion of St. Charles County) was organized into Howard County; later Cooper was carved out

of Howard County, and in turn Lillard (later named Lafayette) was formed from a portion of Cooper.

What is now Jackson, Cass, and Bates Counties was cut from Lafayette (and from the Osage Indian territory which had ceased to exist) in 1826 and named Jackson. When the revelation of 1833 was given, Jackson County still retained its 1826 boundaries. It was reduced to its present size in 1841: Cass was partitioned off in 1835, and Bates in 1841.

The Order of Enoch, recognized by the Conference of 1870 and organized to purchase land for the gathering of the Saints, asked those returning to buy land between Decatur County, Iowa, and Jackson County, Missouri. But it was also interested in Jackson, for it purchased eighty acres of land in an area on the south edge of Independence. Eight R.L.D.S. families located there, and allowed a site for a church. The original building erected in 1914 still remains on this site with extensive additions in recent years. It is the familiar "Enoch Hill" church which has retained its orig-

inal name, derived from the Order of Enoch.

The first settlers in Jackson County located at Sibley, then called Fort Osage. Independence was the second spot to be settled. In 1827, Independence was founded as county seat, and in 1834 the census enumeration showed a population of only 250 inhabitants. Homes in that day were usually located in the timber and on streams, for the early settlers felt the prairie sod was too hard to conquer. The first corn planted was dropped in holes chopped in the sod with an ax, and a good crop was raised.

Today native prairie sod is nonexistent, and the abundance of crops raised gives proof to the wisdom of choice of the land of Zion.

AUDREY STUBBART

## Visit Historic Places

**T**HE HISTORIAN'S DEPARTMENT asked Brother Mark H. Siegfried to outline the locations and places of historic interest which visitors and delegates to the General Conference would like to see in Independence and its environs, and in Nauvoo. The following is his report, and he says that he will be pleased to give additional information in personal interviews.

### IN INDEPENDENCE

1. *Log church* (now gone), about halfway between River Boulevard and Union Street on the south side of Lexington Street.

2. *Home of Bishop Edward Partridge*, on the southwest corner of Union and Lexington Streets.

3. *The Temple Lot*, dedicated August 3, 1831. This tract of land where the Temple Lot was located was purchased in December, 1831, and consisted of sixty-three acres. Bounded on the north by Lexington Street, on the east by what is now Union Street, through pasture south to Pacific Street, west to where Pacific Street joins Lexington Street, which was then Westport Road. A blueprint of this tract may be seen in the guide booth or in the historian's office.

4. *Office of the Evening and the Morning Star*, about where the A and P parking lot is on west side of Liberty Street, just south of the Chrisman-Sawyer Bank, between Lexington and Kansas Streets.

5. *The Store of Gilbert and Whitney*, known as the Storehouse (owned solely by these two men) had two locations. One where Denton Drug Store is located, corner of west side of Liberty and north side of Lexington; the other at corner of

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Lynn and Lexington Streets on south side of Lexington.

6. *The Old Blacksmith Shop* where wagons, horses, and oxen were outfitted for trips over the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails, on southwest corner of Liberty and Kansas Streets.

7. *The First Courthouse in Jackson County*, now located just west of the City Hall on Kansas Street. Original price for construction was \$150.00.

8. *The First Store* established in Independence, located on the southwest corner of Truman Road and Dodgion Street. Opened by a man named Auld who brought stock from Lexington, Missouri.

9. *The First Church of the Reorganization* in Independence, on the northeast corner of Lexington and Pearl Streets. Brick construction. Nothing remains of it.

10. *William E. McLellan*, one of the first apostles of the early church, is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Grave has not been located.

#### ROUTE OF EXPULSION

11. *The route taken by the Saints* when they were expelled from Jackson County and Independence was north on River Boulevard to the first road turning off after crossing what is now Kentucky Road, from there on down the hill to the Wayne City Landing.

The Saints crossed the river the best way possible; staying wherever they could find places on the river bank and in Clay County.

They remained in Clay, Ray, and adjoining counties until 1836 when Caldwell County was set aside by the legislature as a place for the Saints to gather.

#### LIBERTY, MISSOURI

12. *Site of Liberty Jail* in Liberty, Missouri, one and one-half blocks north of the northwest corner of the square in Liberty, on the west side of the street. Here Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, Sidney Rigdon, Lyman Wight, and three others were jailed November, 1838, and kept for several months.

#### RICHMOND

13. *Monument to General Doniphan in Richmond*. In Richmond are three monuments, one to General Doniphan, one to David Whitmer, and one to Oliver Cowdery, the last two being two of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon. The Doniphan monument is on the square in Richmond, the Whitmer monument is in the cemetery west of Richmond, and the Cowdery monument is in the cemetery north of town on Highway 13. (To reach Richmond, go to Liberty and take Missouri Highway 10 to Richmond.)

#### FAR WEST

14. *Far West* became the county seat and a temple site was chosen there. It is about fifty miles from Independence (go to Liberty, Missouri, then take Highway 69 out of Liberty, north to Cameron, Missouri, and on to Highway 36 junction, just out of Cameron, east on Highway 36 four miles, and inquire at filling station on the main traveled gravel road which runs by the right side of station).

#### NAUVOO

15. *Nauvoo, Illinois*, is 265 miles from Independence. (Go on Highway 24 from Independence to Quincy, Illinois. From there take Highway 96 in Illinois to Nauvoo. Here the Saints began to gather in 1839 after having been expelled from Caldwell County and the state of Missouri by Governor Boggs.

#### Supplemental Report of Credentials Committee

*Phoenix, Arizona*, 383, Keizo Tsuji, Keith S. Rogers, Helen Rogers.

These names were received subsequent to the printing of the delegate list.

We recommend these people be seated with the Conference delegates.

*Credentials Committee.*

MERLE GUTHRIE FRED O. DAVIES

#### Book Review

*Joseph Smith III*, a recent Herald House book, will be reviewed at the Stone Church, Tuesday, April 6, at 4:15 p.m. by his daughter, Mrs. Audentia Smith Anderson.

Because of the limited seating capacity, this will be for adults only. An offering will be received by the Mothers Club, sponsors of the review, for the benefit of the nursery at the Sanitarium.

#### Protect Your Valuables

At the bottom of page 11 of your Conference Program is a warning each delegate and visitor to the General Conference should take seriously. It reads "Beware of Pickpockets." It is unwise to say, "It can't happen to me." There are plenty of crooks who follow conventions and are quite successful wherever crowds gather.

Some losses and disappointments have occurred at all of our recent Conferences. You can count on good co-operation from the Independence police, but they can't be everywhere. Lock your car if it contains valuables. Keep your purse where you can easily detect any attempt to lift it. If you discover that you have lost a pocketbook or any other valuable, call first at the "lost and found" booth in the foyer. If it is not there, then notify the police at once. C.B.H.

## Presidency's Report

AS WE JOIN in this Conference of 1954 we are happy that all the members of the Presidency, the Presiding Evangelist, the Council of Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, and the Presidents of the High Priests quorum and of the Seventies are with us in their several places, with the single exception of Apostle Draper, who is at his post of duty in the Australasian Mission. We welcome all of you and your associates in the various quorums and orders of the priesthood, as we do every elder and delegate and visitor here present. Having done what we could by way of preparation, assisted by so many of you in so many ways, we now ask the blessing of Almighty God on our activities together.

This has been a good biennium. The upward trend of baptismal gains has continued. General Church income has been the highest of any two-year period in our history. Houses of Worship loans from general funds have been used to excellent purpose in the building of new churches and the improvement of others, and these loans have been more than matched by local contributions of money and labor. The College and the Sanitarium and the Herald Publishing House have increased their resources and staffs and areas and quality of ministry. Our Social Service endeavor is being wisely and effectively extended. Ministry to the aged has been improved, and further major improvements are now in process. More detailed reports from the various departments will indicate these things. Yet, while much has been done, much remains to be done; and while much has been done well, there remains a constant challenge to do better. No Cause on earth has a better right to be well served than the Cause of the Kingdom.

#### ORGANIZATION

Repeatedly, from our beginnings, we have been reminded of the importance of sound organization. This is fundamental to effective kingdom building. The keynote of sound organization among us is employment of the highest possible number of our people according to their gifts in significant service tasks. Stakes, districts, and branches exist to give the Saints better opportunities to serve as well as to be served.

There has been considerable revision of district boundaries during the inter-Conference period. In many places this was long overdue. Boundary alignment involves the interests of neighboring districts and such factors as available appointees, the location of nonresident Saints, and the trend of missionary endeavor. The setting of district boundary



lines has therefore been made the special business of the Presidency and Twelve who are directly commissioned to "organize and set in order," and the Presiding Bishopric have been wisely associated with them in this work by Conference action (1930: 130). Further reorganizations are contemplated in areas not yet covered. Changes are considered carefully and every effort has been made and will continue to be made to draw on the insights and experience of local administrative officers. The goal is to build as many cohesive, well-integrated districts as possible; such as can be administered by nonappointee high priests and elders; and thereafter to review district boundaries at regular intervals and make changes in an orderly fashion at the beginnings of the years.

The Presidency and Twelve have also brought up to date the standards for branch and mission organization. This is important work, and the results of our study have been widely shared. Groups of Saints are now likely to be maintained as missions a little longer than has been our custom hitherto, with a view to closer attention from the Twelve and Seventy until they are "organized and set in order," followed by more complete transfer to the care of the standing ministry when they attain branch status.

One of the noteworthy features of the biennium has been continuance of the rapid increase in the number of congregations in metropolitan areas. As might be expected, the metropolitan stakes have led the way in this important development. It should continue, district presidents and pastors in metropolitan areas co-operating eagerly with the general officers concerned in planting and nurturing new openings in strategic locations.

There is an urgent need to strengthen our weaker branches, relocating those which are not able to serve their people and their communities, and pushing the work into new fields. Some of this strengthening and relocation has been done. Much more can be done by the standing ministry under the general direction of the Presidency and Twelve. This burden they are now asked to assume.

We have a steadily growing number of able and experienced high priests, elders, priests, teachers, and deacons. Some of these are doing splendid local missionary work. This is making it possible for the Twelve and Seventy to give more attention to pushing the work into new fields, which is their primary function. We believe that this trend is of major importance, and should be continued. To make this possible, more and more local ministers must take on local missionary responsibilities, and learn to discharge them

effectively. The Twelve and Seventy, with the aid of the Audio-Visual Department, are producing some missionary material which should be specially helpful here.

The Standing High Council continues to give important service by way of advice to the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric, and also as the court of final appeal in cases of difficulty within the church. We had hoped that the results of Council discussions in the field of divorce and remarriage would now be available for the quorums and Conference, but the magnitude of the task prevented this. Council study is continuing, and recommendations will be available later.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

One of the most important ministries calling for special training is the administration of Religious Education. Here, as always, the work of the specialists needs to be co-ordinated. A good step toward securing this was taken in 1930. Unfortunately, the onset of the depression robbed us of the appointees needed to make effective the excellent plans adopted at that time. But from within the department, and from others interested, there now come insistent recommendations that the work in this field be brought under unified leadership on the General Church level, and be closely co-ordinated with priesthood and leadership education and with the Department of Women. With these recommendations we fully agree, and we are taking steps to implement them.

In pursuance of the same objective we have asked the authorities of Graceland College to establish an annual summer leadership school, and this they have gladly consented to do. The Director of Leadership Education will be a permanent consultant of the college administration in this connection, as will other departmental leaders and general officers who are available. The first session will be June 6 to June 19, 1954. It is hoped that later sessions will be longer, and that participation in Graceland short courses will come to be an accepted way of preparing for local leadership.

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

For the past twenty years, and more, the central emphasis of the Department has been on the building of Zion's homes. This was as it should be. But more women now have vital interests in community, professional and cultural life than ever before. We therefore believe that the time has come for broadening the emphasis of the Department of Women so that it shall come to envision all the activities of the church from the point of view of the women of the church.

We do not presume to suggest what additional fields of interest will be first included, preferring to leave this to those chosen to lead. But we have in mind the greatly enhanced contribution which might be made by the women of the church in such areas as evangelism, education, community life, and temperance, and the more direct correlation which should be worked out with the Departments of Music and Religious Education and Social Service.

This broadening of the interests of the Department of Women will give opportunity for other ladies to be added to the Council, and we expect to present separate recommendations in this connection.

Some of the impulses for the recommendations we have made have developed out of the work of the Curriculum Committee of the Department of Religious Education, and out of administrative consultations arising therefrom. These consultations require us to again advise the church that it is most highly desirable that the work in the branches and districts of the church shall be co-ordinated through the branch and district presidencies. It is one of the major tasks of these officers to see that the machinery of organization is kept to a minimum, that leadership responsibilities are clearly defined, and that our local work is kept in balance. Most of our branch presidents should serve as their own co-ordinators of religious education.

#### MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The church has long been concerned with the health of her people. In this we but follow the counsel of Divinity. But the good work done by the Church Physician and at the Sanitarium, by the steadily growing number of Sanitarium-trained nurses, and by way of numerous *Herald* articles is not enough. We need to give more and better health leadership, and to this end we need expert advice.

Recognizing this need—and after discussions extending over a period of many months—we expect that shortly after Conference we will call together a number of our doctors with a view to creating a Medical Advisory Council composed of members of the church who have M. D. degrees. For the present we do not expect to include other students and practitioners in the medical field. This does not necessarily indicate a permanent policy, but it seems to be wise as a beginning.

The Church Physician will naturally be an important member of this Council but will not necessarily be chairman, since the law recognizes him to have an important and direct relation to the Sanitarium (D. and C. 127: 2) and one of



the functions of the Medical Advisory Council will be to suggest improvements and extensions of our Sanitarium practice.

In organizing this council we are not concerned with quick panaceas but with the long-term approach; with setting up a sound, constructive, and widely helpful health service. Nor will the organization of this council mean that we have in any way retreated from our traditional conviction of the direct relation between faith and healing. It is the emotionally upset members of our population who are most prone to sickness, and more than half of the patients who occupy hospital beds are there because of some mental or spiritual disturbance. In these areas, as in others, we believe that the ministers of the church, and the ministry of religion itself, have an important contribution to make.

#### OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

At the Conference of 1950 consideration was given to resolutions looking toward the establishment of advisory committees in the fields of research and planning and architecture. The resolutions then proposed were not adopted. But we have kept in mind the ends sought in these resolutions and during this past inter-Conference period we have drawn freely on the experience of specialists in radio, audio-visuals, education, and other fields.

It does not seem to us to be wise or necessary to set up many formal committees to assist the general and departmental officers of the church. Final responsibility must be carried by those who are charged with this responsibility. But some permanent advisory committees can be very helpful indeed, and we expect to bring these into being as our necessities warrant. Occasional workshops to study specific needs can also be very helpful.

#### GENERAL AND REGIONAL GATHERINGS

The problem of achieving satisfactory two-way communication between the members of the church and the general and local officers of the church becomes more difficult and, at the same time, more urgent as the church grows and seeks to justify her claim to be a world organization. *The Saints' Herald, The Pastor's Handbook, Guidelines to Leadership, The Reminder, Daily Bread, Stepping Stones* and *Zion's Hope* are substantial means of communication, but they need to be supported by the contributions of more of our mature and able and experienced local personnel.

During the biennium under review, we have held many profitable general and regional gatherings. Foremost among these, as most directly influencing the

lives of our people, were the excellent reunions of the period. Crowding them in importance were the thirty-four camps of the 1952 season and the forty-three camps of the 1953 season. Although they were not designed to reach so many and from their very nature could not do so, the "Institute on Revelation and the Doctrine and Covenants," the "Professional and Business Men's Institute," and the "Institute in Evangelism" were of major value in enriching and sharing insight in very important fields.

Such gatherings as these should be continued, but some of them should be on a regional basis so as to make larger attendance possible. It is now anticipated that only two general meetings will be held during the next inter-Conference period:

A Conference of High Priests at Kirtland, September 3 to 6, 1954.

A Conference of Women, September 2 to 5, 1955.

Regional conferences of priesthood, religious education and women's leaders, and business and professional men will be held at such times as can be arranged so as not to interfere unduly with branch and district activities.

In this area of two-way communication the visits of general officers are of major importance. The need for developing stable policies for the work in distant fields makes visits in these areas especially necessary. It is therefore anticipated that President Edwards and Bishop DeLapp will leave for Australia and New Zealand soon after the Conference of High Priests, and on their return will be accompanied as far as French Oceania by Apostle Draper. Brother Draper will then resume his work in Australia. President W. Wallace Smith will go to Europe during the summer of 1955.

#### THE AUDITORIUM

We believe that the time has come to complete the Auditorium. This opinion is shared by the Presiding Bishopric and the Council of Twelve. Work on the front and the foyer has already begun, and you have supplied the money to complete this. Work on the upper auditorium is in the planning stage, and we believe that if the necessary financial support is forthcoming it will be possible to go ahead here without delay when the front and the foyer have been finished. If this should be done, we can dedicate that part of the total project at the 1956 General Conference, and can continue with the remainder without any further waiting. The Presiding Bishopric carry the heavy burden of responsibility here, and we expect to join them in recommendations to the Appropriations Committee and thence to the Conference. The

financial burden which completion of the Auditorium will put on all of us will be heavy, but it is imperative both that the Auditorium shall be finished, and that the church shall be freed to go from this to the other tasks which await us.

#### APPOINTEE TRAINING

We believe that the time has come to establish a school for the training of appointees. This was anticipated when the Missionary Reserve Fund was set up, and in its initial stages can be financed out of that fund. The project has the support of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, who have appointed a committee to explore the methods of achieving our purpose in this field. It is expected that the major emphasis in the school will be on the practical demands of appointee service.

#### MAJOR EMPHASES

Summarizing the foregoing, as far as it pertains to the work ahead, we propose to

Push the organization of new congregations from existing organizations of sufficient strength.

Impress the members of the standing ministry with the basic missionary responsibility which belongs to their calling, and co-operate with the other general and local officers concerned in giving this direction and emphasis.

Promote the integration of general and departmental leadership at headquarters and in the districts and branches.

Co-operate with the leaders of the Department of Women in broadening the program of that department.

Set up advisory committees and utilize their services, as may be determined in consultation with other general and departmental officers.

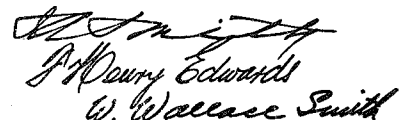
Organize and support general and regional gatherings.

Push forward the completion of the Auditorium, looking toward the dedication of the main auditorium at the 1956 General Conference and continuance on the remainder of the structure thereafter.

Establish the school for appointee training, in consultation with the other general offices concerned.

Co-operation with the Standing High Council and other agencies in clarifying and teaching the ethical demands which arise from our basic convictions.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving you.

  
W. Wallace Smith

# Report of the Council of Twelve

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

We rejoice in this opportunity to greet the church in the name of our Lord, as we present our report for the inter-Conference period 1952 to 1954.

In this Conference interim, as always, the Council of Twelve has deemed it a sacred privilege to labor diligently for the Master in the service of his church. Power and blessing, peace and joy have attended our efforts to maintain his cause among men and to build his kingdom upon the earth. We humbly give praise to him for our achievements. We confess before our Maker our limitations and lift our hearts and minds to him in the faith, seeking direction and strength needed for the future. May the whole church join in giving adoration to his holy name.

It has been a blessing as well as a pleasure to work with and under the direction of our brethren of the First Presidency, who are the overseers of the church. Likewise, it has been a joy to have the association in ministry of the brethren of the Presiding Bishopric, the Evangelists, the Seventy, the members of the Order of Bishops, the high priests, the elders and the Aaronic priesthood wherever our labors have taken us.

Through the years we have shared with the Seventy and others their deep concern in the serious depletion of the ranks of the Seventy. It is gratifying to see the growing array of fine ministers now serving in that office. We wish to commend the Presidents of Seventy for their earnest efforts to build up that quorum, and we express appreciation to all of the Seventies for their help and splendid achievements.

## MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES AND GAINS

Everywhere a greater urgency for the witnessing ministry of the Christ exists. Opportunities for preaching the gospel and for establishing nuclei of church members are manifesting themselves with increasing rapidity. Also there are many opportunities for the developing of such nuclei into local congregations. This keeps us under constant pressure to increase the number of appointees and to improve the quality of appointee ministry. Even though there has been considerable relief in the ministerial area, we are scarcely able to keep pace with the ever-enlarging demands for help. In this connection we direct your attention to the "Into all the World" pamphlet which will be circulated the closing Saturday evening

of the Conference. Items of our report are elaborated in this brochure.

It is gratifying to recognize the numbers of the standing ministry who are accepting missionary assignments and who are rendering outstanding service in harmony with Doctrine and Covenants 141: 6. Most of this service is being accomplished at considerable personal sacrifice.

Baptismal gains have held steady in proportion to the over-all increase recorded during the past several years. We are certain that this is due to the intensified desire and improved skill with which many have been witnessing for Christ. The organizing of new branches and missions and the significant growth in many of our congregations are triumphant results of this widespread and more effective witness.

In addition to membership and activity gains, many congregations have improved their houses of worship. Others have improvements underway, while still others are in the process of making plans for alterations of existing buildings or for the erection of new buildings.

The work in the Missouri Developmental Area, one of our major missionary projects, is making excellent progress. Eighty have been baptized since this project was commenced two and one-half years ago. Eighteen have been ordained to the priesthood in the same period. Enthusiasm is adding momentum to this extension of our missionary endeavors.

Excellent reports of progress in baptisms and in missionary work in the Stakes have been received from time to time. This is required in the work of building up the Center areas. A special feature of the work in these and other places is the utilizing of a missionary co-ordinator in each of the congregations who works directly with the Apostle and Seventy in charge of missionary work.

## QUALITIES OF PRIESTHOOD ACTIVITIES

Never has the prospect of increasing qualifications in the ministry throughout the church been more promising. We recommend those responsible for our well-planned program of priesthood education. We express appreciation to all who have helped in this splendid endeavor. We recognize its benefits in an upsurge of missionary testimony and in a more skillful presentation of the invitation of the Christ to come unto him. The Saints, eager to help, have responded excellently. This is particularly true in providing the facilities needed locally to care for our special educational gatherings and for the district conferences.

## DEPARTMENTAL WORK

Our labors have been greatly enhanced by the co-operative help of the

First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, and the department heads and their assistants. In all of the departments, the work has been pushed forward with foresight and ability by our general officers and departmental leaders. The helpful and continuously essential ministry of teaching the Saints at large the art of living the more abundant life is bringing rich rewards. This has helped immeasurably throughout the entire field of labor.

## MISSIONARY AIDS AND MATERIALS

Special attention has been given by the Twelve to the development of our missionary program as set forth in "The Missionary Policy and Program of the Council of Twelve," a pamphlet prepared by us, which is made available to appointees and administrative officers. Considerable work has been done in the preparation of missionary materials, including tracts and audio visuals. In this work, committees of the Twelve and Seventy have worked together. Studies in conjunction with the editors of the *Herald* as to the need and best workable materials are now in progress. We invite the entire membership of the church to use materials which are already available. We make special mention of our stable array of missionary tracts, our helps such as *The Restoration Story, In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him*, and the new *Missionary Handbook*.

Guidance in selecting and procuring visual materials is offered through the Audio-Visual Department. Similar help will be given in the preparation of materials by those who build their own sets of slides.

New opportunities are opening in the field of radio. Twenty-six stations in America are carrying our programs. The radio department makes available, for those who request, appropriate recorded programs for transcription over the air. We urge branch and district officers to work with the General Church officers and the radio department in taking advantage of the opportunities they may find to use the radio and television in telling the beautiful story of the restored gospel of Christ.

## FIELD WORK

Each apostle has given attention to administrative matters and to the missionary needs and opportunities of his field. Programs of missionary activity appropriate to these needs as already set forth in this report have been developed and administered with vigor. Priesthood education and leadership-training activities in the respective fields have been carefully planned and implemented. Reunion classes and special regional and district institutes

have done much to improve the quality of ministry and leadership in district and local congregations. In all of this work, we have been ably assisted by the appointees and by the standing ministry.

Rearrangement of district boundaries has helped in field administration. By regrouping congregations, attendance at district and local functions has increased in many places. For some, such rearrangement has meant a new level of church endeavor and experience.

It is gratifying to recognize that compliance with the responsibilities of our temporal stewardship is on the uptrend. We join the brethren of the Bishopric in teaching and soliciting the Saints to comply with the law of temporalities in all its aspects. Such compliance is imperative if the gospel is to go into all the world, Zion is to be redeemed, and the kingdom of God realized.

#### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

In addition to our individual assignments in the domestic field, the following brethren of the Apostolic Council have served in special assignments: Paul M. Hanson, French Oceania; E. J. Gleazer, Hawaii; C. George Mesley, Alaska; Arthur A. Oakman has supervised the European Field; C. R. Hield is supervising the Latin-American Mission; M. L. Draper is now in Australia supervising the Australasian Mission; and Reed M. Holmes is in charge of the Department of Religious Education.

#### MISSIONS ABROAD

*French Oceania.* Encouraging growth has been reported during the past two years. Special missionary work is being done on the Island of Tahiti with a goodly number of baptisms resulting. Two new church buildings in the islands and a new mission house at Papeete are about completed.

*Australasian Mission.* The membership of this mission, which has contributed many to our general personnel and missionary force, now exceeds 3,600. Baptisms are on the increase. Two outstanding openings have been established in the past year. We are happy that one of the missionaries assisting in these openings, Elder C. A. Davies, is present at the Conference. Here, too, several new and improved church buildings add to the equipment for the prosecution of our missionary work. This mission has the service of nine appointees, which include the Apostle in charge, one Bishop, two Seventies, four high priests, and one missionary elder.

*European Missions.* Following the last General Conference, a change in administrative procedure was inaugurated in

Europe. A high priest was placed in charge in England and another was selected to supervise the work in Continental Europe. These two ministers were made responsible to the member of the Twelve, which has worked out well. Twelve months of the past two years were spent by the Apostle on the ground. Programs have been outlined which have been followed by the appointees in Europe with success.

The general trend of baptismal gains in England is upward. The mission has been weakened in the past two years by emigration, but there is continued optimism among the Saints.

In Holland we have devoted church members, but the housing for the congregations is not good. Plans are being studied which should correct this situation and enhance future growth. Literature in the Dutch language is urgently needed.

In Germany our work is being steadied and extended. The political divisions of this country create vexing problems for the administrators of church work. The mission house in Hannover was dedicated by the President of the Church in June, 1952, and this building has become a factor in strengthening the faith of the Saints in Germany. Our need here is for more native missionaries and literature commensurate with the ever-widening opportunities presented to us.

In Scandinavia the work is at a low ebb, but measures are now underway looking toward the rehabilitation of the mission, which holds rich promise.

We have a few members in Switzerland with whom the Apostle keeps in touch through correspondence.

Provision has been made for regular conferences of the members of the church in the Armed Forces assigned to Europe. Two of these conferences have been held, one in Beoblingen and the other in Stuttgart. We expect to maintain our service to these people, who have maintained their contacts with the church, and in many instances are helping the local congregations in spite of language barriers. Contacts with the officials of the United States Army have been cordial and the chaplains have been very helpful.

Residing in Europe, we have three full-time ministers from the United States. Five native ministers are under appointment and two of these, Anton Compier of Holland and Eric Rowe of England, are visiting the States for the Conference. One other minister is under partial appointment.

The visits to this mission of President I. A. Smith and Bishop H. L. Livingston

were greatly appreciated by the members of the church.

#### SPECIAL MISSIONS

*Alaska.* Progress is being made in Alaska. Missions have been organized at Anchorage and Fairbanks. A church building has been purchased and moved onto a suitable lot at Anchorage. The membership is on the increase.

*Latin-American Mission.* There are now seventy-three Latin Americans in the church, including one elder, two priests and one deacon. Thirty-two have been baptized and one priest ordained since this project started. Four of these Latin-American families are in Mexico. Regular services are conducted in Spanish at the Alamo Branch, Texas, near the Mexican border. Three tracts have been translated and published in the Spanish language. Work is proceeding on the translation into Spanish of the Book of Mormon. To pursue this project with sufficient vigor, we will need to increase the number of missionaries to the Latin Americans. Plans are developing to establish missions at Matamoros, Reynosa, Monterrey, and Nuevo Laredo in Old Mexico. While this work is progressing nicely, there is a great need to strengthen the effort as progress is made.

*Hawaii.* An event of lasting importance to the Hawaiian field was the opening of the Waller Memorial Church, one of our most beautiful edifices. It is of unique architectural design and is in an excellent location. The church stands high in the esteem of the Hawaiian people. Events as the above are honored by the presence of the Governor of Hawaii and other prominent officials. For the church to be held in such high esteem will help greatly toward future development and bespeaks the devotion of our Hawaiian Saints to the cause.

*Opportunities at large.* Opportunities abound for the advancement of the work in all the Missions Abroad. It is our hope that in the measure of our strength no opportunity shall be passed by. The church may well be proud of its ministers and members in Missions Abroad.

#### CONCLUSION

The Twelve has looked forward with expectancy to this General Conference and to the years ahead. We trust, pray, and believe that the best is yet to be in the experience of the church. We desire to be worthy to pledge and devote our unreserved support to the task ahead, which is our high calling in Christ Jesus.

#### COUNCIL OF TWELVE

PAUL M. HANSON, *President*

# Church Auditor's Report of Examination

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:*

We have examined the records of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an unincorporated association with headquarters at Independence, Missouri, and have prepared the balance sheets of the funds as of December 31, 1952 and 1953, the related statements of income and expense, and equities for the years then ended. Without making a detailed audit, the accounting records of the church, the accounting procedures, and other evidence have been reviewed in support of the financial statements. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances, and tests were made to the extent we deemed appropriate.

The following comments apply to the balance sheet at December 31, 1952 and 1953, and to the transactions for the accounting periods then ended.

Cash in banks was verified by direct correspondence with the depositories and by reconciliation.

United States Government and Canadian securities are held for safekeeping by the First National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, as fiscal agent. Verification was made by direct correspondence and by reconciliation.

## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUND

The assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the Central Development Association and the Real Estate Department are consolidated in this fund. Reports of examination of these two operations have been made to the First Presidency.

Cash in the hands of Bishops and Agents, except for funds held in missions abroad, was traced to subsequent receipts and deposits.

Funds due from or to the Australasian and Society Islands Missions are not included in the amount due from Bishops and Agents but are included in the accounts of the Australasian and Society Islands Missions, respectively.

Real estate contracts are assets of the Real Estate Department and are detailed in the report of examination of that department.

Accounts receivable which include amounts due from related institutions were verified by reference to individual ledger sheets and by other supporting evidence. Notes receivable were examined.

Inventories of feed, livestock, and supplies were taken and priced by farm managers. We tested the accuracy of pricing and computations of inventories.

In accordance with a policy approved by the Presiding Bishopric the operation of farming properties owned by the Ministerial Reserve Fund and the Stewardship-Endowment Fund was placed on a fiscal year ending February 28. Net earnings from farming operations for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1953, are included in the equities of the funds owning the farms.

The beneficial interest in the Stewardship-Endowment Fund represents the difference between the depreciated value of the Atherton and Spring Branch real estate and the amount due Graceland College in the form of bonds and an account payable. The beneficial interest is increased by the expenditure of funds for capital items and reduced by annual provisions for depreciation. Earnings on these lands from farm operations are held in the Stewardship-Endowment Fund as earned capital.

Additions to furniture, fixtures, and equipment were examined, and depreciation in the amount of \$5,000.00 was charged to the General Fund as operating expense.

Expired insurance on real estate improvements and transportation deposits relative to the Society Islands Mission comprise the amount stated as "Deferred Charges."

The assets entitled "Australasian Mission" represents the net worth of that mission at December 31, 1953, as reported by the bishop in Australia.

Accounts Payable include accounts with vendors, active and inactive allowances payable, and withholding taxes payable. A major portion of the amount stated as payable at December 31, 1953, has been paid.

Schedules of Administrative Expense (Schedule Number 1), Ministerial Expense (Schedule Number 2), Contributions by Stakes and Districts (Schedule Number 3), are included as a part of this report.

## AGENCY FUND

The Agency Fund was created in the year 1942 in order to segregate from the General Fund and other funds all liabilities which for some reason could not be liquidated. It also acts as a depository for cash and bonds held for safekeeping for individuals and church organizations.

## CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND

The Consecration Agreement Fund was set up during the year 1942 to record the assets and liabilities relative to cer-

tain agreements entered into by the Presiding Bishopric with certain individuals.

These agreements arise out of a desire of individuals to make a contribution to the church and at the same time provide for themselves some security for the future. These agreements, as detailed in the accompanying schedules, are described as follows:

**Class B:** This class represents the type of agreement wherein the individual turns over to the church cash, bonds, or other negotiable assets as a consecration, in consideration of which the church agrees to pay the individual a regular amount each year, with the possibility of additional (liability reducing) payments in cases of need. The total amount of such additional payments is not to exceed the amount of the original consecration. Furthermore, when such additional amounts are paid, the amounts of the annual payments are reduced proportionately.

**Class C:** Under this type of contract the individual gives cash, bonds, and in some cases real estate as a consecration. There is no provision for regular annual payments, but the additional payment provision, as in Class B, is included. Some of these agreements provide for the payment of last sickness and funeral expenses. Where real estate has been conveyed to the church, the contract and the asset have been recorded at a nominal value. The liability in such cases is limited to the amount which is realized from the sale of the property.

**Class D:** This represents agreements where there is a definite amount payable per month or per annum, but no additional payments are required.

**Class E:** This class represents non-negotiable notes, payable to the individual, which contain a provision that the note shall be canceled in the event of the death of the payee.

**Class F:** This class represents bonds payable to the church at the death of the payee, and both the liability and the asset are carried at nominal value.

Real estate investment represents nominal values, plus costs of acquisition and improvements, of real estate consecrated under an agreement. Some of these agreements provide for a life estate in the real estate by the consecrator. An analysis of the real estate holdings of the fund is included in this report.

## HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

The Houses of Worship Fund is divided into two sections. The Restricted Building Fund section consists of cash, accounts receivable, bonds, and other assets which have been acquired by contributions from local congregations or

from the sale of houses of worship which were no longer in use. It has been the policy of the church to hold the receipts from the sale of houses of worship in this fund, restricting its use to the acquiring of property in the vicinity of the congregation from which it was acquired. If it is found inadvisable to utilize the asset in the immediate vicinity, it is to be used somewhere in the district in which the branch was located.

Accounts and notes receivable are in the most part due from local congregations, and are detailed in an accompanying schedule.

It has been the practice of the Presiding Bishopric to issue notes to certain local congregations covering contributions to the fund. These notes are shown as liabilities, but they differ from other receipts of the fund only in that a note payable has been issued as evidence of trusteeship.

The Real Estate Investment section represents the portion of the fund invested in buildings and grounds used for local congregations, reunion grounds, and properties having historical value in connection with the history of the church.

Auditorium buildings and grounds is stated at the amount carried in the General Fund at December 31, 1942, plus the cost of subsequent construction.

Chapel accounts A, B, and C represent church buildings, reunion grounds, and historical properties, respectively. As a result of a Houses of Worship appraisal survey, an adjustment was made as of December 31, 1949, to increase Chapel A properties to the appraised value of \$5,689,006.94. A like adjustment was made to increase the Invested Surplus account.

Mortgage payable in the amount of \$880.00 represents a liability of this fund to the General Fund (Real Estate Department).

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND

A revolving fund in the initial amount of \$300,000.00, and increased by subsequent appropriations to \$850,000.00 was established in 1946, as a means of assisting branches by means of loans, at a nominal rate of interest, in the construction of houses of worship.

Notes Receivable representing loans to branches and districts were examined.

#### MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

The Ministerial Reserve Fund was created in 1937 and has been increased in subsequent years by appropriations from the General Fund and by income and investments.

The requirements of this fund are computed by the church attorney and are based on the life expectancy of those appointees now covered. The assets of the fund are held to cover retirement costs, death benefits, and other contingent costs relative to future needs of appointees. This fund does not accrue for the benefit of any one minister or his dependents. The annual transfers of cash, although based on individual cases, build up a fund which can be used to provide the necessities of life to the appointee and his dependents after his retirement or after he has reached the age of seventy. The fund balances are carried separately on the books according to the purpose for which each is intended.

Real Estate represents investment in Missouri farm lands.

Family allowances for the year 1953 for those appointees who have reached the age of seventy were charged to the Retirement Reserve.

The Unallocated Reserve represents the segregated reserves which have been accumulated for those ministers whose appointments have terminated.

The Graceland College Faculty Retirement Reserve was created in May, 1942. In 1952 and 1953 appropriation was \$4,000.00 for each year.

#### AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

This fund was created by General Fund appropriation of funds received and held in Australia. Subsequent additions have been covered by Conference appropriations.

Cash in banks and government bonds are stated as reflected in the audited reports received from the bishop in Australia.

#### MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND

This fund was set up in accordance with General Conference action of April 6, 1944. The original appropriation of \$100,000.00 was to provide funds for appointment of personnel in interim Conference periods, with further provision that up to \$5,000.00 annually could be expended for the cost of a school of instruction for ministerial appointees, and provision for the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to cover the cost of preparation and translation of missionary literature into foreign languages.

Subsequent appropriations have been made to rehabilitate the fund.

#### OBULATION FUND

The Oblation Fund was created to record the contributions received as oblation subsequent to January 1, 1942,

and to record the disbursement of these funds. This fund is restricted only to the extent that it shall be used "for the purpose of giving temporary aid and benevolences, and at the same time to make possible their use for the permanent rehabilitation of those who have become physically incapacitated or disabled, and who are worthy of the assistance and help of the church."

The surplus of this fund is increased or decreased by the operational deficit or surplus of Resthaven, Lamoni Saints' Home, and Liberty Home Farm.

Accounts, notes, and contracts receivable were examined and are considered to be well secured.

Real Estate Investment represents the Resthaven property, the Social Service Center Building, the Mark White property, and other property located in Independence, Missouri.

#### OPERATING RESERVE FUND

This fund was created by General Conference action of April 6, 1944, the purpose being that of providing a fund of sufficient amount to permit the appropriation of operating expense from this fund rather than from the income of the current year.

#### STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND

Created by General Conference action of April 9, 1950, the purposes of this fund are detailed in a document presented to the Conference on April 8, 1950. Contributions specifically designated for this fund are included in the fund equity.

#### STEWARDSHIP-ENDOWMENT FUND

General Conference action of April 6, 1944, authorized the segregation of the Atherton and Spring Branch farm lands as collateral for the bonds issued to the Graceland College Endowment Fund. The net differences between the real estate investment and the amount payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund is designated "Beneficial Interest—General Fund," and appears in the General Funds as an asset.

It is the expressed opinion of the Presiding Bishopric that "the net income from these lands is to be made available for improvements as may be necessary and required for the further development of the lands segregated." The capital account of this fund is the net earnings from operation of these lands.

The bonds payable to the Graceland College Endowment Fund mature January 6, 1956.

#### SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUND

This fund was created by action of General Conference on April 6, 1944,

and subsequent action. The funds are held subject to disbursement in accordance with the requirements contained in the appropriations.

The institutions for which these funds are held are designated in the balance sheet of this fund.

#### UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FUND

This fund was created in the year 1947 in order to properly segregate funds held for future needs.

Allocation of these funds is detailed in the Equity section of Fund Balance Sheet.

#### OPINION

In our opinion, the accompanying fund balance sheets and related statements of income and expense and equities present fairly the position of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at December 31, 1952 and 1953, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with good accounting principles, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LLOYD L. BLAND

*Certified Public Accountant*

## The Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The continued improvement in the financial status of our church is evidenced in our report to the Conference covering the years 1952 and 1953. For this we express our gratitude to God for his help and for the directing influence of his Spirit. The co-operation given by the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the other quorums of the priesthood has been deeply appreciated and has brought encouragement to us when problems seemed too numerous and too great for solution. The support given by the members of the church to our financial policy is likewise deeply appreciated.

Throughout the years that are past we have attempted to emphasize the soundness of the policy of establishing reserves which was adopted by the General Conference of 1932, and which has been the basis of all our financial operations since that time. In view of the fact that in the last decade or more our national economy as well as our international economy has, for the most part, operated on the basis of deficit financing, we feel

it imperative that we maintain our own individual status as an organization of sound financing despite these untoward trends in our world economy. We should always keep in mind that we do not have the authority to impose taxes upon our membership, but that we are dependent upon the free and voluntary co-operation and good will of our members which make the financing of the church possible.

As we review the areas of endeavor which we presented in our report to the General Conference of 1952, we find evidence of progress made, as follows:

1. There has been an increase in the number of those filing tithing statements, the figures for 1952 and 1953 being as follows:

1952	17,080	13.4 %
1953	17,746	13.75%

That progress in increasing the number of members filing financial statements has been made is evidenced in making comparison with the year 1947 when only 7.88% of the membership filed. We do not have the completed count for the number of contributors to the General Fund for 1953. In 1951, however, there were 34,200 or 27.3%, and in 1952 this was increased to 36,869 or 29.01%.

2. Appropriations by the last General Conference made possible the completion of the boys' dormitory (Gunsolley Hall) at Graceland College and a new dormitory for girls. Plans are well under way for the Home for the Aged, to be built across from our present hospital. Plans for rehabilitating the Home for the Aged at Lamoni have been abandoned due to the fact that the cost involved was so great that it was not deemed practicable. It seems highly essential that a building to house our aged should be of fireproof construction, and our plans provide for this.

3. Final studies for the front and foyer of the Auditorium have been completed and the contract has been let for construction, which is now under way. We had previously set our goal for \$200,000 for each of the years 1952 and 1953. Of this amount we received \$145,176.18 in 1952 and \$127,975.69 in 1953.

4. Some little progress has been made in the development of procedures affecting organizations contemplated in the law, referred to in Sections 128 and 129 of the Doctrine and Covenants, and also some little progress has been made in our educational procedures, as well as some compliance regarding the consecration of surplus since the adoption of the

document on surplus by the General Conference of 1950.

5. One of the outstanding features showing the results of our financial policy is that of the benefits accruing from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund. A complete report concerning this fund is included later in our report.

As to the immediate goals ahead of us, we wish to emphasize the following:

1. There are almost unlimited needs for additional funds for capital investments for our institutions, Graceland College and the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital. A Science Building and additional dormitories are needed for the College. For the Sanitarium and Hospital, emergency facilities and additional bed space are required. It is obviously impossible to meet all of these needs out of accumulated funds available for appropriation by this Conference, but the needs will have to be considered by the Appropriations Committee and recommendations made to the General Conference.

2. There are available funds for the work that is now being done on the Auditorium. It is our hope, as well as our recommendation, that work be continued on this building just as rapidly as funds are available and as plans can be completed. With the completion of the front and foyer, we are now in a position to proceed with the next construction project—that of the completion of the interior of the main auditorium, including seating.

3. There are still many unmet needs for houses of worship construction throughout the church. It would be difficult to state what particular area has greater needs than others, as these needs are widespread throughout all the geographical territory where our church is established. Here again it seems impossible to meet all of these needs, but they should be met in so far as possible, including some provision for mission groups that are not provided for in our present policy, which requires sponsorship by branch, stake, or district.

4. There is no question in our minds that, despite the needs which we have presented in the foregoing, they must be subordinated to those which are even more vital to the life and growth of the church, which needs are those pertaining to the expansion and development of our missionary and ministerial personnel. These needs are reflected in the increase in the budgetary appropriations, both administratively and for ministerial personnel for the years 1954 and 1955.



Here again it is extremely fortunate that the policies of the past which have been so wholeheartedly supported by the membership of the church now make it possible for us to increase our missionary force as rapidly as qualified men are available. Just how long this increase can be made operative will be dependent upon continued compliance with our fiscal policy, our ability to make adjustment to economic changes, and the sustained support of the members of the church throughout our entire world. We also wish to call attention to the fact that expansion of our work in missions abroad will require a sustained outlay, both of man power and of financial resources, in the years which are ahead of us.

5. There are other needs which are related to the foregoing, such as increased investments in automobiles, which are essential to efficient ministry in the age in which we live. The Presiding Bishopric has given consideration to the need for a change in policy relative to investment in automobiles. After careful consideration by the Order of Bishops (which met from March 1 to March 5, inclusive) it is deemed advisable to recommend to the Board of Appropriations and to the Conference the assumption of this investment by the General Church, this to be worked out over a period of the next three years, to relieve districts and branches of this expense in the future.

6. Due to the increased amount of work resulting from the growth of the church, there is need for expansion of office facilities in all the departments. This is particularly true in the office of the Presiding Bishopric. We are therefore under the necessity of taking over the last area of space available in our corner of the building. As the church continues to grow, consideration will of necessity have to be given either to the addition of wings to the present Auditorium for office space, or to construction of an office building especially designed to meet our needs.

7. The installation of IBM equipment has, in our opinion, been a good beginning toward the mechanization of our office procedures. Additional equipment is needed to improve the efficiency of our accounting procedures, and recommendations are being made for appropriations for such equipment.

Specific information relative to our financial condition and the operation of the financial business of the church for the past two years is set forth in the financial statements and schedules following.

#### INCOME AND EXPENSE:

Our income of Tithes and Offerings (exclusive of Auditorium Offerings and Oblation) reached an all-time high in 1953, amounting to \$1,748,427.96. The income for 1952 was also higher than any preceding year; for 1952 it amounted to \$1,580,180.19. Our Operating Net Gain for the two years, 1953 and 1952, was \$668,317.78 and \$581,328.62, respectively. Other Income of \$57,829.86 for 1953 and \$30,474.01 for 1952 raised the Excess of Income over Expense to \$726,147.64 in 1953 and \$611,802.63 in 1952.

Family Allowances and Elders' Expenses have increased to some extent due to increase in living costs and some additions to the appointee list. As has been our policy since the establishment of the Missionary Reserve Fund, this fund is replenished from time to time by action of General Conference for funds that have been used for inter-Conference appointments. Elders' Expenses constitute a substantial portion of our total budget. Included in the figure of \$213,734.41 for 1953, Elders' Traveling Expense, is depreciation on Automobiles, amounting to \$30,504.98.

In previous years we have pointed out that, because of the type of organization of our church, administrative expenses appear to be out of proportion to our total budget. In our opinion this will continue until our membership is more than doubled. Our expenses for 1953 were within our budget by an amount of \$16,401.75, and for 1952 were within the budget by \$57,094.22.

#### BALANCE SHEET ASSETS:

Cash assets at the close of the year 1953 show a very favorable situation, with \$1,526,499.01 in the form of Cash on Hand and in Banks, in the Hands of Bishops and Agents, and in United States Government Bonds and Dominion of Canada Government Bonds. Included in this figure is approximately \$145,000.00 Due other Funds, including Cash in Missions Abroad.

The increase in Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment is largely made up of increased investment in automobiles.

Notes Receivable consists largely of Contracts and Mortgages Receivable on Real Estate.

It is interesting to note the favorable trend that has taken place relative to the Canadian Dollar.

Accounts and Notes Receivable consists of the usual current accounts and contracts and mortgages on real estate.

The amount shown as Due from Other Funds includes the Houses of Worship, Ministerial Reserve, and Missionary Reserve.

Other Assets and Deferred Charges is made up of real estate accounts, unexpired insurance, and net worth of investments in the Australasian Mission.

#### LIABILITIES:

Liabilities are made up of current Accounts Payable at the end of the year, Inter-institutional Funds, and Amount Due other Funds.

#### AGENCY FUND:

This fund is maintained as a service to the individuals concerned. The assets of this fund are kept liquid so that complete payments of all obligations is provided for. It is our policy to keep this at a minimum, as for the most part deposits are made by individuals with the church.

#### CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND:

These funds for the most part represent property consisting of cash, bonds, and real estate turned over to the church, wherein the church assumes certain obligations during the lifetime of the individual. This fund is kept liquid and accumulation of capital is left in the fund. It is to be noted that the fund equity has increased from the figure of \$45,871.68 at the end of 1951, our last report to General Conference, to \$97,866.32 as of December 31, 1953.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND:

The segregation of this fund from the General Fund a number of years ago makes it possible to present more clearly the true situation relative to the investments of the church in houses of worship. However, with the great amount of building that has been done throughout the church in new houses of worship and extensive improvements to existing houses of worship, it is very difficult to show the true amount of our resources in this fund. It is our policy to make periodic surveys and to bring our records up to date. As stated previously, we ask the co-operation of responsible officers in different congregations to keep our office advised as to improvements, additions, and purchase of properties.

We have continued the practice of making loans from this fund to the congregations on the basis of 3 per cent when funds are not available from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund. These funds are considered and treated as trust funds. The cash and govern-

ment bonds are kept in adequate sums to meet current demands of congregations with funds on deposit with us. The invested building fund equity as of December 31, 1951, was \$6,754,331.72, as compared with the figure of \$7,048,746.54 as of December 31, 1953. It is our opinion that a new survey will reveal several hundreds of thousands of dollars of church properties and improvements not brought on our general books.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND:

The total amount appropriated up to date to this fund by General Conference action has been \$850,000.00. The administration of this fund has become quite burdensome, but the benefits accruing to the congregations and to the church as a whole justify not only the establishment of this fund but any additional work that may be involved in its administration. The 1 per cent should be considered more in the nature of a service charge than an interest charge. Up to the present time one half of 1 per cent has been returned to the General Fund to cover the cost of clerical help in its administration, the other one-half per cent accruing to the fund to cover any losses that may be sustained, thus making possible maintaining the principal fund intact.

During the time that this fund has been available, approximately one hundred and twenty-nine congregations have obtained loans, in addition to some sixteen congregations that have obtained loans from the Houses of Worship Fund. The total loans from the two funds approximate \$1,138,000.00. Forty-three out of the total loans made have been completely repaid since the plan was inaugurated, while as of December 31, 1953, the total loans outstanding were \$656,855.85, leaving an apparent balance of \$219,782.14. There have been commitments made by our office to nine congregations for loans amounting to \$122,000.00. In addition to this there are approximately thirty-seven congregations which have indicated their intent to request loans amounting to something over \$400,000.00. It is obvious that there is need for additional appropriation of funds if we are to meet these requests.

The fact that the principal payment on loans for the year 1953 amounted to approximately \$128,000.00 indicates the rapidity with which this fund revolves. This repayment factor is, of course, taken into consideration on the recommendation for appropriations.

#### MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND:

As reported to previous Conferences, the beginning of this fund was in 1937,

by substantial appropriations by General Conference from time to time until the fund was established in sufficient amount that only current appropriations were necessary. These appropriations are made on an annual basis.

As pointed out in previous reports, this fund will meet only a portion of the costs of retirement, the balance being met out of current income. The amount invested in real estate shows some decrease through the sale of one of the farms, but with an increase in Real Estate Contracts Receivable.

#### AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE:

The same policy is being carried on in Australia regarding the setting up of funds to meet the cost of our ministerial personnel as is practiced at headquarters.

#### MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND:

The purpose of this fund is to provide support of missionary endeavors in the years which are ahead, provide funds for appointment of men between Conferences, for the maintenance of the School of Instruction, and for the preparation and translation of missionary literature into foreign languages. It has also served to provide means whereby additional facilities and equipment could be provided for missions abroad. It is customary to rehabilitate this fund from current cash accumulations, to replace withdrawals made. This procedure will be followed in making specific recommendations for appropriations to this Conference.

#### OBLATION FUND:

The segregation of this fund a number of years ago has made it possible for the fund to be increased during the years while at the same time meeting the many demands made upon the church for financial assistance to its members, including some cases of rehabilitation. It has also made it possible to extend aid in missions abroad.

It has provided funds for the establishment of homes for the aged. As stated at the beginning of this report, plans for rehabilitation for the Home at Lamoni have now been abandoned due to the high capital cost for the remodeling which we do not deem advisable, inasmuch as it is imperative to have a fire-proof building. We have therefore engaged an architect and plans are well under way for the construction of a new building on the Mark White property on Truman Road.

The real estate investment shown on the Balance Sheet, amounting to \$146,972.03, includes the property on Winner

Road, the Mark White property on Truman Road, the Social Service Center building in Independence, and a Social Service Center Building in Detroit, Michigan. With the increase of needs covering the use of this fund, it is our opinion that there is justification for the employment of a well-trained social worker to assist the Bishopric in adequately rendering service to those in need.

In connection with the proposed new building for the Home for the Aged, advice and counsel was sought from the Standing High Council of the church relative to the wisdom of proceeding with the new building for the Home for the Aged, and after careful consideration the High Council concurred in the recommendation of the Presiding Bishopric to proceed.

#### OPERATING RESERVE FUND:

As stated in previous reports, this is another fund set up for the purpose of assuring us continuity in maintaining our church program. The amount in this fund has been placed at a figure approximating a year's operating expense. This fund is kept quite liquid.

#### STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND:

The total amount of Surplus consecrated and accepted by the church at the present time is represented in this fund, amounting to \$4,154.00. This has increased from the figure of \$1,003.75 in the fund as of December 31, 1951.

#### STEWARDSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND:

This represents the value of the Atherton and Spring Branch farm lands which were hypothecated for the Graceland Endowment Fund issue. The beneficial interest of this fund is \$230,515.81, as shown on the General Fund Balance Sheet, as reported previously. Surplus arising out of farming operations provides for capital improvements as conditions and circumstances justify.

#### SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS:

This represents funds set up by the authority of General Conference to provide for institutional building needs.

#### UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS:

This fund consists of appropriations made for Auditorium construction, Radio Fund, and other items listed which are self-explanatory.

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**Fund Balance Sheet**  
**GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS**  
For the Years Ended December 31, 1952, and 1953

*Exhibit "A"*

	1952	1953
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	\$ 369,994.50	\$ 951,892.40
Cash in Hands of Bishops and Agents.....	314,091.93	316,455.86
U. S. Government Bonds and Securities.....	209,958.00	231,687.70
Canadian Securities.....	30,011.06	29,182.61
Other Stocks and Bonds.....	2,142.13	2,438.38
Receivables:		
Contracts Receivable.....	\$ 28,252.57	
Accounts Receivable—Includes Institutions.....	36,145.37	\$ 47,757.13
Notes Receivable.....	29,143.51	46,200.24
	\$ 93,541.45	\$ 93,957.37
Less Reserve for Losses.....	9,073.43	9,489.68
Inventories—Feed, Livestock, Supplies, Etc.....	29,146.87	23,399.65
Due from Other Funds.....	182,649.59	45,443.89
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$1,222,462.10</b>	<b>\$1,684,968.18</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		
Real Estate—Depreciated.		
Saints' Home and Liberty Farm Buildings.....	\$ 50,299.44	\$ 56,047.49
Other Properties.....	344,438.01	392,465.15
Farm Management—Net Assets.....	132,457.08	133,648.27
Beneficial Interest in Stewardship—Endowment Fund.....	211,966.74	230,515.81
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Depreciated.....	184,588.51	221,778.93
Libraries—Depreciated.....	9,447.65	9,447.65
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 933,197.43</b>	<b>\$1,043,903.30</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS AND DEFERRED CHARGES:</b>		
Other Assets.....	\$ 1,345.19	\$ 21,202.18
Deferred Charges.....	8,352.10	18,573.79
Australasian Mission.....	66,703.08	82,583.70
Total Other Assets and Deferred Charges.....	\$ 76,400.37	\$ 122,359.67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$2,232,059.90</b>	<b>\$2,851,231.15</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUNDS:</b>		
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Accounts Payable—Includes Institutions.....	\$ 19,948.42	\$ 20,190.37
Due to Other Funds.....	216,307.91	107,548.54
Society Islands Deficit.....	548.24	1,581.52
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b>\$ 236,804.57</b>	<b>\$ 129,320.43</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME</b> .....	<b>232.50</b>	<b>\$ 135.50</b>
<b>EQUITY ACCOUNTS:</b>		
General Fund.....	\$ 1,950,735.90	\$2,676,883.54
Land and Inheritance Fund.....	30,358.01	30,370.01
Temple.....	13,928.92	14,521.67
Total Equities—End of Period.....	\$1,995,022.83	\$2,721,775.22
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,232,059.90</b>	<b>\$2,851,231.15</b>
<b>ASSETS: AGENCY FUND</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 8,052.99	\$ 10,514.23
U. S. Government Securities.....	10,854.00	10,856.00
Accrued Interest Receivable.....	1.80	1.80
Accounts Receivable.....	2,614.23	519.36
Due from General Fund.....	1,028.67	\$ 4,450.54
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 22,551.69</b>	<b>\$ 26,341.93</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 22,075.88	\$ 25,866.12
Notes Payable.....	475.81	475.81
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b>\$ 22,551.69</b>	<b>\$ 26,341.93</b>
<b>ASSETS: CONSECRATION AGREEMENTS FUND</b>		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 47,596.30	\$ 54,573.81
U. S. Government Securities.....	\$ 109,367.50	\$ 109,367.50
Stocks, Bonds and Shares.....	10.00	10.00
Due from the General Fund.....		6,323.11
Notes Receivable.....	9,006.26	8,508.55
Real Estate Investment.....	11,447.30	14,710.52
Household Furniture and Equipment.....	1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 177,428.36</b>	<b>\$ 193,494.49</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 2,443.83	
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	65.00	
Consecration Agreements—Maximum Liability:		
Class B.....	\$ 67,869.71	\$ 39,918.42
Class C.....	54,033.65	55,254.17
Class D.....	332.68	2.00
Class E.....	448.58	448.58
Class F.....	5.00	5.00
Fund Equity:		
End of Period.....	52,229.91	97,866.32
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> .....	<b>\$ 177,428.36</b>	<b>\$ 193,494.49</b>

# Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

1952

1953

**RESTRICTED BUILDING FUND SECTION:**

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 116,353.52	\$ 41,130.97
U. S. Government Securities.....	170,320.00	155,875.50
Receivables.....	86,791.09	129,047.68
Due from the General Fund.....	3,274.06	
<b>Real Estate:</b>		
Kirtland Temple—water and sewer systems.....	657.00	657.00
<b>Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment—depreciated:</b>		
William Marks House.....	\$ 408.26	\$ 340.26
Lawrence, Kansas.....	70.00	65.00
Nauvoo Youth Camp.....	182.50	146.00
Nauvoo District Reunion.....	227.09	182.17
Nauvoo Mission.....	309.60	390.81
Kirtland Temple Tools and Equipment.....	1,080.08	1,031.79
<b>Total Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.....</b>	<b>2,277.53</b>	<b>2,156.03</b>
<b>Deferred Charges:</b>		
Deposits for Utilities.....	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.60
Prepaid Insurance.....	1,016.66	1,050.71
Other Deferred Expense.....	78.18	474.93
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 380,775.64</b>	<b>\$ 330,400.42</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:**

Deposits on Contracts for Deeds.....	\$ 617.28	
Due to the General Fund.....		\$ 13,909.98
Insurance Premiums Payable.....	471.07	
Accounts Payable.....	51.60	
Notes Payable to Branches and Districts.....	14,911.58	16,051.53
Restricted Building Fund Equities.....		9,955.23
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES.....</b>	<b>\$ 380,775.54</b>	<b>\$ 330,400.42</b>

**INVESTED BUILDING FUND SECTION:**

**ASSETS:**

Auditorium Building and Grounds.....	\$1,235,696.18	\$1,260,822.64
Chapel Account "A".....	5,648,958.44	5,633,641.44
Chapel Account "B".....	62,737.15	67,708.26
Chapel Account "C".....	75,747.30	75,747.30
Mound Grove Cemetery.....	11,705.90	11,705.90
Pacific Land Development Society.....	1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTED FUND ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$7,034,845.97</b>	<b>\$7,049,626.54</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:**

Mortgage Payable on Chapel Property.....	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00
Invested Building Fund Equity.....	7,033,965.97	7,048,746.54
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$7,034,845.97</b>	<b>\$7,049,626.54</b>

**ASSETS: HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND**

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 135,550.50	\$ 17,796.68
Canadian Government Securities.....	50,202.28	50,143.19
U. S. Government Securities.....	120,000.00	120,000.00
Notes Receivable from Congregations and Districts.....	570,243.27	656,855.85
Due from General Fund.....		31,842.27
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 875,996.05</b>	<b>\$ 876,637.99</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:**

Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 3,354.11	
Fund Equity:		
End of Period.....	872,641.94	876,637.99
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 875,996.05</b>	<b>\$ 876,637.99</b>

**ASSETS: MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND**

Cash in Banks.....	\$ 334,711.48	\$ 351,033.72
U. S. Government Securities.....	277,099.50	277,099.50
Canadian Securities.....		25,562.50
Due from the General Fund.....	213.73	
Accounts Receivable—Farm Management.....	117.73	
Prepaid Insurance.....	437.94	437.94
Real Estate Investment.....	300,953.32	287,239.26
Notes Receivable.....		6,600.00
Deferred Expense.....		6,036.68
Real Estate Contract Receivable.....		49,000.00
Investment Land O'Lake Creamery Certificate.....		6,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 913,533.70</b>	<b>\$1,009,009.60</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:**

Accounts Payable.....	\$ 249.99	
Due to General Fund.....		\$ 5,231.92

**EQUITIES:**

Retirement Reserve.....	\$ 537,331.55	\$ 558,812.26
Death Benefit Reserve.....	189,110.09	213,688.95
Disability Reserve.....	83,249.61	91,627.76
Special Reserve.....	1,069.34	1,069.34
Interest Earnings Reserve.....		659.85
Unallocated Reserve.....	47,458.75	48,597.25
Earnings on Real Estate Operations, Etc.....	21,938.38	54,520.35
Graceland College Faculty Retirement Reserve.....	33,125.99	34,801.92
<b>Total Equities—End of Period.....</b>	<b>913,283.71</b>	<b>1,003,777.68</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 913,533.70</b>	<b>\$1,009,009.60</b>

# Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

	1952	1953
<b>AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash .....	\$ 348.15	\$ 25.58
Government Bonds.....	12,481.87	11,542.50
Accounts Receivable .....		324.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 12,830.02</b>	<b>\$ 11,892.08</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:</b>		
Fund Equity—End of Period.....	\$ 12,830.02	\$ 11,892.08
<b>MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 113,608.90	\$ 104,400.96
Deposit for Letter of Credit.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Deposit for Construction, Volksbank, Hannover, Germany.....	9,862.50	9,862.50
U. S. Government Securities.....	70,000.00	70,000.00
Visual Aid Equipment.....	236.70	2,510.58
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 195,708.10</b>	<b>\$ 188,784.04</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 2,223.71	\$ 26,109.99
Equity—End of Period.....	193,484.39	162,674.05
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 195,708.10</b>	<b>\$ 188,784.04</b>
<b>OBLATION FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 240,288.06	\$ 309,587.38
Petty Cash.....	56.10	16.37
Accounts Receivable.....	1,224.74	300.13
Contracts Receivable.....	23.93	
Notes Receivable.....	4,392.55	7,429.33
U. S. Government Securities.....	155,259.61	155,003.00
Canadian Government Securities.....	3,064.69	3,056.06
Advance—Social Service Center.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Real Estate Investments.....	130,620.70	146,972.03
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Social Service Center.....	12,036.50	9,688.68
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Resthaven.....	\$ 9,668.82	\$ 9,750.69
Less Reserve for Depreciation.....	4,915.61	4,736.23
Deferred Charges.....	693.33	360.83
Due from the General Fund.....	11,577.66	8,067.45
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 566,991.08</b>	<b>\$ 648,495.72</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 1,613.85	\$ 954.40
Payroll Taxes Payable.....	292.06	276.17
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,905.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,230.57</b>
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Balance—End of Period.....	565,085.17	647,265.15
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 566,991.08</b>	<b>\$ 648,495.72</b>
<b>OPERATING RESERVE FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 223,864.14	\$ 198,492.00
U. S. Government Securities.....	575,000.00	575,000.00
Canadian Government Securities.....	200,000.00	225,375.00
Corporation Stocks.....	1,325.00	1,325.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,000,189.14</b>	<b>\$1,000,192.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 189.14	\$ 192.00
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Balance—End of Period.....	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,000,189.14</b>	<b>\$1,000,192.00</b>
<b>STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 3,107.23	\$ 4,154.00
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Balance—End of Period.....	\$ 3,107.23	\$ 4,154.00
<b>STEWARDSHIP-ENDOWMENT FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Due from the General Fund.....		\$ 1,185.66
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 9,222.02	66,042.99
Real Estate Investment.....	445,546.84	464,095.91
U. S. Government Securities.....	20,000.00	20,000.00
Canadian Government Securities.....	144,152.11	92,565.15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 618,920.97</b>	<b>\$ 643,889.71</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:</b>		
Bonds Payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund.....	\$ 233,300.00	\$ 233,300.00
Account Payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund.....	280.10	280.10
Due to the General Fund.....	23,847.11	
Beneficial Interest—General Fund.....	211,966.74	230,515.81
Fund Equity—Balance—End of Period.....	149,527.02	179,793.80
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 618,920.97</b>	<b>\$ 643,889.71</b>

**Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)**

1952

1953

**SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUND**

<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 186,799.90	\$ 30,000.00
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 148,756.86	
<b>EQUITIES:</b>		
Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.....	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
Graceland College.....	543.04	
Balance—End of Period.....	\$ 38,043.04	\$ 30,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 186,799.90</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>

**UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 345,536.67	\$ 567,410.91
U. S. Government Securities.....	95,000.00	95,000.00
Due from the General Fund.....	197,337.36	55,679.51
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 637,874.03</b>	<b>\$ 718,090.42</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:</b>		
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	\$ 1,233.25	
<b>Equities:</b>		
Alaska.....	3,000.00	
Auditorium Fund.....	310,054.97	\$ 412,904.20
Books and Tracts Subsidy.....	1,187.80	1,187.80
British Isles Headquarters.....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Historical Documents.....	475.00	475.00
Library Fixtures.....	1,014.00	1,014.00
Radio Project.....	186,122.74	184,492.77
Radio Room Improvements.....	1,973.27	1,530.04
Rehabilitation of Nauvoo and Kirtland Properties.....	20,313.00	20,898.71
Society Islands.....	25,000.00	8,087.90
Ottawa, Canada, Church.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Washington, D.C., Church.....	47,500.00	47,500.00
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES</b> .....	<b>\$ 637,874.03</b>	<b>\$ 718,090.42</b>

*Exhibit "B"*

**Statement of Income and Expense**

**GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS**

Years Ended December 31, 1952, and 1953

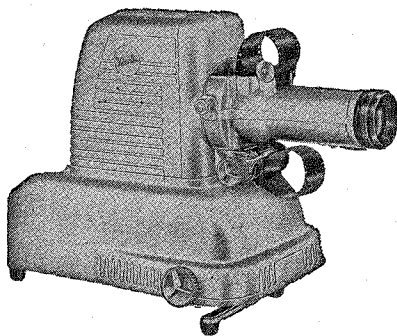
	1952	1953
<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS:</b>		
Tithes.....	\$1,529,109.75	\$1,688,114.55
Offerings.....	19,146.51	31,442.17
Christmas Offering.....	31,923.93	28,871.24
Total (Exclusive of Bequests).....	\$1,580,180.19	\$1,748,427.96
Bequests.....	46,802.02	47,738.84
<b>TOTAL TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b> .....	<b>\$1,626,982.21</b>	<b>\$1,796,166.80</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Ministerial:</b>		
<b>Active Family Allowances:</b>		
Regular.....	\$ 376,366.39	\$ 398,493.76
Extra and Medical.....	77,540.50	71,875.57
	\$ 453,906.89	\$ 470,369.33
<b>Less Amount Received from:</b>		
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	1,059.31	13,647.93
Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	6,600.00	6,600.00
Total Active Family Allowance.....	\$ 446,247.58	\$ 450,121.40
Payments to Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	64,449.26	65,556.20
Payments to Australian Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	324.00	324.00
Total Active Family Allowance and Reserve.....	\$ 511,020.84	\$ 516,001.60
<b>Elders' Expense:</b>		
Personal.....	\$ 130,998.76	\$ 139,166.73
Travel and Official.....	210,011.44	213,734.41
	\$ 341,010.20	\$ 352,901.14
<b>Less:</b>		
Payments from Missionary Reserve Funds.....	646.66	7,811.29
Offering from Saints and Friends.....	169,673.81	173,638.03
Total Elders' Expense.....	\$ 170,689.73	\$ 171,451.82
Inactive Family Allowances.....	\$ 86,838.15	\$ 90,266.23
Less Payments Received from Ministerial Reserve and Australian Reserve Funds.....	14,325.86	13,184.03
Total Inactive Family Allowances.....	\$ 72,512.29	\$ 77,082.20



# Statement of Income and Expense — Exhibit "B" (Continued)

	1952	1953
Administrative:		
General .....	\$ 143,762.80	\$ 196,786.85
Stakes and Districts.....	41,045.01	48,231.47
Missions Abroad.....	5,620.91	8,412.45
Depreciation of Fixtures and Equipment.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Administrative.....	\$ 195,428.72	\$ 258,430.77
Payments to Graceland College:		
Appropriation .....	\$ 61,250.00	\$ 67,500.00
Interest on Endowment Bonds.....	11,679.00	11,679.00
Faculty Retirement Fund.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total Payments to Graceland.....	\$ 76,929.00	\$ 83,179.00
Houses of Worship Improvements and Expense:		
Kirtland .....	\$ 3,689.84	\$ 2,295.57
Nauvoo .....	3,539.56	4,227.61
Salt Lake City.....	1,089.75	750.00
Other Properties.....	1,898.71	2,700.12
Architectural Service.....	896.14	271.62
Total Houses of Worship Expense.....	11,114.00	10,244.92
Exchange .....		622.44
Messiah Broadcast.....	3,996.99	3,471.73
Radio Broadcast.....	770.00	4,944.53
Miscellaneous Expense.....	1,799.10	2,420.01
Loss on Operation of Real Estate.....	1,392.92	
Total Expense.....	\$1,045,653.59	\$1,127,849.02
Operating Net Gain.....	\$ 581,328.62	\$ 668,317.78
Other Income:		
Exchange .....	\$ 573.63	
Miscellaneous Income.....	1,419.24	9,069.42
Gain on Real Estate Operations.....		14,944.16
Interest Income—Domestic.....	22,595.70	26,404.68
Interest Income—Canadian.....	5,566.29	7,092.45
Dividends—Corporate Stocks.....	319.15	319.15
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSE.....	\$ 611,802.63	\$ 726,147.64
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS—Deducted from Surplus by General Conference Action, April, 1952:		
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	\$ 61,490.37	
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	250,000.00	
Subsidiary Institutional Fund.....	50,000.00	
Unexpended Appropriation Fund.....	225,500.00	
Subsidiary Institutional Fund.....	140,000.00	
Operational Reserve Fund.....	100,000.00	
Property Transferred to Graceland College.....	7,358.85	
	\$ 834,349.22	

## Both for \$105 during April 4-18



### AURORA SUPER DE LUXE SCREEN 40" x 40"

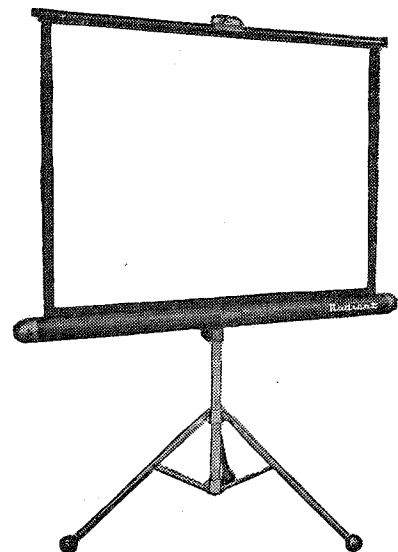
The screen is made of good glass-beaded material, is adjustable for use with slides, filmstrips, and movies. The stands are made of square tubing for steadiness. The tripod legs are easily adjustable and have skidproof rubber tips. Equipped with a shake-proof screen hanger.

**Regularly \$21.95**

### VIEWLEX PROJECTOR MODEL V-22CL

Do you need a combination slide and film-strip projector? This is it! This one takes 2" x 2" slides—cardboard and glass mounted; single and double frame filmstrips in both vertical and horizontal positions. 300-watt; motor fan cooled. 5" Luxtar lens. Weighs only 14 lbs. with the scuff-proof case. Guaranteed for a lifetime (except glass). Recommended by the General Church Audio-Visual Department.

**Regularly \$96.65**



**Audio-Visual Materials**  
Booth 6—Auditorium

**Herald House**  
*Independence, Missouri*

**Statement of Fund Equities**  
**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

For the Years Ended December 31, 1952, and 1953

	Total	General	Land and Inheritance	Temple	Consecration Agreements	HOUSES OF WORSHIP		Houses of Worship	Missionary Reserve
						Restricted	Investment	Revolving Fund	
<b>Balances—December 31, 1951:</b>	\$10,115,104.84	\$2,173,284.49	\$ 30,346.01	\$ 13,928.42	\$ 45,871.68	\$314,856.22	\$6,754,331.72	\$618,128.17	\$164,358.13
<b>Additions for the year 1952:</b>									
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments	710,658.55		12.00	.50	8,762.58	98,595.43	300,460.25	250,000.00	61,590.37
Excess of Income over Expense	626,223.64	611,802.63			54,634.26	\$413,451.65	\$7,054,791.97	4,513.77	1,144.66
Subtotal	<u>\$11,451,987.03</u>	<u>\$2,785,087.12</u>	<u>\$ 30,358.01</u>	<u>\$ 13,928.92</u>	<u>\$ 54,634.26</u>	<u>\$413,451.65</u>	<u>\$7,054,791.97</u>	<u>\$872,641.94</u>	<u>\$227,093.16</u>
<b>Deductions for the year 1952:</b>									
Normal Fund Disbursements	84,742.66	2.00			2,404.35	48,727.54			33,608.77
Value of Real Estate Sold	20,826.00								
Appropriations to Other Funds	834,349.22	834,349.22							
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1952	<u>\$10,512,069.15</u>	<u>\$1,950,735.90</u>	<u>\$ 30,358.01</u>	<u>\$ 13,928.92</u>	<u>\$ 52,229.91</u>	<u>\$364,724.11</u>	<u>\$7,033,965.97</u>	<u>\$872,641.94</u>	<u>\$193,484.39</u>
<b>Additions for the year 1953:</b>									
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments	\$ 15,385.32		12.00	592.75	47,146.73		14,780.57	3,996.05	1,456.82
Excess of Income over Expense	778,747.24	726,147.64		\$ 14,521.67	\$ 99,376.64	\$364,724.11	\$7,048,746.54	\$876,637.99	\$194,941.21
Subtotal	<u>\$11,306,201.71</u>	<u>\$2,676,883.54</u>	<u>\$ 30,370.01</u>	<u>\$ 14,521.67</u>	<u>\$ 99,376.64</u>	<u>\$364,724.11</u>	<u>\$7,048,746.54</u>	<u>\$876,637.99</u>	<u>\$194,941.21</u>
<b>Deductions for the year 1953:</b>									
Normal Fund Disbursements	91,966.38				1,510.32	58,188.90			32,267.16
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1953	<u>\$11,214,235.33</u>	<u>\$2,676,883.54</u>	<u>\$ 30,370.01</u>	<u>\$ 14,521.67</u>	<u>\$ 97,866.32</u>	<u>\$306,535.21</u>	<u>\$7,048,746.54</u>	<u>\$876,637.99</u>	<u>\$162,674.05</u>
<b>Balances—December 31, 1951:</b>	\$ 2,761,781.56	\$ 860,824.80	\$ 13,648.03	\$477,342.44	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 97,311.96	\$ 266,503.39	\$145,147.19	\$ 1,003.75
<b>Additions for the year 1952:</b>									
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments	967,833.48	65,387.93	907.85	129,334.29	100,000.00	190,000.00	480,126.55	4,379.83	2,076.86
Excess of Income over Expense	36,824.84	20,549.07		11,869.32					26.62
Subtotal	<u>\$ 3,766,439.88</u>	<u>\$ 946,761.80</u>	<u>\$ 14,555.88</u>	<u>\$618,546.05</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$287,311.96</u>	<u>\$ 746,629.94</u>	<u>\$149,527.02</u>	<u>\$ 3,107.23</u>
<b>Deductions for the year 1952:</b>									
Normal Fund Disbursements	447,922.91	33,478.09	1,725.86	53,460.88	\$1,000,000.00	249,268.92	109,989.16		
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1952	<u>\$ 3,318,516.97</u>	<u>\$ 913,283.71</u>	<u>\$ 12,830.02</u>	<u>\$565,085.17</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,043.04</u>	<u>\$ 636,640.78</u>	<u>\$149,527.02</u>	<u>\$ 3,107.23</u>
<b>Additions for the year 1953:</b>									
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments	246,676.82	42,701.71		142,635.59	192.00		102,849.23	30,266.78	1,000.00
Excess of Income over Expense	73,015.26	67,587.60	324.00						46.77
Appropriations from Other Funds	67,911.60	67,587.60							
Subtotal	<u>\$ 3,706,120.65</u>	<u>\$1,023,573.02</u>	<u>\$ 13,154.02</u>	<u>\$707,720.76</u>	<u>\$1,000,192.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,043.04</u>	<u>\$ 739,490.01</u>	<u>\$179,793.80</u>	<u>\$ 4,154.00</u>
<b>Deductions for the year 1953:</b>									
Normal Fund Disbursements	110,955.52	19,795.34	1,261.94	60,455.61		8,043.04	21,395.59		
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1953	<u>\$ 3,595,165.13</u>	<u>\$1,003,777.68</u>	<u>\$ 11,892.08</u>	<u>\$647,265.15</u>	<u>\$1,000,192.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 718,090.42</u>	<u>\$179,793.80</u>	<u>\$ 4,154.00</u>
Total from Above	<u>\$14,809,400.46</u>								
<b>TOTAL ALL FUND EQUITIES</b>									

Statement of Administrative Expense

GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS  
For the Years Ended December 31, 1952, and 1953

	1952					1953										
	Appropriations	Total	Salaries	Stationery & Supplies	Postage	Telephone & Telegraph	Miscellaneous	Earnings & Credits	Appropriations	Total	Salaries	Stationery & Supplies	Postage	Telephone & Telegraph	Miscellaneous	Earnings & Credits
<b>GENERAL:</b>																
The First Presidency.....	\$ 18,819.48	\$ 13,352.71	\$ 9,425.24	\$ 853.10	\$ 622.55	\$ 904.20	\$ 1,547.62		\$ 20,604.65	\$ 16,357.18	\$ 11,814.15	\$ 644.13	\$ 608.15	\$ 825.59	\$ 2,465.16	
The First Presidency—																
Priesthood.....	1,733.31	1,203.32	718.15	64.66	40.05	202.36	189.40	-11.30	1,837.74	1,482.16	1,095.92	178.99	91.53	179.47	-63.75	
Council of Twelve.....	11,339.67	9,682.57	6,514.15	366.82	724.02	1,460.09	617.49		12,110.20	10,443.23	7,732.01	381.87	821.18	1,215.57	292.63	
Presiding Bishopric.....	33,254.28	28,163.82	22,279.07	1,550.71	1,381.44	1,397.73	1,554.87		36,437.40	33,429.43	26,844.00	1,580.59	1,802.75	1,401.93	1,800.16	
Tithpayers Service.....	16,725.00	14,853.44	11,489.14	1,047.76	1,688.07	1,365.59	491.88		24,335.00	22,609.02	16,137.98	1,489.80	1,019.92	1,30.45	3,830.87	
Dept. Religious Education.....	12,356.93	11,179.16	7,055.19	942.25	532.89	588.27	3,212.77	-1,152.21	13,898.55	12,684.72	9,662.00	983.30	811.98	685.49	2,142.61	\$ -1,600.66
Radio.....	14,721.28	7,833.41	2,263.68	393.66	204.76	233.44	5,213.31	-475.44	16,360.86	12,783.63	3,115.32	1,216.56	1,329.28	309.42	7,940.85	-1,127.80
Music.....	3,039.67	2,032.47	1,406.73	79.58	120.00	135.55	249.21	-38.60	2,897.04	2,335.01	1,526.06	57.73	68.78	185.61	534.69	-37.86
Department of Statistics.....	14,218.38	15,068.02	12,239.14	1,059.00	361.75	1,478.48	1,478.48	-204.70	12,264.75	23,355.24	13,116.09	4,791.80	762.05	218.09	4,755.36	-288.15
Historian.....	2,452.93	2,088.29	1,477.60	91.23	60.41	102.48	356.57		2,799.58	2,455.13	1,783.76	94.66	70.82	84.31	427.58	-6.00
Auditor.....	2,425.00	2,016.45	1,406.50	578.13	204.61	97.99	192.14	-2,073.36	2,425.00	2,433.73			2.44	2,431.29		
Women's Department.....	1,994.05	406.01	1,061.16	410.85	175.38	241.10	93.44		2,551.96	-437.62	1,788.28	601.84	300.99	84.10	211.20	-3,424.03
Legal Expense.....	3,392.36	1,981.93	1,061.16	410.85	175.38	241.10	93.44		3,510.13	5,360.06	1,155.31	385.79	174.31	211.30	3,433.35	
Guide's Booth Auditorium.....	357.48	420.96				89.93	1,324.21	-993.18	357.48	159.56				77.90	991.64	-909.98
Audio-Visual Department.....	45,706.00	34,408.20	20,215.90	15.00	28.09	299.70	16,330.34	-2,437.74	48,395.00	46,422.79	3,491.62	205.51	61.54	142.26	2,143.32	-1,685.79
Auditorium Operating.....	150.00	60.50					45.50		150.00	20.68				376.10	25,779.49	-3,354.90
Archaeological Society.....	1,200.00	1,200.00					-9,164.59		1,000.00	114.03				3.28	17.40	
Ministry College Students.....		-7,311.15	1,662.07	163.28	68.77	53.21	39.77								114.03	
General Conference.....	1,000.00	401.44	137.81	68.77	53.21	101.88	39.77		1,000.00	420.38	54.51	32.58	180.53	98.26	54.50	
Council of Pres. Seventy.....									1,000.00	\$ 196,786.85	\$ 122,939.11	12,645.15	\$ 8,103.81	\$ 6,231.57	\$ 59,302.38	\$ -12,435.17
<b>TOTAL GENERAL.....</b>	<b>\$184,885.82</b>	<b>\$139,041.55</b>	<b>\$99,351.53</b>	<b>\$7,684.80</b>	<b>\$6,197.23</b>	<b>\$6,205.66</b>	<b>\$26,988.86</b>	<b>\$-7,386.53</b>	<b>\$202,935.34</b>	<b>\$196,786.85</b>	<b>\$122,939.11</b>	<b>12,645.15</b>	<b>\$ 8,103.81</b>	<b>\$ 6,231.57</b>	<b>\$ 59,302.38</b>	<b>\$ -12,435.17</b>
<b>STAKES AND DISTRICTS:</b>																
Center State of Zion.....	15,923.68	15,923.68	5,848.11	826.60	720.50	734.83	7,793.64		16,666.31	16,665.31		238.50	131.67	226.87	16,068.27	
Kansas City Stake.....	5,075.00	5,048.75	3,163.96	855.64	170.56	317.07	541.32		5,075.00	5,181.68	2,820.00	738.64	499.92	256.25	866.87	
Far West Stake.....	4,775.00	4,782.53	2,760.00	519.84	496.73	443.74	562.22		4,895.00	4,850.65	2,730.00	536.84	519.35	463.21	601.25	
Lamoni Stake.....	4,230.00	4,304.08	2,525.00	444.38	208.77	203.00	922.93		4,490.00	4,540.74	2,784.00	434.74	209.36	202.00	910.64	
Central Missouri Stake.....	4,625.00	2,998.23	1,527.21	192.64	344.90	377.49	555.99		4,625.00	3,539.79	1,825.13	519.14	244.53	335.92	615.07	
Detroit Internat'l Stake.....	4,000.00	3,987.74	3,600.00	58.36	1.03	400.00	-71.65		4,000.00	4,141.42	3,600.00	132.46	8.07	400.00	.89	
Los Angeles M'phn Stake.....	4,000.00	4,000.00		24.09			3,975.91		4,000.00	4,049.86		37.89	12.07	3,999.90		
Bish. & Agents Field Exp.....	4,750.00	4,721.25	80.00	1,592.47	1,864.85	336.99	846.94		4,750.00	5,262.02		1,759.69	2,155.52	429.40	917.41	
<b>TOTAL STAKES &amp; DISTS.....</b>	<b>\$ 47,378.68</b>	<b>\$ 45,766.26</b>	<b>\$ 19,504.28</b>	<b>\$ 4,514.22</b>	<b>\$ 3,807.34</b>	<b>\$ 2,813.12</b>	<b>\$ 15,127.30</b>		<b>\$ 48,501.31</b>	<b>\$ 48,231.47</b>	<b>\$ 13,759.13</b>	<b>\$ 4,397.90</b>	<b>\$ 3,780.49</b>	<b>\$ 2,313.65</b>	<b>\$ 23,780.30</b>	
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD:</b>																
Australasian.....	1,604.65	1,604.65					1,604.65								3,987.41	
British Isles.....	1,347.36	1,347.36					1,347.36								806.38	
Hawaiian.....	1,503.33	1,503.33	1,503.33												1,466.67	1,466.67
Scandinavian.....	-37.59	-37.59					-37.59								-48.60	
Society Islands.....	2,646.37	2,646.37		95.74			2,550.63								2,034.23	
German.....	-1,444.97	-1,444.97					-1,444.97								33.54	
Holland.....	1.76	1.76					1.76								132.82	
<b>TOTAL MISS. ABROAD.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,777.97</b>	<b>\$ 5,620.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,503.33</b>	<b>\$ 95.74</b>			<b>\$ 4,021.84</b>		<b>\$ 6,777.97</b>	<b>\$ 8,412.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,466.67</b>				<b>\$ 6,945.78</b>	
<b>DEPRECIATION — Furni- ture, Fixtures and Equip.....</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>					<b>5,000.00</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>					<b>5,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.....</b>	<b>\$244,042.47</b>	<b>\$195,428.72</b>	<b>\$120,359.14</b>	<b>\$12,294.76</b>	<b>\$10,004.57</b>	<b>\$9,018.78</b>	<b>\$51,138.00</b>	<b>\$-7,386.53</b>	<b>\$263,214.62</b>	<b>\$258,430.77</b>	<b>\$138,164.91</b>	<b>\$17,043.05</b>	<b>\$11,884.30</b>	<b>\$8,545.22</b>	<b>\$95,228.46</b>	<b>\$-12,435.17</b>

## Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses

## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1952, and 1953

ACTIVE NAME	No. of Elders' Depend- ents	1952				1953				
		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE		
		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	
Adams, Loyd.....	4	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 432.05	\$ 1,632.98	4	\$ 2,988.00	\$ 291.50	\$ 691.89	\$ 1,269.98
Alberts, D. A.....	5*	1,394.95	65.71	434.42	538.00	5*	1,496.07	105.58	325.79	667.81
Anderson, J. D.....	3	3,345.00	337.05	1,539.15	914.39					
Andersen, Richard.....				986.72	961.11				1,183.33	909.37
Anderson, Samuel E.....	3	1,417.50	17.62	244.54	445.13	3	378.00		75.81	133.82
Andrews, Alma C.....	1	1,752.00	217.13	866.21	2,059.00	1	1,944.00	713.85	1,040.71	757.01
Ashenhurst, R. J.....	3	2,340.00	269.85	381.63	798.91	3	2,364.00	913.22	307.12	1,104.76
Baldwin, Joseph E.....	3	2,295.00	418.00	872.66	1,438.01	3	2,370.00	551.67	774.51	1,157.69
Banks, John W.....	3	2,393.83	567.73	792.40	775.69	3	2,700.00	384.51	1,030.70	928.82
Banta, Fred C.....	1	992.00	38.00	443.23	198.31	1	1,920.00		690.91	405.08
Beck, T. A.....	1	2,280.00	762.49	931.05	1,558.92	1	2,400.00	578.89	1,104.79	1,550.76
Becker, W. C.....	1	1,944.00	190.30	782.51	1,274.94	1	1,968.00	257.00	828.09	983.14
Beil, T. R.....	1	2,215.00	562.90	1,160.80	1,072.96	2	2,520.00	400.57	1,057.63	1,166.69
Berndt, G. E.....	2	2,220.00	278.25	1,044.02	905.49	2	2,220.00	216.75	890.02	1,062.48
Berridge, Barnett W.....	3	2,534.00	277.40	604.87	929.78	4	2,874.00	351.21	609.10	1,138.75
Billings, V. J.....	4	2,700.00	259.32	728.36	1,037.22	4	2,880.00	195.50	905.37	865.13
Black, Harry W.....	1	1,955.00	251.50	964.76	743.14	1	2,040.00	554.94	1,489.52	644.14
Black, Stephen A.....	5*	3,120.00	129.75	816.19	1,733.63	5*	3,180.00	178.87	802.20	1,753.77
Blackmore, John.....	1	2,280.00	253.50	2,880.51	544.70	1	2,400.00	412.49	1,755.06	274.91
Blackstock, J. W.....	2	2,580.00	385.70	734.86	1,199.56	2	2,700.00	549.90	631.68	1,449.54
Bobbitt, Ralph A.....	1	1,740.00	373.43	281.71	1,316.20	1	2,214.00	135.20	1,112.49	742.82
Booth, J. E.....	3	2,328.00	227.00	1,240.10	1,006.71	3	2,340.00	488.00	1,134.14	1,076.14
Breckenridge, A. J.....	3	2,111.50	128.35	826.77	1,477.34	3	2,510.00	533.73	885.39	1,010.09
Breshears, W. J.....	3	2,429.80	270.98	876.40	1,053.41	4	2,640.00	31.25	1,110.02	804.05
Burdekin, A. Floyd.....	4	1,199.22		135.12	485.61	4	1,338.56	42.64	112.62	544.05
Butterworth, F. E.....	3	2,497.96	568.84	1,173.61	1,479.86	4	2,640.00	357.50	912.09	1,133.33
Byrn, O. Kenneth.....	2	2,190.00	310.76	1,041.25	442.71	2	2,115.00	187.66	1,001.32	506.36
Cackler, H. W.....	2	2,202.00	168.09	1,272.50	460.77	2	2,202.00	192.27	1,534.24	274.75
Carmichael, N. Ray.....	2	2,220.00	139.73	1,012.93	1,374.81	2	2,220.00	348.20	905.99	1,692.35
Chelline, W. H.....	1	2,060.00	512.00	842.21	1,392.36	1	2,157.03	287.50	984.95	1,178.02
Chesworth, D. O.....	2	2,400.00	494.14	720.25	1,105.80	2	2,700.00	348.48	771.50	1,362.49
Clinefelter, William.....						2		16.12	16.13	
Cole, Clifford A.....						4	1,260.00	6.56	383.23	405.44
Coleman, Sylvester R.....	3	2,262.00	258.84	641.41	1,009.31	3	2,342.00	371.76	528.61	866.65
Compier, Anton D.....	2	1,074.39	318.32	233.39	225.76	2	1,342.99	367.68	281.86	826.51
Conway, J. T.....	4	2,197.50	534.51	1,223.90	1,235.31	4	2,870.00	706.05	1,192.32	1,061.62
Cox, Norman E.....	1	1,840.50	312.67	284.50	1,124.30	2	1,351.00	183.50	392.53	607.43
Crownover, A. A.....	3	2,220.00	138.70	1,177.86	581.99	3	2,200.00	268.28	991.08	864.48
Darling, John R.....	2	2,280.00	151.66	1,227.41	908.43	2	2,280.00	183.12	1,204.30	795.73
Daugherty, J. C.....	4	3,000.00	307.38	974.24	1,845.23	4	3,060.00	558.10	821.81	1,635.81
Davey, R. E.....	1	2,449.48	55.89	614.50	1,032.31	1	2,700.00	804.29	774.06	888.69
Davies, C. A.....	1	1,111.73		139.57	262.39	1	1,246.49	237.94	193.56	999.69
Davies, F. O.....	2	2,280.00	216.23	1,196.26	664.55	2	2,583.86	523.54	1,113.41	890.28
DeLapp, G. L.....	2	2,760.00	871.12	1,326.13	1,100.16	2	2,760.00	1,140.61	1,183.19	1,122.30
Doty, H. L.....	4	2,640.00		691.71	1,413.93	4	2,760.00	301.55	460.64	1,264.47
Draper, M. L.....	4	2,316.45	464.65	580.46	1,680.78	4	1,945.44	295.83	170.35	756.14
Edwards, F. H.....	2	2,760.00	993.59	1,182.53	1,782.41	1	2,760.00	1,661.93	1,231.31	1,427.27
Ettinger, Cecil R.....	3	2,330.68	-38.66	682.71	1,300.62	3	2,567.32	120.84	648.22	970.84
Everett, James A.....	1	639.00	20.00	406.34	1,423.19	1	2,040.00	125.25	436.58	1,217.67
Farnham, R. S.....	3	2,538.00	178.55	810.11	1,458.03	3	2,904.00	279.55	796.56	1,298.96
Farrow, Percy E.....	1	2,280.00	1,575.73	832.40	1,762.84	1	2,405.00	1,349.46	607.11	1,751.33
Fisher, Howard W.....	3	1,098.00	67.62	310.15	470.94	3	2,196.00	85.14	498.91	1,572.34
Flanders, Robert.....				1,077.85	1,030.72	1			958.44	388.30
Frater, A. S.....	3	1,293.71	11.35	151.14	268.73	3	1,397.07	103.12	332.00	484.29
French, Calvin.....	1	2,290.00	354.31	562.90	1,102.70	1	2,355.34	620.03	542.49	1,029.90
Fry, Evan A.....	5*	3,180.00	147.83	1,409.77	830.88	5*	3,192.00	219.83	1,579.92	969.27
Fry, Frank A.....	1	1,975.51	77.00	557.90	828.54	1	2,100.00	928.70	673.26	862.16
Gabriel, R. Gerald.....	4	2,445.00	556.74	371.17	1,345.88	4	1,980.00	559.65	234.86	654.00
Gardner, Arthur L.....				265.08	125.88				731.87	718.89
Gibbs, A. F.....	2	2,177.50	462.78	366.77	1,083.56	3	2,340.00	84.80	313.06	1,037.36
Gleazer, E. J., Sr.....	1	1,932.00	522.75	970.48	2,221.79	1	2,280.00	780.11	1,283.63	1,231.43
Graham, Charles V.....	4	3,180.00	222.97	1,269.19	578.48	4	3,360.00	51.15	1,483.87	500.48
Grice, John R.....	1	2,070.00	94.75	489.97	645.07	1	2,070.00	74.00	466.18	705.23
Gunning, A. R.....	3	1,230.54	8.24	103.99	247.89	3	1,330.86	131.25	94.81	503.86
Guthrie, M. P.....	3	2,400.00	311.16	958.31	782.06	3	2,640.00	269.24	932.91	547.08
Guthrie, William T.....	4	2,880.00	259.75	518.67	1,054.23	4	3,000.00	168.94	508.97	1,048.96
Haden, William C.....	3	2,328.00		1,020.34	641.36	3	2,328.00	30.67	1,053.98	580.25
Hanson, Paul M.....	1	1,320.00		387.20	844.66	1	1,200.00	33.30	331.61	1,252.85
Hanton, Elroy E.....	3	375.67	6.00	60.13	94.99	3	2,760.00	24.00	581.48	1,133.91
Hart, Lee O.....	2	2,244.00	110.39	1,011.08	438.96	2	2,244.00	182.16	1,085.62	586.32
Harvey, D. E.....	2	2,419.00	229.56	1,082.98	1,084.28	2	2,424.00	335.97	1,076.34	1,183.20
Hield, Charles R.....	3	2,808.00	712.54	992.70	1,082.86	2	2,570.00	881.99	926.91	1,939.40
Higdon, Earl T.....	3	3,114.00	664.35	1,033.08	1,034.26	3	3,180.00	430.59	794.59	1,031.86

# Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses — Schedule 2 (Continued)

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ACTIVE NAME	No. of Elders' Depend- ents	FAMILY ALLOWANCE			ELDERS' EXPENSE		No. of Elders' Depend- ents	FAMILY ALLOWANCE			ELDERS' EXPENSE	
		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	Regular		Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official		
Hobart, C. H.	3	2,074.00	107.73	764.18	1,046.75	3	2,210.00	584.47	704.58	672.80		
Holmes, Reed M.	5	2,940.00	288.57	1,120.30	1,026.20	6	2,976.00	294.70	1,326.45	864.28		
Horahitu, Tauhiti		452.11	37.50	151.25	151.25		385.94		146.21	146.21		
Hougas, Ward A.	1	2,280.00	300.09	645.92	1,341.41	2*	2,463.00	276.57	715.40	1,398.40		
Hough, A. Wayne						2	1,082.40	282.03	356.32	916.59		
Howard, Merle E.	4	1,822.50	385.86	469.77	103.67							
Hunker, E. Y.	4	2,880.00	557.52	595.95	894.15	3	2,880.00	486.46	906.24	870.23		
Imrie, J. D.	2	945.01	16.41	109.99	186.90	3	1,035.00	252.20	110.46	290.20		
Jacka, Sydney	2	1,260.69	11.81	145.44	294.97	2	1,394.25	145.97	139.04	519.09		
Jackson, Wallace A.	3	2,255.00	361.18	587.74	948.55	3	2,700.00	247.00	704.59	690.50		
Jennings, Emery E.	5	2,760.00	82.73	925.42	1,085.56	5	2,940.00	52.11	865.74	1,125.33		
Jensen, D. Blair	3	2,880.00	381.52	806.90	1,434.70	3	3,000.00	530.43	752.00	1,274.31		
Johnson, Glen H.	2	2,160.00	351.65	1,005.01	948.49	2	2,220.00	372.38	941.80	1,389.31		
Johnson, Stanley W.	1	2,074.00	279.00	520.37	1,039.72	1	2,118.00	589.00	307.73	849.32		
Johnson, Walter N.	3	2,520.00	393.38	1,395.46	710.63	3	2,700.00	484.18	1,370.47	612.54		
Kaleikau, David A., Jr.						1	160.00	241.61	194.13	591.49		
Kelley, J. S.	1	2,280.00		738.35	1,146.66	2*	2,400.00	37.48	808.25	973.50		
Kemp, James N.	2	2,280.00	952.81	1,007.92	1,255.87	3	2,427.50	427.96	766.21	1,147.86		
Koehler, J. A.	1	1,200.00	30.00	18.25	34.05	1	1,200.00	20.20	268.64	13.26		
Kohlman, L. W.	6	3,420.00	114.61	983.08	1,135.51	6	3,600.00	275.48	1,096.11	1,348.54		
Kornman, Charles				523.64	1,028.11				559.88	1,016.11		
Koury, Aleah	2	1,872.50	280.87	556.24	859.47	3	2,352.00	185.46	576.20	1,050.31		
Kyser, Donald L.	3	2,400.00	16.82	528.95	1,077.75	3	2,400.00	154.18	677.11	938.71		
Landon, Donald D.	1	1,360.00	19.13	279.56	928.99	1	2,040.00	193.00	243.90	994.55		
Landsberg, L. E.	3	2,700.00	163.50	909.03	981.80	3	2,760.00	203.26	977.61	840.19		
LaPointe, Myron	4	2,760.00	75.25	926.41	740.59	4	3,000.00	206.00	805.25	1,011.26		
Ledsworth, Ernest A.	3		90.00	45.00	—61							
Lents, Donald V.	3	2,100.00	352.81	663.56	1,230.26	3	2,540.00	98.02	405.29	1,053.73		
Lively, H. C.	4	2,616.00	23.65	1,364.53	800.81	4	2,928.00	41.02	1,208.71	491.24		
Livingston, H. L.	5*	3,120.00	675.72	1,347.10	2,773.63	5*	3,420.00	845.80	1,278.49	1,232.65		
Loren, John N.	3	2,378.65	420.92	517.58	867.20	3	2,374.65	413.07	423.56	1,195.34		
Lynn, Herbert A.	1	1,650.00	31.56	539.21	1,276.30	1	1,824.00	112.02	411.48	988.93		
McClain, W. Blair	3	2,640.00	58.52	878.04	1,361.52	3	2,640.00	257.80	981.37	1,290.93		
McConley, M. A.	1	1,800.00	275.03	1,006.00	166.59	1	1,956.00	62.56	2,691.01	270.83		
McDonald, Frank	1	2,144.00	700.00	605.48	1,024.98	1	867.50	758.58	1,241.03	165.32		
McDowell, F. M.	1	2,208.00	525.02	1,037.62	759.57	2*	2,400.00	232.67	976.56	1,050.90		
McMurray, William	3	2,240.00	60.17	395.11	1,425.34	3	2,520.00	319.12	716.60	1,498.89		
Manuel, Ronald						3	1,155.00	118.09	341.32	279.03		
May, J. Charles	1	2,070.00	35.90	429.21	1,127.55	1	2,105.00	224.50	302.22	373.02		
Menzies, J. S.	3	2,283.00	398.93	524.98	1,141.75	3	2,568.00	179.02	413.18	920.19		
Mesle, F. Carl, Jr.	4	2,808.00	116.81	844.61	1,023.64	4	2,808.00	147.10	812.03	1,127.98		
Mesley, C. George	1	2,160.00	331.67	1,014.37	2,053.00	1	2,160.00	461.50	968.50	2,053.33		
Miller, Howard F.	1	2,280.00	541.80	1,288.52	2,294.14	1	1,995.00	470.42	839.43	549.95		
Moore, Philip W.	3	2,376.00	276.92	546.29	1,211.11	4	2,371.00	338.03	722.19	819.99		
Muir, Carl E.	3	2,043.00	600.72	362.35	1,075.30							
Neff, Charles D.	4	2,260.00	135.05	838.73	1,259.14	4	2,520.00	393.82	1,018.11	1,188.77		
Njeim, Geo. A.	3	2,761.99	925.39	703.42	1,116.78	3	2,592.00	790.15	1,300.57	1,114.36		
Oakman, Arthur A.	2	2,100.00	273.67	1,610.04	3,527.34	2	2,100.00	144.18	1,479.79	3,039.57		
Oliver, Lee	4	2,125.00	50.37	446.18	918.18	4	2,965.00	188.75	999.68	1,387.28		
Olson, C. L.	3	1,840.00	47.46	759.29	626.79	3*	2,108.34	117.70	806.60	1,257.97		
Patterson, William	3	2,880.00	460.07	498.06	1,354.93	3	3,000.00	331.31	873.64	939.86		
Pelletier, Al. M., Jr.	4	2,376.00	126.15	534.36	1,442.58	4	2,448.00	86.15	679.45	1,439.64		
Pement, J. V.	3	2,560.00	877.19	765.63	1,096.09	3	2,700.00	291.37	791.92	1,340.08		
Pfohl, Stanley	1	1,866.00	532.65	773.05	907.60	2	1,896.00	865.67	793.88	1,043.30		
Phillips, James C.	4	2,436.00	790.36	712.16	1,369.52	4	2,556.00	622.91	750.36	1,045.05		
Potter, Floyd	3	1,250.49	25.65	76.94	266.18	3	1,365.21	207.91	133.00	321.78		
Pray, Jack A.	2	2,040.00	97.07	974.89	838.65	2	2,040.00	355.50	1,043.57	962.31		
Puckett, John T.	2	2,244.00	210.26	299.78	1,742.26	2	2,304.00	160.19	409.35	1,503.44		
Ralston, R. F.	4*	2,544.00	1,207.81	978.51	1,391.22	4*	2,514.00	369.00	990.18	1,248.92		
Reid, Richard M.						1	902.00	19.12	179.48	303.24		
Renfroe, James	1	1,800.00	471.40	395.42	1,335.89	2	2,040.00	308.72	462.18	1,002.97		
Renfroe, Z. Z.	1	2,160.00	240.38	344.70	1,670.76	1	2,160.00	294.47	400.53	1,214.47		
Robbins, Cecil V.	1	1,379.00	25.00	702.29	1,130.05	1	2,100.00	183.20	536.62	998.29		
Rock, Arthur J.	3	2,520.00	935.43	1,216.30	1,125.61	3	2,760.00	336.99	1,395.19	1,281.02		
Rowe, Eric S.	3	1,075.20	166.80	308.78	308.78	3	1,136.80	244.75	244.75	447.60		
Ruch, V. D.	1	2,100.00	255.53	847.10	515.07	1	2,220.00	377.74	687.34	617.12		
Russell, R. M.	5	3,420.00	630.25	1,319.80	1,101.71	5	3,420.00	976.15	1,227.13	1,019.84		
Saxton, Clinton	3	2,628.00	615.26	638.45	1,218.19	3	2,628.00	796.21	658.06	1,376.51		
Scherer, Albert	4	2,820.00	157.16	751.55	961.21	4	3,000.00	166.00	891.51	948.42		
Scott, Herbert M.	3	2,508.00	495.64	1,586.11	757.45	4*	2,568.00	947.85	2,068.70	614.01		
Scott, Lewis E.	3	2,137.50	71.49	959.42	2,037.01	3	1,342.00	228.17	813.24	646.53		
Sheehy, Almer W.	4	2,430.00	377.91	682.58	858.82	4	2,472.00	450.92	647.26	744.75		
Sheehy, Howard	4	900.00	217.64	226.89	264.65	4	3,130.00	992.65	817.28	952.14		
Sheehy, J. F.	1	1,662.50	413.05	1,068.34	273.32							
Simmons, Wayne E.	4	2,700.00	374.17	568.99	1,350.88	4	2,760.00	315.20	405.06	1,313.40		
Simons, Harry J.	3	2,424.00	108.71	889.36	1,000.36	3	2,520.00	149.64	938.25	871.68		
Smith, Delbert	2	2,040.00	228.75	486.91	1,061.53	3	2,055.00	17.00	422.64	871.80		

# Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses — Schedule 2 (Continued)

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ACTIVE NAME	No. of Elders' Depend- ents	FAMILY ALLOWANCE				ELDERS' EXPENSE				
		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	
Smith, E. Elwood.....	3	2,635.17	537.99	819.74	1,083.96	3	2,760.00	525.91	933.15	951.68
Smith, Elbert A.....		1,680.00	115.00	333.70	678.12		1,680.00	103.47	302.54	488.30
Smith, G. Wayne.....	4	2,150.00	244.83	592.77	1,572.39	4	2,630.34	724.68	652.76	937.96
Smith, Glaude A.....	1	1,509.60	37.00	897.02	755.34	1	1,509.60	18.00	1,212.85	754.50
Smith, Israel A.....		1,860.00	363.84	978.60	2,474.83		1,860.00	337.00	2,538.62	671.22
Smith, Lynn E.....						3	460.00	368.00	156.96	137.90
Smith, W. Wallace.....	2	2,640.00	362.79	814.19	1,402.15	2	2,640.00	649.71	801.50	1,475.49
Sorensen, V. C.....	4	1,909.96	18.97	184.06	403.75	4	2,333.88	123.89	229.84	678.52
Stoff, A. E.....	1	1,920.00	42.63	579.20	359.65	1	2,028.00	8.90	646.75	287.41
Stuart, J. C.....	3	2,280.00	260.00	928.66	939.64	3	2,520.00	299.00	1,161.56	988.63
Stüve, Oscar.....	3	1,200.00		87.33	384.55	3	2,049.86	190.65	262.76	879.25
Theys, E. A.....	3	2,060.00	56.58	797.86	1,735.43	3	2,700.00	462.34	1,308.53	664.67
Tickmyer, G. E.....	3	2,880.00	257.65	973.40	1,348.26	3	2,964.00	144.60	1,063.44	1,184.50
Trapp, A. T.....	1	145.59	18.48	11.89	11.89	1	145.60		38.03	38.03
Troyer, Luther S.....	3	2,460.00	533.44	660.55	1,316.86	3	2,390.00	820.80	769.20	1,229.12
Turner, Robert V.....	1	235.00	10.00	378.09	1,140.46	1	1,667.50	10.00	507.61	995.79
Tyree, Alan.....	1	1,938.33	332.12	548.36	1,091.81	2	2,170.00	365.22	514.96	774.60
Updike, L. Wayne.....	3	2,580.00	436.76	1,299.94	1,229.82	3	2,580.00	487.63	1,058.87	1,522.30
Urban, Alfred.....	3	1,200.00		123.91	222.01	3	1,200.00	9.51	97.98	80.83
Velt, H. I.....	2	2,220.00	70.40	606.96	510.67	2	2,244.00	206.35	993.97	579.28
Vest, Elwin R.....	3	2,580.00	20.10	567.33	958.61	3	2,760.00	187.05	834.39	1,168.76
Wakeman, Robert T.....						5		76.12		
Webb, R. LaVern.....	2	2,136.00	142.60	616.05	1,105.37	2	2,268.00	263.61	756.53	951.17
Weddle, F. S.....	3*	2,880.00	233.17	1,736.61	1,237.14	3*	3,120.00	436.04	1,681.25	1,344.69
Weldon, Clair.....	1	2,210.00	346.00	911.37	1,228.76	1	2,040.00	727.59	967.05	1,147.25
Wellington, Paul A.....	2	1,750.00	28.00	603.92	723.53					
Whalley, Peter S.....	1	1,980.00		673.30	748.24	1	2,100.00	950.36	663.26	670.40
Whiting, Ray.....	2*	1,620.00	15.00	309.81	1,072.27	2*	1,215.00		293.58	896.20
Wight, John G.....	2	2,160.00	675.80	563.20	1,505.00	3	2,280.00	428.50	761.32	1,390.43
Williams, D. J.....	1	1,680.00		430.32	509.27	1	1,680.00		461.82	557.03
Williams, D. T.....	1	1,980.00	198.35	412.06	1,077.39	1	1,980.00	65.11	484.04	930.92
Williams, William E.....	3	2,372.00	174.35	707.64	943.64	3	2,544.00	49.71	669.31	1,055.46
Witte, Victor J.....	3	2,580.00	162.73	1,290.28	1,371.37	3	2,805.40	622.41	978.51	2,585.67
Woodstock, Lyle.....	3	2,591.00	537.76	880.63	1,152.10	3	3,132.00	571.92	1,126.29	1,040.53
Worth, T. E.....	3	1,518.18	9.80	253.75	555.56	3	1,758.96		220.50	585.13
Yager, J. H.....	2	2,100.00	284.00	251.87	1,102.74	2	2,255.00	280.35	320.56	1,116.16
Yale, Alfred H.....	4	2,844.00	1,024.32	698.22	1,537.32	4	2,880.00	227.33	894.52	1,173.72
Zonker, Louis C.....	2	1,884.00	75.06	269.36	1,314.24	3	2,980.00	15.48	311.76	2,163.56
<b>SUBTOTALS</b> .....		<b>\$376,366.39</b>	<b>\$49,459.32</b>	<b>\$130,998.76</b>	<b>\$184,654.23</b>		<b>\$398,493.76</b>	<b>\$58,968.81</b>	<b>\$139,166.73</b>	<b>\$172,221.07</b>
Moving Expenses furnished Minis- ters' families.....			28,081.18					12,906.76		
Automobile Insurance.....										11,008.36
Depreciation of Church-owned Automobiles.....					25,357.21					30,504.98
<b>TOTALS</b> .....		<b>\$376,366.39</b>	<b>\$77,540.50</b>	<b>\$130,998.76</b>	<b>\$210,011.44</b>		<b>\$398,493.76</b>	<b>\$71,875.57</b>	<b>\$139,166.73</b>	<b>\$213,734.41</b>

\* Includes partial or full dependents other than immediate family.

**INACTIVE:**

NAME	1 9 5 2		1 9 5 3	
	Regular	Medical, Etc.	Regular	Medical, Etc.
Andersen, Mrs. P. T.....	\$ 840.00	\$ 628.96	\$ 840.00	\$ 223.76
Andersen, Mrs. Peter.....	125.00	1,802.41		
Arber, Mrs. Ethel.....	1,020.00	18.20	1,080.00	8.64
Bailey, J. W. A. and Anna B.....	1,500.00	267.00	1,500.00	356.36
Baker, A. M.....	1,105.00		1,200.00	31.03
Baker, Mrs. J. M.....		553.43		
Baldwin, Richard.....	880.00	9.14	835.00	7.24
Barmore, Mrs. A. C.....	369.90		359.65	2.81
Bishop, Emily A.....	1,620.00	25.00	1,620.00	
Burgess, Mrs. S. A.....	1,620.00	304.47	1,680.00	251.44
Burton, Mrs. P. R.....	864.00	44.06	912.00	288.25
Carmichael, Albert.....	1,500.00	298.49	1,500.00	508.14
Carpenter, Blanche.....	1,260.00	27.50	1,380.00	107.83
Case, Hubert and Alice.....	1,224.00	908.09	1,224.00	2,303.96
Cook, M. H.....	840.00	495.50	840.00	
Corbett, A. J.....	72.90		86.85	
Curtis, J. F. and Orpha.....	1,500.00	371.08	1,500.00	389.33
Daniel, Mrs. G. Scott.....	480.00		480.00	
Davies, Mrs. E. H.....	243.00		175.50	
Davis, Mrs. E. R.....	840.00	146.56	940.00	94.87
Davis, J. Arthur.....	1,200.00	207.35	1,220.00	266.35
Dutton, J. O. and Myrtle.....	1,020.00	3.00	1,020.00	
Ellis, Mrs. Clyde F.....	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Fligg, W. I. and Alice.....	1,440.00	255.00	1,230.00	
Fry, Charles and Emily.....	1,260.00		1,260.00	188.95



INACTIVE: NAME	1952		1953	
	Regular	Medical, Etc.	Regular	Medical, Etc.
Garnet, Pearl.....	900.00		1,080.00	
Garver, Mrs. J. F.....	1,140.00	58.58	1,140.00	54.30
Gillen, Mrs. James A.....	80.00	2,139.26		2,268.22
Griffiths, Catherine E.....	840.00	792.76	900.00	16.96
Haden, Mrs. W. E.....	1,062.00		1,252.00	218.30
Harpe, C. E. and Althera J.....	1,234.00	446.00	1,095.00	21.00
Hawn, Mrs. O. J.....	780.00		780.00	
Higdon, Amos T. and Vinnie.....	1,320.00	107.92	1,440.00	154.27
Holloway, L. G. and Flora.....	1,680.00	144.00	1,800.00	348.63
Houghton, Mrs. Leonard.....	900.00		900.00	
Hull, E. B. and Josephine.....	1,320.00	549.69	1,320.00	461.51
Hunt, C. J.....	31.50	560.21		
Jenkins, Hannah.....	720.00		720.00	
Jones, Mrs. J. H. N.....				81.87
Kelley, Mrs. J. E.....	900.00		900.00	
Kelley, Mrs. W. H.....	660.00	50.00	660.00	50.00
Krahl, Mrs. D. J.....		1,452.59		1,445.52
Lewis, Mrs. George G.....	1,800.00	358.59	1,800.00	68.50
Loving, Albert L. and Hilda.....	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Macrae, W. S.....	1,032.00	53.00	1,080.00	54.14
Miller, C. Ed. and Anna B.....	1,380.00	297.41	1,620.00	121.25
Muceus, Mrs. Peter.....	735.60		756.00	
Mussell, F. T.....	800.00	59.21	1,020.00	
McConaughy, J. C.....	785.00	60.85	715.00	
McGuire, Fannie E.....	100.00		1,200.00	
McDonald, Mrs. Frank.....			1,191.50	
Okerlind, Mrs. O. W.....	1,140.00		1,140.00	
Peisker, Mrs. E. A. H.....	209.25		209.25	
Peterson, Mrs. J. W.....	1,140.00	40.19	1,200.00	40.34
Phillips, A. B. and Josie.....	960.00	100.68	960.00	843.84
Pycock, Mr. and Mrs. James.....	1,500.00	46.90	1,500.00	6.00
Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Lee.....	960.00	93.60	960.00	1,522.34
Riley, Mrs. J. T.....	700.00			
Robinson, Mrs. A. V.....	405.00		405.00	
Rushton, Mrs. John W.....	1,500.00		1,500.00	200.00
St. John, Mrs. Grant.....	945.60			
Sawley, Mrs. F. L.....	660.00		660.00	
Scott, Mrs. S. W. L.....	540.00		540.00	175.55
Sheehy, Mrs. J. F.....	437.50	47.69	2,000.00	461.95
Silver, Mrs. A. C.....	819.60	298.31	840.00	219.39
Skinner, Mrs. C. A.....		76.55		190.68
Slover, Mrs. F. M.....	630.00		630.00	
Smith, F. A. and M. Esther.....	1,776.00	705.39	1,860.00	903.34
Smith, I. M.....		472.16		
Smith, Mrs. S. S.....	1,020.00	43.00	1,020.00	33.72
Sorden, Mrs. D. B.....	2,100.00	89.22	2,100.00	23.40
Sparling, Mrs. William.....	450.00	300.00	487.50	325.00
Thorburn, Mrs. G. W.....	630.00		630.00	
Vanderwood, Bertha.....	1,140.00	22.13	1,200.00	4.50
Vaughan, W. J.....	425.81		463.10	
Wells, Gomer R. and Adelaide M.....	1,320.00	189.09	1,368.00	260.54
Whiting, Birch and Abbie A.....	1,320.00	269.51	1,380.00	346.02
Wildermuth, L. O.....	900.00	42.63	900.00	272.47
Woodstock, Mrs. C. B.....	840.00	295.13	840.00	298.37
<b>TOTAL INACTIVE</b>	<b>\$70,210.66</b>	<b>\$16,627.49</b>	<b>\$73,745.35</b>	<b>\$16,520.88</b>

Schedule 3

Statement of Tithes and General Offerings (Excluding Bequests, Surplus, and Oblation)

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1952	Total	Tithes	Offering	Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
General Church.....							\$ 17.78
General Conference.....							4,375.11
Center Stake of Zion.....	9,872	\$ 216,069.35	\$ 211,386.12	\$ 4,061.35	\$ 621.88	\$ 1,214.20	\$ 11,287.20
Far West Stake.....	3,015	40,584.27	40,151.34	226.79	206.14		2,673.81
Central Missouri Stake.....	2,729	39,117.94	38,843.97	134.20	139.77		3,214.29
Kansas City Stake.....	4,027	60,883.27	60,421.02	445.81	16.44		3,005.02
Lamoni Stake.....	2,449	34,666.06	34,197.53	324.87	143.66	3,462.84	3,077.10
Alabama.....	798	7,073.07	7,026.26	12.40	34.41		473.16
Mobile.....	1,527	19,326.27	18,942.21	64.36	319.70		1,806.27
Arizona.....		8,029.85	7,384.96	548.37	96.52		712.40
Arkansas and Louisiana.....	1,795	13,419.17	13,238.25	19.99	160.93		940.24
Metropolitan Los Angeles Stake.....	3,278	28,784.50	27,833.34	680.35	270.81		2,580.43
California, Northern.....	3,636	43,167.28	42,041.71	343.96	781.61		3,819.85
California, Southern.....	1,873	21,079.53	20,316.31	243.84	519.38		2,007.35
Colorado, Eastern.....	2,653	33,634.11	32,737.15	348.56	548.40	14,567.40	2,367.14
Colorado, Western.....	364	2,229.68	2,187.08	5.60	37.00		329.17
Pensacola.....	1,407	7,023.60	6,950.89	9.00	63.71		853.32
Idaho.....	836	7,252.78	6,679.93	97.40	475.45		699.61
Illinois, Central.....	1,220	11,001.88	10,745.96	29.31	226.61		971.52
Nauvoo.....	876	15,408.54	14,602.64	20.90	785.00		864.96
Illinois, Northeastern.....	760	14,087.41	13,399.91	96.15	591.35		1,014.80
Rock Island.....	2,337	22,819.15	21,752.77	142.14	924.24		2,049.57

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STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1952	Total	Tithes	Offering	Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Illinois, Southeastern.....	1,393	15,788.67	15,290.59	31.13	466.95		925.84
Chicago.....	1,125	16,231.38	15,124.54	233.63	873.21		1,120.12
Indiana, Northern.....	972	11,289.08	11,020.91	60.62	207.55	1,441.27	926.76
Indiana, Southern.....	1,116	10,768.74	10,438.14	94.15	236.45		972.83
Des Moines.....	2,377	28,463.30	27,748.41	414.37	300.52		2,326.91
Iowa, Northwestern.....	2,299	28,775.73	27,423.82	192.26	1,159.65	450.00	2,133.10
Iowa, Southwestern.....	2,247	19,832.61	18,655.44	418.63	758.54		1,085.26
Kansas.....	1,182	17,670.82	17,501.05	37.85	131.92		1,511.46
Kaw Valley.....	612	9,183.16	9,109.92	25.00	48.24		683.07
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	1,129	7,494.34	7,459.27	1.00	34.07		543.40
Maine.....	1,237	8,184.70	7,183.00	108.54	893.16		944.96
New England, Southern.....	1,179	20,864.66	20,177.20	36.25	651.21		1,645.78
Michigan, South Central.....	1,696	12,619.70	12,259.39	26.13	334.18		1,217.26
Michigan, Central.....	1,344	11,836.02	11,488.84	51.33	295.85		1,269.39
Detroit International Stake.....	4,002	69,704.75	67,095.78	956.34	1,652.63	7,934.88	7,193.47
Michigan, Eastern.....	1,168	14,410.40	13,816.44	3.30	590.66		1,220.11
Michigan, Northern.....	1,445	11,945.60	11,618.47	114.48	212.65		912.31
Michigan, Southern.....	2,241	18,261.23	17,762.91	143.98	354.34		2,299.97
Flint-Port Huron.....	2,383	21,773.80	21,555.67	98.75	119.38		1,838.91
Minnesota.....	1,044	9,964.47	9,573.47	152.95	238.05		603.35
Missouri Missionary Area.....		3,557.93	3,525.23	10.50	22.20		673.19
Rich Hill.....	1,374	18,784.65	18,445.89	107.92	230.84		1,581.69
St. Louis.....	1,663	18,353.52	17,098.53	120.45	1,134.54		1,488.97
Missouri, Southern.....	414	5,300.22	5,262.33	2.62	35.27		484.20
Spring River.....	2,911	31,710.74	30,819.40	148.31	743.03		3,052.27
Montana, Northern Plains (Eastern).....	451	3,238.96	3,110.86	25.00	103.10		308.16
Montana, Western.....	754	5,291.22	4,851.38	87.50	352.34		668.89
Nebraska, Central.....	346	2,266.62	2,116.04	76.00	74.58		123.02
Nebraska, Northeastern.....	1,493	10,688.84	10,323.60	270.34	94.90		747.82
Nebraska, Southern.....	767	15,239.50	14,362.02	301.48	576.00		849.21
New York.....	611	10,689.01	9,902.67	1.11	785.23		829.96
New York and Philadelphia.....	2,190	26,620.48	25,406.41	200.05	1,014.02	1,000.00	3,060.72
Red River.....	492	6,302.23	5,974.30	20.02	307.91	12.62	276.62
Columbus.....	1,060	8,360.48	7,491.88	373.06	495.54		750.59
Kirtland.....	1,971	28,092.83	27,379.18	341.85	371.80		1,934.43
Ohio, Northwestern.....	777	8,155.15	7,963.24	11.00	180.91		712.06
Ohio, Southern.....	1,853	29,198.65	27,245.49	1,307.72	645.44	13,874.27	1,783.09
Youngstown.....	590	7,020.08	6,558.21	75.73	386.14		514.68
Oklahoma, Central.....	2,952	39,007.55	38,651.20	85.55	270.80		2,332.66
Oklahoma, Western.....	835	7,950.92	7,457.42	44.36	449.14		738.03
Pittsburgh.....	750	11,617.18	11,312.18	80.80	224.20		700.37
Texas, Central.....	1,339	14,232.89	13,634.51	353.37	245.01		1,241.96
Texas, Southwest.....	853	16,253.52	16,024.54	7.25	221.73		1,026.97
Utah.....	369	3,348.89	3,057.74	200.50	90.65		359.63
Columbia, British.....		5,833.91	5,438.39	146.25	249.27		723.92
Oregon.....	2,431	18,733.65	18,210.95	235.66	287.04		2,391.95
Seattle.....	1,891	18,862.22	18,191.70	245.65	424.87		1,733.29
Spokane.....	1,203	11,449.90	11,023.18	129.80	296.92		1,240.12
West Virginia.....	1,283	9,747.13	9,320.71	129.56	296.86		1,187.78
Wisconsin.....	1,164	15,583.64	15,198.18	173.46	212.00	654.54	1,415.01
Unorganized, Domestic.....		17,056.95	16,541.15	118.29	397.51		2,252.35
Unorganized, Canadian.....		3,306.57	3,261.26		45.31		314.46
Alberta.....	794	10,526.89	10,254.49	98.00	174.40		403.68
Chatham.....	1,207	20,595.94	20,290.24	17.30	288.40		1,192.07
London.....	1,297	14,261.36	13,361.92	318.45	580.99		1,367.29
Owen Sound.....	1,138	13,961.14	13,195.53	40.75	724.86	100.00	1,593.87
Toronto.....	2,231	21,741.57	19,885.86	430.75	1,424.96		2,091.24
Sault Ste Marie.....	766	5,074.96	4,651.21	25.00	398.75		545.00
Saskatchewan.....	833	10,911.00	10,588.28	167.82	154.90	2,090.00	495.09
Australia.....	3,521	21,104.10	20,967.43	73.75	62.92		1,446.09
British Isles.....	1,605	4,815.54	4,503.79	153.43	158.32		729.61
Hawaii.....	913	7,518.78	7,244.20	174.50	100.08		799.53
Holland.....	379	591.82	591.82				111.20
Scandinavia.....	71	181.50	141.50	17.50	22.50		38.85
Society Isles.....	2,168	4,630.47	3,547.99	1,039.95	42.53		477.83
Unorganized Foreign.....		1,533.11	1,530.11		3.00		
Germany.....	1,400	155.11	53.00	102.11			30.51
<b>TOTALS.....</b>		<b>\$1,580,180.19</b>	<b>\$1,529,109.75</b>	<b>\$ 19,146.51</b>	<b>\$ 31,923.93</b>	<b>\$ 46,802.02</b>	<b>\$ 129,334.29</b>

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1953	Total	Tithes	Offering	Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
General Church.....		\$ 34.20		\$ 34.20			\$ 113.60
Center Stake of Zion.....	9,961	240,941.93	\$ 237,419.20	\$ 3,360.65	\$ 162.08	\$ 5,657.36	\$ 13,759.70
Far West Stake.....	3,036	46,105.10	45,786.34	255.87	62.89		3,539.56
Central Missouri Stake.....	2,790	40,316.55	39,840.23	377.96	98.36	500.00	3,505.17
Kansas City Stake.....	4,145	68,371.99	67,825.39	520.01	26.59		4,422.49
Lamoni Stake.....	2,442	37,027.07	36,518.28	348.47	160.32		3,387.78
Alabama.....	835	7,319.69	7,206.08	85.00	28.61	400.00	522.61
Mobile.....	1,545	18,562.96	18,301.27	64.75	196.94		1,917.09
Arizona.....		8,547.30	8,405.17	64.18	77.95		671.82
Arkansas and Louisiana.....	1,815	10,715.53	10,589.69	33.67	92.17		949.18

## Statement of Tithes and General Offerings (Excluding Bequests, Surplus, and Oblation)

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1953	Total	Tithes	Offering	Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Metropolitan Los Angeles Stake.....	3,534	36,741.99	35,742.07	728.23	271.69		2,861.59
California, Northern.....	3,770	51,285.50	50,515.04	389.18	381.28		4,501.81
California, Southern.....	1,953	27,769.28	26,691.33	301.31	776.64		2,465.27
Colorado, Eastern.....	2,748	37,924.90	36,703.03	507.72	714.15		2,961.01
Colorado, Western.....	339	2,392.95	2,340.28	6.75	45.92		361.26
Pensacola.....	1,476	8,259.07	8,204.29	13.00	41.78		851.06
Lower Florida.....		4,606.29	4,469.95	17.65	118.69		351.12
Idaho.....	883	10,143.45	9,644.16	68.49	430.80		807.67
Illinois, Central.....	1,021	11,409.39	10,472.06	750.33	187.00		1,078.95
Nauvoo.....	828	14,467.39	13,756.54	11.95	698.90		1,142.79
Illinois, Northeastern.....	812	15,983.33	15,283.96	78.96	620.41	16,760.76	1,238.04
Rock Island.....	2,328	29,634.35	28,412.91	138.10	1,083.34		2,227.16
Illinois, Southeastern.....	1,413	17,088.12	16,633.20	31.62	423.30		1,220.47
Chicago.....	1,153	18,136.41	16,871.39	221.83	1,043.19		1,319.72
Indiana, Northern.....	1,009	12,091.50	11,805.49	62.47	223.54	1,108.31	1,109.57
Indiana, Southern.....	1,154	12,118.17	11,668.03	147.25	302.89		1,148.77
Des Moines.....	2,407	31,297.52	30,923.22	131.06	243.24		2,828.84
Iowa, Northwestern.....	2,291	26,508.18	25,113.40	301.15	1,093.63	22,091.28	2,073.92
Iowa, Southwestern.....	2,287	23,530.41	22,592.08	395.54	542.79		1,428.62
Kansas.....	1,283	18,628.99	18,534.62	17.72	76.65		1,678.97
Kaw Valley.....	731	9,737.91	9,615.61	70.88	51.42		726.26
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	1,129	8,874.93	8,844.33	20.00	10.60		689.51
Maine.....	1,253	9,196.52	8,096.15	148.24	952.13		1,225.16
New England, Southern.....	1,171	16,238.16	14,715.18	1,049.30	473.68		1,727.18
Michigan, South Central.....	1,699	16,641.37	16,274.83	15.60	350.94		1,553.28
Michigan, Central.....	1,372	10,279.13	9,884.70	19.50	374.93		1,426.63
Detroit International Stake.....	4,101	80,099.15	78,403.53	406.87	1,288.75		7,166.11
Michigan, Eastern.....	1,196	17,899.76	17,382.90	66.39	450.47		1,608.81
Michigan, Northern.....	1,398	11,007.50	10,541.98	103.13	362.39	500.00	1,019.88
Michigan, Southern.....	2,216	27,900.55	27,401.98	178.62	319.95		2,055.40
Flint-Port Huron.....	2,432	25,699.19	25,504.94	65.48	128.77		1,984.99
Minnesota.....	1,051	14,960.41	14,307.93	258.01	394.47		599.99
Missouri Missionary Area.....	637	12,396.80	12,332.74	38.05	26.01		699.98
Rich Hill.....	1,303	13,991.91	13,705.64	72.81	213.46		1,861.52
St. Louis.....	1,719	20,593.52	19,222.71	85.92	1,284.89	200.00	1,668.23
Missouri, Southern.....	408	3,696.57	3,667.00	4.50	25.07		558.64
Spring River.....	2,942	34,147.77	33,466.64	78.49	602.64		3,558.30
Montana, Northern Plains (Eastern).....	446	4,716.23	4,574.66	2.00	139.57		349.62
Montana, Western.....	762	9,866.03	9,516.59	113.73	235.71		665.45
Nebraska, Central.....	297	1,337.17	1,298.99	1.50	36.68		216.22
Nebraska, Northeastern.....	1,518	12,262.02	12,008.12	170.58	83.32		820.12
Nebraska, Southern.....	695	14,802.66	14,185.08	153.69	463.89		811.43
New York.....	643	11,160.11	10,621.30	50.85	487.96		829.42
New York and Philadelphia.....	2,259	30,784.00	29,478.88	314.98	990.14		3,359.88
Red River.....	480	4,350.41	4,009.86	19.68	320.87		373.23
Columbus.....	1,074	17,610.97	16,509.19	468.79	632.99		1,210.90
Kirtland.....	2,051	29,415.14	28,721.73	360.83	332.58		2,240.42
Ohio, Northwestern.....	804	10,757.14	10,598.40	17.39	141.35		872.64
Ohio, Southern.....	1,881	20,546.25	20,131.41	99.82	315.02		1,676.12
Youngstown.....	585	7,591.91	7,046.80	82.75	462.36		581.21
Oklahoma, Western.....	853	5,739.08	5,461.95	18.37	258.76		891.02
Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	1,727	19,394.92	19,322.48	34.40	38.04		1,281.27
Oklahoma City.....	1,055	18,006.49	17,603.49	91.74	311.26		1,233.75
Pittsburgh.....	753	14,236.84	14,038.11	70.15	128.58		822.20
Texas, Central.....	1,435	15,743.90	15,286.41	153.32	304.17		1,472.42
Texas, Southwest.....	904	14,267.78	14,110.77	44.76	112.25		1,101.20
Utah.....	380	2,694.14	2,559.02	60.75	74.37		419.61
Columbia, British.....	775	6,139.90	5,869.63	96.50	173.77		719.07
Oregon.....	2,564	19,294.90	18,921.02	119.50	254.38		2,705.56
Seattle.....	2,041	18,441.40	17,809.09	265.19	367.12		1,983.84
Spokane.....	1,226	9,935.51	9,711.39	44.90	179.22		1,392.22
West Virginia.....	1,270	8,192.07	7,778.57	82.56	330.94		1,297.08
Wisconsin.....	1,210	14,146.00	13,769.09	205.33	171.58	1.13	1,525.54
Unorganized, Domestic.....		32,149.03	19,853.29	12,054.98	240.76		2,271.41
Unorganized, Canadian.....		5,034.18	4,893.42	99.04	41.72		396.48
Alberta.....	811	7,586.68	7,369.31	21.50	195.87		499.39
Chatham.....	1,168	15,266.65	14,972.62	49.00	245.03		1,320.09
London.....	1,307	17,689.74	16,853.82	414.73	421.19		1,491.86
Owen Sound.....	1,114	19,758.63	18,991.31	99.75	667.57	400.00	1,731.61
Toronto.....	2,051	22,337.18	20,660.82	513.53	1,162.83		2,312.46
Sault Ste Marie.....	742	5,790.81	5,212.80	22.00	556.01		613.24
Saskatchewan.....	854	10,987.88	10,742.26	83.37	162.25	120.00	576.93
Australia.....	3,618	31,668.22	31,395.07	197.81	75.34		2,010.25
British Isles.....	1,521	3,671.25	3,449.16	117.70	104.39		626.95
Hawaii.....	932	6,678.82	6,426.83	140.38	111.61		839.57
Holland.....	391	522.88	501.81	21.07			110.46
Scandinavia.....	72	51.25	49.75	1.50			31.88
Society Isles.....	2,178	3,915.35	2,874.68	1,040.67			320.09
Unorganized Foreign.....		211.00	206.00	2.00	3.00		19.60
Germany.....	1,410	2,354.78	1,082.08	1,272.22	.48		136.40
<b>TOTALS.....</b>		<b>\$1,748,427.96</b>	<b>\$1,688,114.55</b>	<b>\$ 31,442.17</b>	<b>\$ 28,871.24</b>	<b>\$ 47,738.84</b>	<b>\$ 142,635.59</b>

## Report of the Board of Publication

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The Board of Publication is pleased to present its report covering the period since the last General Conference of April, 1952.

Included as a part of this report is a condensed balance sheet dated May 31, 1953, with a statement of examination by our auditor, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A. Comparison with the statement of May 31, 1951, presented to the last General Conference indicates a satisfactory fiscal growth along with the growth in services over the same period.

During the two years current assets increased 17 per cent while current liabilities increased only 8 per cent. The equity account has advanced 22.5 per cent. Net operating gain for the two-year period ending May 31, 1953, was 5.9 per cent of sales.

We are very appreciative of the devoted service of the entire Herald House personnel. We are grateful also for the continued support of the ministry and membership of the church.

Included below is the report of Kenneth L. Graham, Secretary-Manager, which notes major items of progress during the period under review. This report was approved by the Board of Publication at Independence, Missouri, March 1, 1954, and is made a part of the report of the Board of Publication to the First Presidency and General Conference.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION  
W. N. JOHNSON, *Chairman*

## REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Since the last General Conference, Herald House has continued to grow with the church. The official publishing house is today sending more literature and church supplies to branches and members throughout the world than ever before.

### SALES AND SERVICE

An important step taken by Herald House to improve and expand its service was the opening of an agency office at Guelph, Ontario, Canada, in February, 1953. This agency, operated under the supervision of Bishop L. W. Kohlman, with headquarters of the church in Canada, serves all branches and church members in the Dominion. It carries in stock a complete line of Herald House publications and materials of other publishers. Orders from Canadian Saints are processed through this office, giving faster service and eliminating problems with customs and currency. During the first year of operation, distribution in Canada increased approximately 40 per cent, which proves the value of the service.

Herald House Division (Canada) is the second publishing agency of the church to serve members outside continental United States. For many years a similar branch has operated in Rozelle, N.S.W., Australia. This agency, supervised by Bishop D. A. Alberts and an Australian Board of Publication, serves churches in Australia and New Zealand. Studies are now being made by Elder Donald V. Lents, Missionary in Charge, toward the establishment of a similar division to serve the church in the British Isles.

During the fiscal year ending May 31, 1953, Herald House processed 51,284 mail orders, an annual increase of more than 10,000 orders, or 25 per cent, in two years. Annual dollar volume of sales increased 18 per cent during the same period.

One reason for this additional activity is the growth of the book steward program. On February 11, 1954, 435 branches in the United States and Canada were sponsoring book stewards compared to 280 at the same time in 1952. During the past fiscal year this program was responsible for 40.7 per cent of our total sales and commissions to book stewards amounted to \$10,955.99. In addition discounts to agencies, commissions to reunions and special conference displays amounted to \$12,004.68.

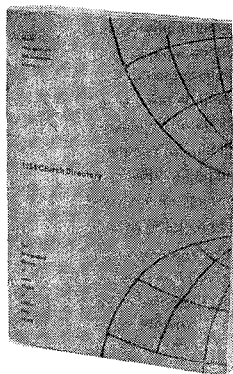
Herald House continued its policy of providing the *Saints' Herald*, *Daily Bread*, and *Guidelines to Leadership* free of charge to General Church appointees. This amounted to a total of \$1,850.95 during the past year. Free *Saints' Herald* subscriptions to new members, gift literature to new missions, and other free literature amounted to \$592.32 over the same period.

Herald Bookshop will soon have enlarged quarters. Since occupying the present space in 1946 bookshop sales have increased 287 per cent in volume. Additional space has been needed for some time, but just this spring the Board of Publication was able to acquire adjacent space. Construction is now under way, and a formal opening of the new store will be held sometime in May.

### PUBLISHING

A major problem constantly confronting the publishing house is that of producing a high-quality official weekly for the church (the *Saints' Herald*) at a price comparable to that of other denominational journals. The present circulation of nearly 16,000 is an all-time high, but it is still low in terms of today's unit manufacturing costs. Most similar periodicals have a circulation of 50,000 or more. The small number produced combined with inflationary increases in labor and materials in recent years have resulted in a unit cost to Herald House of about \$4.50 for each *Saints' Herald* subscription which is sold for \$3.50. Because it is the official organ of the church, we have been reluctant to increase the price in spite of this loss. Up to now the difference has been absorbed by sales income from other sources. This matter continues to receive careful study by the administration and Board of Publication.

## 1954 Church Directory



Of value and interest to every church member is this newly completed directory with its listing of branch and mission locations throughout the world—and branch, district, and stake presidents' names and addresses—for the 1953-54 church year.

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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

Herald Publishing House

May 31, 1953

ASSETS:

Current:	
Cash .....	\$ 38,333.67
U. S. Government Bonds.....	13,000.00
Accounts Receivable—Net .....	37,871.19
Inventories .....	203,975.53
Other Current Assets.....	5,356.67
Total Current Assets.....	<u>\$298,537.06</u>
FIXED—Depreciated:	
Land, Building and Improvements.....	\$ 17,762.56
Machinery, Furniture and Equipment.....	69,135.23
Tools and Type.....	2,399.40
Total Fixed Assets.....	<u>\$ 89,297.19</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u>\$387,834.25</u>

LIABILITIES:

Current:	
Trade Accounts Payable.....	\$ 17,473.37
Customer's Credit Balances.....	658.45
Taxes Payable.....	3,091.25
Other Payables.....	308.91
Commissions Payable.....	10,875.72
Notes Payable—Short Term.....	19,312.50
Employees' Funds and Holding Accounts.....	242.99
Total Current Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 51,963.19</u>

DEFERRED CREDITS:

Unexpired Subscriptions.....	\$ 40,293.38
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EQUITY:

Balance May 31, 1951.....	\$241,116.24
Add Net Gain for Year Ended May 31, 1952.....	34,858.21
Add Net Gain for Year Ended May 31, 1953.....	19,603.23
TOTAL .....	<u>\$295,577.68</u>
TOTAL .....	<u>\$387,834.25</u>

I have examined the balance sheet of the Herald Publishing House as of May 31, 1953, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the house and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent I deemed appropriate. A detailed report of the examination has been made to the First Presidency.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the position of the Herald Publishing House at May 31, 1953.

LLOYD L. BLAND,  
Certified Public Accountant

Independence, Missouri  
February 15, 1954

WRITERS' RECEPTION TUESDAY  
AFTER BUSINESS SESSION

Writers who have had manuscripts printed in any of the church's periodicals, or have otherwise had them accepted for publication, during the past two years are invited to a reception in their honor Tuesday afternoon immediately following the business session. This reception will be held in the Auditorium Choir Room (215). Artists and photographers who have contributed to our publications are also asked to attend.

The reception will be a rather informal gathering for getting acquainted. Miss Madelyn Galbraith of San Antonio, Texas, and author of *Feather in the Wind*, will speak briefly.

AUDIO-VISUAL WRITERS AND  
ARTISTS NEEDED

Arthur Rock, Audio-Visual Director, would like to meet with Conference visitors interested in writing or illustrating materials produced by the Audio-Visual Department. Writers, artists, and photographers attending General Conference are urged to attend the Writers and Artists Reception after the business session this afternoon in the Auditorium Choir Room.

Opportunity for a tour of the Audio-Visual Department and a "get acquainted" interview will be scheduled for those who attend the Writers and Artists Reception this afternoon or who register at the Audio-Visual Booth.

The church continues to issue the four other magazines which about break even financially, but the publishing division depends upon book and church school literature to retain its self-sustaining position. Several important additions to church literature in these fields are now in various stages of planning.

During the past two years 34 new books and several new tracts have been published along with new church and church school supplies.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

As the church grows and the activities of Herald House expand, improved housing of the publishing division is needed. This was recognized by Bishop DeLapp in his report to the Business and Professional Men's Institute in February, 1953, when he said, "As one looks to the future in respect to the Herald Publishing House, he would be shortsighted if he did not recognize the need for a new and improved plant. . . ." This matter has been referred to the Board of Publication for study.

The modernization program begun after World War II continues. Since last General Conference Herald House has purchased new equipment valued at about \$28,000.00. This includes automatic bookkeeping equipment, a three-knife trimmer, a job press, and a hydraulic freight elevator and loading dock.

HERALD HOUSE PERSONNEL

Herald House employs about sixty people in editorial, manufacturing, sales, and general office divisions, and has an annual payroll of more than \$170,000.00.

Brother E. H. McKean, Production Manager, completes 36 years of service at Herald House this month. Brethren A. C. Badder and Harry W. Blake have completed 25 years in the manufacturing department, and Brother Leonard Lea, still on leave of absence, will have been associated with the editorial department 25 years next September. Three other men and four women have been employed from ten to eighteen years.

I am most appreciative of the splendid service and co-operation of all those who serve with me at Herald House.

Believing that the printed word will always be an important method of spreading the gospel throughout the world, we look forward to days of greater opportunity and growth as we continue to serve the church in the Zion endeavor.

KENNETH L. GRAHAM  
Secretary-Manager

# Report of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The attached report of Bishop A. Neal Deaver, Hospital Administrator, together with the condensed comparative balance sheets dated December 31, 1952 and 53, are passed to you with the approval of the Board.

ISRAEL A. SMITH

*President, Board of Trustees*

The past two years, since the General Conference of 1952, have proved to be years of much growth and activity within the twin health institutions of the church, the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital and its School of Nursing. For the first of these two years, Miss Gertrude E. Copeland directed the expanding activities of these two institutions with the assistance of Miss Nelle Morgan, Director of Nursing, A. Neal Deaver, Assistant Superintendent, O. Lee Ralston, Comptroller and Director of Admissions, and Chaplain Almer W. Sheehy of the General Church. On January 3, 1953, after thirty years of difficult but very efficient administration, Miss Copeland became Superintendent Emeritus and Brother Deaver became Administrator of the hospital.

All policies and control of these institutions are vested in a Board of Trustees of nine members as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. These are three members of the First Presidency: Presidents Israel A. Smith, F. Henry Edwards, and W. Wallace Smith; three members of the Presiding Bishopric: Bishops G. Leslie DeLapp, H. L. Livingston, and Walter N. Johnson; the Church Physician, Elder Charles F. Grabske, M. D.; the Mayor of Independence: Robert P. Weatherford, Jr.; and the Judge of the County Court, Eastern District of Jackson County, William J. Randall. The Hospital and the School of Nursing operate under the direct sponsorship and ownership of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The onward growth and adequacy of services humbly rendered to our church people and to the thousands of patients coming to our doors from far and near give us reason to look with pride upon the work of these two institutions.

## THE CHAPLAIN

A very close tie between these institutions and the General Church and the public served by the hospital is realized

every day in the services of Elder Almer W. Sheehy, who for the past two years and nine months has ably served as chaplain of the hospital and the school of nursing. It is fortunate, indeed, that a minister of the church has been placed in this position by the General Church where he finds an excellent channel of personal service and ministry to hospital patients, students of the school, and hospital employees, to say nothing of the excellent contacts he maintains as a worker in the Independence Ministerial Alliance and in working with the Elders of the church within the hospital. His spiritual guidance and pastoral direction in problems affecting our students and hospital personnel are exceedingly beneficial. This influence is also reflected in his kindly care of and attention to hospital patients and their families, and particularly during times of bereavement. It is estimated that over 2,300 administrations to the sick have been performed in the hospital each of the last two years, many at the hands of the hospital chaplain. He makes it his duty to see every patient every day, and those critically ill twice and sometimes three times as the seriousness of the case may dictate. Many are the contacts made by patients becoming acquainted with the church for the first time during their stay in the hospital, as the chaplain introduces them to the philosophy of the Restoration Movement as his best judgment dictates and as many of our patients seek to learn something of the teachings of the church.

## THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

More and more, the hospital has come to rely upon the adequacy of professional nurses educated in our own school of nursing, and the dependency which our patients have upon their professional skills, kindly manner, and encouraging words can hardly be adequately described in these few words. Suffice it to say that the contribution of our student and graduate nurses casts a profound influence upon every activity of the hospital as we strive to better serve the patient in his health needs.

We encourage our young church women, interested in becoming professional nurses, to come to the I. S. H. School of Nursing to receive their nursing education. Here they can associate with other girls of like ideals. They have many opportunities to participate in church activities in the community, and to receive the ministry offered by our chaplain and the other consecrated workers in the hospital and the school.

There are 80 students in the school at present; they represent 36 states, Canada, and Hawaii. A class of forty students will be enrolled in September.

## SANITARIUM DAY

The broad membership of the General Church has very liberally supported and influenced the activities and educational patterns of the School of Nursing by promoting "Sanitarium Day" in each branch during the past four years. This project, which you have so liberally provided in April of each year, has made available many essential pieces of educational equipment which otherwise could not have been afforded. Better and more complete education and improved procedural techniques are thus provided, giving these students many advantages as they progress along the path toward their R. N., their treasured goal of professional standing. The detailed results of "San Day" campaigns and the items of equipment and facilities thus made available are featured for you in a recent edition of the *Saints' Herald*. We are exceedingly grateful to all of the church membership for the vast and broadened opportunities you have made possible to these splendid young women coming from branches of the church throughout England, Canada, Hawaii, and the United States.

## THE HOSPITAL

Since the addition and completion of the seventh floor for children which opened in September, 1952, the hospital has had available for patients needing health care, the following numbers of beds:

Newborn baby bassinets	—	36
Beds for children	—	22
Isolation Department	—	6
Beds for adults	—	138
		202
Total Beds		202

With the constant demand of patients needing to be hospitalized during the past few months, this number has been supplemented by converting single-bed rooms into double-bed rooms in all areas where possible, and many times it has been necessary to place extra beds in other parts of the hospital as the numbers and seriousness of patients dictated. During 1952, 8,012 patients were cared for in the hospital for a total of 52, 434 days, each of whom stayed an average of 6½ days. By 1953, the number of patients increased to 8,779 for a total of 56,010 patient days and an average stay of 6.58 days each. In addition to these patients admitted for hospital care, over 8,000 others were cared for during 1952 as out-patients in the emergency department, medical-clinical laboratories, and X ray. With the opening of a new Physical Therapy Department late in 1952 and with a major increase in demands for out-patient care, the number of patients so



treated during 1953 increased to over 10,000 in all departments.

The cost of hospital care to all patients in 1952 averaged \$92.75 per patient or \$16.82 per patient day spent in the hospital, and all expenses of the hospital for all activities totaled \$743,101.33 for the year. In 1953 the necessary services to care for a larger group of patients at constantly rising costs of supplies, groceries, and utilities increased to \$925,779.80, which averaged \$103.52 per patient and \$18.25 per patient day in the hospital.

The hospital continues to be self-supporting in all of its activities. It receives financial help in its operations only as church branches and women's auxiliary and related groups assume the responsibility for helping through gifts of items used in the hospital.

#### WORK OF WOMEN'S GROUPS

One of the most phenomenal happenings during the past two years has been the interest taken by women's departments of church branches throughout the country in furnishing bedding, patient clothing, towels, washcloths, tea towels, and similar items for use in the hospital. These groups now number forty-two who have assumed regular and consistent financial responsibilities in helping patients in the hospital by furnishing these items in quantities of fifties and hundreds just as the working group can afford the time. Many other projects of similar nature are available to other groups through the Executive Housekeeper or the Administrator of the hospital.

The major portion of all funds not required in day-to-day operations are promptly spent to replace or improve equipment needed to help the patient recover more readily. Much of this equipment is made necessary by developing and changing medical techniques and practices.

An average of 23 patients are dismissed and admitted each day, and for several months now, there has usually existed a waiting list of fifteen to twenty. The proportion of our church personnel using the hospital coming from many states as well as from the local stakes is about 25 per cent of the total patients, which is approximately that proportion to which our people are related to all other denominations in this central area. Our hospital continues to be headquarters for the care of from 280 to 350 accident victims each month, and it is not likely that this number will diminish with the continued road construction and increased traffic upon the four major highways crossing this part of Jackson County. As we move in to the first few months of 1954, it is evident that the facilities of the hospital will continue to be in con-

stant demand, even surpassing available beds, operating rooms, and treatment facilities.

Those factors which are currently increasing the demand for hospital services in this area are

1. Increases in population growth in the four-county area in and around Independence.
2. More frequent use and popularity of hospital insurance as promoted by independent insurance companies and Blue Cross as sponsored by most of our major industries.
3. The consolidation of new and improved technical facilities now available only in our better hospitals.
4. The expanded use of new medicines, many of which must be administered under the close direction and care of the doctor and the nurse.

#### NEW BUILDINGS

At the 1952 General Conference, funds were allocated for two construction projects for the hospital and school of nursing and a third was approved to be built from funds available from other sources. These were as follows:

##### From General Church Funds:

A recreation building and auditorium for the School of Nursing  
\$25,000.00

Public waiting rooms and needed front office facilities  
\$30,000.00

Funds appropriated from hospital general fund:

New Emergency Department  
\$35,000.00

#### STATUS OF THESE PROJECTS

The first of these projects is now virtually complete and is being used by some classes of the Conference. It houses a much-needed auditorium, recreation facilities, and a new laboratory for the study of nutrition and diet as related to health and disease. All delegates and visitors to the Conference are welcome to visit this new building.

The new emergency department is to be built this summer from plans which are in process by Morgan-Gelatt Associates, hospital architects. Public waiting rooms, and office facilities are also in the planning stage. These projects, together with the need for additions to our school of nursing library, constitute our major building needs for 1954 and 1955. Ultimately, with constantly increasing demands being made upon the hospital for health services, a consolidation of all surgery, emergency, central sterile supply,

drug room, laboratory, physical therapy, X-ray, and food services is planned on the first and ground floors of the hospital, making the present utility floor, the fifth, available for additional patient beds. It will take several years to complete this consolidation, but scarcity of technical personnel, efficiency of operations, and intricate medical procedures dictate more efficient physical facilities.

Throughout 1954, it shall be our purpose to continue this expanding growth of the hospital as we strive to better serve our patients in an environment of Christian friendliness and through a program of efficient management and direction of personnel and in the best possible use of equipment and facilities, we shall strive to justify your continued interest and support.

A. NEAL DEEVER, *Administrator*

#### THE INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL BALANCE SHEET

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The condensed balance sheet of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital showing a portion of the various funds for the years 1952 and 1953 is submitted herewith.

The current fund account shows a gain of \$65,485.57 for 1952 and \$21,813.76 for 1953 and the cash balance at the close of the year for this fund was \$70,699.96 plus \$300.00 of government bonds.

Accounts receivable for 1952 and 1953 are higher than in previous years but are occasioned by the increase of hospital business.

The amounts of \$41,816.01 for 1952 and \$38,797.25 for 1953 were relinquished from the current fund to the plant fund representing transfer of cash for use in the building program of the hospital.

In 1952 the amount of \$573,455.63 and in 1953 the amount of \$60,758.45 were added to the plant fund representing investments made in the finishing of the Seventh Floor of the Hospital and building a laundry and work shop and erecting a Student Center Building. Funds for these projects were furnished by appropriation from the General Conference, allotments made by state and federal agencies, contributions by the doctors of the staff, and funds furnished by the community.

Other funds of the Hospital show a balance of \$68,884.91. The detail is recorded in the balance sheet and is self explanatory.

#### THE INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

H. L. LIVINGSTON  
*Treasurer.*

**Independence Sanitarium and Hospital**  
**Condensed Comparative Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 1952 and 1953**

**CURRENT FUNDS**

Assets:	1952	1953
Cash .....	\$ 69,830.43	\$ 70,699.96
U. S. Government Bonds.....	300.00	300.00
Receivables — Net.....	91,483.52	76,550.85
Inventories—Drugs, Supplies, etc.....	41,243.09	42,754.00
Deferred Charges.....	3,533.23	2,106.10
Total Current Fund Assets.....	<u>\$ 206,390.27</u>	<u>\$ 192,410.91</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Payables .....	\$ 19,423.25	\$ 22,437.38
<b>Equity:</b>		
Balance—Beginning of Year.....	\$ 163,297.46	\$ 186,967.02
Gain or Loss for the Year.....	65,485.57	21,803.76
Relinquished to Plant Fund.....	-41,816.01	-38,797.25
Balance—End of Year.....	<u>\$ 186,967.02</u>	<u>\$ 169,973.53</u>
Total.....	<u>\$ 206,390.27</u>	<u>\$ 192,410.91</u>

**PLANT FUNDS**

<b>Assets:</b>		
Advance—Emergency Room Constr. Program.....	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Land .....	24,596.78	24,596.78
Building—Depreciated .....	1,185,580.90	1,228,859.58
Roads—Depreciated .....	2,586.64	2,216.64
Furniture, Fixtures and Equip.—Depreciated.....	110,630.06	128,479.83
Total Plant Fund Assets.....	<u>\$1,358,394.38</u>	<u>\$1,419,152.83</u>
<b>Equity:</b>		
Balance—Beginning of Year.....	\$ 784,938.75	\$1,358,394.38
Relinquished by the Current Fund.....	41,816.01	38,797.25
Capitalization of New Construction Completed in 1952.....	531,639.62	21,961.20
Balance—End of Year.....	<u>\$1,358,394.38</u>	<u>\$1,419,152.83</u>

**OTHER FUNDS**

<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 12,886.76	\$ 58,843.92
Due from Current Funds.....	92.00	92.00
U. S. Government Bonds.....	3,996.00	8,058.99
Stocks .....	1,890.00	1,890.00
Total Other Fund Assets.....	<u>\$ 18,864.76</u>	<u>\$ 68,884.91</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Future Students Savings Deposit.....	\$ 100.00	
<b>Equity:</b>		
Sanitarium Day Fund.....	\$ 17,764.76	\$ 19,113.53
Emergency Room Building Fund.....		38,006.67
Undesignated Contributions Fund.....		4,325.95
Student Loan Fund.....		1,000.00
Recreational Building Fund.....		4,543.43
Construction Fund.....	1,000.00	1,895.33
Total Equities—End of Year.....	<u>\$ 18,864.76</u>	<u>\$ 68,884.91</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital as of December 31, 1952 and 1953. The system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the hospital have been reviewed and I have examined or tested accounting records of the hospital and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent I deemed necessary.

In my opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet presents fairly the position of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital at December 31, 1952 and 1953, and the results of its operations for the years then ended; in conformity with generally accepted hospital accounting principles, applied each year on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LLOYD L. BLAND  
*Certified Public Accountant*

Independence, Missouri  
 March 15, 1954

**Report of the**  
**Committee on Ministry**  
**to College People**

*To the First Presidency and  
 General Conference:*

Out of the needs of the church for skilled as well as devoted workers in every branch, district, stake, and department, and for college-trained men for General Church appointment has come a growing recognition of the importance of our providing a continuing ministry to our college students and professional people. From this need was born in the General Church the Committee on Ministry to College People which now, in its eighth year, has come to be an accepted part of the ever-expanding work of our church.

**PURPOSE**

The specific purposes of the Committee include

1. Promoting an effective sense of personal relationship to the kingdom-building objectives of the church among our college and university students and professional people
2. Providing a measure of personal ministry to our many isolated college students as well as to those in organized college groups.
3. Encouraging the evangelistic mission of our student groups
4. Increasing the opportunities for wider church friendships among our college youth
5. Helping to qualify our students for future church work by encouraging their continuing participation in church life during their busy academic years
6. Enlisting in the mission of the church an increasingly larger proportion of our professional men and women

**WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

The work of the Committee falls into two fields, that of the administrative or office work and that of direct personal ministry.

In the administrative field, the Committee has so far this year located 485 students scattered on 79 different college and university campuses. More campuses are yet to report. It is worth noting that 280 students are now concentrated in eight campus groups. All students whose addresses are known are sent free copies of the R.L.D.S. *University Bulletin*, a regular periodical written by and for students and professional people under the editorship of Harley Morris of Madison, Wisconsin. The Committee has also pre-

pared and distributed the *Directory of Colleges and Universities in Church Towns in the United States and Canada* to all General Church appointees, district presidents, pastors, and youth leaders.

A volunteer group, under the leadership of Miss Katie Cooper, of Independence, Missouri, has been accumulating detailed information on major fields of study, priesthood, etc., for inclusion in a personal file on every student and graduate whose name and address is known. This effort is gradually bringing the church an increasingly enlarged and valuable "talent" file. Information on students has been supplied to the General Church officers. The Committee has also prepared a booth for Conference.

New names have also been added to the list of two hundred professional people of the church, including those in the field of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, law, and others with special degrees or other attainments, including the Ph.D. These men and women are kept informed on church activities of concern to the Committee through personal and mimeographed letters.

#### PERSONAL MINISTRY

A rich source of personal ministry is provided in direct visits to campus groups by members of the Committee. Such visits usually provide preaching, teaching, counseling, and visiting. Encouragement is given groups to invite General Church officers to meet with them. Every effort is made to strengthen the leadership of campus groups. Because of the many pressures exerted on already busy Committee members, the number of our campus visits has not measured up to the need.

Since the last General Conference, two additional national conferences of college people have been held; one on the Graceland Campus at Lamoni, in September, 1952, attended by about 100 college students and professional people, and the second in September, 1953, on the University of Rochester Campus, with an attendance of about 150, largely professional people.

A new area of ministry to college people has come into being with the inauguration of regular regional conferences. Since April, 1952, regional conferences of college students have been held as follows: two in Michigan; two in Kansas-Missouri area; and one in Toronto. In addition, one regional professional conference was held this winter at the University of Maryland. The total attendance at these conferences has exceeded 350 college people. One more such conference this spring is scheduled to be held at Ames, Iowa, over the week end of May 1 and 2. A number of other college and profes-

sional people in the Northwest and Western parts of the United States were visited during a recent lecture tour made by the general committee chairman.

#### MISSIONARY WORK

In addition to the conservation of membership provided through this work, the Committee has been encouraged by a growing missionary spirit on the part of our organized campus groups. This has resulted in actual missionary series and cottage meetings which have brought about the baptism of several college students.

#### COMMITTEE STRENGTHENED

To meet the growing responsibilities of the total committee, the First Presidency has named a committee of five to direct the over-all effort. These are Dr. L. O. Brockway, General Chairman; Mr. Harley Morris, Editor; Carl Mesle, Secretary; Dr. Evan Shute and Dr. Dwight Davis, the latter two being named chairmen of subcommittees; the former for professional people and the latter for direct ministry to students.

Dr. Davis's subcommittee on ministry to students includes Mr. Howard Baltz, Dr. John Blumenschein, Dr. E. J. Gleazer, Jr., Merle Guthrie, Dr. F. M. McDowell, Dr. George Shoemaker, and Dr. James Van Biber.

Dr. Evan Shute's committee for professional people includes at present, Dr. Margaret Barker, Neal Deaver, and Ed Ford. Regional representatives of the committee currently designated include Richard Ankney, Glen Downing, Sanford Fisher, Dr. Charles Jenkins, LeRoy Squires, Dr. Tom Vincent, and Dr. Max Wise.

The burden of work of the "Secretariate" of which Miss Katie Cooper is chairman has been carried by Miss Madge Farley, Miss Mary Gleason, Miss Marilyn Seroy, Miss Jean Stowell, and Miss Carlee Wilson. Miss Rita Peck, secretary to Dr. Brockway, has also carried a substantial share of the secretarial work.

#### PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE

In addition to and growing out of the Rochester Conference which served many professional people, a regional working conference of professional people was held on the University of Maryland Campus this past February under the leadership of Dr. Evan Shute, Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp, and a steering committee from Washington, D. C., including Keith Harder, chairman, Wilfred Winholtz, and Miss Frances Hurst. Seventy-six men and women were registered. The workshops resulted in papers on the relation of various professions to the church which should prove of value to

the total committee work as well as to the church youth program. In addition, as with all such conferences, many isolated professional church members found a new enthusiasm here.

#### FUTURE OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS

To continue the expansion of the work in this growing and proved field of profitable ministry, the following objectives are before us:

1. To intensify the work of the general committee in order to:
  - a. Reach *all* students and professional church members in the United States and Canada
  - b. Begin to serve our members abroad in this field
  - c. Assure regular campus visits by committee members, at least annually, to every group of five or more students
  - d. Provide more skilled ministry to the rapidly increasing number of college graduates and professional church members which includes between two and three hundred who are taking degrees from Bachelor's to Doctor's *each year*.
2. To tie the committee work closer to the other administrative arms of the church
3. To provide a handbook of helps for campus group leaders
4. To select an official name by which to identify our groups on their campuses
5. To establish scholarship loan funds to help worthy young people beyond Graceland and the School of Nursing
6. To make our student and graduate information "talent" file more useful to the church
7. To provide church-centered study materials of maximum value to college students
8. To extend the *University Bulletin* to all professional people
9. To expand the number of regional conferences to include more areas where we have numerous students, such as in Illinois and California
10. To provide an employment information service to help students and professional people better locate in order to both attend and serve the church
11. To hold the seventh national student conference, at Carthage, Illinois, in connection with a "pilgrimage to Nauvoo," September 4, 5 and 6, 1954
12. To encourage the formation of professional groups related to the church; for example, an association of teachers

To achieve the objectives above there is needed

1. Either a full-time man or a larger share of an appointee's time to give administrative assistance to the work

- of the increasing number of volunteers in this field
- To increase the secretarial help to assume responsibilities which cannot be carried by volunteers
  - An increase in the Committee's budget for the inter-Conference period to \$1500.00 each year, exclusive of whatever costs might be involved above. This budget would provide \$1,000 for printing, \$400 for part time help and \$100 for postage, stationery, etc.
  - Consideration of special attention for the building needs of our two largest remaining campus groups without church-owned facilities to provide for both worship and educational needs of the students and their families

The Committee is deeply appreciative of the support of the General Church and of the co-operation of church members wherever the Committee has attempted to serve. We trust that the above report will be helpful to those not closely related to the work of the Committee. We pledge our continuing support to the basic objectives of the Restoration.

L. O. BROCKWAY, *Chairman*

#### HOME COOKED MEALS

The ladies of the South Crysler congregation (Thirty-first and South Crysler streets) will serve the evening meal to Conference delegates and visitors. Serving (cafeteria style) will start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. They will continue to serve till 7:00 o'clock.

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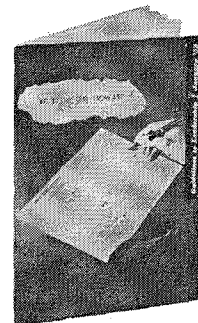
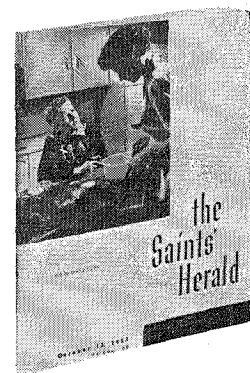
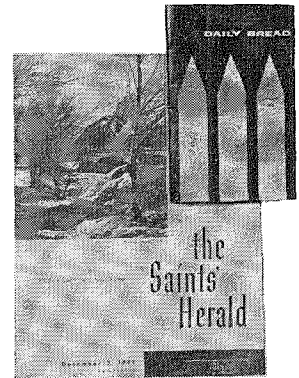
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**Glen  
Johnson**  
Stone  
Church

Glen Johnson, President of the First Quorum of Seventy, delivered the first General Conference sermon in the upper auditorium of the Stone Church on Sunday morning at 10:30.

Using the theme, "Upon This Rock," Elder Johnson quoted the familiar Scripture of Matthew 16: 14-22. But from this point, he placed new emphasis on these much-used verses. Not only was there significance in Peter's recognition of Christ as the Son of God, but there was significance in the mutual recognition Christ gave to this apostle of old through the words, "Thou art Peter." Christ placed upon Peter in this act a responsibility of revealing Him to others.

The challenge to those of us today who have had a revelation of the Christ is the same as that which came to Peter. We have the responsibility of revealing "the Christ that is in us." We cannot claim the divinity of the framework of our church structure as our proof of authenticity; proof of the divinity of the church can only be found in the action of its members. The character of Christ is revealed through the righteous character and testimony of the Saints.

Brother Johnson told of experiences that had come to him, bringing him a further revelation of the Christ. He admonished his listeners to remember that Jesus was first revealed in the Restoration Movement as a result of a "quest for wisdom made through faith." Revelation still comes today primarily as a result of a continuing search for wisdom.

The congregation was told that our power of testimony is often weakened by a lack of spiritual "immersion"; many members have only been "sprinkled" with the spirit of God. Christ must become significant as our "mind" in daily living. We should search for him in our experiences at this Confer-

## Sunday Morning Speakers

ence, so that our heritage will be greater and our testimony more dynamic.

Special music for the service was provided by Garland Tickemyer, soloist. Seventy Eugene Theys was in charge, and Seventy William Hayden offered the invocation and benediction. P. A. W.

**Russell  
Ralston**  
Stone  
Church



"The Heritage of Testimony" was the subject chosen by Russell F. Ralston, member of the Seven Presidents of Seventy, for his Sunday morning sermon in the lower auditorium of Stone Church.

He told of Joshua's statement as he was speaking to Israel, and affirmed that the world today needs that same positive testimony, "as for us, we will serve the Lord." We have a great heritage of testimony, he said, but it is worth only as much as we let it affect our lives.

It is easy to say "I love my Lord," but the "Amen" should mean "so be it" and not simply "that's all."

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**George  
Njeim**  
West College  
Church

In his sermon at West College Church on Sunday morning, George Njeim of the Council of Presidents of Seventy emphasized that strength is born of weakness.

Drawing on illustrations from his own life he pointed out that weakness can open the door to a closer relationship between man and God. Too often, he said, we take aspirin to deaden physical

pain. Just as often we take mental sedatives to deaden the pain of facing reality, but this never touches affliction. Seeing things as they really are is the first step toward tapping the power which can bring true strength.

He stressed the importance of intellectual honesty, saying that many of us are afraid to admit we're afraid, yet only in admitting our human inadequacy do we find the solution to our problems.

He closed his sermon by saying that as a church we are comparatively weak numerically, but Zion can become a reality if, as a result of our weakness, we seek the help of One who can give us strength sufficient for the task.

Special music for the service was provided by soloist Pauline Frisby, with Vern Sinclair at the organ. Congregational singing was led by John Wight. Seventy Virgil Billings was in charge, and Seventy Arthur Gibbs gave the invocation and benediction. N. R.

**James  
Daugherty**  
Englewood  
Church



The Englewood church was filled at 10:30 Sunday morning to hear James Daugherty preach on "The Restoration and the Divine Plan." Elder Harry L. Doty was in charge assisted by Elder Luther Troyer. Mrs. Mattie Willis of Battle Creek, Michigan, sang "Peace, I Leave with You" before the sermon.

Elder Daugherty is a member of the Council of Presidents of Seventy. He introduced his theme by telling of a friend who complained that the Saints seemed to think they were the only ones going to heaven and that they preached more about Joseph Smith than about Christ. The speaker made it very clear that the Restoration message puts Christ

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Monday, April 5, 1954

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE of 1954 assembled for its first business session at 2:00 p.m., April 5, in the Auditorium, Independence, Missouri, with President Israel A. Smith in the chair. The Conference activities of Sunday, April 4, are covered in the *Official Program* of the Conference, as are the educational and devotional services for the entire week.

The national anthem was sung by the assembly under the leadership of Elder Franklyn S. Weddle with Mrs. Clayton Wolfe of Independence, Missouri, accompanying at the organ.

During the singing of the national anthem, Boy Scout Wayne Tucker carried the flag of the United States accompanied by Scout David Smith, Color Guard, while Oriole Mary Sue Carter, accompanied by Girl Scout Donnis Graham, carried the church flag to the platform. President I. A. Smith made the following statement:

We have sung the national anthem of the United States of America. This great republic is but one of the nations whose citizens comprise the world-wide church, the mission of which is to enlist the peoples of all lands in the cause of the kingdom.

As a symbol of world unity in Christian allegiance, the flags of other countries of the world will be unfurled as the flags of the United States and the church are set in place.

The flags of various other nations were unfurled during the ceremony.

The hymn, "Redeemer of Israel," was sung and the invocation was offered by Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson and Presiding Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp moved that the First Presidency preside over this Conference and be authorized to complete its organization. The motion, put to vote by Apostle Hanson, prevailed.

The chairman expressed appreciation on behalf of the Presidency for the confidence of the delegates.

Attention was called to the report of the Credentials Committee found on pages 23 to 27 of the April 4, and page 35 of the April 5, 1954, *Daily Herald*s. On motion of Elders H. L. Livingston and George A. Njeim, the reports of the Credentials Committee were approved, and the delegates named were seated.

The following communication was presented by the chair, after which it was stated: "On this action of the Conference the chair declares the General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints duly constituted."

#### To the General Conference

In harmony with your action, we wish to announce the following appointments to perfect the Conference organization:

Secretaries: Charles D. Neff, Fred L. Young, Roy Stearns

Stenographers: Gladys Gould, Berneice Anderson, Rosamond Sherman, Marguerite Constance, Flora Hallier, Eleanor Minton

Music: Franklyn S. Weddle, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Press: Charles D. Neff, Evan A. Fry, C. B. Hartshorn, D. D. Landon, Dick Ankney

Radio-TV: Kenneth Raveill, Norman Bernauer

Administration to the Sick: J. A. Thomas, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Ushers: James E. Campbell, J. W. Chapman

Housing: O. K. Byrn, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Decorations: Thomas Deal, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Messenger Service: Jay E. Keck

Communion Service: William Worth, Jr., Winfred E. Albright, Henry Stahl

Respectfully,

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
ISRAEL A. SMITH

The following messages of greeting to the Conference were read by President W. Wallace Smith:

*La ora na* from Society Islands. Tahitian Saints mingle prayers, desires with yours for spiritually successful Conference.—Sorensen, Tyree

The Saints in Hawaii are praying for the Conference the blessings of our Heavenly Father.—A. Orlin Crownover

Greetings from the Saints of the church abroad in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and Holland. We join you in thought and prayer. May God's spirit be with you.—Victor Witte

Greetings to everyone attending General Conference and especially those priesthood in charge. Our prayers are for you and the success of the Conference. May God preside over and bless all services with his Spirit.—Members in Korea

Thinking of you all and sending best wishes for a most successful Conference.—Tom and Betty Worth

Greetings and best wishes for successful Conference. Our thoughts and prayers are for you.—Enfield Branch

Saints of the British Isles Mission send greetings and unite in prayer that the Conference may be successful.—Donald V. Lents

The Saints of the Australasian Mission unite in prayerful support of the General Conference. The spirit of fellowship which unites us in the cause of Zion around the world turns our minds and hearts toward the Center Place at this time. Our prayers are offered to our Heavenly Father that the President of the church will be divinely favored in his prophetic office, and that he and his associates will be blessed with wisdom and strength in the discharge of their important functions. We also pray that all the quorums and orders of the priesthood will be divinely guided and in holy fellowship will be able to give effective leadership and ministry in all the functions of the Conference.—Maurice L. Draper, D. A. Alberts

The following appointees from abroad were introduced by the chair:

Elder C. A. Davies (and Mrs. Davies), Australia

Elder Eric Rowe, England

Elder Anton Compier, The Netherlands

A document from the First Presidency regarding Rules of Order was read:

#### To the General Conference:

On page 2 of the *Daily Herald* for April 4, will be found the following statement concerning the Rules of Order:

"Few copies of the Book of Rules published by the church in 1921 are now available. For the guidance of the General Conference we therefore recommend that the following parliamentary rules be recognized as applying in this Conference:

"A ye and nay vote may be ordered on petition of one third of the delegates and ex officio present and voting.

"A motion to suspend the rules, or to make any matter a special order of business, shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

"The previous question, objection to consideration, and motions to limit debate may all be ordered by majority vote.

"In all elections, voting shall be continued until a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast."

We would like to add to this the words: "except where otherwise announced." And

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recommend that the Conference approve the document with this addition.

Very sincerely yours,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Elders Russell F. Ralston and Glen Johnson moved the adoption of the document, which motion prevailed.

The chairman called attention to the reports as published in the *Daily Herald*:

Department of Statistics, Merle P. Guthrie, Statistician, pages 3 to 6.

Council of Presidents of Seventy, Z. Z. Renfro, Senior President, Russell F. Ralston, Secretary, page 6.

First Quorum of Seventy, Glen H. Johnson, President, Virgil J. Billings, Secretary, pages 7 and 8.

Order of Evangelists, Elbert A. Smith, Presiding Evangelist, Lynn E. Smith, Secretary, page 8.

Quorum of High Priests, Ward A. Hougas, President, pages 8 and 9.

Department of Priesthood Education, Floyd M. McDowell, pages 9 and 10.

Department of Religious Education, Reed M. Holmes, Director, pages 10 to 14.

Radio Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Radio, pages 14 and 15.

Audio-Visual Department, Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director, pages 16 and 17.

Music Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Music, pages 17 and 18.

General Department of Women, Mrs. S. S. Aranson, Chairman, pages 19 to 21.

Society for Archaeological Research, Charles R. Hield, President, page 21.

Church Historian, John Blackmore, pages 21 and 22.

Credentials Report, Merle P. Guthrie, Fred O. Davies, pages 23 to 27.

Graceland College, Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., President Graceland College, Verne L. Deskin, Secretary Board of Trustees, pages 27 to 31.

Church Auditor, Lloyd L. Bland, Certified Public Accountant, pages 40 to 42.

Board of Publication, W. N. Johnson, Chairman, pages 58 and 59.

Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, H. L. Livingston, Treasurer, pages 60 and 61.

Committee on Ministry to College People, L. O. Brockway, Chairman, pages 62 to 64.

Council of Twelve, Paul M. Hanson, President, pages 38-39.

Presiding Bishopric, G. L. DeLapp, H. L. Livingston, W. N. Johnson, pages 42 to 57.

First Presidency, I. A. Smith, F. Henry Edwards, W. Wallace Smith, pages 35 to 37.

The reports were received and made a part of the record with the following statement from the chair: "Those whose names appear at the end of these reports and who wish to comment thereon will please file a statement to this effect with the chair, and time for such comment will be set apart."

The following communication from the First Presidency was read:

*To the General Conference:*

At the time of the preparation of our report, the statement contained therein regarding the Presiding Councils of the church was correct. Since that time circumstances have changed, and we are under the necessity of announcing that C. George Mesley has tendered his resignation as a member of the Council of Twelve, and as an appointee min-

ister of the church. This resignation we have accepted.

Respectfully yours,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The chairman read a communication from the Presidents of Seventy:

*To the General Conference:*

The Presidents of Seventy have made the vacancies in their Council a matter of prayer, and after consideration they are happy to present the name of Harry L. Doty to this body for approval for ordination to the office of President of Seventy.

This recommendation has been approved by the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy.

Respectfully yours,  
THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY  
By RUSSELL F. RALSTON, Secretary

Elders Arthur A. Oakman and G. Leslie DeLapp moved to approve. Brother Doty expressed his willingness to serve the church as indicated. Elder Z. Z. Renfro spoke in support of Brother Doty, and the motion to approve the ordination prevailed.

The following communication from the First Presidency was read:

*To the General Conference:*

After consideration extended over a number of months we have felt led to recommend that High Priest O. K. Byrn shall be ordained to the office of Bishop. We have discussed this with the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric and have their full support. We therefore present this recommendation for your consideration and action.

Very sincerely yours,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Following the motion to approve by Elders L. Wayne Updike and T. A. Beck, Brother Byrn gave expression to his willingness to serve. A supporting statement was made by Bishop G. L. DeLapp, after which the motion to approve prevailed.

Document from the First Presidency regarding the ordination of non-appointee bishops was presented:

*To the General Conference:*

The basic law of the church calls for the ordination of bishops in districts and large branches (D. and C. 117: 10 b). From time to time a few non-appointee bishops have been called and have served in their home districts. But the number of these local bishops has been comparatively small. In part, this has been due to our concern lest men who are properly ordained to the bishopric might be retained in that office beyond the point where they could serve more effectively in some other high priestly functions.

We have now felt directed to move forward in the ordination of local bishops. It is not our thought that many such bishops shall be called, but only that we shall move forward when we have full assurance of divine direction.

Our thinking in this connection has been brought into focus in the following statement of principles:

Bishops should be selected from among the high priests on the initiative of the Presidency. Only in emergencies should elders be ordained to the bishopric without prior high priestly experience.

Ordination to the high priesthood followed by ordination to the bishopric might well be followed by a lifetime of ministry in the bishopric. But this is not necessarily so. There appears to be no reason in the law why a bishop should not thereafter serve as a high priest without specific bishopric responsibility.

The ministry of non-appointee bishops should not be casual and temporary, but such as is rightly dignified by ordination. Transfers from the work of the bishopric to work in other high priestly positions should only be made when concurred in by the Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and minister in charge.

We present this statement of principles for the information of the Conference, and in line therewith ask your approval of the ordination of the following high priests to the work of the bishopric:

John Alexander Cadwell, Guelph, Ontario  
W. E. Ford, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Brewton Greene, Mobile, Alabama

Very sincerely yours,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The motion to approve the document was made by Elders J. C. Daugherty and P. E. Farrow. Brother Cadwell expressed his willingness to serve, and supporting statement was made by Apostle E. J. Gleazer. Brother Ford expressed his willingness to serve, and supporting statement was made by Apostle A. A. Oakman. Brother Greene expressed his willingness to serve, and supporting statement was made by Apostle P. E. Farrow. Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp and President W. Wallace Smith also made supporting statements. The motion to approve the document and the ordinations prevailed.

A letter of recommendation from the First Presidency was read:

*To the General Conference:*

We have felt led to suggest to the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric that Elder Antonius Daniel Compier be recommended to General Conference for ordination to the high priesthood. It is our custom to have such consultation when the person involved is under appointment.

We now have the full approval of the Council to recommend to the Conference that the ordination of Brother Compier to the high priesthood shall be authorized, and we are glad to so recommend.

Very sincerely yours,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The motion to approve was made by Elders A. A. Oakman and Glen Johnson. Following a statement of acceptance from Brother Compier, Apostle Oakman spoke in favor of the recommendation, and the motion carried.

Elders Jasper O. Dutton and James C.

Page moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency on the part of a small percentage of the priesthood to cater to the prefix "Reverend," and, WHEREAS, Jesus Christ said we should not answer to such: "But be not called Rabbi; for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23: 8). Therefore, be it Resolved, That we discourage the use of "Reverend" and that we use the titles that God has given to the officers of his church and kingdom.

ELDER JASPER O. DUTTON  
ELDER JAMES C. PAGE

The motion to adopt carried.

President Smith stated that we have representatives from missions abroad present today whom it might be well to present. Members from England and Australia were called to the platform and greeted by the assembly.

At 3:35 p.m. the chairman suggested adjournment until 2:00 p.m., April 6. Announcements were made, "O Jesus, the Giver of All We Enjoy" was sung and the benediction was offered by Apostle E. J. Gleazer.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

## Watch Your Money

It is a good policy to "trust in God," but he has never put a premium on carelessness. The thought of being suspicious of the people around you at General Conference is repugnant to all R.L.D.S. members. Pickpockets know that Christian people are naturally trusting souls and find it profitable to attend religious conventions. These thieves look like other people to the unwary, but they are wolves in sheep's clothing. C. B. H.

## James Daugherty

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at the center and that eternal life is for all who will accept the gospel. "We will always have a Garden of Eden, because the people continue to choose to do their own will rather than the will of God," he declared.

Adam was commanded to build an altar and offer sacrifices as a symbol of the eternal sacrifice to be made by Christ. Abraham was promised a seed to bless the nations in the meridian of time. Isaiah was told, "This shall be a sign unto thee: a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son. He shall be called Immanuel, God with us." Christ took the scar of the cross to heaven and made it a thing of grace and beauty. He reminded the audience of Paul's statement, "Other foundation can no man

lay than is laid which is Christ Jesus."

"It is no accident that Joseph Smith had the vision in the woods. It was a part of the divine plan. God has a plan for every man's life. It is up to him to accept or reject it. Jeremiah was destined to be a prophet. He had the agency to reject the call. John the Baptist was to be the forerunner of the Messiah. This is not just another church or fraternal organization. If we are not willing to pay the price, we are not worthy to share in the glory of the redeemed," declared Elder Daugherty.

"We stand on the threshold of marked progress as a church. There is no longer room in the church for misunderstanding and division," he concluded. C. B. H.

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## Russell Ralston

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Each person has twenty-four hours a day, and he is a steward over that time. "What do we do with our twenty-four hours a day?" Brother Ralston asked. There are many choices to make regarding use of time, and often it is not a matter of choosing the good over the bad, but choosing the best from among the good. Organization of time is one of the best tests of whom we serve.

According to Brother Ralston, "mammon" means devotion to the pursuit of wealth. While the love of money is called the root of evil, the love of things money can buy is also an evil. He cited the biblical case of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus to learn the way to perfection and emphasized that he "went away sorrowful, because he had great possessions." The rich young ruler could not make a choice; he wanted both wealth and perfection.

ALICE CROSSAN

## Church Court Procedure

February 15, 1954

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

General Conference of 1952 requested the undersigned committee to rewrite the Church Court Procedure and make up a glossary index of terms and phrases, also an index for the procedure.

The committee has carefully gone over the procedure but has made no changes of any of the paragraphs except the rewording of about two thirds of the various paragraphs in an attempt to clarify same, except that we have added two paragraphs; namely, 88 and 89. We feel that the High Council has the inherent powers mentioned in those paragraphs and has exercised them at all times, but that they should be included in the Church Court Procedure.

Attached to the front of the revised court procedure you will find a table of contents which should be of some assistance. At the back of the procedure you will find a glossary index of words and phrases and an index for the entire Church Court Procedure.

Trusting that this will in some measure meet the requirements of the church, we are

*Very truly yours,*  
ARTHUR B. TAYLOR  
HOWARD W. HARDER  
J. D. ANDERSON

### CHURCH COURT PROCEDURE

#### I. COURT ACTIONS

1. There may be but one form of court action between members in this church, called a "Member Action." The member complaining shall be called the plaintiff and the adverse member the defendant.

2. Between the church and a member there may be two forms of action: One shall be known as a "Church Action," in which the church is the plaintiff and the adverse party the defendant. The other shall be called a "Withdrawal Action," in which a member files an application requesting severance of membership.

3. Church actions shall be brought in the name of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, plaintiff, versus the member complained of, defendant, and shall state the branch or other jurisdiction where the defendant holds membership.

#### II. LIMITATIONS OF ACTIONS

4. Member action shall be denied against a member whose whereabouts is unknown or who was not duly notified thereof, unless he waives notice or willfully evades service thereof. The court shall accept evidence of such waiver or

evasion as sufficient notice to the accused.

5. Member action shall be unlawful unless filed within one year from the time of alleged acts complained of. Notwithstanding the foregoing, action may be filed at any time within sixty (60) days after such acts become known to plaintiff. If the whereabouts of the defendant is unknown the action may be filed at any time after he may be found within one year.

6. In cases of crime church action may be filed at any time either where the alleged act was committed or where the defendant may be found.

7. Church action shall not be barred by lapse of time, but the failure of officers to act for an undue period of time after being notified of alleged wrongful conduct of the defendant may be urged and accepted as grounds for dismissal of the action, subject to the right of appeal.

### III. PARTIES TO ACTIONS

8. Members may prosecute or defend their own actions in person or by counsel selected from the membership of the church. Such counsel should be authorized in writing filed with the court having jurisdiction of the case.

9. Every member action shall be prosecuted in the name of the member alleged to be wronged or injured by the defendant.

10. Members having an interest in the cause of action may be joined as plaintiffs, or as defendants, when justice or equity is thus served, and said joinder is subject to the discretion of the trial court having original jurisdiction, subject to appeal.

11. Any member regardless of age may be a party plaintiff to any action in which an interest is claimed. Children under 18 years of age may appear by next friend or guardian.

12. No action shall be brought against an insane person in any church court, and no action shall be brought on behalf of any insane person except by his legally appointed guardian or by the church.

### IV. JURISDICTION OF PARTIES

13. Actions between members of the same branch shall be by complaint filed with the branch president. If such president does not hold the Melchisedec priesthood he shall at once transmit the complaint to the next higher officer having jurisdiction over him. Members of different branches of the same district or stake shall file complaints with the president of the district or stake. Members of different districts or stakes in the same mission shall file complaints with the minister in charge of said mission. Members of different missions shall file complaints with the First Presidency.

14. If a vacancy exists in the specified office, or if the officer refuses or neglects to act, or is disqualified in any case, complaint may be filed with the next higher officer having jurisdiction. No complaint shall be dismissed because of failure to file with the proper officer, but in that case it shall be transferred to the officer having jurisdiction of the parties.

15. Complaints against a general officer of the church shall be filed with the First Presidency and shall be heard by the Standing High Council of the church, except when the action is against one of the First Presidency it shall be filed with the Presiding Bishopric. The above shall not apply to any officer who had ceased to act as such prior to the time of alleged misconduct complained of or who in writing waives his right of original jurisdiction of said council.

### V. PRIOR LABOR REQUIRED

16. Prior to any court action full and consistent labor must be performed according to the laws and rules of the church. The offended party shall seek the offender and an opportunity to state the offense between themselves alone, and shall endeavor to effect a reconciliation in the spirit of fairness and brotherhood. If such effort shall fail, the one offended shall take with him an officer of the church or a member, as may be practicable, but in no case shall it be a party in interest, and shall again seek an adjustment of the matter, stating it before the witness in the presence only of said offender.

17. After the full performance of labor as hereinbefore provided, if such labor or effort be without avail, the proper officer if a church action, or the one offended if a member action, may file complaint with the administrative officer having jurisdiction of both parties.

18. Members inaccessible to labor in person may be labored with by registered mail with return receipt. In such cases the request of the defendant for postponement of court action, if for good reasons, may be granted. If a member shall persistently refuse to receive or hear or shall evade those who attempt proper labor, such attempt upon proper showing may be accepted by the court as sufficient labor.

19. No member shall be expelled from the church or have his name removed from the church records except after court action. A member who requests orally or in writing to withdraw from the church or who unites with a church of another faith, and who persists after due labor has been performed, on advice of the court, shall be permitted to withdraw his membership and have his name removed from the church records; except

that if unchristian conduct is charged in the action, the court may render judgment accordingly.

### VI. THE COMPLAINT AND SERVICE

20. The complaint, petition, is the first pleading of the plaintiff. It shall contain: First, the names of the parties to the action, specified as plaintiffs and defendants, and the court having jurisdiction of the parties; Second, a plain and concise statement of facts without unnecessary repetition which, if true, would constitute unchristian conduct of the defendant, and in member actions plaintiff must allege that such conduct wronged or injured the plaintiff; Third, the time and place of each offense stated as far as justice requires; Fourth, the time and place required labor was performed; and Fifth, an allegation that the accused had failed to make restitution or reconciliation.

21. Each cause of action shall be set out separately in the petition, numbered consecutively, and denominated as Count I, Count II, Count III, etc.; but shall contain no threat, insinuation, or evidence, and no accusation except a brief and concise statement of the offense complained of.

22. The complaint shall include all grievances of the plaintiff against the defendant which require adjustment, and shall unite in one petition all grievances which the plaintiff has in common against all defendants named. Any grievance which is not against all of the defendants shall be stated in a separate action.

23. Service shall be made upon the defendant by handing him or her a copy of the complaint, if practicable, or by leaving it at his last known address with a member of the family over fifteen years of age, or it may be sent by registered mail, requesting a return receipt signed by addressee only.

### VII. COMMITMENT TO COURT

24. When a lawful complaint is filed with the proper officer he shall without delay transmit it to the presiding officer of the court having original jurisdiction of the parties; or if there be no such court he shall appoint an elders' court and transmit the complaint to the first-named member thereof and shall include therewith the names and addresses of all parties to the action.

25. Elders' courts may be appointed by administrative officers holding the Melchisedec priesthood who are presidents of missions, stakes, districts, or branches; or they may be appointed at the direction of district or stake if within a district or stake, and if in unorganized territory by the missionary in charge having jurisdiction of the parties.

26. The officer who appoints the court shall serve written notice thereof upon all members of the court and upon all the parties to the action. The case is thereafter entirely within the control of the court until its final judgment has been rendered and transmitted to the officer who appointed the court.

27. No officer who appoints a court and no member of any court may be a party in interest or may act as counsel or witness in the action before said court or any court of appeal therefrom.

#### VIII. OBJECTIONS TO HEARING

28. By agreement of both parties and with the approval of the court an action may be dismissed either before or during the hearing, or at any time before judgment is rendered.

29. Either party to an action may file with the officer who appointed the court an objection to any member of the court, stating the reasons therefor. If his objection is overruled he shall proceed to trial, unless he shall have, within five (5) days before said hearing, appealed to the next higher administrative officer. A copy of said appeal shall be filed with the court as to which one or more members thereof objection was raised. Such objections may be made on grounds of prejudice, personal interest in the action, or previously expressed opinion in the matter concerned, and the evidence thereof should be submitted to the administrative officer without delay. These objections may be made against any member of any church court, and, if sustained, another shall be substituted for the one so released. The stake presidency shall rule on objections to any stake high councilman, and the First Presidency shall rule on objections to any Standing High Council member, which rulings shall be conclusive upon all the parties.

30. The defendant may file written objections to the complaint on any of the following grounds: (1) That the required labor has not been performed; (2) That the court has no jurisdiction of the defendant; (3) That the action is barred by limitations of law; (4) That the alleged facts even if true do not constitute unchristian conduct; (5) That a like action for the same cause is pending, or that it has been adjudged, or that it has been dismissed, or that it has been finally adjusted between the parties; (6) That parties are made plaintiff or defendant who are unnecessary to a determination of the matter.

31. Objections to the complaint should be filed promptly so that if sustained by the court an amended complaint may be filed prior to the trial. All rulings of any court on objections, except a court of last resort, may be appealed by the adverse party.

#### IX. PLEADINGS OF PARTIES

32. If the defendant appears at the set time and place without filing any pleading and proceeds to trial, he will be deemed to have waived objections to the members of the court and the complaint, but objections to the jurisdiction of the court may be made in writing at any time before final judgment is rendered.

33. The defendant at any time before or at the time of trial may make partial or full confession; or he may present a demurrer or answer to the complaint prior to the hearing. If no written answer is filed it will be assumed that the defendant denies all material allegations of the complaint.

34. The defendant may file with his answer a cross-complaint against the plaintiff if the cross-complaint grows out of the same transactions set forth in the complaint; or he may file with his answer a cross-complaint that does not grow out of the same transactions, if in the discretion of the court it will not cause undue delay or prejudice the issues of the original complaint, provided all church rules of action have been observed.

35. If the defendant files an answer it shall be in plain and concise language and without repetition. He shall admit that part which is true, and deny the allegations which are false. If he believes all the allegations are false, he may file a general denial without specifically denying each and every allegation in plaintiff's complaint. New matter set up as a defense in a cross-complaint or counter-claim shall be in addition to the defendant's answer denying in whole or in part the allegations of plaintiff's petition, and follow the answer in the same pleading and become a part of it.

36. If the plaintiff files no objection or reply to the defendant's answer he will be presumed to have denied any new matter set up therein.

37. The court shall allow additional pleadings to be filed until the issues shall have been determined, whereupon the parties shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the hearing.

38. Either party may file a motion to make more definite and certain the pleadings of the adverse party, and the court shall allow such amendments thereof as will clarify without changing the scope or purport of the complaint or defense of it, until the issues become certain. By leave of court formal defects may be corrected at any time prior to or during the hearing of the case.

39. Pleadings shall be signed by the parties or by their counsel, and the allegations thereof shall be binding upon the parties making them. However, as to form pleadings shall be liberally construed.

#### X. APPEARANCE AT HEARING

40. Parties shall appear and prosecute or defend at the time and place stated by the court in the notice; but for good cause shown the court or its chairman may grant continuances.

41. Either party to a complaint may appear in person, or by counsel properly certified to the court, but a member and his counsel may not both present argument before the court in the same cause. It shall be optional with the party in interest which shall address the court.

42. If after due notice of the hearing the defendant fails to appear, the court shall proceed to hear the cause of the plaintiff, and render judgment on the evidence presented. It is within the power of the court to appoint counsel for the defendant if occasion and justice so demand.

43. If after due notice of the hearing the plaintiff should fail to appear, the court may dismiss the action, or it may hear the evidence of the defendant and render judgment thereon, and if the defendant has filed a cross-complaint the court shall render judgment on the evidence presented. The court may appoint counsel for the plaintiff if occasion and justice so demand.

44. If after due notice of the hearing, both parties fail to appear without proper excuse, the cause may be dismissed as to both parties.

#### XI. JURISDICTION OF COURTS

45. The courts of the church before which causes of actions are first heard are known as courts of original jurisdiction. Courts to which appeals may be taken are known as appellate courts or courts of appeal. A court which is appointed and organized for hearing one or more particular causes and which is dissolved when final judgment has been rendered thereon is known as a special or temporary court; but a court which after being established continues to maintain jurisdiction over the church, a stake, or a district is known as a standing court.

46. An elders' court is a temporary court, and consists of two or more, usually three, elders of the Melchisedec priesthood appointed by an administrative officer to be held within his own jurisdiction to hear and determine one or more causes which have been filed with him. Such courts are courts of original jurisdiction—trial courts. Appeal therefrom is to a bishop's court.

47. A bishop's court is a standing court, and consists of a bishop and one or two bishops or elders as counselors. Such courts have original jurisdiction in stakes, districts, or other subdivisions of the church. From their decisions appeal may be made to the stake high council, if in its jurisdiction, but otherwise to the

Standing High Council of the church. The bishop's court is also a court of appeal from the decision of an elders' court in districts and unorganized territories.

48. A stake high council consists of twelve high priests under the presidency of the stake, and from its decision appeal may be made to the Standing High Council of the church. It constitutes a standing court of appeal from a bishop's court in the same jurisdiction, and is also a council of original jurisdiction in certain general or official matters within the stake.

49. The Standing High Council is the highest appellate council or court of the church. It has original jurisdiction when complaint is made against a General Church officer in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore stated, and may exercise original jurisdiction in any case when no other court having jurisdiction exists and justice so requires. It is presided over by the First Presidency of the church.

50. When there is no court having jurisdiction of both parties to an action and there is no local administrative officer having jurisdiction to appoint such a court, the First Presidency may, in its discretion, appoint a special bishop's court or an elders' court to hear the cause.

## XII. INCIDENTAL DUTIES OF COURT

51. The first-named member of an elders' court appointed to hear a cause shall preside at its meetings until a permanent chairman has been chosen. A bishop's court shall be presided over by a bishop.

52. Before appointing the time and place of hearing, the court shall see that the complaint is properly drawn, including a statement of required labor, and the addresses of parties.

53. The chairman of the court shall open all sessions at the time and place appointed, preside over and direct the proceedings, decide on the admissibility of evidence, and maintain order and decorum. All church courts shall be conducted in a solemn and orderly manner and all sessions thereof be opened with prayer.

54. The court shall choose a clerk, either a member of the court or any suitable person not a party in interest. The clerk shall record all proceedings of the court, including its rulings and final judgment, the names and abstract of testimony of the witnesses, and shall mark for identification all documents submitted to the court. The court may appoint a stenographer to report any or all testimony given before the court. The notes so made or a transcript thereof shall become a part of the record of the case.

## XIII. COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

55. The court shall serve on all parties to the action written notice of the time

and place of hearing, allowing sufficient time for them to receive said notice and present themselves at the time and place stated.

56. All notices of hearings shall be signed by the court or its presiding officer, and may be delivered by a church officer to each party or at his usual place of address to a member of the family more than fifteen years of age, or may be sent by registered mail, requesting a return receipt signed by addressee only.

## XIV. REQUIREMENTS OF WITNESSES

57. Church courts have the right to require the attendance of any church member at its hearings, either as a party to the cause or as a witness, and any member who after due notice refuses or fails to appear, unless excused by the court, may be dealt with for unchristian conduct.

58. Persons not members of the church may not attend court hearings except as witnesses in cases where evidence cannot be secured from church members, and only when no enmity is known to exist on their part toward the adverse party or the church, and only when admitted by ruling of the court.

59. A disorderly witness who persistently refuses to heed the admonitions of the court may be excluded therefrom until he or she offers redress or apology and promises to observe the required decorum. The court should, if practicable, exclude all witnesses from the hearing except when they are testifying.

60. A witness is required to answer truthfully all questions of the court or of counsel, except questions excluded by ruling of the court; but a wife or husband not legally separated is not compelled to testify against the other.

## XV. RULES OF EVIDENCE

61. The court shall impartially hear both parties, their counsel, and the testimony of all witnesses who appear; but no witness shall be heard without the adverse party having the right to be present and cross-examine him, if he so desires.

62. Affidavits or ex parte statements in writing are inadmissible as proper testimony in any cause before a court, unless consented to by opposing party. A witness may to a limited extent refresh his memory by a writing, if necessary, but cannot make a written statement in lieu of his testimony in court.

63. Irrelevant, immaterial, misleading, or other matter of too conjectural and remote connection should be excluded by the court. Hearsay testimony shall not be accepted as evidence, but direct testimony of voluntary admissions of guilt by the accused may be received. Private opinions of a witness shall be excluded, but the opinion of a qualified expert on a

matter in dispute may be admitted by the court.

64. No testimony shall be required as to matters of which the court may take judicial notice, nor to support testimony not denied.

65. Public records; quasi public documents; certified and authenticated copies, the originals of which are not procurable; necessary physical representations; and all original papers involved in a case may be admitted in evidence.

## XVI. DEPOSITIONS

66. Depositions may be taken by the court or by a duly appointed commissioner for the jurisdiction where the required witnesses are. The procedure in taking testimony by deposition is similar to that for witnesses in court. Such testimony may be either by oral depositions or on written interrogatories as shall be specified in the notice to the adverse party.

67. Sufficient notice must be given of the taking of a deposition to permit the adverse party to be present and cross-examine the witness if he so desires. If the testimony is to be taken upon written interrogatories, a copy of the same must be placed in the hands of the adverse party or his counsel in sufficient time for him to file cross-interrogatories.

68. When taking depositions, the objections of the opposing party or his counsel shall be duly recorded as a part of the record of the deposition, subject to review by the court which shall hear the cause. The record of the proceedings and of the testimony in full shall be certified to the court by the officer before whom the deposition is taken.

## XVII. FINAL JUDGMENT

69. All courts of the church have full power to hear and decide the issues involved in the cases submitted to them, which are within their jurisdiction, and their final decisions shall be binding upon all parties to the action, but subject to appeal as hereinafter provided, except that in cases of expulsion from the church the court findings and recommendations shall be presented to the church or congregation having jurisdiction, in conformity with the law which commands that "the elders shall lay the case before the church, and the church shall lift up their hands against him or her" (Doctrine and Covenants 42: 22).

70. The judgment of the court shall state whether or not the complaint is sustained, and shall make a declaration as to each separate count thereof, as for instance: "Counts I and III are sustained, but count II is not sustained." The court may make such requirements as justice and the law of the church require, and may assess such penalties for non-compliance therewith as may rightly and lawfully be enforced by church authority.



71. The decision of a majority of the members comprising the court shall be the judgment of the court and shall be so rendered. A minority may offer a separate statement of views, if convinced that injustice would otherwise result.

72. The church law for certain offenses prescribes expulsion. Where expulsion is not compulsory the erring member should be given ample time and Christlike encouragement for repentance, and the court may decide whether suspension of his membership until repentance be shown would be likely to yield better results than expulsion.

73. When the court has rendered final judgment, it shall without delay transmit the same with a complete record of the proceedings to the officer who committed the case to such court. Copies of the judgment shall also be transmitted to the parties in the case, and said judgment shall be and remain in force and effect until it is reversed or overruled by another court of competent jurisdiction.

#### XVIII. NEW TRIAL OR RE-HEARING

74. If without proper excuse the plaintiff neglected to appear at the hearing of his complaint, he shall be denied a new trial of the cause or an appeal from a decision of the court thereon. Likewise, if without good excuse the defendant permitted judgment against him by default, a new trial or an appeal shall not be granted to him.

75. If any party who has been diligent in his cause is dissatisfied with the decision of the court, he may move for a new trial or rehearing of the case at the time, and, if the motion is denied by the court, he may give notice of appeal at the time, or within thirty (30) days, if he so desires. Notice of appeal given at the time should appear as a part of the record in the case.

76. Grounds for a new trial or rehearing must be clearly stated, and filed with the court within thirty (30) days after filing notice of appeal and a copy shall be served on the adverse party.

A motion for a new trial may be filed with the court if error of law in the record of the court is alleged; if the court had been petitioned to compel attendance of a witness who refused to appear; if mover's counsel had withdrawn from the case at or near time of trial and other counsel was not available; if the judgment ignores the weight of vital evidence; if newly discovered evidence is found which the party could not have obtained before; or if fraud is alleged.

#### XIX. PROCEDURE IN APPEALS

77. Subject to the rules and exceptions hereinbefore stated, any party to a cause may appeal from the judgment rendered by a court thereon. Notice of appeal

may be filed with said court at the time judgment is rendered, or at any time within thirty (30) days thereafter with the officer who appointed the court, and copies of such notice must also be served on the court and on the adverse party.

78. Appeals may be made and perfected at the time of filing notice thereof, but otherwise they shall be perfected within thirty (30) days thereafter, unless extension of time has been granted by the court of appeal. Grounds for appeal shall be clearly stated in writing and signed by the appellant.

79. Appeal from an elders' court shall be made to a bishop's court in the same jurisdiction, if such there be; otherwise an appeal shall be made to the First Presidency to appoint such a court.

80. Appeal from a bishop's court shall be made to the stake high council, if in a stake, but if outside of stake organization the appeal shall be to the Standing High Council of the church. Appeals shall be filed with the presidency of the council to which the appeal is made.

81. Appeal from a stake high council shall be made to the Standing High Council of the church, and shall be filed with the First Presidency.

#### XX. APPELLATE COURT PROCEDURE

82. On the filing of the notice of an appeal, the court which heard the cause shall transmit all records and documents in the case to the court of appeal. If the documents and papers have been lodged with some administrative officer, he shall, upon receiving notice of the appeal, forward same to the court to which the case has been appealed.

83. Upon receiving an appeal, the appellate court shall determine the procedure and shall grant or deny the petition, or order a rehearing before the former court or a new court within the same jurisdiction, as the case may require.

84. The court to which appeal is taken shall fix the time and place of the appellate hearing, if granted, and shall notify all parties in interest in ample time for them to appear.

#### XXI. DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

85. Upon receiving the records and an authorized copy of the final judgment of the court, the administrative officer who committed the case thereto shall report the judgment of the court to the branch, district, stake, or mission having jurisdiction; but he shall hold such court records until a notice of appeal has been filed, if less than thirty (30) days after judgment has been rendered.

86. Upon receiving notice of an appeal lawfully made, the administrative officer having jurisdiction shall promptly transmit all records of the case appealed to

the proper officer of the appellate court to which said case is appealed.

87. In case the administrative officer holding the records of a court does not receive notice of an appeal from its final judgment within the time allowed for such appeal, he shall transmit such records to the office of the First Presidency to be permanently filed therein.

#### XXII. INHERENT POWERS OF THE STANDING COUNCIL

88. The Standing High Council shall regulate and supervise all lower courts.

89. The Standing High Council shall construe and interpret all laws of the church relating to church court procedure. If the Council should determine that the law governing court procedure fails to cover a given situation, it may by its own ruling supply the deficiency in order that justice may be done to all parties involved, and such Council ruling shall be effective until General Conference legislates on the matter; but in no event shall an adverse action by the Conference be retroactive so as to nullify the judgment of the Council or affect the rights of the parties in any case adjudicated by the Council prior to such General Conference action.

#### XXIII. ENACTING CLAUSE

90. "All rules, enactments, and customs of the church not in harmony with the provisions and requirements set forth in the foregoing sections and paragraphs are hereby declared inoperative and void."

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## Eat at South Crysler Church

The ladies of the South Crysler congregation (Thirty-first and South Crysler streets) will serve the evening meal to Conference delegates and visitors. Serving (cafeteria style) will start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. They will continue to serve till 7:00 o'clock.

If you want free transportation look for cars with a label "SOUTH CRYSLER" in front of the Auditorium.

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## Writers' Reception Today

Immediately following the adjournment of the business meeting today all the writers, artists, and photographers are invited to a gathering in the choir room of the Auditorium. Margaret W. Gibson, author of the new book, *Emma Smith: the Elect Lady*, and many others you have wanted to meet will be there.



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## Twenty-four Receive Nursing Diplomas

### Monday Night

Commencement exercises for the class of 1954 of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing were held Monday evening, April 5, at the Auditorium.

President W. Wallace Smith gave the commencement address for the young women. He mentioned that Section 127 in the Doctrine and Covenants says, "It is the will of the Lord that a sanitarium, a place of refuge and help for the sick and afflicted, be established by the church at Independence, Missouri, as my servant Joseph Smith has already stated to you."

Fifty years ago, he reminded his audience, hospitals were not what they are today. He gave a number of statistics showing the growth of the Independence Sanitarium. The number of patients for 1953 was 8,943. San personnel totals 327, and there are eighty-one enrolled in the school of nursing, with twenty-four graduates. He also mentioned the thirteen departments of the institution.

The community will benefit from the service of these nurses wherever they go, he said.

The invocation was given by Dr. Charles F. Grabske. Vida E. Butterworth, educational director of the Sanitarium, presented the class, and President Israel A. Smith presented the diplomas to the graduates. Gertrude Copeland, superintendent emeritus, presented the pins, assisted by Nelle Morgan, director of nursing. The benediction was given by Bishop Walter N. Johnson.

Oliver Houston was organist. For the prelude he played "Andante Tranquillo" by Mendelssohn, "Aria" by Dethier, and "Berceuse" by Vierre.

The male section of the radio choir, under the direction of Frederick O. Weddle, provided music for the exercises. They sang "As Torrents in Summer," by Elgar, and "Pilgrim's Song" by Tchaikowsky.

Alice Crossan



## Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp Sunday Evening Speaker

About six thousand people heard Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp when he spoke in the Auditorium at the evening service of April 4 on "The Crux of Zion Progress." He was assisted by Bishops Henry L. Livingston, Walter N. Johnson, H. W. Cackler, and Earl Higgins. Music was by the Walnut Park Choir.

Bishop DeLapp took his text from the second chapter of Isaiah. He told how the former prophets foretold the building of the kingdom of God. Then Christ came to the world and taught the elementary essentials of kingdom building. These principles Christ taught brought new hope and are "like a beacon light down through the ages."

The crux of the Zion progress, he declared, is that measure of faith and belief that comes to us from God. We of the church have been commissioned to the great task of building the kingdom, and we must go forward. We need to adjust our thinking and look upon Zion as a growing process.

Bishop DeLapp concluded his sermon with the thought that our church has been moving into the most progressive decade of its history. This is the day of our great opportunity as a church; it is our day to build the kingdom."

Emma M. Phillips

## President Smith's Opening Address

### The Situation

In assuming the responsibility of speaking to this large gathering of Latter Day Saints, the paramount feeling at the moment is that of inadequacy, a fear that I may fail to minister to you. I do have a desire to say something on the occasion that will do so; and, in the last analysis, what can I do other than respond to whatever of inspiration has been granted to me, and this I will do to the best of my ability, leaving the results to the Founder and Finisher of our Faith.

To those who have witnessed the struggle of the church through the last fifty years and are conversant with the history of the Restoration, it is a most inspiring spectacle that greets the eye at this moment. It is the fruition of the heroic fight of the eldership up to our day and the sustained labors of a consecrated priesthood in co-operation with the efforts of a devoted membership.

Four years ago, on a similar occasion, here on this same platform, I recall saying that I did not suppose any of the men who took part in the organization in 1830 ever dreamed that the church would still be here as a church one hundred and twenty years after that time. Since then our experience has been lengthened. We are still the church militant, hoping for the day when we shall be qualified as the church triumphant.

One of the outstanding facts of today is that the world of men and things is changing so rapidly men cannot keep pace with it. With greater and greater complexity, it is increasingly difficult to escape from our environment—to withdraw from the hurly-burly of daily life sufficiently to maintain the integrity of a proper spiritual life. It is the price we pay for what we call our civilization, and in view of the history of ancient prophets we wonder if it is not too high a price.

How different is our present-day life from that of our great spiritual patriarchs, as pictured so eloquently by some writer who said:

The patriarchs had no settled home, no house of wood or stone, and they still live in the life of the mightiest nations of the world. . . . They built altars on the hilltops and the high places of the plain. They worshiped morning and evening under the shelter of sacred trees. They knew nothing of temples built of wood and stone. . . . They never walked with silent step and solemn look along the pillared aisle. . . . The grandest cathedral . . . would have been a close and stifling enclosure. . . .

And yet this wandering tent life . . . made a deep impression upon their character. . . . The habitual consciousness of the divine Presence makes all places holy. . . . All were taught and woven into the whole texture of character by the wandering life and the frail habitations of the patriarchs.

While few of us would voluntarily live the life of such nomads, the spiritual gains from it might be well worth the inconvenience.

Four years ago I expressed the idea that we of the Reorganization have been intrusted with a most sacred trust—that of preserving and maintaining Latter Day Saintism in its purity, as it was developed during his lifetime and as left by the Prophet-Founder of the church, the only organization that can maintain the truth of such a statement. To that trust we have been faithful, in spite of the persecution thrust upon us from the beginning, and in spite of the early disloyalty and apostasy of some thousands of our own members.

**I**N THE WORLD about us we note the growth and spread of unrighteousness. The president of Union Theological Seminary, Doctor Van Dusen, has recently broken into the newspapers, and the headlines used were these: "Religion is gaining ground. Morality is losing ground." Yes, the doctor finds such a condition in the world today. He and two other eminent divines report that—

Church membership, in proportion to total population, is the highest in history. Since 1926, it has grown twice as fast as population. Church attendance also is at an all-high. . . .

On the other hand he cited these signs of lowering morals: Alcoholism has increased enormously. Divorce has shot up (from one out of six marriages in 1940 to one out of four now). Juvenile delinquency has multi-

plied (275,000 children called into court each year). Drug addiction has increased.

Sir Winston Churchill, one of the world's leading statesmen, among other things, recently said when accepting a Nobel Peace Award:

The fearful question confronts us: have our problems got beyond control? Undoubtedly we are passing through a phase where this may be so. Well may we humble ourselves and seek for guidance and mercy.

George Washington, our first American President, recognizing the necessity, in his notable final address to Congress, said that morality and religion were the two pillars of our society:

Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

**W**E HAVE SOME peculiar beliefs about this country, and with the tide of immorality running strongly among our citizens we wonder what we should expect if it ever fails to give its allegiance to "the God of the land," quoting the words of the Book of Mormon.

In an atheistic magazine I recently read an attack of our national Congress which ridiculed the idea of having opening prayers at its sessions. Declared the idea of such a thing was repulsive. Just as in ancient times, there are with us "fools who say in their own heart, there is no God"!

Arnold J. Toynbee, eminent historian of the day, says with emphasis that the political and social practices of our civilization will not survive unless they are "replenished by faith in Christianity."

*The Evangelical Christian*, in the January issue, made reference to what President Eisenhower told the Security Council of the United Nations on the eighth day of December last, saying that his address is a grim and solemn warning, and should "shake every man and woman from their complacency with regard to the future." If atomic war breaks out, civilization faces destruction. The equivalent of a hydrogen bomb is meas-

ured in millions of tons of TNT, which, by the way, at the beginning of World War II was considered the greatest explosive agency known to man. He said a world council, using his words, must be called "if for no other reason than that of self-preservation."

This religious magazine adds its own comment: "The Word of God gives hints of just such a false peace being made at the end of 'the age.'" That this may be the time—and I have often thought of it as such—"When they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape."

I believe that all Americans will agree that the words of Dwight D. Eisenhower, our own President and also a world war military conqueror, ought to be seriously considered.

Need one remind us of the unavailing efforts toward securing permanent world security, notably the League of Nations, and does it yet appear that the United Nations has demonstrated that it is a success? So prominent a man as David Lawrence, editor of *U. S. News and World Report*, within the last month has charged that "It has actually failed to live up to its original purposes and to the solemn words of its charter." We take no satisfaction in recounting these things, but can one view the terrible conditions in the world and say that "all is well"?

**F**OUR YEARS AGO I referred to the hydrogen bomb of which there was but speculation when the United Nations was organized. I predicted that if it should ever be used, the results would beggar description. Well, the hydrogen bomb has not been used in warfare, but experiments have been made in detonating them. Recent explosions in the Pacific area have been reported: Pressure created could not be measured by known and used recording instruments. Radiation reached as far as 800 miles from the blast. Casualties were found 80 miles away; and an island 200 miles distant was shaken. Radioactive material was discovered a thousand miles away. And it is reported that the cost of this new bomb is not (comparatively speaking) expensive.

Thus while we have slumbered, almost, science has developed these world-devastating weapons, and their invention has come along simultaneously with a marked and not-to-be-denied decline in public morals.

In the light of what we now know about the treachery of certain peoples who have participated in the "recent police action," as it is called, in the Far East,—in the light of the fact that our airmen and others who should have

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been accorded the rights of prisoners of war have been murdered, slaughtered, and today there is not even a spot, so far as we know, that marks their resting places, do you believe that weapons such as the atom and the hydrogen bomb can safely be intrusted to *some* of the nations of the world?

We have been warned by many men of our day: We all remember Wendell Willkie. He traveled through the world, and then wrote a book, entitled *One World*. He stressed the fact that airplanes and the telegraph and the radio, and other modern inventions had brought the world into *one* neighborhood.

After that a group of scientists who had developed the atom bomb in World War II collaborated in getting out a book entitled *One World or None*, a strangely prophetic thought. The men of wisdom and learning have been prompt in bringing to us proper warnings as to what we might expect.

A MODERN RELIGIONIST, sometimes called the "Gloomy Dean"—because of what some have believed was his extreme pessimism, his proper name being Doctor Ralph Inge, and within recent weeks deceased, who now could perhaps speak with authority if he were accessible—wrote up our modern world in a book which he called *The End of an Age*.

Dean Inge brought into his work the views of quite a number of his contemporaries in the religious world, and he stated that "most of my authorities are agreed that the present international anarchy, if it is allowed to go on, must end in the complete ruin of civilization. The atomic bomb has convinced the few who still thought otherwise."

In the closing paragraph of his opening chapter, Dean Inge said that on one point all his authorities and even others whom he had not quoted were agreed: That the world *must* have a revival of spiritual religion, a change of heart. He admitted the signs of it were not altogether unfavorable. "Mammon," he said, "has no more prizes to offer. Moloch has shown his hideous face undisguised. We may think again of the fall of the Roman Empire."

Now I am sure none of you would disagree with me in the major premises of what I have presented. Perhaps my effort is lacking; but as I try to think realistically, I feel that I should try to have our people realistic in their appraisal of incidents and things, howsoever hopeful and optimistic in their ideals and their hopes in the gospel endeavor.

NOW, HOW DO WE RELATE what I have presented to the Latter Day Saint Movement? When it was inaugurated, there was not too much in the way of support; but like the Christians of an early day, the elders went forth and told the story of the Christ. They truly witnessed! A story of a man born of woman who claimed to be the Son of God and who, because of his peculiar teachings, was persecuted and hung upon a tree—crucified—and who was resurrected. They witnessed as to what they had seen with their own eyes—some of them. Others believed on their story and told it to the world.

The elders of the Restoration Movement went forth with the same story, because Christ is the cornerstone of this work, with the additional story about the new witness in his behalf—the Book of Mormon. Of this latter they had but the story of Joseph Smith and the special witnesses. Little else had they except limited Scriptures in Isaiah (29) and Revelation (14: 6, 7), prophecies which they claimed had been fulfilled in the coming forth of the book.

But today we look about us and observe world conditions just as Joseph Smith predicted, prophecies that were and are incorporated in the revelations to the church, and we can say, with every assurance of being right, that world conditions as of today were foretold 130 years ago.

You are more or less familiar with them, and I will quote but one from Doctrine and Covenants 1: 6:

I am no respecter of persons, and will that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh—the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand—when peace shall be taken from the earth, and the Devil shall have power over his own dominion; and also the Lord shall have power over his saints, and shall reign in their midst, and shall come down in judgment upon Idumea, or the world.

IN THE PRESENT WORLD STRUGGLE, the clash of inconsistent ideologies, we have taken sides. We have given our allegiance to Christ and the principles he advocated, as found in the New Testament record and strongly reinforced in the Book of Mormon, which, reduced to simple terms, means that our present world travail is but an Armageddon between the forces of righteousness and the forces of antichrist. The great world wars have been conflicts between nations of different civilizations, but the great and last Armageddon will, in our opinion, be a war where brother will take up arms against his brother. The issue will not be between nations. It will be between men of the same race, between men of many races, nations, and peoples. This I believe is fully sup-

ported by Scripture found in the Standard Books of the church.

In this last and greatest of the battles of Armageddon, it is my belief that the United States of America, England, Australia—those nations who have been developed largely by the descendants of the "house of Ephraim" will be found carrying the banner of King Immanuel, against peoples split off from pagan nations and those of other peoples who have turned away from Christ and his teachings.

It is merely speculative, as far as I am concerned, as to what nations or peoples will be arrayed in the coming warfare against Christ. They will probably come from those peoples who have never accepted him, but the greatest assault of today—the most to be feared—is presented in the fast-growing forces of Communism.

It is to be noted with concern that Italy, for centuries under the dominance of the Roman Catholic Church which, from every evidence, has set its face sternly and irrevocably against Communism, is about to come under the control of Communism. I do not profess to know the reason for this resistance to the "Mother Church", for it is noted that many of the leaders of the Communist movement in that country are protesting loudly their allegiance to the Pope—or at least to the dominant church there.

IT IS APPARENT to anybody who looks over the world situation that there is a titanic struggle between great ideologies, between forces that to us represent order under law and those of anarchy, between principles set forth by Jesus Christ, which we call the principles of Christianity, and those dominated by the spirit of antichrist. Many books are being written and sent broadcast into the world that have a bearing on this greatest of battles.

Not long ago I noted a book on the subject: *Can Christianity Save the World?* another one entitled *Can Civilization Be Saved?* Still another *Is Christianity Worth Saving?* Pertinent questions, we agree.

Arnold J. Toynbee, to whom I have already made reference, outstanding historian of the present day, in addition to a voluminous history of the world, has written other and shorter treatises, one of them called or entitled, *Civilization on Trial*.

I feel that all of you will agree with me that it would be deplorable if what we envision as Christianity fails to preserve what we hold to be civilization. We must admit that Christianity was the destroyer of the ancient Graeco-Roman so-called "civilization" which prevailed at

the time of the advent of the Messiah. So it is apparent that there have been various and sundry so-called civilizations; although the word to us moderns largely connotes the civilizations that have evolved as a result of the victory of Christian principles over all others.

**T**HE WORLD IS in commotion. Can there be any doubt about that? No! Definitely, No! In fact the world has seen more war, more bloodletting, more murder in the last hundred years than was witnessed by men of all ages of recorded history *prior* to 1860, when the War of the Rebellion was begun here in the United States of America.

Let us not waver. The great events of the times fully attest the righteousness of our movement. They challenge us. Joseph Smith has been vindicated. The seal of approval has been placed upon his life and his work. Let us rejoice in this fulfillment.

And let us all be diligent in taking the gospel of salvation to a world that seeks the way out from destruction. Our contribution may appear small. It may seem like a small voice crying in the wilderness, but again it may become vital. We believe it will be.

## Library Exhibit

**I**N THE DISPLAY CASES at the Jackson County Library, 211 N. Osage, Conference visitors will find an interesting exhibit. The most important item is the facsimile edition of Volume I of the 42-line Gutenberg Bible. This was one of the Bibles used at the inauguration of Harry S. Truman as thirty-third President of the United States. Of interest to book lovers is an old Bible of 1820 and a Methodist Episcopal hymnbook of 1835.

An 1830 edition of the Book of Mormon, printed by E. B. Gradin in Palmyra, New York, is of interest to Latter Day Saints. There are also copies of *Times and Seasons* for 1845. A small part of the collection on Mormonism owned by the Jackson County Library is shown for inspection.

Historical material on early-day Jackson County will give the student of church history a glimpse into the problems of the Saints in the Independence of the 1830's. Several old pictures of Independence in the nineteenth century add local color to the display.

Conference guests are cordially invited to visit the library at any time from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday.

JOHN T. SKELTON  
*Librarian*

## West Mezzanine Balcony Houses New Facilities

You've probably been eyeing the glass-paneled booths on the mezzanine balcony on the west side of the Auditorium assembly room and wondering what and why. These booths are additions to house the press, the public address system controls, and tape recording facilities.

The center booth is the "control" headquarters for the sound system. Harold Higgins, engineer for the Radio Department, has supervised a complete revamping of the system so that it is now possible to record any of the proceedings of the Conference and to control all sound for either broadcast or public address distribution from one central point. From this booth connections radiate out to the Stone Church, the Auditorium assembly room, dining room, and radio studios.

The "south of center" booth is for the press. Reporters for local and national publications are accommodated here. They are provided excellent "listening" facilities, can get a good perspective of proceedings, and are kept in touch by telephone with presiding officers and secretaries on the main platform.

The north booth has been built to care for a limited number of tape recorders brought to Conference by visitors. Sermons, special programs, and activities other than prayer meetings and business meetings may be recorded here to the extent that space and facilities permit.

P. A. W.

## Parking Space

Elder Alvin R. Dyer, President of the Central States Mission for the Mormon church, graciously granted a request for use of their property immediately east of the Auditorium as a parking facility during the Conference. Hundreds of cars were accommodated there on Sunday. H. Tupper Smith and the Independence police have charge of the parking and traffic there and around the Auditorium.

## P. A. System Has New Speakers

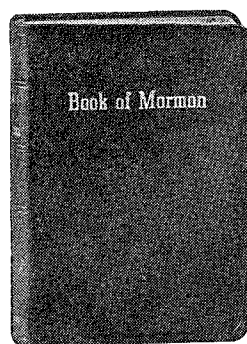
New directional speaker horns are being used in the Auditorium assembly room this Conference. And from tests given them during pre-Conference services, it appears they will prove much more satisfactory than any previous ones.

Every speaker is divided into multiple compartments, each responsible for "beaming" the sound to a particular small area of the assembly room. Horns are arranged above the rostrum so that every seat in the room is benefited. Although echoes are still noticeable, clear distinct sounds reach your ears and override most of the distractions experienced in previous Conferences.

Those responsible for the installation of the new speakers are cautious and are keeping their fingers crossed until they see how they work under all Conference conditions.

P. A. W.

## new edition of the Book of Mormon



This new, clear printing of the Book of Mormon is on a special thin, opaque Bible paper. It has the cross references which were originally published in the large-type edition, and a contents showing the page number of each book appears in the front. Several typographical and grammatical errors which appeared in the previous edition have been corrected in this one.

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## Women's Reception

Many states and several nations were represented at the women's reception held in a spring setting at the Memorial Building Monday afternoon. Mrs. Pauline Arnsen of the Women's Council was in charge, assisted by Mrs. W. Wallace Smith and the Center Stake women as hostesses.

Mrs. Arnsen introduced the "official family," wives of the Presidency, Bishopric, and Twelve. She said the purpose of holding the reception early was so the visiting delegates could get acquainted with their women's council and each other. Mrs. Arnsen also introduced visitor delegates from England, Australia, and Canada, who are women's leaders past and present. Also introduced were Mrs. Benjamin Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska, and Sister Rosa Pitt.

The Clements Trio, a harmony group of two sisters and a brother, sang three numbers, closing with "The Lord's Prayer." The first movement of Beethoven's "Spring" Sonata was played by Barbara Baird, violinist, and Charles Athey, pianist. Since the Women's Council is concerned with the home and children are at the center of home life, Sister Arnsen said it was appropriate that the program numbers for the afternoon be given by these talented young people.

The Women's Council and special guests met the Conference visitors informally while refreshments were served.

A. S.

## Beware of Pickpockets!

These inside crooks often work in teams and have their best success in crowded foyers or where bodily contact is possible as in luncheon queues or as groups move in and out of the building. They do not hesitate to cut the handle off your purse or slit a hole in your pocket. It is much easier for them if you set your purse down and step away "just for a second." Coats and fur pieces may also tempt them. If yours is missing check the "Lost and Found" Department first, then notify the police immediately.

C. B. H.

## Dr. Shute Lecture

An illustrated lecture on "The use of Vitamin E in the prevention and treatment of heart and circulatory diseases" has been announced for Thursday, April 8, 8:00 p.m. It will be given by Dr. Evan V. Shute at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple, Park and Linwood Boulevard (Highway 40) in Kansas City, Missouri. There is no admission charge.

## Spring Fashion Show

On Friday, April 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the A. J. Bundschu Company will give a special showing for Conference visitors of women and children's ready-to-wear spring garments. This exhibit will be held on the second floor of their store on the east side of the Square. The public will be invited to a later modeling. No selling will be done at this showing.



## Dutch Delegate Speaks Five Languages

GENERAL CONFERENCE Delegate Anton Compier of Rotterdam, Holland, says he is amazed at the number of cars in the United States and he likes the individualism in housing and the abundance of food he find here, but he is "counting the days" until he can return, next July, to his family in Holland. Besides his wife, Elizabeth, he has a three-year-old son, Kornelis, and a baby daughter, Elizabeth Antoinette, waiting for him at home.

Elder Compier arrived in New York City on February 23 aboard the "Queen Mary", for his first visit to the United States. The lack of class distinction in America is one of the first things he noticed and admired.

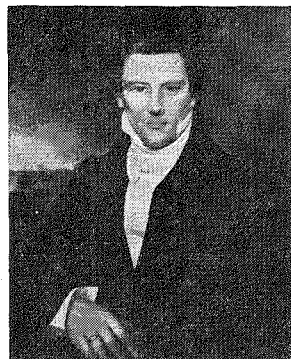
He feels there is a great need to have the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants translated into other languages. He also believes that all missionaries should be able to speak more than one language in order to minister more effectively in various parts of the world. He speaks five languages himself—Dutch, French, German, English, and Norwegian.

He believes the church today is making more progress than ever in Europe. He has traveled on the Continent, and was a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II.

ANTONIUS DANIEL COMPIER was born November 12, 1920, in Rotterdam, Holland, and was baptized there when he was ten years old. He attended schools in Rotterdam and has taken private lessons for several years in chemistry, languages, and psychology. He is married to the former Elizabeth Jeuntje Johanna Verhaagen. Before his appointment in 1951 he was in charge of an insecticide company. He is at present an elder and bishop's agent.

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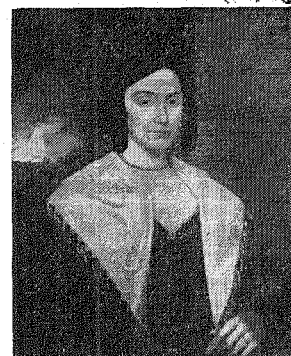


## Kodachrome Single

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Tuesday, April 6, 1954

The General Conference convened in business session at 2:00 p.m., April 6, 1954, with President I. A. Smith in the chair.

The opening hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing," was directed by Elder Harold Neal, with Miss Doris Gray at the piano. The invocation was offered by Apostle D. T. Williams.

The minutes of the April 5 business session were read and approved.

The statement below from the First Presidency correcting the organization of the Conference was entered on the minutes with no objection from the floor:

#### *To the General Conference:*

In the announcement of appointments to perfect the Conference organization, the chair inadvertently omitted the Church Press Committee, composed of C. B. Hartshorn, Naomi Russell, and Paul Wellington. If there are no objections, this will be corrected and entered on the minutes of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

President W. Wallace Smith read a number of greetings from Saints in missions abroad:

#### *Dear Brethren:*

I would like to take this final opportunity as the appointee representative of the church in this land of extending greetings to the assembly of the church as it meets in General Conference.

I can assure you that the majority of the Saints in this country hold a considerable degree of interest in the events which will transpire and the decisions which will be made during that period. With some that interest will be of a caliber comparable even with those permitted to be in attendance.

We do trust that the sort of light and guidance for our future direction may be received and that unity and purpose will prevail at all times. We shall be earnest in expectation to share the knowledge of these things to the full and to play our part in the testimony and witness to the gospel's power in these far-flung lands.

J. D. IMRIE  
Auckland, New Zealand

#### *Dear Brethren:*

I have the desire to send to you and all the Saints for the Conference, God's blessings. May you and all the men of the church have a connection with God through his great power. Christ says in John 17: 19, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

I am in the spirit and in my prayers with you. May God's Spirit be present in all the meetings.

God's blessings to you and with you.

FRANZ BEIL  
Hannover, Germany

#### *Greeting to the*

#### *General Conference from Iran:*

Our prayers are and have been that each of us of the church might have been able to condition himself in such a way that the Lord will be able to give direction, inspiration, and instruction to the Conference.

ROLLA, GWEN, and GWYNETH AMSBERRY  
Meshed, Iran

#### *To the First Presidency:*

Dear Brethren of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, Seventy, Bishops, High Priests and all others attending the Conference.

In the name of all members from this part of Germany, I send you, my dear brethren and sisters, the heartfelt greetings and best wishes.

May the Spirit of God during these days of the Conference be with you so that this Conference might be a blessing to the whole church.

Even though we can't be with you, you can be assured that we are with you in spirit and in our prayers. The Lord bless you and give you peace.

ALFRED URBAN  
Missionary, East Germany

#### *To the First Presidency:*

To the First Presidency as well as all the Quorums and Saints of General Conference in Zion, we send our hearty greetings.

May the Lord accept the day of fasting of March 7 as a small offering from the whole church and hear our prayers for the success of the General Conference.

May his leading and his strong Spirit richly be shared by all who are meeting together there, so that a strong testimony of the power and revelation of God will be carried into all the world toward the building of the kingdom of God upon this earth.

These are the good wishes of the Springe (Germany) Branch for the General Conference.

ELDER AUGUST WEBER, *Pastor*  
Springe, Germany

The secretary read the following motion by Elders J. C. Stuart and J. T. Conway to reconsider previous Conference action regarding the use of the term "Reverend":

At all recent General Conferences instructions have been given to delegates who desire to speak to motions before this body to use the traveling microphones available in delegate sections.

These microphones were not in evidence when a motion was presented to this body at yesterday's meeting and there was some resulting confusion on the part of those who would otherwise have had views to express with respect to the business of the day.

We, therefore, respectfully request the indulgence of this Conference in reopening the question of restrictions on the use of the term "Reverend" by the ministers of this church in order that opportunity may be given for consideration of all viewpoints on this subject, or for referral to a smaller qualified group for study and recommendations.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the church as the result of negatively stated Conference resolutions. Our purpose in reopening the matter is that this resolution might be stated affirmatively.

We, therefore, move that the motion discouraging the use of the term "Reverend" be reconsidered by this body.

Elder Garland E. Tickemyer spoke on the motion of reconsideration, which carried. A substitute motion was offered by Elders Garland E. Tickemyer and J. L. Verhei:

*Resolved*, That the use of the distinctive terminology of the church as applied to titles of local and general officers should be encouraged in all church publications, communications, and church programs.

After discussion, Elders Orman Salisbury and Richard Jones moved that the matter be laid on the table. The motion to lay on the table carried.

The following letter from the High Priests Quorum relative to the selection of a member of the presidency of that body was presented:

#### *To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The vacancy which has occurred in the presidency of the Quorum of High Priests, as a result of the death of Brother John F. Sheehy, has been of considerable concern to us. After considerable meditation and prayer, we are happy to recommend the ordination of Elder J. C. Stuart to fill this vacancy. We present it to you for your further consideration and action.

QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS  
WARD A. HOUGAS, *President*  
W. J. BRESHEARS, *Secretary*

Unanimously approved by  
Quorum of High Priests  
April 5, 1954

On motion of Elders Almer W. Sheehy and Stephen A. Black, the recommendation was approved.

The following document from the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric regarding the acceptance of the resignation of Church Architect Henry C. Smith was read by the chair:

#### *To the General Conference:*

We present the following preambles and resolution for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, Elder Henry C. Smith, the original architect of our Auditorium Building, has served the church many years as General Church Architect; and

WHEREAS, This service has greatly benefited the church at headquarters and in many of the stakes, districts, and branches of our church; and

WHEREAS, This Auditorium and other buildings throughout our church stand as evidence of his great contribution to the church; and

WHEREAS, His present state of health is such that he is unable to continue to carry the load of responsibilities which he has carried previously as General Church Architect, therefore be it hereby

*Resolved*, That we release Elder Henry C. Smith from further responsibility as General



Church Architect, but that as we do so we express to him our deep gratitude for the outstanding service of his lifetime which has been given with generosity, with devotion, and with high skill.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By *Israel A. Smith*  
THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC  
By *G. Leslie DeLapp*

Elders George Njeim and Henry Schaefer moved to approve. The motion prevailed by a standing vote of tribute.

A communication from the Council of Presidents of Seventy was read by the chair:

*To the General Conference:*

The Council of Presidents of Seventy has met in prayerful consideration of the task of selecting men for recommendation for ordination to the office of Seventy. The following names were recommended and have received approval of the First Presidency and the Council of Twelve: Wallace A. Jackson, John G. Wight, Howard W. Fisher, Cecil V. Robbins, Clair E. Weldon, Richard D. Andersen, Charles E. Kornman, Myron LaPointe, Delbert D. Smith, Donald D. London.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY  
By *Russell F. Ralston*, Secretary

A statement of acceptance was made by each of the brethren recommended for ordination to the office of Seventy. Following supporting statements, each recommendation was approved.

A document from the First Presidency suggesting a time limit for introduction of new business was presented as follows:

*To the General Conference:*

We suggest that the time limit for the introduction of new business be set at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8. As is our custom, business coming from the quorums and General Conference committees is not affected by this action.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By *Israel A. Smith*

Nominations to fill vacancies in the Graceland College Board of Trustees were contained in the following letter from the First Presidency:

*To the General Conference:*

The terms of office of three members of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College expire at this Conference. The trustees concerned are Dr. Lawrence O. Brockway, Dr. H. Voas Meredith, and Mrs. Blanche Mesley.

After consultation with the Council of Twelve and the Presiding Bishopric, in Joint Council, we present Dr. H. Voas Meredith, Mrs. Blanche Mesley, Dr. Ronald G. Smith, Merle E. Spence, and T. Howard Elliott as our nominees to fill these positions. Dr. L. O. Brockway is not available for further service on the Board.

We suggest that these five names and any others presented from the floor be considered in filling each of the vacancies.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By *Israel A. Smith*

Elders Richard Jones and F. Edward Butterworth moved that the nominations cease. The motion carried. Elders D. Blair Jensen and Noble Kelley moved

that the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes be elected to fill these vacancies. This motion lost. At this point, President Israel A. Smith relinquished the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The vote was taken and the following were elected:

Dr. H. Voas Meredith  
Mrs. Blanche Mesley  
Dr. Ronald G. Smith

The following communication relative to ordinations to the high priesthood and evangelical order was read:

*To the General Conference:*

The Council of Twelve has recommended the ordination of the following elders to the high priesthood and the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency:

Loyd Alfred Whiting, Richland, Washington  
Wilfred John Vaughan, Australia  
Arnold J. Ourth, Nauvoo, Illinois  
Harry Jacka, Australia  
Miles Standish Whiting, Longview, Washington

Each of the brethren has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By *Israel A. Smith*

Motion to approve was made by Elders D. T. Williams and J. L. Verhei. Statements were made supporting each of these recommendations, and the motion to approve carried. During the consideration of this matter President Israel A. Smith left the assembly.

With the singing of the hymn, "In Christ There Is No East Nor West," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Norma Smith, and the benediction by Elder Eric Rowe, the Conference adjourned subject to provisions of the official program.

## Report of the Board of Appropriations to General Conference

*To the Conference Assembled:*

The Board of Appropriations, consisting of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Order of Bishops, met Saturday, April 3, 1954, to consider the financial needs of the General Church and its departments for the years 1954 and 1955.

We are submitting herewith the schedules covering both the regular and special budgetary requests for the years 1954 and 1955 recommended by the Board of Appropriations for the consideration and approval of the General Conference.

We are also submitting supplemental recommendations involving some of the

historic buildings of the church and the use of the Christmas Offering for 1954. These supplementary recommendations are presented to the Conference for its consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS  
Israel A. Smith, *Chairman*

## Special Appropriations Recommended

Houses of Worship Revolving Fund \$150,000.00  
This increases this fund from \$850,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00

Houses of Worship Revolving Fund (for Missions) \$100,000.00

This will add to the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, but will make this amount available for missions. By action of the Joint Council, this fund will be administered on the following basis:

Loans available to apostolic and district missions on approval by Apostle concerned and committee appointed. Maximum loan per mission, \$7,000.00. Loans granted equal to cash raised by mission, with no other debt on the completed building. Interest charged at 1 per cent per annum.

When mission is organized into branch, the loan shall be transferred to General Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, if money is available in that fund.

Scandinavian Mission \$50,000.00

This is to provide for the establishment of a headquarters building, including residential facilities, tracts, office equipment, etc., for establishing our work in Scandinavia.

Holland Mission \$50,000.00

This is to provide for a small chapel and church headquarters for the mission in Holland.

Latin-American Mission \$20,000.00

To provide funds for the establishment of headquarters in the Rio Grande Valley on the Mexican Border.

Missionary Reserve Fund \$52,199.01

This is to rehabilitate this fund for withdrawals from it made during the years 1952 and 1953, covering expenses of interim appointees for 1952 and 1953, books and tracts, personal evangelism, part of the cost of property purchased in Hannover, etc.

Operating Reserve Fund \$100,000.00

While there are pressing needs for funds in other areas of church work, it is deemed advisable to increase this fund at least this amount in keeping with our policy of maintaining adequate Operating Reserve Funds.

Auditorium Fund \$250,000.00

This amount should make it possible to continue work inside of the main auditorium, while at the same time raising additional funds for the completion of the interior.

Graceland College \$340,000.00

This will provide a Science Building for our educational institution and make

possible the providing of needed equipment for this building.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES Recommended Appropriations 1954 - 1955

### Independence Sanitarium and Hospital

The existing needs for the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital consist of completion of the Emergency Room Facilities, additional office space, and additional beds. Approximately \$75,000.00 is already available which, with this amount and what it is hoped can be raised from the public, may make possible the carrying forward of this construction work.

### Kirtland - Nauvoo

To provide additional funds needed for rehabilitation and preservation of historic properties at these places.

### Washington, D. C.

The General Conferences of 1950 and 1952 made appropriations for this project amounting to \$62,500.00. Increased costs in connection with this make it advisable to appropriate an additional \$17,179.00. The Washington, D. C., local congregation is to raise an equivalent amount.

### Ottawa, Canada

This is an additional appropriation for a church building in the Capital City of Canada. \$25,000.00 has already been appropriated by General Conference actions. The local congregation is to provide an equal amount.

### Settlement of Estate, Deselm, Illinois, Branch

### Australasian Mission

These funds are available in Australia for appropriations to these specific funds:

Operating Reserve Fd. \$4,500.00  
Ministerial Reserve Fd. 4,500.00  
New Mission Hdqtrs. 3,375.00  
H. of W. Revolving Fd. 5,625.00

Total Appropriations \$1,290,730.16

### Non-cash Appropriation, Graceland College

Paid out in 1952 for taxes and legal expense on college properties.

### SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Re: Historic Buildings

Consideration has been given to the following projects in connection with our historic properties. These projects have not been developed to the point where specific recommendations or decisions can be made.

Installation of sprinkler systems for the properties at Nauvoo and at Kirtland Temple. Approximate cost \$32,000.00.

Development of complete detailed plans and specifications for the following:

1. Kirtland Temple
2. The Homestead
3. The Mansion House
4. The Nauvoo House

This is to make possible duplication of these properties in the event of destruction by fire or other catastrophe.

The Board of Appropriations recommends that the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to proceed with these matters if further study reveals the advisability of doing so, and if there is adequate cash available in view of other pressing needs.

The Board of Appropriations recommends that, effective as of January 1, 1954, the Christmas Offering be used to supplement the Auditorium Building Fund.

### MINISTERIAL—ACTIVE:

Family Allowance.....  
Ministerial Reserve.....  
Elders' Expense.....  
Total.....

### MINISTERIAL—RETIRED:

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:

General Church.....  
Stakes and Districts.....  
Missions Abroad.....  
Depreciation Equipment.....  
Total.....

### PAYMENTS TO GRACELAND:

Appropriation.....  
Interest on Endowment.....  
Retirement Reserve.....  
Total.....

### HOUSES OF WORSHIP:

Kirtland, Ohio.....  
Nauvoo, Illinois.....  
Salt Lake City, Utah.....  
Other Houses of Worship.....  
Architectural Service.....  
Total.....

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Exchange.....  
Library.....  
Messiah Broadcast.....  
Radio-Broadcast Time.....  
Miscellaneous Expense.....  
Total.....

### TOTAL BUDGET

TOTAL Budget Less Reserve.....

### EQUIPMENT (Furniture and Equip.) (Automobile)

### GENERAL CHURCH:

First Presidency.....  
First Presidency Priesthood.....  
Council of Twelve.....  
Presiding Bishopric.....  
Tithepayers' Service.....  
Department of Religious Education.....  
Radio.....  
Music.....  
Statistics.....  
Historian.....  
Auditor.....  
Women's Department.....  
Legal Expense.....  
Guides' Booth Auditorium.....  
Audio-Visual.....  
Auditorium Operating.....  
Archaeological Society.....  
Ministry to College Students.....  
Council Presidents of Seventy.....  
Quorum of Seventy.....  
Total.....

### STAKES AND DISTRICTS:

Center Stake.....  
Kansas City Stake.....  
Far West Stake.....  
Lamoni Stake.....  
Central Missouri Stake.....  
Detroit International Stake.....  
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....  
Canadian.....  
Bishops and Agents.....  
Total.....

### MISSIONS ABROAD:

Australasian.....  
British Isles.....  
Hawaiian.....  
Scandinavian.....  
Society Islands.....  
Germany.....  
Holland.....  
Total.....

### DEPRECIATION—Furn. and Fixtures

Total Administrative.....

	Actual Expense 1953	Recommended 1954	Recommended 1955
<b>MINISTERIAL—ACTIVE:</b>			
Family Allowance.....	\$ 450,121.40	\$ 557,625.37	\$ 584,654.03
Ministerial Reserve.....	65,880.20	70,730.09	73,155.04
Elders' Expense.....	171,451.82	207,474.59	229,891.33
Total.....	\$ 687,453.42	\$ 835,830.05	\$ 887,700.40
<b>MINISTERIAL—RETIRED:</b>	\$ 77,082.20	\$ 86,244.47	\$ 90,315.89
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:</b>			
General Church.....	\$ 196,786.85	\$ 266,162.00	\$ 291,335.00
Stakes and Districts.....	48,231.47	55,838.00	57,541.00
Missions Abroad.....	8,412.45	7,622.50	7,622.50
Depreciation Equipment.....	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total.....	\$ 258,430.77	\$ 334,622.50	\$ 361,498.50
<b>PAYMENTS TO GRACELAND:</b>			
Appropriation.....	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 82,500.00
Interest on Endowment.....	11,679.00	11,700.00	11,700.00
Retirement Reserve.....	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total.....	\$ 83,179.00	\$ 98,200.00	\$ 98,200.00
<b>HOUSES OF WORSHIP:</b>			
Kirtland, Ohio.....	\$ 2,295.57	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 3,495.00
Nauvoo, Illinois.....	4,227.61	5,940.00	6,240.00
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	750.00	2,150.00	350.00
Other Houses of Worship.....	2,700.12	2,500.00	2,500.00
Architectural Service.....	271.62	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total.....	\$ 10,244.92	\$ 14,905.00	\$ 13,585.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:</b>			
Exchange.....	\$ 622.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Library.....	—	—	—
Messiah Broadcast.....	3,471.73	5,000.00	5,000.00
Radio-Broadcast Time.....	4,944.53	10,000.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense.....	2,420.01	1,000.00	2,500.00
Total.....	\$ 11,458.71	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,500.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$1,127,849.02	\$1,386,802.02	\$1,469,799.79
<b>TOTAL Budget Less Reserve</b>	1,061,968.82	1,316,071.93	1,396,644.25
<b>EQUIPMENT (Furniture and Equip.) (Automobile)</b>	\$ 50,132.42	\$ 80,184.00	\$ 51,205.00
<b>GENERAL CHURCH:</b>			
First Presidency.....	\$ 16,357.18	\$ 19,711.00	\$ 21,069.00
First Presidency Priesthood.....	1,482.16	3,095.00	3,311.00
Council of Twelve.....	10,443.26	12,624.00	13,474.00
Presiding Bishopric.....	33,429.43	47,240.00	51,408.00
Tithepayers' Service.....	22,609.02	29,342.00	31,011.00
Department of Religious Education.....	12,684.72	15,651.00	16,561.00
Radio.....	12,783.63	21,103.00	27,803.00
Music.....	2,335.01	4,924.00	5,630.00
Statistics.....	23,355.24	24,765.00	26,765.00
Historian.....	2,455.13	3,254.00	3,446.00
Auditor.....	2,433.73	3,100.00	3,100.00
Women's Department.....	— 437.62 cr.	3,591.00	3,784.00
Legal Expense.....	5,360.06	8,318.00	8,710.00
Guides' Booth Auditorium.....	159.56	500.00	1,000.00
Audio-Visual.....	4,358.46	9,873.00	11,873.00
Auditorium Operating.....	46,422.79	55,871.00	59,090.00
Archaeological Society.....	20.68	75.00	75.00
Ministry to College Students.....	114.03	1,500.00	1,500.00
Council Presidents of Seventy.....	420.38	1,000.00	1,000.00
Quorum of Seventy.....	—	625.00	725.00
Total.....	\$196,786.85	\$266,162.00	\$291,335.00
<b>STAKES AND DISTRICTS:</b>			
Center Stake.....	\$ 16,665.31	\$ 18,493.00	\$ 20,016.00
Kansas City Stake.....	5,181.68	5,640.00	5,640.00
Far West Stake.....	4,850.65	5,185.00	5,185.00
Lamoni Stake.....	4,540.74	4,740.00	4,980.00
Central Missouri Stake.....	3,539.79	4,660.00	4,660.00
Detroit International Stake.....	4,141.42	5,000.00	5,000.00
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....	4,049.86	4,000.00	4,000.00
Canadian.....	—	2,070.00	2,010.00
Bishops and Agents.....	5,262.02	6,050.00	6,050.00
Total.....	\$ 48,231.47	\$ 55,838.00	\$ 57,541.00
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD:</b>			
Australasian.....	\$ 3,987.41	\$ 2,722.50	\$ 2,722.50
British Isles.....	806.38	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hawaiian.....	1,466.67	1,500.00	1,500.00
Scandinavian.....	— 48.60 cr.	100.00	100.00
Society Islands.....	2,034.23	2,050.00	2,050.00
Germany.....	33.54	100.00	100.00
Holland.....	132.82	150.00	150.00
Total.....	\$ 8,412.45	\$ 7,622.50	\$ 7,622.50
<b>DEPRECIATION—Furn. and Fixtures</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	\$258,430.77	\$334,622.50	\$361,498.50

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## Our Honored Dead

*Members of the Melchisedec Priesthood who died since last Conference listed as reported to the Department of Statistics.*

The memorial service was reported in the Conference Daily Edition of April 5. Herewith are presented the names of those honored.

### 1952

Levi Z. Anderson, John B. Ansley, Joseph H. Anthony, James Armour, George F. Barraclough, William Bath, Louis Bender, Joseph Lorenzo Berry, William A. Brooner, Henry Jay Butler, Guy G. Cadwell, Robert E. Chapman, John H. Cohoe, James A. Conyers, Alma J. Cornish, Charles Crabb, John F. Cunningham,

Charles A. Dickinson, Alfred Dorsett, Harvey Dutcher, William I. Fligg, David M. Gamet, Benjamin R. Gilbert, Frank J. Greer, Floyd A. Griswold, Charles E. Harpe, Edward L. Henson, Elias Hinders, Edward B. Hinton, Lon Robert Holmes, Crowfield Jackson, Nels P. Johnson,

Albert V. Karlstrom, James E. Laughlin, Edward A. Lewis, Andrew McAdam, Benjamin F. McGeachy, Roland J. Mendel, Alfred C. Needham, Omar L. Nunn,

Carl F. Oliver, Frederick M. Pitt, Christian Ralston, Michael Rasmussen, Charles J. Remington, James Richards, Charles M. Richeson, Frederick Louis Robbins, James M. Robinson, Walter F. Ryder,

Harry O. Sacry, Frederick Clegg Schofield, Walter M. Self, John F. Sheehy, Harry Floyd Sheffer, Willard L. Shotwell, Kenneth Dwight Slover, Roy Francis Slye, Isaac M. Smith, John E. Soderstadt, William A. Stevenson, Frederick Tapping, Ephraim Alma Thomas, Millard Turner,

Garret F. Walling, Robert Weigelt, Charles P. Welsh, Charles C. Whitford, Daniel E. Widrig, Glen C. Wiley, Edwin C. Winquist, Henry M. Winship.

### 1953

Lewis E. Anderson, Benjamin M. Anderson, Guy W. Armstrong, James M. Baggerly, George F. Baker, Charles Fred Baker, Walter H. Barker, George W. Beebe, Jr., Marcus M. Bilyue, George N. Briggs, Vern Maxwell Brown, Alexander

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## Paul M. Hanson Speaks at Stone Church

"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as a town without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein," the prophecy of Zechariah, has been literally fulfilled," said Apostle Paul M. Hanson on Monday night to a capacity congregation which overflowed to the lower auditorium of the Stone Church where loud speakers had been placed.

"A Song of Praise" by Pierne, sung by the Liberty Street Choir, directed by Charles Church with Velma Sherman at the organ, furnished a fitting background for this service. Russell Ralston was in charge, assisted by Wayne Smith.

Apostle Hanson described his two visits to Palestine, one in 1906 when that country was under the rule of the Turks, and eighteen years later in 1924 when they were under British rule. He took his listeners on a mental tour of the places where Jesus walked.

He described the carvings on the tombs, of which Jesus said, "You garnish the tombs of the prophets, but kill them which are sent unto you." He translated these words of Jesus into modern language, "You canonize dead prophets but you cannonade living ones."

Apostle Hanson told that on his second visit he met a nurse and an artist who had come to make their contribution to the work of the Jews' return. He noticed that at whatever task the Jewish people were employed, however menial, there was a song of joy in their hearts.

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## An Apostolic Epistle

*To the Saints among All Nations:*

As the Apostolic Council, we find great joy addressing you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, whose grace is abundantly able to minister to all our needs through the power of his Spirit, which Spirit he has made available to us by the generous sacrifice of himself for our salvation. In his name we pray that joy and peace may be your happy portion wherever you may live. The church is truly "scattered abroad," but we find great satisfaction in knowing that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . . that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" (Acts 17: 26-27).

It is in this sense of world unity, though now separated, that we find hope for the future, for the day must come, in keeping with the decree of God, that in a gathering of his elect we will come to a oneness of purpose and movement on the land of Zion, which land he has prepared for the gathering of his Saints. To honor God in the keeping of his law as it relates to this movement, we must observe to have "all things prepared" before us as we contemplate our part in the establishment of Zion.

The conditions in our present world are of such character as to beget in us a yearning for the stability of society. Such stability will be a necessary feature of the kingdom of God. All nations today find themselves in the midst of political and economic disturbances for which the statesmen of our time have little or no answer. The only true panacea for the ills of society is to be found in the conversion from man's devices to the acceptance of God's plan.

The "cold wars" and "hot wars" of the nations in the past and present have been and are of such nature as to indicate that violent contests originating in the struggle of evil against good even now threaten with destruction governments dedicated to the purpose of equality among men. This monstrous evil we must counteract with the ideals of the righteousness of Zion and the gospel of Christ. "For unto us . . . a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder . . . to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." — Isaiah 9: 6, 7.

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Many people are extremely anxious to witness the full development of the kingdom of righteousness among men, but they have not become educated to the process of the kingdom's approach. They are not conscious of what they are looking for and desirous of receiving. Jesus said: "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness" (John 3: 11). Such is not the case with the children of God.

The nations today are in tremendous need of a greater testimony of the divine presence in the world, but many will not open their eyes that they may see, and seeing know with assurance that their creator is in reality their Father. They fail to sense the evidence of his power in earth, sea, and sky. Many do not see, being intoxicated with their own achievements. They have been blinded to the fact that all their discoveries and inventions are nothing other than the elaboration and extension of the Creator's investment in them. This he has made possible that they may become colaborers with him.

The responsibility of the church is to educate the mind and heart of man that he may see his place in the order of things as related to the Heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ. Those who have been rightly informed about the revelation of God through the example of the Christ should recognize their privilege and responsibility to become themselves the revelators and interpreters of the divine mind and will in connection with the salvation of their fellow men.

Our Heavenly Father has made clear to us his purpose in relation to mankind's eternal well-being: "This is my work and my glory, to bring to pass the immortality, and eternal life of man" (Doctrine and Covenants 22: 23). The part which we have received of the good word of his kingdom as it relates to those who have not received the message of salvation is further clarified by Christ when he said: "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God. . . . How great is his joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. If . . . you should labor all your days . . . and bring save it be one soul

unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father! And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy, if you should bring many souls unto me!"—D. and C. 16: 3, 4.

As representatives of the church of Christ, it is our hope that we may find in you the fullest possible co-operation in lifting high the banner of King Emmanuel. All the potential energy resident in the body of Christ should find active and spiritual expression in evangelizing the world.

As we envisage the magnitude of this task, we see that it provides a challenge and a responsibility far beyond our mere human powers to execute, except it be that through prayer and faith we find strength and guidance from our Father in Heaven. Added to this, will be the help we supply each other as we "bear each other's burdens," thus fulfilling the law of Christ. To the end that this great task may be accomplished effectively and efficiently, it is well that we take advantage of every good means available to us by the ingenuity of man and the grace of God.

We present an organized effort, which will extend to the perimeter of the body of Christ. In this endeavor, it will become necessary for the growing number of our thousands of brethren in the standing ministry to learn how best to organize, lead, and teach all members of the church effectively to go about the business of winning souls to Christ our Leader and Redeemer.

To the degree that this project is carried forward will the church be moving toward its glorious destiny. We are most happy to know thousands of intelligent, devoted priesthood members who are not only successful in their daily vocations, but who also are making the advancement of the teachings of Christ the most important thing in their lives. It is also inspiring to observe the devotion of the families of these men to the same cause. When the whole church is conscious of its mission and enters in upon its responsibility to all nations, then and only then will it be the recipient of

all the gifts and powers which God has promised and made available upon the basis of full obedience to his commands.

Our immediate task is one of education, organization, and execution of the work of the kingdom, in such a manner as will convey the gospel to the myriads now living in darkness, and shackled with ignorance and superstition. This obligation is signally laid upon us with much force by the revelation of God: "The gospel is unto all who have not received it. But verily I say unto all those to whom the kingdom has been given, From you it must be preached unto them that they shall repent of their former evil works."—D. and C. 83: 12.

This discloses that we must strengthen our program of evangelism.

Our Lord calls for the exercise of all of our energies in establishing his righteousness, a government which administers justice between man and man and makes possible the full demonstration of God's mercy and love to all his children. In this kingdom we will need statesmen of godly quality as well as ministers; leaders as well as followers. Yet all must be of "one heart" and "one mind" dedicated to the common good among men and to the glory of our Father in Heaven. The present condition of the world challenges the best that is in us to demonstrate the kingdom of righteousness to the people of the nations stumbling in the darkness of universal decay. Those, too, are all God's potential children.

If we, having the light of life, allow it to be hidden and thus fail to bring salvation to the millions of mankind hungering for truth, we will stand condemned before God who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should have eternal life.

Our opportunity and responsibility is to preach and to demonstrate the gospel. Since Jesus came not only to tell men what to do but to show them how to do it, so, too, must his followers be teachers both by precept and by example. "Not hearers of the word alone, but doers of it too."

As your brethren, it is our great hope and desire that this Conference will help us face the future with courage and with full faith in the destiny of God's kingdom. We must be of strong heart, full of confidence toward God and of trust in one another, "having faith, hope, and charity, believing all things, hoping all things, enduring all things." Thus Zion shall hasten her coming and God's power be displayed before the eyes of men for the salvation of the world.

To this end, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be in you to abound forevermore.

PAUL M. HANSON

President of the Council of Twelve  
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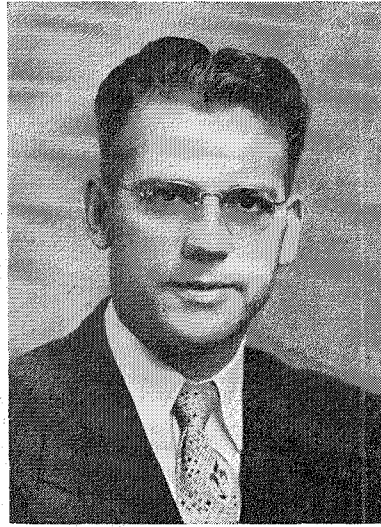
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## Council of Presidents of Seventy Completed

Harry L. Doty was ordained a President of Seventy at the Auditorium the morning of April 8 by Paul M. Hanson and Z. Z. Renfroe. He had served in the office of Seventy since 1950. Before accepting General Church appointment he was music director, counselor to the district president, and pastor of the Traverse City (Michigan) Branch. He has lived in Traverse City since 1920.

Brother Doty was ordained a priest when he was a senior in high school. In addition to church work he has been serving as a county official for the Girl Scouts and a committee chairman for the Boy Scouts. His father, B. H. Doty, was under General Church appointment as a Seventy for nineteen years.

He was born in 1911, and in 1931 Brother Doty married Vera V. Donner; they have three daughters.

With the Conference action yesterday approving the selection of Sylvester R. Coleman to be a member of the Council of Seven Presidents of Seventy, the Council roster was filled. He was ordained this morning at the Auditorium by Apostle R. E. Davey and President of Seventy Glen H. Johnson.

Brother Coleman was born in Independence, Missouri, in 1919. His first ordination occurred in 1940 to the office of priest. He was an active young people's leader and group leader of the Walnut Park congregation until his appointment to the missionary field in 1950. He has served in the Southeastern Illinois and Northwestern Iowa Districts. He was ordained a Seventy in 1951.

In 1939 he married LaVona Mae Crabb. They and their two children live in Logan, Iowa.

## Protect Your Valuables

At the bottom of page 11 of your Conference Program is a warning each delegate and visitor to the General Conference should take seriously. It reads "Beware of Pickpockets." It is unwise to say, "It can't happen to me." There are plenty of crooks who follow conventions and are quite successful wherever crowds gather.

Some losses and disappointments have occurred at all of our recent Conferences. You can count on good co-operation from the Independence police, but they can't be everywhere. Lock your car if it contains valuables. Keep your purse where you can easily detect any attempt to lift it. If you discover that you have lost a pocketbook or any other valuable, call first at the "lost and found" booth in the foyer. If it is not there, then notify the police at once. C.B.H.

## Paul M. Hanson Speaks

*(Continued from front page.)*

The Jews have a rich religious heritage they keep alive in spite of exile and persecution—God had promised the land of Israel to Abraham for an everlasting covenant, for their everlasting possession. This deep religious belief made possible, when leadership and opportunity came, the great exodus, which was greater than the exodus from Egypt when they came out of slavery. The Jews were happy to return and even though they had to leave all wealth behind they kissed the soil upon arrival. Great problems still confront the Jews, but Zechariah's prophecy has been literally fulfilled.

Apostle Hanson likened the Jews' return to our building Zion, and concluded, "May God open our eyes so we can see the great movements of God taking place both nationally and internationally." VERDA E. BRYANT

## Garland Tickemyer Monday Morning Speaker

Preaching in the Stone Church upper auditorium at eleven o'clock Monday morning, Garland Tickemyer, president of Los Angeles Stake, spoke on the subject, "The Kingdom of God." In the introduction of his sermon he stated that the world is seeking a solution to its problems, a light to shine and give freedom. Even though we are a small group of people, we are not egotistical in thinking that the light has shone upon us.

Brother Tickemyer reviewed the trend of ascetic belief away from material values, an extreme ideology which has sought to achieve control over the body, subduing emotions such as pain. He asked, "What's wrong with the belief?" and answered, "Its error is reflected in the national character of its peoples." The Hindu ignores suffering, steps over bodies in pain, considering suffering necessary to salvation.

While the ascetic belief ignores the body and mistreats it thinking it but a temporary habitation, the Restoration concept of matter is entirely different. The Prophet Joseph Smith stated: "The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receiveth a fullness of joy; and when separated, man can not receive a fullness of joy" (Doctrine and Covenants 90:5 e). In this life we do not stand in an anteroom of eternity; we are living a part of eternity. Life in the kingdom of God is to be a joyful, liberating experience. God intends that we have fun in the warfare of life, that there shall be no cause of physical suffering. Mortification of the flesh is not essential to the salvation of the spirit. If we suffer in this life, it is because we are not obeying the laws of God.

Ours is no utopian state; it is an ideal toward which we move. No man can save himself. Our salvation is tied up with others in a community of effort. Because this is so, we seek citizens for the kingdom. To all those who clearly recognize that they cannot save themselves except they lose themselves we extend the hand of fellowship, saying, "Come join with us and help us build the kingdom of God on earth."

LILLIE JENNINGS

## Notice to Teachers

All members of the *Teaching Profession* are invited to meet Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Kansas Street Chapel with Dr. Evan Shute and Dr. Roy Cheville.

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## E. E. Jennings Tuesday Morning Speaker

Using as his text John 3: 16, 17, Elder E. E. Jennings, president of Far West Stake, speaking to the congregation in the Stone Church upper auditorium Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, said he was not going to preach a sermon but bear a testimony.

His discourse was illustrated by many incidents from his own experience as he proceeded from point to point of the theme, "Our Christ." God loves all humanity and proved it by sacrificing his Son. To recognize this love we must have a deep love for people. In every nationality and race the speaker said he had come to know that God has placed divine characteristics which are worthy of salvation.

After relating examples of devotion in other churches, Brother Jennings challenged us with the idea that we must make a sacrifice that is greater. Jesus was once lifted up on the cross by wicked men. Before mankind can be redeemed in our generation, this same Christ must be lifted up in the hearts and lives of our members. First of all Christ must be lifted up in our personal lives. We must live in such a way that others may see him in us.

The speaker said he was a bit troubled about the children who are going to the public schools of our land. There are so many temptations to resist. The use of tobacco and alcohol in this country needs to be contested by godly people. Our children are being subjected to clever advertising.

We must lift Christ up in our families, living lives that are pure and wholesome. Something is taking place in our homes, and they are being destroyed.

We must lift Christ up in our churches. In II Corinthians, the eleventh chapter, the Apostle Paul tells us some of the things which might separate us from the church of Jesus Christ and the callings which have been given us. Brother Jennings said he had in his possession an autobiography of R. C. Evans which he had read with interest, seeking for the reason of his downfall. He decided that when the time came some spiritual fibers broke. If it happened to R. C. Evans, it can happen to other men.

Out of humility shall men build the kingdom of God. The spiritual wells are deep. If we drink from them, we shall endure to the end.

LILLIE JENNINGS

## Iowa State College Meet

Students and alumni are invited to meet at the Blumenschein home, the corner of North River and Kentucky Road on Saturday April 10, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Food will be served.

## Annual Report of General Church Activities

(From 1952 Minutes, pages 84, 111)

The following document from the New York and Philadelphia District conference was read at the General Conference Business Session, Tuesday, April 1, 1952, and ordered spread upon the minutes, subject to action. It was moved by J. C. Daugherty and Cecil V. Robbins to approve.

*To the First Presidency:*

At the conference of the New York and Philadelphia District held in New York City, Saturday, October 6, 1951, a motion was passed that we make the following recommendation to the First Presidency and to the next General Conference:

"A PROPOSAL REQUESTING AN ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES,

"WHEREAS, It is generally recognized that adequate means of communication are necessary to have a properly informed church membership concerning General Church activities and objectives, and

"WHEREAS, The present brief reports published through the *Saints' Herald*, and the summary departmental reports submitted to the General Conference are believed to be insufficient for a more thorough and detailed understanding which is desired by many of the church membership concerning the activities and objectives of the various church quorums and departments, and

"WHEREAS, In view of the foregoing it would be desirable and necessary to assemble pertinent quorum and departmental reports into a combined annual report to be made available as a reference manual of informational data for study purposes and general uses to meet this need; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the First Presidency and the next General Conference that an annual report of General Church activities be prepared and published each year, to be made available to all inter-

ested persons at a minimum cost, and such report containing among other things, the following:

- "a) annual reports from all General Church quorums and departments, indicating major objectives and accomplishments, and including such statistical data as would best present and interpret the various activities and accomplishments during the past year, and
- "b) that the report include other material and data as might be considered appropriate by the First Presidency."

Yours very truly,

ELIZABETH TEAL (Signed)  
District Secretary

John T. Conway  
District President

Communication from the Presidency reporting action of the Joint Council on this matter was read, as follows:

April 1, 1952

The General Conference,

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric have given consideration to the recommendations coming from the New York and Philadelphia District requiring an annual report of General Church activities, and looks with favor on them.

The Council recommends that a committee of three—one of the Presidency, one of the Council of Twelve, and one of the Presiding Bishopric—be set up to study General Church reports now being made, determine what reports are needed to round out our understanding of the church, assemble data pertinent to the work of the church in all departments, arrange in a form suitable for presentation to all departments, and prepare for presentation to the membership of the church; this material to be placed in the hands of the Presidency for publication.

We suggest the adoption of this document as a substitute for the preambles and resolutions presented by the New York and Philadelphia District.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

## New Tracts

**KIRTLAND TEMPLE** by Harry Black is a 24-page tract full of clear pictures and an interesting history of the building which has meant so much in the lives of our people. Prices are  
10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.25; 50 for \$6; 100 for \$11.50



**THE NAUVOO STORY** in its 23 pages of pictures and print describes to the reader the part that this little town in Illinois has played in the Restoration Movement. Includes a map of historical spots in Nauvoo. Prices are  
10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.25; 50 for \$6; 100 for \$11.50



**WATER BAPTISM: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?** by Paul Wellington is a question-and-answer tract presenting the R. L. D. S. view on all the aspects of water baptism. It raises many of the nonmembers usual queries on this subject, and presents some of the best answers given by our missionaries. Prices are  
10 for \$1; 25 for \$2.25; 50 for \$4; 100 for \$7.50

**SPIRITUAL BAPTISM AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS**, another question-and-answer tract by Paul Wellington is a clearly written, scriptural supported explanation of R. L. D. S. beliefs concerning baptism of the spirit and spiritual gifts. 10 for \$1; 25 for \$2.25; 50 for \$4; 100 for \$7.50

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Apostles Draper and Mesley moved the adoption of action of the Joint Council as a substitute. The chairman stated that without objection we will defer further consideration until tomorrow when printed copies of the material will be available.

At the business session of Saturday, April 5, 1952:

President Wallace Smith made a statement relative to document from the New York and Philadelphia District, printed on page 84 of the *Herald*, respecting an annual report of General Church activities. He moved, supported by Elder George Njeim that due to the lateness of the hour, we refer this to the Joint Council to report back to the next General Conference. The motion prevailed.

This matter will come before the 1954 General Conference.

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### Place of P. B. S. Meeting Changed

The place of meeting for the P.B.S. Luncheon on Saturday, April 10, has been changed. Instead of being held at the home of Mrs. Myradene Winship Dempsey, 828 North Union, IN 0387 it is now to be held at the home of Miss Jean Stowell, 1720 Claremont, IN 7998, ten blocks west of the Stone Church on Lexington, and one-quarter block north on Claremont. Anyone wishing transportation should call Miss Stowell, IN 7998, before 10:00 a.m., April 10.

Katie Costlow

### Delegate from "Down Under"

**A**N INTERESTING CONFERENCE VISITOR this year is Elder Charles A. Davies from New South Wales, Australia. Brother Davies and his wife, the former Elsa Alberts, sister of Bishop Don Alberts, arrived in Independence in February and plan to be in the United States until October. He is pastor at Adelaide, Australia, and Sister Davies serves as mission women's director.

The two most interesting things Brother Davies has seen in the United States so far, he says, are the United Nations Organization and Zion, the Center Place. Perce Judd, secretary of a UN committee studying world food distribution, is married to Brother Davies' cousin, Violet.

"The United Nations has the ideal and the technical development," observed Brother Davies. "What it needs now is the *spirit* of Zion."

Before coming to Independence, they also visited Washington, D. C.

Brother Davies was born in western Australia, March 4, 1906. He was baptized at the age of eight at Kalgoorlie, a gold fields town about four hundred miles east of Perth. The Davies were married in 1929, have two children, Mrs. Marjorie Gormly, and Robin. They also have one grandchild, Michael Charles.

Brother Davies attended schools in southern Australia and received his teaching diploma from the teachers college at Melbourne, Victoria. Following this, he spent several years in the teaching profession.



He established Wandell College, his pet project, at Newcastle in 1946. The students came into the Davies home for daily meetings, and at times as many as sixty members were enrolled. Wandell College was named for Charles Wandell, first missionary to Australia. The school is concerned with church leadership training.

Brother Davies went under appointment August 1, 1929, and he has since been mission president between two Apostolic appointments. He succeeded Harold I. Velt as pastor at Adelaide.

The Davies came "by the Western route" to the United States, stopping at Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles. They also spent ten days with Don Lents at the British Mission in England. On board ship, they met numerous colorful characters, including twelve Buddhist priests. Brother Davies said he was shocked by the poverty and distress he saw in the Far East. "I was challenged," he added earnestly, "by the needs of the underprivileged and unenlightened peoples of the world and the vast amount of work that needs to be done for them."

In speaking of his native land, Brother Davies said that Australia is a self-supporting mission. "We have appreciated the services and training of the American churchmen sent to us," he said, "but in turn we have been happy to send some of our men to America." He feels that America and Australia enjoy a "reciprocal" trade in missionaries.

Asked about his hobbies, Brother Davies expressed a fondness for music.

He is the author of *A Church Member's Manual*, first published in 1947 and in general use throughout the church today.

ALICE CROSSAN

### More New Tracts

**HOW THE BOOK OF MORMON CONFIRMS THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST** by Don Landon gives an eight-page comparison of Biblical and Book of Mormon Scriptures pertaining to the fundamental doctrines of Christ and pointing out their agreement in teaching. Prices are

10 for \$1.10; 25 for \$2.65; 50 for \$5; 100 for \$9

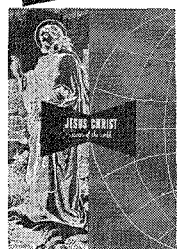
**PLEASE COME AGAIN** by Chris Hartshorn bears a brief welcoming message to the nonmember church visitor. Its object is to make him "feel at home" while there. It also gives several facts about our denomination and the basis for our doctrine and teachings. Prices are

10 for 40c; 25 for 90c; 50 for \$1.75; 100 for \$3.25

**JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD**

by Paul Wellington is an attractive and concise tract emphasizing to the nonmember that we of the Reorganization worship Christ as our one and only Savior. It brings together ancient and modern testimonies supporting the existence and identity of Christ as the son of God. Prices are

10 for \$1.10; 25 for \$2.50; 50 for \$4.75; 100 for \$9



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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Wednesday, April 7, 1954

The business session of Wednesday, April 7, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President W. Wallace Smith, who presided throughout the session. The hymn, "Great God Attend While Zion Sings," was directed by William Worth, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Edna Ehlers at the organ. Apostle A. A. Oakman offered the invocation.

The minutes of the business meeting of April 6 were read, corrected by changing the name of Merle E. Spence to L. M. Spence and the name of Noble Kelley to Noble Gault, and approved.

The following communication from the Council of Presidents of Seventy, relative to the ordination of Seventy Sylvester R. Coleman, was presented by the chair:

#### To the General Conference:

The Council of Presidents of Seventy has continued to give prayerful consideration to the matter of selecting one to fill the remaining vacancy in their council.

In accord with the inspiration we have received we are happy to recommend that Sylvester R. Coleman be ordained to the office of President of Seventy. This recommendation has been approved by the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy.

We submit this recommendation to you for your consideration and such action as you feel best.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY  
By Russell F. Ralston, Secretary

Brethren Robert Gould and Eugene They moved to approve the recommendation. Following a statement of acceptance from Brother Coleman and a supporting testimony from Elder Z. Z. Renfroe, the motion carried unanimously.

The chairman read the following communication regarding recommendations for ordination to the Evangelical Order:

#### To the General Conference:

The Council of Twelve has recommended the ordination of the following High Priests to the Evangelical Order:

James A. Damron, Sacramento, California  
Ralph Lester Macrae, South Gate, California  
William John Moyle, Lomita, California  
Francis Marion Bishop, Springfield, Missouri  
Albert Livingston, Omaha, Nebraska  
V. D. Ruch, Council Bluffs, Iowa  
Floyd Marion McDowell, Independence, Mo.

Each of the brethren concerned has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Elders D. O. Chesworth and C. V. Graham. Each of the High Priests recommended for ordination who were present stated to the body his willingness to serve as indicated. Supporting statements were made, and the motion on each of the brethren carried unanimously. In a statement from Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith, those approved for ordination to Evangelist were welcomed into the Order.

A letter from the First Presidency regarding the selection of a Church Secretary and Assistant Secretary was presented:

#### To the General Conference:

It is with deep regret that we report to you the death of Elder Frank McDonald which occurred May 4, 1953. Brother McDonald was selected as Church Secretary in April, 1950, and filled this office with distinction. It will be hard to replace him.

Elder P. G. Fairbanks served as Assistant General Church Secretary from April, 1946, to March 16, 1953, when he resigned because of leaving Independence.

The death of Brother McDonald, and the resignation of Brother Fairbanks, left us without General Church secretaries. In this emergency the Presidency appointed Elder C. D. Neff, the following announcement appearing in the *Herald* for May 18, 1953, page 4:

"Charles Neff has been appointed to act as secretary of the church in the stead of the late Frank McDonald. This appointment is subject to the approval of the next General Conference.

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By ISRAEL A. SMITH"

We now recommend that Elder Charles D. Neff be selected as General Church Secretary and that Elder Fred L. Young be selected as Assistant General Church Secretary.

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Upon motion by Apostles D. T. Williams and A. A. Oakman, the recommendations prevailed.

The following resolution on theatergoing was submitted by the New York District:

Resolution 671, Adopted April 9, 1912, reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the practice of theatergoing should be discouraged and that members of the church should be urged to avoid the practice as detrimental to spirituality."

WHEREAS, The practice noted as theatergoing in Resolution 671 has an entirely different connotation today as opposed to 1912, and,

WHEREAS, Both the legitimate stage and moving picture are used today by church groups and by educational institutions for the purpose of instruction as well as entertainment, and,

WHEREAS, Theatergoing as practiced today can be wholesome and enlightening entertainment, and,

WHEREAS, The Resolution quoted does not reflect the attitude or the practice of the individual members of the church today, be it hereby

Resolved, That Resolution 671 be stricken from our records and replaced with a new resolution to read as follows:

Resolved, That members who make a practice of theatergoing should be encouraged to evaluate the plays and motion pictures they attend as well as the frequency of their attendance so that the practice may not become spiritually detrimental to themselves or a stumbling block to others.

Brethren Ralph Miller and Jack Voltmann moved to approve.

The chair recognized Elder Evan Fry who asked that a proposed substitute motion be read. This request was granted, after which Elders Fry and F. S. Weddle moved the substitute:

WHEREAS, G. C. R. 377 (1893) concerning dancing and card playing and G. C. R. 671 (1912) concerning theatergoing have been stated more affirmatively in G. C. R. 813 (1920) and G. C. R. 924 (1932), in an approach which stresses spiritual welfare and the discretion of the individual, be it

Resolved, That General Conference Resolutions 377 and 671 be rescinded, and that General Conference Resolutions 813 and 924 stand as the more mature judgment of the church, and be it further

Resolved, That it is the considered conviction of the church that, as stewards over time and talent, it is incumbent on each church member to make all of his leisure time activities contribute affirmatively, and constructively, to his own mental and spiritual development, the service of his fellow men, and the building of the kingdom, and

That as a means to this end we should encourage and help to train all age groups among our membership in an appreciation of the best in art, drama, literature, music, painting, sculpture, and all allied cultural, artistic, scientific, and educational fields, in order that they may make wise, informed, and spiritually sound choices of activities for leisure time.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 813

Adopted April 13, 1920

WHEREAS, Considerable discussion has arisen of late as to the propriety of using moving pictures in our houses of worship: Be it

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as favoring the use of such mediums of education in so far as they conduce to the proper education of humanity and the glory of God.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 924

Adopted April 14, 1932

That while we appreciate the seriousness of the problems of commercialized recreation, dancing, speculation and exhibitions of greed, Sunday observance, etc., we respectfully suggest that the statements of the Doctrine and Covenants and General Conference Resolutions touching these matters be left without specific reaffirmation or repudiation at this time; but that we urge the spiritual and educational

authorities of the church to present articles, outlines, etc., through the church press which will assist the ministry and parents of the church in a patient explanation of the law and in kindly counsel and godly example through which the members of the church, both young and old, shall be inspired to reach forward to the objectives of the church and earnestly to endeavor a life such as becomes the Saints.

Such an affirmative program of spiritual education will require the complete co-operation of the leaders and parents of the church, and in connection therewith we call special attention to the definite objectives approved by this Conference.

Apostle D. T. Williams moved that action on this matter be deferred and made the first order of business tomorrow. Elder Joseph White seconded, and the motion carried.

The following letter was read regarding Church Court Procedure:

*To the General Conference:*

On pages 68 to 72 of the Conference Daily for Tuesday, April 6, will be found the report of the General Conference Committee appointed to rewrite the Church Court Procedure and to make up a glossary index of terms and phrases with an index of the revised procedure.

We recommend that the report be adopted and that the Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Conference.

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Elders William Bolinger and E. C. Burdick moved the adoption, which motion carried.

The closing hymn was "The Church's One Foundation." Elder Anton Compier pronounced the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

## Eat at South Crysler Church

The ladies of the South Crysler congregation (Thirty-first and South Crysler streets) will serve the evening meal to Conference delegates and visitors. Serving (cafeteria style) will start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. They will continue to serve till 7:00 o'clock.

If you want free transportation look for cars with a label "SOUTH CRYSLER" in front of the Auditorium.

## Anderson Etching Presented to Church

DR. EVAN SHUTE of London, Ontario, has presented the etching shown above to the church to be featured in the Auditorium as a part of the art exhibit being sponsored by the Committee on Ministry to College Students and the students themselves. "The Potato Pickers" is the work of a young Canadian, David Anderson, who first studied under the famous Nicholas Hornyansky in Canada, then with Professor Ziegrosser in Philadelphia, and Steinberg at the Art Students' League in New York. "The Potato Pickers" is his second attempt with the recently perfected semi-hardground (lift-ground).

Dr. Shute has this to say of his contribution:

At the meeting of the Ministry to College People at Graceland College two years ago, it was suggested by some of those present that the meetings should be commemorated in some tangible way. The most obvious was to make some small gift to the church, and that gift presumably should be something cultural which would reflect the character of the group making the donation. It was decided that the presentation of a small work of art might not only meet this bill but also beautify the church building. With this in mind, those attending the last two meetings have made small contributions which might be used to help purchase some work of art. If it were well chosen, this would increase in value throughout the years and would continue to bring pleasure to all who saw it. It may tend to



elevate the cultural attitude of members and indicate this to visitors to church buildings.

To this explanation Dr. Shute adds:

It has also occurred to me that many private collectors throughout the church might be glad to donate works of art, either at their deaths or during their lifetimes, toward this picture collection. There must always be a crystal dropped in a saturated solution to precipitate further crystals, and I hope that this small etching which I have donated may be that crystal. In time our buildings could house attractive and important and valuable works of art if there was any general response throughout the church. I feel that members attending Conference should make some donation to the church, whether in money or gifts of other kinds, just as the Jews of old presented gifts to the Temple when they went to visit.

NAOMI RUSSELL

## Cowboy Tradition

Last Sunday evening I sat a few rows behind Irby Mundy, that tall fellow from the West. There was a smile on his face, and candy kisses in the pockets of his Western clothes. People were constantly coming up to shake his hand and to let their children collect their candy kisses. Practically every child, after receiving his candy, would stare at the cheerful cowboy. In their childish minds Irby Mundy was just as important as the thrilling cowboys they admired. In fact he was more important, for he was here at Conference and not just a figure on a movie or television screen.

In the years to come those same children will repeat to their children and their grandchildren the tradition of Irby Mundy and the candy kisses. And in repeating that tradition, they will repeat the principles of the church, for no one can speak of Irby Mundy without knowing that he represents the doctrine of the church of Jesus Christ.

EMMA M. PHILLIPS

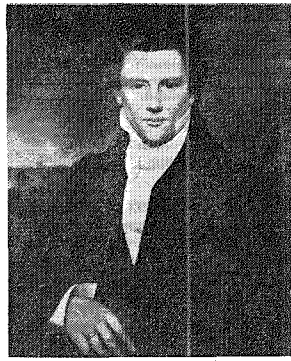
## Reception for Writers and Artists

The third Writers and Artists' Reception was held Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 in the Choir Room at the Auditorium. Chris Hartshorn made some preliminary remarks in reference to the editors' use of the red pencil. A sign advertising "fish for sale here" can easily be cut to one word—"fish," he explained.

Madelyn Galbraith was introduced as the author of *Feather in the Wind*. She thanked the editors for their use of the editorial pencil. Brother Hartshorn then introduced Margaret Gibson, author of *Emma Smith, the Elect Lady*, newest Herald House book.

A need for more tracts to acquaint people with Christ was expressed, and Brother Njeim felt that the meaning of the word "sin" should be stressed in children's literature put out by the church.

Approximately seventy-five writers, illustrators, and photographers were present for the informal gathering, at which refreshments were served. A. S.



## Joseph and Emma Smith Portraits Restored

**D**URING RECENT MONTHS a process of art restoration has been continuing. As a result, portraits of Joseph and Emma Smith painted in 1842 have been brought back to new "life".

Six months ago, James Roth of the Nelson Art Gallery—a specialist in his field—was engaged to restore these canvases. In early stages of restoration, Mr. Roth found it necessary to remove several layers of touch-up paint added many years after the originals were completed. As the brilliant oil colors of the past came into full view, great detail of lace, buttons, and cloth texture, were discovered. Joseph's red hair and blue eyes now stand out in true colors after being hidden for years under the grime and added oils. Seen for the first time in many years are Emma's brown eyes and lovely complexion. The background designs in both pictures are now visible, and one can speculate whether it was an imaginary scene of the artist's conception, wall murals, or a window view looking down over the Mississippi.

A portion of Joseph's Smith's diary, printed in the *Millennial Star* of 1858, gives us the exact date of Joseph's oil painting. It records that a "Brother Rogers" started painting his portrait on September 16, 1842. An entry on the next day (September 17) says that Brother Rogers was continuing this work. It is to be presumed that Emma's portrait was painted by the same artist at approximately the same time. Mr. Roth of the Nelson Gallery verifies that both are originals of the early 1840's. He adds that they are two of the finest paintings ever restored at the Gallery.

The two restored canvases are on display for several hours each day at the Audio-Visual booth, No. 4, in the lower auditorium. You will probably be astonished at the vivid new look of the colors, and may imagine that they have been re-touched. However, they have not. The paint is as originally applied by the artist's brush 112 years ago. No touch-up has been made except for a very few spots where original paint may have been en-

tirely lost. Copies of these originals are now available at the Herald House booth. Through a photographic process, it has been possible to secure extremely accurate duplicates. Lithographed in full color, the copies are mounted on two-thickness, warp-proof boards in three standard sizes. They are coated with varnish to guarantee preservation.

These "twin" portraits have been in the Smith family as far back as there is any historical knowledge, presumably from the time they were painted. For a number of years they have been property of the church, and were preserved until a few years ago in the Graphic Arts Building, now the Center Stake Office, directly east of the Stone Church. Recently they have been hanging in President Israel's office. Following the Conference display, they will be returned to this location. P. A. W.

## Center Stake Office Historic Place

**T**HE BUILDING which now houses the administrative office of the Center Stake has until recent years displayed a sign which read "Bartholomew Hall." And to most old-timers in Independence, it still is identified by the same name.

There's good reason for remembering this name, for prior to the turn of the century George Bartholomew built the house for his home. George was a member of the church and a showman. He was a trainer of fine horses and show dogs, and spent many years of his life presenting entertainments all over the Midwest.

The home was purchased by the church in 1900 when E. L. Kelley was Presiding Bishop. It was occupied for a short time by Dr. Joseph Luff, and then by Bishop Kelley and his family. Later the building was used briefly as General Church Headquarters.

When the general offices were moved to the Battery Block next to the city square, Bartholomew Hall was used for

classrooms, studios, and for social activities. Later the Graphic Arts Bureau, directed by Brother C. Ed Miller, occupied the structure for many years in conjunction with a church-sponsored public library, the General Church Historian's office, and various other departments which have now moved or gone out of existence. Brother Paul Craig continues to operate a music studio in the building.

Today the building still shows evidence of the fine handwork done in its original construction and interior finishing. Only recently has it been necessary to do some interior remodeling to make rooms more suitable for use as stake offices. In addition to the stake presidency and bishopric, the youth, women, and missionary departments of the stake are also under this historic roof. The corner of North River and Lexington continues to be a busy place, the center of religious activity for the Center Stake of Zion.

P. A. W.

## Our Honored Dead

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Brown, Ira O. Burdick, Archibald Butler, Oscar S. Caldwell, Lindolph Casey, Silas D. Condit, Jr.,

Simpson Farrington, William John Fisher, William Rice Fisher, Wilbur D. Gillen, William F. Glauner, Hugh W. Goold, Frederick N. Goode, Oscar Julian Gough, Gerald Gunsolley, Johannes F. Heiner, John W. Holmes, John W. Hughes,

Charles A. Joice, Ernest Gottlieb Keller, William E. Lewis, John O. Lindburg, Frederick George Long,

Thomas L. McCormick, John Alfred McAninch, Frank McDonald, N. Edward Milligan, James N. Murphy,

William E. Nichols, Alma David Oakman, John J. Oliver, Allen G. Owings, Michael Peterson, Clarence L. Petre, Joseph E. Phillion, Joseph W. Powell, Jesse A. Roberts, Herbert H. Robinson, Charles M. Roberts, Robert Emmett Rodgers, Alvin A. Russell, Hinman W. Savage, David H. Schlotzhauer, Carl Thaddeus Self, Clarence Alfred Smith, Theodore J. Smith, Enoch Allen Snell, Ephraim Squire, John Custer Stephens, George W. Steele,

John Hiram Taylor, Ambrose W. Teel, William B. Torrance, Moroni Traxler, Granville S. Trowbridge, Daniel Tucker, Clyde C. Walrath, August Weiss, Robert E. Whitsitt, William Frederick White, Wayne Wilson, Welton Wood.

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## Graceland Program Presented Wednesday Night

An outstanding program was presented by Graceland College in the Auditorium on Wednesday evening. At the opening of the program Apostle Paul Hanson called to the platform Elder and Mrs. John Walker of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and announced that they had presented to the college a treasured, fourteen-volume, specially bound antique edition of the King James Version of the Bible.

The program was given the title "Graceland Documentary of 1954" and was cleverly conducted on the order of an investigating committee. During this "investigation" there was the spirit of friendly fellowship. Dr. W. S. Gould notified participants when a question period must end by sounding the alarm on a small clock.

Seventy Russell Ralston questioned Dr. Harold L. Condit, dean of students, concerning the number of students enrolled. By using brilliantly painted planks, students formed a living graph to show how enrollment has increased and is expected to increase. Church youth leader Carl Mesle questioned Dr. Gustav A. Platz, dean of the faculty, concerning the faculty and found that there are twenty-six full-time teachers; and several part-time teachers; that most of the instructors have their Master's degrees, and many have Doctor's degrees. By calling to the platform one person to represent the instructor and students to represent the class it was demonstrated that Graceland needs more instructors to meet its growing demands. Four of the faculty have been with the college for over thirty years.

Apostle D. T. Williams questioned President Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., concerning the buildings of the college. By using placards bearing the names of the buildings, the students demonstrated how many buildings are in use and how many are needed. Elder Charles Graham questioned several students: Russell Hampton, Cici Fry, Bob Laur, Lionel Gale of British West Indies, and Park Chun Ill of Korea. The two last students declared that at the end of their training period in Graceland they would return to their homelands to take the gospel. Other young people of Korea

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## The Meaning of the Crucifixion

Apostle Arthur A. Oakman, in his inimitable way, forcefully dramatized the meaning of the Crucifixion in our life as he spoke before a packed Stone Church last night. Both auditoriums of the church were filled.

In his sermon, Brother Oakman emphasized that Christianity was founded upon a person, the Christ—not some idea, theory, or formula. And of primary importance in the life of this Christ was his death. Some people, he said, hold that Christ's great contribution to the world is his great example of living; but, Brother Oakman hastened to refute, an example is good only for contemporaries who are in direct association with the example. "Christ did not come to the earth with the purpose of setting an example; he came for one, and only one, purpose: to die for us."

The apostle continued his sermon by carrying his congregation with him through Christ's last agonizing week in the flesh. "Passion plays fall short of portraying that last week; one can only fully appreciate Christ's experience when it is revealed to him by the Spirit. And if a man receives this revelation he shall never be the same again. In so knowing him, man will discover a love for Christ that he has not previously experienced."

Brother Oakman reminded his listeners that human nature is corrupt: man is inherently selfish. And the only way that man can have a changed nature is

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## Ordination Services Held at Auditorium

The Thursday morning ordination services originally scheduled to take place in the Stone Church were transferred to the Auditorium in order that the many relatives and friends could witness the impressive ordinances.

Apostle D. T. Williams was in charge of the first service which opened at 8:30 a.m. At this service, two Presidents of Seventies and ten new Seventy were ordained. Harry L. Doty and Sylvester Coleman were ordained to the presidential offices by Apostles Paul M. Hanson and Roscoe E. Davey. Z. Z. Renfroe and Glen Johnson assisted in their ordinations. After these ordinations, the ten new Seventy were ordained as follows: Myron LaPointe by Apostle Blair Jensen; Clair E. Weldon by Apostle Reed M. Holmes; John G. Wight by Apostle Arthur Oakman; Charles E. Kornman by Apostle Charles Hield; Wallace A. Jackson by Apostle Jensen; Delbert D. Smith by Apostle D. O. Chesworth; Richard D. Andersen by Apostle Williams; Donald D. Landon by Apostle Davey; Cecil V. Robbins by Apostle Chesworth; and Howard W. Fisher by Apostle Hanson. Members of the Quorum of Seventy assisted in each of these ordinations.

Prior to the ordinations, Apostle Davey brought the charge.

Apostle E. J. Gleazer had charge of the second ordination service at 10:00 a.m. Following the charge by Apostle Jensen, the ordinations were witnessed. Anton D. Compier was ordained to the office of High Priest by Apostle Jensen. The following Evangelists were next ordained: Floyd M. McDowell by Apostle Davey; Francis M. Bishop by Apostle Percy E. Farrow; J. A. Damron by Apostle Chesworth; V. D. Ruch by Apostle Davey; Arnold J. Ourth by Apostle Chesworth; Albert Livingston by Apostle Jensen; and R. Lester Macrae by Apostle Farrow.

Four new bishops were ordained: O. K. Byrn by President F. H. Edwards; John A. Cadwell by President W. W. Smith; W. E. Ford by President Edwards; and Brewton Greene by President Smith. The Quorum of Twelve assisted in the ordinations.

At the close of the service President Edwards expressed greetings to those who had accepted new offices of responsibility.



## Graceland Program

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want to attend Graceland if sponsors can be found for them. Mrs. Doris Woodstock questioned students Barry Fuller of Australia, and Shirley Hansell and David Blair. As part of this "questioning" the College Concert Choir and the College Concert Band presented numbers, and selections from the original production of "Lissa" were given.

Evangelist Lynn Smith examined students Frank Hester and Jean Metcalf concerning the religious activities at the college and found that, besides Sunday services and midweek fellowship services, there are smaller "pastoral groups" and almost 100 young men holding the priesthood.

The program closed by President Gleazer asking Elder Mesle just what the people of the church expected from Graceland. Then all students from Graceland in the Auditorium assembled on the platform to sing their Alma Mater together.

EMMA M. PHILLIPS

## The Meaning of the Crucifixion

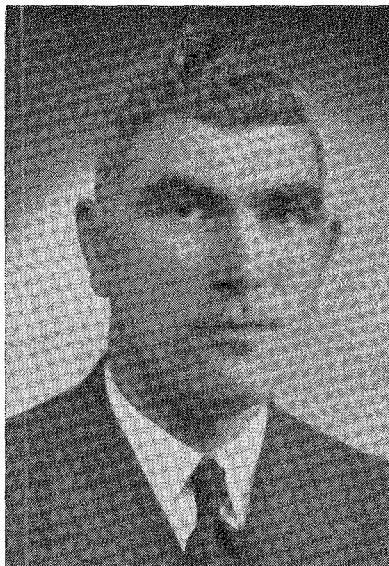
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for the divinity of God to enter and take control. "We cannot lift ourselves up by ourselves; we cannot deliver ourselves from the captivity of corruption. To convert our hearts from sin, God went through agony—pain, bleeding from every fleshly pore, death upon the cross."

"Sacrifice is the instrument of love," Apostle Oakman continued. "We must learn that he who follows Christ must take up His cross. Christ was not a poor, unfortunate, helpless person who accidentally went to the cross. It was so planned. This was God giving himself with purpose. Christ presided over his own execution."

In conclusion, Brother Oakman pointed out that there is "no way back to God except through subjugation to God. Men are rebels; they need to lay down their arms and surrender to God." He then asked: "Shall the divine power burn within us and change our hearts?"

P. A. W.



## British Delegate Was Born in Canada

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS British Delegate Eric Rowe noticed upon arrival in the United States to attend his first General Conference was the large number of church buildings of all denominations in American cities. He was especially impressed with the number of churches in Independence. Since his arrival in New York City on February 23, he has visited Chicago and several other cities. He visited United Nations headquarters in New York City also, but he found Kirtland Temple most inspiring.

There are many things in the United States which Brother Rowe finds interesting, but he says with a smile, "I have the usual phlegmatic attitude of the English toward anything new. We just don't get excited about things. English people are more conservative than Americans," he explained.

ERIC STANLEY ROWE lives at 65 Amelia Street in Warrington, Lancashire, England. He was born December 15, 1917, at Chatham, Ontario, and was baptized by Elder W. H. Chandler in Warrington on January 18, 1934.

Mrs. Rowe is the former Nancy Warburton, to whom he was married on September 10, 1947. The Rowe children

are Erica Nan, five and one half; Peter Joseph, two and one half; and Heather Annette, eight months.

Brother Rowe attended Warrington Borough school for boys, and has gone to evening school for three years. "It is difficult to compare our schools with yours in America," he explained, "because they are quite different."

He is interested in all sports, especially tennis, and his hobby is photography. He likes to read history, and he enjoys writing poetry.

Brother Rowe was ordained a priest on November 24, 1940, at Wigan, an elder on March 8, 1942, at Warrington; and a seventy by Apostle D. Blair Jensen and Missionary Glen Johnson on November 14, 1948, at Farnworth. England is divided into two districts, and Brother Rowe is president of the Northern District.

He will visit various places in the United States following General Conference, and will return home July 24 on the "Mauretania." ALICE CROSSAN

## The Graceland Mothers' Tea

The Kansas City Graceland Mothers' Club and the Independence Graceland Mothers' Club were hosts to the visiting Graceland mothers at the Sterling Avenue Church on Wednesday afternoon, at 4:15. The rooms were decorated in Graceland colors, purple and gold, with yellow jonquils and purple hyacinths and iris.

The purpose of the tea was to acquaint the Graceland mothers in other branches and districts of what could be done in other Mothers' Clubs. Mrs. Josephine Ebeling, president of the Independence Club, and Mrs. Genevieve Ely, president of the Kansas City Club, presided. Mrs. Mary Moats, originator of the Graceland Mothers' Club idea, spoke about the beginnings of the Club in Kansas City. President E. J. Gleazer, Jr., spoke in appreciation of what had been done and suggested projects for other Mothers' Clubs which would benefit Graceland. Mrs. G. N. Briggs, wife of the late President G. N. Briggs, was called to the front and given an ovation. About three hundred were in attendance.

The Kansas City and Independence Clubs have assisted foreign students with spending money and provided furnishings for rooms for the boys' dormitory, Gunsolley Hall. Other projects are under consideration. When they have a fund of money they contact the college and ask where it can be best put to use. The committee of preparation for the tea were Mrs. Frances Savage and Mrs. Freda Miller of Independence, and Mrs. Bula Dickens and Mrs. Eva Bowen of Kansas City. EDITH LEWIS

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## Lawyers' Banquet Held Wednesday Evening

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the R.L.D.S. Bar Association were approved by the members of the Association at a dinner meeting at the West College Street Church Wednesday evening.

The Association also elected a Board of Directors and officers to serve for a two-year period. The members of the Board of Directors are J. A. Becker of Independence; Stephen Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Lucinda N. Madden, Columbus, Ohio; C. L. Olson and Byron Constance, Independence, Missouri.

Officers selected from the Board of Directors are C. L. Olson, President; Stephen Robinson, Vice-President, and Byron Constance, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association has met for a number of years on the Wednesday evening of the General Conference of the church but the incorporating of the association represents the first step in completing a formal organization. Incorporation will be made under the new "General not for Profit Incorporation Act" of the state of Missouri and the purposes of the organization as set forth in the articles are "to promote fellowship and social intercourse, better professional relationships, and mutual welfare and development among members of the association, to increase their field of service, to encourage and assist young people in the study of law as a profession, to support the development of legal science and the administration of justice and to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law."

Approximately sixty members and their wives attended the dinner. Mrs. Lucinda Madden presented a reading, "Women as Human Beings." Stephen Robinson gave a resumé of the historical background of the organization. C. L. Olson presided at the meeting.

A. B. Taylor, Independence, read a memorial to Carl T. Self who died June 10, 1953, at Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Self had been active in the Association since its beginning. A memorial to Joseph L. Berry who died August 3, 1952, was also read. Mr. Berry was about to complete his legal education at the time of his death.

## Notice to College Students

The Ministry to College Students Committee would like to have everyone who is attending a university or college other than Graceland to register at the Ministry to College Students booth or get in touch with Reta Peck. This information is requested by Dr. L. O. Brockway and Carl Mesle.

## Mayor R. P. Weatherford, Jr., Address of Welcome

President Smith, distinguished clergymen, ladies and gentlemen of the General Conference, you who shed your prayers and your adoration upon this city are indeed most welcome here.

I wish to extend to you my personal gratitude, President Smith, for this opportunity. When I am in the presence of Christian people, and especially the General Conference of this church, I humbly feel that I am in the midst of true greatness, and I sincerely believe it.

Your hospital in this city is no longer your hospital; it is "our hospital." The Galilean in an effort to save humanity exhibited during his lifetime upon this earth, in the greatest strides for the progress for the conversion of souls and the salvation of the many with which he came in contact, ministered to men's physical needs, their ailments, their sufferings and woes, as well as pointing the way to their spiritual enrichment. I say to you that the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has one of the greatest healing institutions known to modern medicine here in this city. And I would admonish you, as members of this General Conference, to support every phase of your program that has to do with this hospital.

As you go to your homes, I want to assure you in behalf of the 46,000 citizens of this city that we stand squarely behind it and you of this General Conference in anything that comes up for the welfare and for the health and development of the institution. It is a noble thing. It is the answer to one of Christ's commandments. I wish you would get acquainted with it, and know it, and learn to love it as I have. I wish that every citizen in our city could serve it intimately and see how it operates and the good that it does. Support that hospital, whatever you do. We, as a community, will do our part, and we are willing to go even farther than halfway.

I would like to say this to you also, in this day of fears and anguish and uncertainty, as far as the welfare of the world is concerned, when I stand in the presence of this Conference and know that an ever-loving God watches over us, protects us, and provides for us, there is no force that can be unleashed upon this world from any continent or group of continents that can overcome us.

America is truly Christian. It has some weak spots that we must straighten out, but, my friends, I say to you that the church shall rule supreme. It shall be paramount. One thing is certain;

there is no other alternative for man in this world, whether he be Christian or pagan, but to subscribe to the teachings of Christ, else he may suffer physical destruction. I have an unfailing belief that God, in all of his kindness and ultimate and intimate care of us and unborn generations, shall deliver us into a world of peace and harmony, and we shall ultimately fulfill the command that Christ left for us.

In the closing days of your Conference, I wish for you every success and inspiration that can possibly come to you. This church is woven as a scarlet thread in the fabric of time, as far as this city is concerned. Fifty years ago a great man sat in the office that I sit in; he told a group of people that anything that is right and good and the best for Independence they could depend upon the R. L. D. S. church to stand behind it. And I testify to you at this minute that it is more powerful than it ever was in this respect. My wish for you is that you bombard paganism and atheism with a vibrant and a thrilling form of evangelism, my friends, devoted to your Christ, and I predict for this church and for Christianity at large a great tomorrow. Thank you.

## The Setting

Steps around the rostrum in the Auditorium have become a garden spot this week, providing a setting of beauty for the important meetings being held.

Upon a green carpeting have been set rows of potted Boston fern and Easter lilies. Potted palms add a graceful touch of greenery at the corners, and upon either side of the rostrum itself are pots of *Aspidistra*. Large bouquets of harmoniously blended white chrysanthemums, purple heather, pink snapdragons, and double white stock are in some vases; similar bouquets of lavender chrysanthemums, white heather, white snapdragons, yellow carnations, and double lavender stock occupy others.

The church seal intricately made of purple and gold static flowers has its place at the right front. This seal is balanced by a wood carving of the Last Supper which is displayed at the left front.

Hawaii is represented by the patent leather shininess of the *Anthurium* blossoms and the cheerful brightness of the peculiarly shaped blue and gold bird-of-paradise flowers.

Take a good look next time you are near the steps around the rostrum and see the result of hours of labor some have given toward the happiness of Conference visitors. LILLIE JENNINGS

## Eighty-five Years of Progress

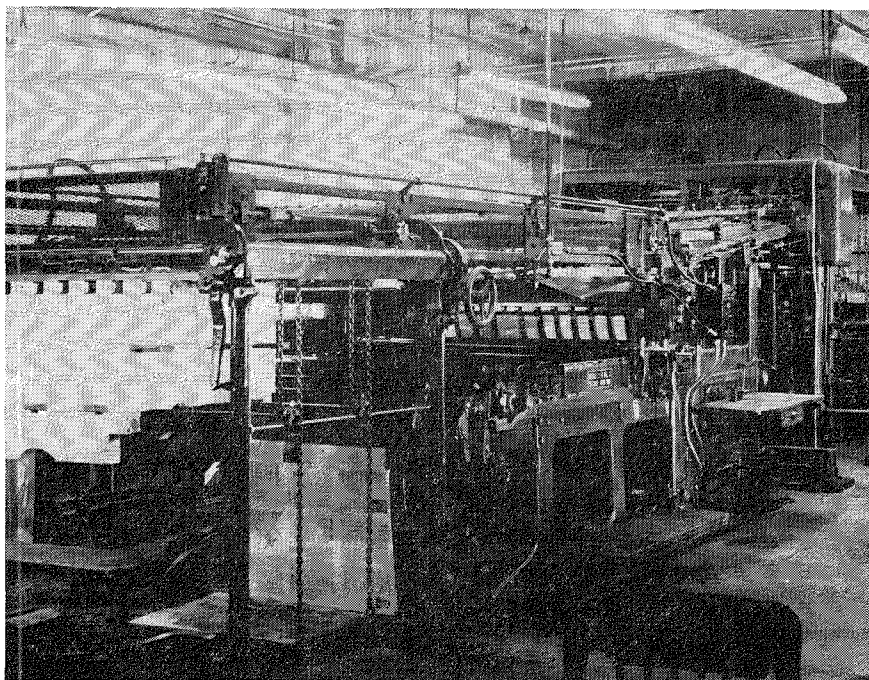
**E**IGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Herald House installed its first power press. Actually it was a "perspiration-powered" press converted to use the energy generated by a steam engine.

The old Taylor Cylinder Power Press pictured in the etching on this page was a big step forward in production when it was purchased and installed in 1869. For nine years the *True Latter Day Saints' Herald* and a very limited number of other publications were produced on a hand press. From an average output of 200 imprints an hour on a hand press, production was raised to approximately 500 an hour on the power press. Compared to top speed of a modern vertical press now operating in Herald House, the 1869 increase was small—for today's press can print one form of a tract at the rate of 5,000 per hour. Nevertheless, the new power press of nearly a century ago was a big step forward. Joseph Smith III, editor of the *Herald* in that day, was concerned that inexpensive literature might be produced. In an editorial in the first issue of the *Herald* printed by steam power (May 1, 1869), he writes:

The expensive price of the works of the church [publications] has prevented, hitherto, that spread and extensive use of those works which is commensurate with the cosmopolitan character of the truth that we hold. . . . The only method of cheapening our publications is to increase the rapidity of their production.

Brother Joseph, even though he knew the power press would eventually bring savings in operation, was concerned that "nonprogressives" in the church would oppose the expenditure of funds for a new press. The cost of the press is not known but has been estimated at approximately \$1,000; and in that day such a sum was large. Today, we recognize the need of large investments in machinery to achieve minimum production costs. In comparison, the present *Herald* press cost over \$40,000, and it is only one of several presses and accessory machines necessary to speed up production and cut costs.

With the new power press, it was possible to publish the first hymnbook of



The Miehle 56" Stream Fed

the Reorganization. Joseph envisioned other possible improvements in publication which could follow as the financial standing of the publishing house became more stable. He dreamed of an enlarged staff to create and illustrate new publications, and to dress up existing ones. "Our child's paper," he wrote, "would take better with both parents and children if it were neatly and appropriately illustrated."

Continuing with a summary which pictured the condition of the church's own publications in 1869, Joseph pointed out:

Our supply of Book of Mormon is lamentably limited; and we can look for no other until we secure the stereotyping of a new edition. Our tract enterprise is pale with emaciation, weak with leanness. It should be ruddy with health, and strong with energy and fatness. . . . Our publishing department is but in its infancy; whereas, it should be in vigorous age.

## Emma Smith, the Elect Lady

By Margaret Gibson

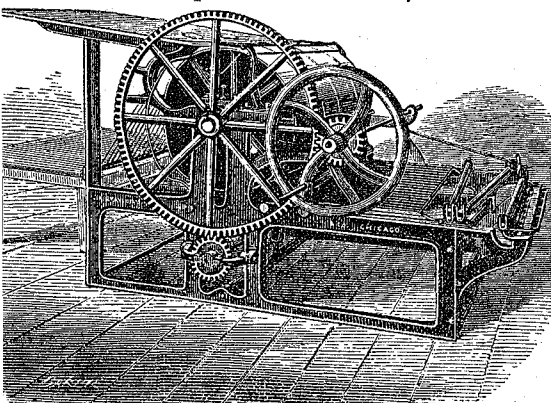


Read Mrs. Gibson's historical novel and become acquainted with Emma Smith as the capable and responsible person she was. Learn of her courageous part in her husband's life work, and the part she played in the Restoration Movement. Her stamina in times of discouragement and her ability to rise to every occasion makes her truly deserve the title of the "Elect Lady" of the Reorganization. Modern-day women and wives of today's missionaries will want to read of the admirable qualities of Emma Smith's life in the 1800's.

## Herald House

Independence, Missouri

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If Brother Joseph were with us today, he would see great changes. He would be pleased, but of course would recognize—as all of us do—that we're still a long distance from our ultimate objectives. Fifteen new books and six reprints came off the Herald House presses during 1953. At the present time we have 80 missionary tracts available on a multiplicity of subjects. A complete church school curriculum for all ages is constantly in process of revision and republication. Six official publications are printed regularly: *Saints' Herald*, *Daily Bread*, *Stepping Stones*, *Zion's Hope*, *The Reminder*, and *Guidelines*. The subscription and unit price of these publications compare favorably with those of other church publishing houses, and as our quantities increase we can expect the savings in production to be reflected in sales price reductions. P. A. W.

### Beware of Pickpockets!

These inside crooks often work in teams and have their best success in crowded foyers or where bodily contact is possible as in luncheon queues or as groups move in and out of the building. They do not hesitate to cut the handle off your purse or slit a hole in your pocket. It is much easier for them if you set your purse down and step away "just for a second." Coats and fur pieces may also tempt them. If yours is missing check the "Lost and Found" Department first, then notify the police immediately. C. B. H.

### Herald Bookshop Doubles Size

ALTHOUGH most Conference visitors will do their book browsing and purchasing at the Herald House booth in the Auditorium, many will be taking the daily Herald House tour or will pass by the Herald Bookshop on their way to the Square.

If you do either, stop in at the bookstore on Lexington and notice the changes going on inside. They're quite extensive! Since the Bookshop moved to its present location in 1946, its stock and variety of merchandise have been rapidly increasing. And during the past year, the store has figuratively burst its walls. This "bursting" completely tore down the wall between the Bookshop and the Railway Express office last month.

The tearing down was made possible when the Board of Publication was able to acquire the adjacent space this spring. This new addition to the Bookshop will double its size. With this enlargement, the 287 per cent increase in sales during the past eight years will probably be overshadowed by another large volume increase in the next few years.

Remodeling started the first of March, and the formal opening of the new store will be held sometime in May. But this week even the ringing hammers and buzzing saws are not deterring the competent sales staff at the Bookshop. You're invited to stop in and be a "sidewalk superintendent" for the construction job, or a customer—take your choice! P. A. W.

### Question Time

There were dozens of lost handkerchiefs in a shoe box on the table, varicolored scarfs in another box under the counter, a handful of registration badges near the window for easy inspection. The roving reporter paused a moment to chat with the two women on duty at the information booth in the foyer. "What questions are you asked most frequently?" the reporter wanted to know. The ladies thought a minute and came up with a few. "We have people who want to know who is going back a certain way so they can ride along. There are always those who want to meet others and ask us to announce. Despite the large 'Post Office' sign they ask if they can mail cards here.

The reporter stood a bit listening and heard some of the requests firsthand. "Have you found a pin that looks like this . . .?" "I lost my notebook. Did anyone turn it in?" "Has anyone found a child's coat?" "Here is a ticket for 'The Robe' I promised to give a friend. Will you give it to her when she comes in?"

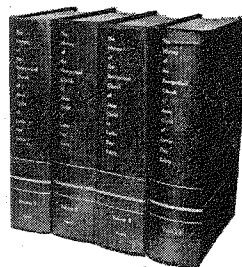
And thence to the information booth in the lower auditorium. "What questions are you asked most frequently?" he asked the ladies on duty there. "Where do you get your *Daily Herald*?" they fairly chorused. ("And people keep on asking that even though to get here they have to pass a table where people are getting their *Daily Herald*!")

The questions were repeated faster and faster. "Where do we register?" (And there's the sign on the pillar.) "Where's the Administration Booth?" "Where's the First Aid Room?" "Where do you get your pop?" "Where's the Bishop's Office?" "Where do we get our tickets for the Graceland Mothers' Tea?" "Where is such and such a class meeting?" "Where do we get tickets for the play?"

Around by the west door of the dining room the roving reporter became a kind of unofficial information bureau himself. He was peering through the glass door when a woman came up to ask, "Where is the Bookshop?" "It's right in there, I believe," was his answer. "What time will it open?" "I don't know." "Well, where can I find out?" "I think that's printed in your program. Anyway, it won't be open until after classes." "That's too late for me. I'm leaving." It was about eleven in the morning. Seeing us by the dining room door, another woman came hurriedly up to ask, "I don't think there's any use lining up here now, is there?" With that the roving reporter gave up his task of enlightening the public and fled.

## Church History Sets

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Thursday, April 8, 1954

The business session of Thursday, April 8, was called to order by President Israel A. Smith at 2:00 p.m. The hymn, "God of Our Fathers," was directed by Elder F. S. Weddle, Mrs. Hazelle Withee of Memphis, Tennessee, accompanying at the organ. The invocation was offered by Apostle C. R. Hield.

The minutes of the business meeting of Wednesday, April 7, were approved as read.

The chair presented a communication from the secretary of the First Quorum of Seventy supplementing the report of that body:

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:*

In the report of the First Quorum of Seventy as appearing in the *Conference Herald*, page 7, the names of Wayne Simmons and Alfred Yale were omitted from the list of those ordained during the past two years. We would like to add this supplementary report to the report of the First Quorum of Seventy adding these names to those ordained.

THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY  
By Virgil J. Billings, *Secretary*

This supplementary report was received and, without objection from the floor, incorporated in the minutes.

At this juncture, President Smith introduced the Honorable Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., Mayor of the city of Independence, who greeted and addressed the Conference.

President Israel A. Smith relinquished the chair to President W. Wallace Smith at this juncture. While the following document was being distributed to the delegates, the chair invited the Hawaiian delegation to the rostrum where they were greeted by the assembly:

WHEREAS, G. C. R. 377 (1893) concerning dancing and card playing and G. C. R. 671 (1912) concerning theatergoing have been stated more affirmatively in G. C. R. 813 (1920) and G. C. R. 924 (1932), in an approach which stresses spiritual welfare and the discretion of an individual, be it

*Resolved*, That General Conference Resolutions 377 and 671 be rescinded, and that General Conference Resolutions 813 and 924 stand as the more mature judgment of the church, and be it further

*Resolved*, That we state our position in regard to dancing as follows: It is the belief and experience of this church that the practice of dancing tends to lead one away from Christ and His church, and be it further

*Resolved*, That it is the considered conviction of the church that as stewards over time and talent, it is incumbent on each church member to make all of his leisure time activi-

ties contribute affirmatively, and constructively, to his own mental and spiritual development, the service of his fellow men, and the building of the kingdom, and

That as a means to this end we should encourage and help to train all age groups among our membership in an appreciation of the best in art, drama, literature, music, painting, sculpture, and all allied cultural, artistic, scientific, and educational fields, in order that they may make wise, informed, and spiritually sound choices of activities for leisure time.

Moved: EVAN A. FRY  
Seconded: CARL MESLE

After the document was read, Elders Evan A. Fry and F. S. Weddle requested permission to withdraw their substitute motion. This was granted by the chair without objection. Elders Evan A. Fry and F. Carl Mesle then moved that the above document be substituted for the original motion. Elder C. A. Davies of Australia spoke on the question and moved that the matter be laid on the table. Apostle D. T. Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

President I. A. Smith resumed the chair, and read the following communication regarding superannuations:

*To the General Conference:*

On behalf of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that the General Conference accord the honor of superannuation to Elders J. A. Koehler, Peter S. Whalley, and D. J. Williams.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Elders John T. Puckett and G. L. DeLapp moved the adoption of the recommendation. President Smith called each of the brethren and their companions to the platform. This was done while members of the Conference stood at attention. As each couple arrived at their place, President Smith read a communication from the First Presidency:

*To the General Conference:*

Elder J. A. Koehler was ordained a priest in 1907 and an elder four years later. He was ordained a Seventy in 1915, a High Priest in 1916, and a Bishop in 1920. He is known and respected throughout the church for his stimulating teaching in the field of the bishopric, and we recognize with appreciation the important contribution which he has made to the development of our kingdom understanding.

We ask that the honor of superannuation be granted him by a rising vote which shall include our thanks for the splendid services of Sister Koehler.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

*To the General Conference:*

Elder Peter S. Whalley served the church as a teacher and an elder prior to his ordination to the high priesthood in 1930. He has been under General Church appointment since 1924 and his missions include service in the British Isles from 1930 to 1945. Brother Whalley has brought to his ministry a fine devotion and pastoral skill.

We recommend that the motion according Brother Whalley the honor of superannuation be adopted by a standing vote which shall at the same time recognize the splendid services rendered by his companion.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

*To the General Conference:*

Elder D. J. Williams served the church as a deacon, a priest and an elder prior to accepting General Church appointment in 1913. He was ordained to the office of Seventy in 1914 and to the high priesthood in 1950. Brother Williams has served in many fields in the United States and Canada and in Hawaii, and has always represented the church in harmony with the finest traditions of our ministry.

We recommend that the motion granting him the honor of superannuation be affirmed by a rising vote, and that this same vote recognize the parallel contribution of his fine companion.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

In each instance, approval was given by a rising vote. The chair requested the brethren and their companions to stand while our gracious Director of the General Council of Women, Sister Pauline Arnson, presented each of the brethren with a superannuation pin and each of their companions with a corsage of red roses. President Smith extended official greetings to the brethren and their companions, and they returned to their places on the floor of the Conference.

At this point, Mayor Weatherford left the assembly, escorted by Bishop G. L. DeLapp.

The chairman stated that "we wish to announce that we have on the table proposals having to do with Race Relations and the Transcription of General Conference Proceedings. These will be received as having been introduced prior to the time limit for the introduction of new business, and will be printed with the minutes and held for later consideration":

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS:

1. We recognize that one of the major and controversial issues of our day is that of racial discrimination and segregation when peoples of different races and nationalities are brought together in our various communities and neighborhoods. It is therefore realized that any group endeavoring to implement a social program must face the issue of how to integrate these different racial and ethnic groups into a united whole, thus overcoming the prejudice and beliefs that are prevalent today. This problem has been clearly pointed out in recent years by our Presiding Patriarch, Elbert A. Smith (*Saints' Herald*, July 25, 1949), as follows:

Furthermore, the question is one that we ourselves of the church must consider and decide upon before we accomplish any work of considerable consequence among colored people. Shall we endeavor immediately to mix them in the white congregations? Or shall we establish missions among and for colored people, and presently organize them into branches, ministered to by colored men, divinely called and trained for the work, trusting the course of time and development of good will to bring about increasingly better relationships and understanding between the two races?

There is no question but that this racial problem is of considerable importance in the United States and Canada. . . .

As far as we as a church are concerned, we have never accomplished much by haphazard, hit-or-miss methods in reaching the colored population. If and when we are ready to attack the problem with any hope of success, we must do so with a well-defined, well-organized program, and with a definite decision as to the best way in which to minister to and organize converts from among the colored people. While our decisions cannot be made for us by some other church, the experiences of the peoples of other churches are worth taking into consideration.

2. We realize that the problem has been a recurring one for many years, as noted for example in the *Saints' Herald* editorial, February 15, 1875, by President Joseph Smith III, quoted in part as follows:

We think it derogatory to the teaching of Jesus, as found in the New Testament, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants to insist upon a separation of the races. The same God that made the white man white made also the black man black, and if He chooses to say to all, "There is neither male nor female, bond or free, black or white; but ye are all one in Christ Jesus," we think his ambassadors should not let dislike of race, or prejudice against color, influence them in their ministration.

3. A precedent has been set in previous General Conferences to deal with the special and unique problems of the Lamanite, by the appointment of a continuing committee to study the methods and techniques of preparing an effective program to take the gospel message to the Lamanites. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed, composed of General Church appointees and lay ministers of professional competence in the field of social relations, to study and make recommendations on the problems involved, and to prepare recommended outlines of methods and procedures for activating an effective program for carrying the gospel message to colored peoples, and with particular emphasis to the immediate problems in the United States and Canada where most of our present members reside. Be it further

*Resolved*, That we urge and recommend to the membership at large a careful and prayerful consideration of the "Declaration of Human Rights" adopted by a 46 to 0 vote of the United Nations General Assembly in December, 1948, and also to the membership of the United States "The Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights" as recommended by a distinguished list of American citizens headed by Charles E. Wilson in 1947, and that wherein possible we participate and co-operate in the achievement of these goals

and objectives consistent within the framework of Christian ideals and belief.

Respectfully submitted,  
MUIRI ROBINSON, Elder  
Battle Creek, Michigan  
JAMES EVERETT, Elder  
Salt Lake City

*To the First Presidency  
and the General Conference:*

WHEREAS:

1. The General Conference represents the deliberative body of the church assembled for the conducting of the general business of general concern to the membership as a whole, and

2. It is our understanding that transcripts of the General Conference proceedings, in whole or in part, cannot be made available to interested persons without the authorization of the Conference, and

3. It is our understanding that the General Conference is an open and public meeting, with the press invited, and that the words that are spoken are "public property," therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the General Conference authorize a transcription of the proceedings of the Conferences as a matter of historical record, and that individuals desiring copies of such proceedings, in whole or in part, be granted copies at the cost of the secretarial expense involved in preparing same.

Respectfully submitted,  
DON ROSS, Jr., Elder  
Washington-Baltimore Dist.  
JAMES WARDLE, Elder  
Salt Lake City

E. J. Gleazer, Jr., after being recognized by the chair, addressed the Conference regarding the Graceland College Report, found on pages 27 to 31 of the *Daily Herald*.

President Israel A. Smith left the assembly at this juncture, President F. Henry Edwards taking the chair.

The chairman called attention to the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric as found on pages 42-57, and the Church Auditor's Report of Examination on pages 40-42. Motion to approve was by Elders W. Wallace Smith and T. A. Beck.

Bishop DeLapp took the tribune and discussed the financial report, after which the motion to approve prevailed.

A new hymn, "From Isles and Continents Afar," music and words by Elders F. S. Weddle and Evan Fry respectively, was sung by the Seventy's Chorus.

The report of the Board of Appropriations was presented by the chairman, as found in the *Daily Herald* of April 7, pages 79 and 80.

A motion to adopt was sponsored by Apostles Paul M. Hanson and D. O. Chesworth. The chairman suggested that the question be divided and the items be considered separately. Bishop DeLapp gave an analysis of the Recommended Appropriations as found on page 80 of the *Daily Herald*. The following items were considered and voted upon separately, and adopted by unanimous vote:

	1954	1955
Ministerial—Active	\$835,830.05	\$887,700.40
Ministerial—Retired	86,244.47	90,315.89
Administrative Exp.	334,622.50	361,498.50
Payments to Graceland	98,200.00	98,200.00
Houses of Worship	14,905.00	13,585.00
Miscellaneous Items	17,000.00	18,500.00
Equipment (Furniture and Equipment)	22,505.00	15,488.80
(Automobile)	80,184.00	51,205.00

The operating appropriations as a whole were then approved.

The hymn, "Ye Wandering Nations," was sung by the assembly.

Recommendations for Special Appropriations were taken up for consideration.

Bishop DeLapp discussed the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund. The appropriation of \$150,000 was approved.

The proposed appropriation of \$100,000 for Houses of Worship Revolving Fund for Missions was discussed and approved.

Bishop DeLapp and Elder Edward Larsen discussed the appropriation proposed for the Scandinavian Mission. The amount of \$50,000 was approved.

The proposed appropriation of \$50,000 for the Holland Mission was approved.

Latin-American Mission, \$20,000, was discussed by Bishop DeLapp and approved.

Explanation of the Missionary Reserve Fund was offered by Bishop DeLapp. The proposed appropriation of \$52,199.01 was approved.

Operating Reserve Fund, \$100,000, was approved.

The proposed appropriation of \$250,000 for the Auditorium Fund was unanimously approved.

The appropriation for Graceland College of \$340,000 was presented and approved.

The proposed \$125,000 appropriation for the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital was approved after Bishop DeLapp answered an inquiry from Elder John Blackstock.

Explanation of the appropriation for Kirtland-Nauvoo was offered by Bishop DeLapp, and the proposed appropriation of \$10,000 was approved.

The appropriation for Washington, D. C., of \$17,179.00, and the one for Ottawa, Canada, in the amount of \$5,000 were discussed and approved.

Bishop DeLapp discussed a proposed appropriation of \$3,352.15 for the Settlement of an Estate at Deselm, Illinois, which was approved.

The \$18,000 appropriation for the Australasian Mission was approved.

The Non-cash Appropriation for Graceland College (for taxes) of \$3,899.83 was approved.

The total of the above Special Appropriations Recommended was approved.



The Supplemental Recommendations regarding Historic Buildings and the Christmas Offering proposal were approved.

With the singing of "Open My Eyes, O Lord," and the benediction by Elder Arthur Mayne, the Conference adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

## Nine Presiding Bishops Since 1831

**B**ROTHER MARK SIEGFRIED has brought to our attention some interesting facts about our Presiding Bishops. From the appointment of Edward Partridge as Presiding Bishop in 1831 to the present day, our church has enjoyed the services of nine financial leaders.

Bishop Partridge was only thirty-seven years old when he entered this office and served the church well for nine years. Succeeding him was George Miller, Presiding Bishop at the death of the prophet, Joseph Smith. He was called to this office at the age of forty-seven and served only four years. He was dismissed by Brigham Young soon after the 1844 tragedy. (Newell K. Whitney was appointed to take his place.)

Israel L. Rogers served as the first Presiding Bishop of the Reorganization. He was ordained April 7, 1860, at the age of forty-two and served twenty-two years. In 1882, George A. Blakeslee succeeded Rogers and served eight years.

Then came the venerable dean of Presiding Bishops, Edmund Levi Kelley, in 1891. Ordained at the age of forty-six, he has the distinction of presiding in this office twenty-five years—longer than any other Presiding Bishop. Benjamin R. McGuire, the youngest Presiding Bishop in the Reorganization, was ordained in 1916 at the age of thirty-nine. He was followed in 1925 by the oldest "P. B.," Albert Carmichael, sixty-two years of age when ordained.

L. F. P. Curry assumed the duties of this office in 1932 at the age of forty-five. In 1940 he was ordained a member of the First Presidency and was succeeded in the bishopric by his able associate, our present Presiding Bishop, G. Leslie DeLapp.

In addition to Brother DeLapp, two former Presiding Bishops are still living—L. F. P. Curry and Albert Carmichael. All are honorable, respected men in the Independence vicinity. P. A. W.

## Winter Scene at Campus



## Headlines Were Made at Campus in Distant Past

**T**HE CAMPUS is a very popular spot in Independence these days. But it has not always been such a pleasant and friendly place, for a number of gruesome incidents occurred in what is now known as the Campus Building in the fall and winter of 1909.

The building and twenty acres surrounding it was once the palatial estate of the Swope family. (Colonel Thomas H. Swope is especially remembered as the one who gave the Swope Park property to Kansas City in the early 1900's.) But soon after the home was erected, tragedy struck this family. In 1900, Logan O. Swope died of natural causes and left his estate to his wife, Margaret, and other members of his immediate family. Colonel Thomas Swope, his brother, was asked to operate the estate, which he did very successfully for several years.

Then in October, 1909 (on Monday, the third, to be exact), Colonel Swope became suddenly ill and died within a few hours. The colonel's cousin, James Moss Hunter, had also died very suddenly just two days earlier. Two months later, several nieces and a nephew of the Colonel became ill with typhoid fever, and Chrisman Swope, the nephew, died on December 6.

The unusual circumstances surrounding the deaths led to an investigation, and following an autopsy it was discovered that Colonel Swope had been poisoned with strychnine. From evidence submitted at a coroner's inquest early in February, 1910, a jury held that death came from poison in a capsule administered under the direction of Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of one of the Colonel's nieces. Dr. Hyde was also accused later of killing Mr. Hunter and placing typhoid germs in

the water supply, thereby contributing to Chrisman's death. Sensational trials followed, but due to several technicalities the doctor was never convicted. He continued to live in the state of Missouri until his natural death a few years ago.

The church purchased the Campus property May 5, 1923, from the Swopes. With the assistance of the Zimmermann family, and in co-operation with the youth organization in Independence, the purchase price of \$50,000 was subscribed. The Institute of Arts and Sciences, an accredited night high school, met in the Campus Building during the 1920's and until the depth of the depression days of 1931.

Later, the Campus Shop, a social service organization, carried on its work in the building until it outgrew the facilities. This same organization moved to its present North Liberty Street location in 1950 and received a new title: the Social Service Center.

Nowadays the Campus is a beehive of activity from the moment the first green leaves come on the trees in the spring until the last ones fall in the autumn. Starting early in June and continuing into September, the Campus is also the scene of Sunday evening combined church services held in the open-air amphitheater there. Every weekday and weeknight finds hundreds of young people swarming over the recreational facilities.

The Campus is also offered to the city as a general recreational area on many occasions. William Chrisman High School sports teams use it for practice, and the R.O.T.C. regularly drills there. It has proved to be a very wise and useful investment and is expected to increase in use value as the years progress. P. A. W.



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Independence, Missouri

## C. A. Davies Speaks of World Need

"I have seen small children dying on the streets of India. I have seen part of what it means when 70 per cent of the people of the world go to bed hungry. I know more than ever before the mission of our church." Elder C. A. Davies, senior appointee to Australia, thus spoke in his sermon at the Stone Church, Wednesday morning, 11:00 o'clock. Brother Davies explained how he has traveled 17,000 miles coming to this General Conference from his field and has come to realize in a personal way the tremendously important calling of this church to minister to all the world. The masses, lying in sin and physical want, desperately need the message the Restoration bears.

The theme of Elder Davies' sermon being "Behold You Have Been Entrusted with These Things," he went on to urge that the members of the church fill their lives with that which will hasten this program of hope. "I will be sorrowful to carry back to Australia the news that the most important item of business that this Conference had discussed was the prefix due our ministers, or the acceptability of some form of leisure time activity. We as a church have a great calling. I have faith that we will meet the challenge and live up to the calling entrusted to us, for I have felt God's Spirit in great abundance testifying to that fact."

Center Stake President Charles V. Graham presided in the service. Mrs. Elroy Hanton sang "Fear Ye Not, O Israel." Elder Davies particularly requested that the congregation sing "O Zion, Haste." Lois Burton was at the organ and Harold Neal was song leader.

SADI NAGEL

## Registration—8,147

Immediately following yesterday's business session, Bishop Joseph Baldwin, registrar, reported that registration was still climbing and had reached the all-time high of 8,147. Last Conference totaled 7,168, and the 1950 Conference halted at 5,454. The 1952 Conference was first to surpass the 1930 Centennial Conference registration figure of 6,008.



## Bishop H. L. Livingston at Stone Church

Excerpts from Thursday sermon "Heirs with Christ"

If being an heir with Jesus Christ means anything, it is a call to share a life with God. We are to partake of eternal life, the quality of life which reflects the beauty and goodness of God. I have a firm belief that the kingdom of God can do something about these problems which perplex and vex mankind. The method of Jesus Christ was to work with the individual man. Jesus not only had an eye to the individual, to implant some truth in the heart of man, but he was concerned with righteousness.

In every thought we bring self-discipline. If we are qualified to carry the gospel to the world, we must be schooled in self-discipline. In the outward look we see men for what they may become. Through the eyes of Jesus Christ we see every man a potential heir of the kingdom. In the upward look we see everyone in relation to the kingdom.

Jesus Christ matches our sainthood with every evil abroad in the world. The goodness of Saints can be brought to bear in the areas of need to give relief. We should accept in ourselves the high calling of Jesus and attempt in ourselves to become heirs.

The heritage of the kingdom of God is more than resting some place in the future. That will be the end result.

LILLIE JENNINGS

## Eric Rowe Urges Kingdom Way of Life

"The kingdom of God symbolizes the perfection to which Christ called his followers," expressed Seventy Eric Rowe in his sermon Friday morning, 11 o'clock at the Stone Church. Brother Rowe is an appointee minister from England. He said that adherence to the basic principles that Christ set forth is the only way to achieve that perfection. The origin of the word "principle" indicates it as meaning "first place." "We can build the finest buildings, have the best educated people and the most beautiful homes, but the kingdom will not be built until we live the things we profess," he said. We don't yet believe thoroughly that which we preach. We shall never outgrow those principles.

We must have faith. The church will die if its members stop believing in answered prayer. In this General Conference we must believe that our prayers will be heard and answered. We do not have faith if we are surprised when we do receive an answer, he explained.

Repentance, as another principle, is not an act but a continual adjustment from our own will to the will of God. We must first recognize we are sinful. At this point we accept the responsibility to right our wrong. Many of us are moral hypocrites, attempting to work off frustrations caused because we won't recognize that sin originates within us. Further steps of repentance are following recognition with action, or contrition, and restitution.

Everyone who accepts Christ's program of the kingdom must feel a burial to the old way of life—his sins. We must guard against the possibility of dying, like fish, when we get beyond the waters of baptism. "Let us live the principles daily and follow Christ to hasten the kingdom."

Elder Frank Fry presided, and Elder William Timms gave the invocation and benediction. The congregation sang "Christ for the World We Sing," and "Hark, Listen to the Trumpeters." Rozella Peterson from East Moline, Illinois, sang as a solo, "Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor," from *The Messiah*. Hazelle Withee was at the organ. S. N.



## London, Ontario, District President Speaks

"Every person has two problems," said Elder J. C. Stuart, of London, Ontario, Canada, in his Thursday evening sermon in the lower auditorium of Stone Church. "The two problems are 'What to believe' and 'What to do with those beliefs'."

"The problem of finding something to believe is a difficult one," Brother Stuart said. "Even after we believe, there is often divergence between what we believe and the things we do. The genius of Latter Day Saintism is bringing faith into a practical demonstration.

"We need to acquire righteousness within us as well as external righteousness," he explained. He illustrated this point by suggesting that we say "thank you" more often because it is a habit than because we are particularly grateful.

It should be the duty of every Reorganized Latter Day Saint to interpret his religion. We need to develop the art of interpreting the basic principles of life. The church needs people of good judgment, who do not need to go to a "book of rules" to find the answer to every situation and problem.

"In this respect," he said, "habit is one of the most wonderful things in the world. We develop a sense of right by trying to develop a sense of right."

Alice Crossan

## Find Yourself and Those You Lead

Conference visitors by the hundreds have stopped to look with interest at the "blown up" photographs with the striking caption above them which attracts attention to the spotlighted display of the General Church Department of Religious Education.

Beginning at the left of the large display, which is mounted on a soft green background, near the Laurel Club dining room entrance on the southwest side of the Auditorium "pit," a person may find sample pictures and characteristics of every age group from the infant and toddler up to old age.

The pictures show that an infant, for instance, soon begins to explore with the sense of touch. A kindergarten-primary age child cannot concentrate for long periods of time. Junior age boys and girls like to collect and possess things of their own, and junior high age boys and girls show rapid physical changes. Young people are interested in the opposite sex, and older young people begin to take a marked interest in assuming mature leadership. One of the outstanding characteristics of adult life is building for temporal security, and a characteristic of old age is the wish to continue personal usefulness.

Marion Pease of Des Moines, Iowa, is the photographer whose pictures appear at the top of the eye-catching display, and the lettering and art work were contributed by a group of Independence artists.

Tables placed in front of the display are covered with books and pamphlets which are of interest to persons who have leadership responsibilities. Throughout General Conference these tables have attracted numerous persons, who have stopped to "thumb through" the interesting and helpful materials.

Find yourself in the age groups portrayed. It will also interest you to find those you lead and to learn more of their characteristics. Every age group is capable of making a contribution to Zion living.

A. C.

## Many Attractive Booths in Auditorium

The ladies in charge of the Social Service Center booth on the east side of the auditorium pit have been doing a rushing business all during Conference week. For sale in the two booths are handmade items such as pillowcases and aprons, quilts, baby things, cushions, handbags, and flowers. In one booth, quilts and rugs are featured, with hooked, loomed, crocheted, and braided rugs on display.

While the Social Service Center makes many of the things sold in the booths, packages have also been arriving daily from various districts from the east coast to the west coast. Early in the week a beautiful tatted doily arrived from England.

Sister E. Steidley is in charge of the two booths, and she has been assisted during the week by Sisters Maude Taylor, J. Lewis, and Evelyn Curtis.

An attractive booth on the north side of the Auditorium is sponsored by Graceland College. Pictures of classes, social activities, sports, and faculty members line the walls. A prominent place has been given to a map of the planned development of the campus. Flags of various nations are displayed at the back of the booth, featuring the international scope of the college. Students at Graceland this year come from Australia, England, Hawaii, Korea, Norway, Canada, Japan, Guatemala, and British West Indies.

At the left of the Graceland booth is one labeled emphatically, "This is NOT the Graceland booth." It is sponsored by the Committee on Ministry to College People. Colorful and original sketches make the green walls attractive, and bulletins and pamphlets from the various universities and colleges are arranged on tables. In this booth, also, hang sketches by artists Sunny Directo of Hawaii, and David J. J. Anderson of British Columbia. Both artists have pictures for sale. On one door in this booth is a statement, "The Major Subject of Life is Religion."

Other booths in the pit which are open at various times during the day include those sponsored by the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, the General Women's Council, the Quorum of High Priests, the White Masque players, the registration booth, Audio-Visual and Radio Departments, and the Herald House display.

A. C.

## Conference Daily Edition The Saints' Herald

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## Social Service Center Devotional

A small item in the Thursday *Examiner* gave an invitation: "Persons attending the R.L.D.S. Conference in Independence this week have been invited to attend a Friday devotional at 9 a.m. at the Social Service Center, 310 North Liberty." Those who accepted found a large room set aside as a chapel seated with folding chairs. Before nine o'clock a few were already waiting; soon more and more came, until a fine group of fifty-one workers and guests was present.

Then the doors were closed, and the service began. The devotions were led by Cecil Woods, who asked for names of people in need of prayer. After the congregational singing of a hymn and a prayer by Brother Lewellyn White, the soloist, Bob Tindall, sang "If with All Your Hearts," by Roberts, accompanied by Frances Fehler at the piano. A scenette talk on the life of George Washington Carver by Sister Julius Abegg followed. And then came the sermonette by Elder Myron C. Fisher of Boston on the subject, "Building the Kingdom." He referred to the menial tasks that have to be done at the Center as necessary to benefit others and gave as an example the ripping of rags that someone might make rugs. He said that the great theme of Christ and his teachings was to give our lives that others might be benefited. And no matter what our task might be we should do it joyfully and cheerfully.

Bishop Norman Hield, in charge of the Center, complimented his workers. He asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves. Texas was the state most represented as to visitors. Refreshments of punch and cookies were then served in honor of the guests, the idea originating with Frances Fehler, Brother Hield revealed.

## Laurel Club Has Served Forty-eight Years

Since the opening of General Conference on Sunday, April 4, 1954, the Laurel Club has served three meals a day to Conference visitors. Mrs. Flo Burton, president of the club, says they have averaged four thousand servings daily. About two hundred women are assisting with the food service.

The original Laurel Club began forty-eight years ago when an oyster supper was served in the home of one of the members. Six women organized the club, which today prepares food in a \$60,000 kitchen.

It is an interesting fact that in forty-eight years, not one member of the

Laurel Club has ever been paid for her service. These women make their club work a part of church and community service.

Their purpose is to raise money for church projects: the Sanitarium, Grace-land College, and the Children's Home once located at Lamoni, Iowa.

It was in 1930 that the Laurel Club moved to its present location in the Auditorium. At that time the club received two large stoves from a women's group in Wyoming. These huge old stoves were used by the club until only a few years ago. Since that time the Laurels have equipped their kitchen from their own budget.

Although the women serve dinners at all times to large crowds, one of their largest tasks is serving meals for Conference visitors. A number of persons must be hired to assist during Conference week, but the fifty active members usually handle their own projects. Fifteen women have served the club faithfully for over twenty-five years.

Present officers are Mrs. Flo Burton, president; Mrs. J. E. Kelsey, first vice-president; Mrs. Lottie Williams, second vice-president; Mrs. Floris Hands, secretary; Mrs. L. H. Katschkowsky, treasurer; Mrs. J. A. Holsworth, historian; Mrs. Goodrich, banquet chairman; Mrs. Wilford Burton, dining room chairman; and Mrs. Earl Roberts, publicity chairman.

It is interesting to note that the name "Laurel" means "everlasting."

ALICE CROSSAN

## Last "Daily Herald" to Be Mailed

The final issue of the *Daily Herald* will include the closing session of the Conference in which the appointees are listed and the adjournment is officially announced. This means that the *Herald* will not be printed until Tuesday following the Conference and will be placed in the mail following the mailing of the regular weekly *Herald*.

Many readers of the *Daily Herald* may not realize that much of it has been produced by calling the workers back in at night to have the type set and the presses run so that the business and other Conference activities of the day will be available by noon of the following day. It is believed that this overtime expense and labor is not advisable on the last Sunday evening. It is also believed that when subscribers understand the situation they will have the patience to wait for the final issue of the *Daily Herald*.



## President of High Priests Quorum Speaks

Quotes from sermon by Ward Hougas

We're "pretty good" people—no doubt about it (?)—but what are we doing about our truancy to the heavenly vision. Why are we oftentimes truant? We get tired of things, routines; sometimes dissatisfied with our task; let boredom overpower us; get tired of standing up for right.

We become intoxicated with great power that we fail to use, and thus lose, the power to do the simple things. A locomotive engine has a great deal of strength to pull a train but no strength to teach a small child to read.

We've toned down, watered down, our visions. If we're not careful, we'll have none to pass on to future generations; our power will be gone. We need to hear the voice of pioneering which challenges us to go beyond the frontier.

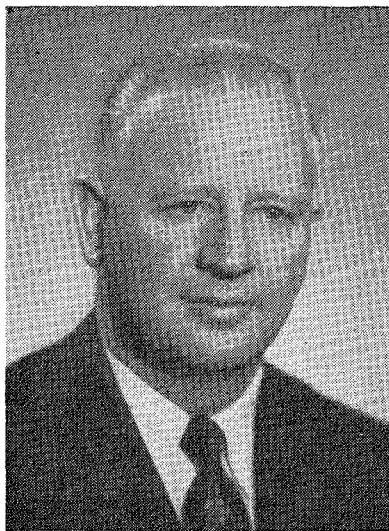
Some men are like an onion: peel away layer after layer (these layers are "alibis" in men) and in the center you find no heart. If you say you're not prepared, are you any more prepared today than you were a year ago? If not, what is your excuse? And what makes you think you'll be any better prepared next year?

P. A. W.

## Watch Your Money

It is a good policy to "trust in God," but he has never put a premium on carelessness. The thought of being suspicious of the people around you at General Conference is repugnant to all R.L.D.S. members. Pickpockets know that Christian people are naturally trusting souls and find it profitable to attend religious conventions. These thieves look like other people to the unwary, but they are wolves in sheep's clothing. C. B. H.

# Quotes from the C



*D. O. Chesworth*

## "But His Hand Is Stretched Out Still"

Enoch Hill—Thursday

We have not been perfect. We have failed to achieve. We acknowledge that we fail to achieve, but his anger is not turned away—his hand is stretched out still.

The Auditorium is a landmark in our generation. Why has it taken us so long to complete it? . . . "Zion can be redeemed even now, if my people would." We did not achieve it in that day. His anger could have been so great; but despite his anger, his hand is stretched out to us. We should praise him for that.

We are subjugated to the sins about us. The pressure of the world remains more enticing than the life of Christ or his resurrection. The kingdom waits. We seem to be so gullible, so anxious for the spectacular today. Christ was more than a miracle maker. He was the sign. The people sought for him as he walked along the shores of Galilee; they sought him for his miracles; they wanted to feast on them. In that day as well as now, it was a day of accounting.

How is it that ye do not understand? How is it that you respond to miracles and want a daily diet of it—and respond not to God? He came that the world might have light. He came to give people purpose.

Have you experienced a walk with him? How is it that you do not understand that when we walk together we may not always be talking. One who walks with another comes to know him, not always in communion but in mountaintop experiences. Then we will need to come down into the valley to the still waters to drink.

We need to walk with the world in its distress and disappointments.

There are many miracles today, but we are not trying to reach people by miracles. If a miracle is to be performed, it will be the result of what happens to our minds and to our hearts.

Some of us have "branch-itis." Our interest should be farther than the local church. We should think in group stewardship. . . . The worth of souls is great: His hand is stretched out still.



*Charles R. Hield*

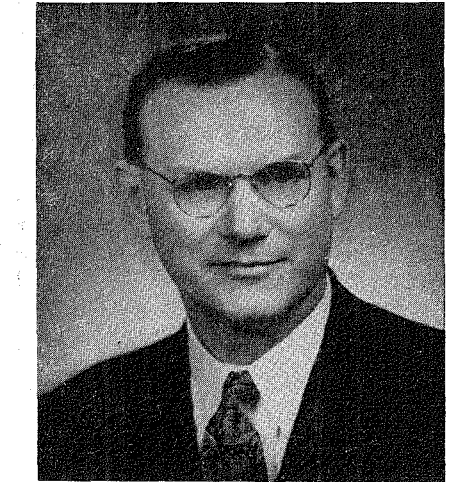
## "Obedience"

West College—Tuesday

History is a record of man's co-operation or lack of co-operation with God. Many nations have committed suicide because of their unwillingness to listen to his counsel.

A popular slogan today is "Nobody's a gonna' tell me what to do!" Even in the church we hear people saying, "No one's going to know my personal affairs. I'm not going to file a financial statement. I don't have to pay tithing." Of the 152,850 people in this church, 110,000 are, in effect, saying "I ain't a gonna' do it" because they contribute nothing in tithes. More people attended the Communion services Sunday morning at the Auditorium than file their financial statements.

You have the agency to do as you wish. . . . You can go to hell if you want to.



*P. E. Farrow*

## "More Light and Truth"

Englewood—Thursday

An outstanding feature of this Conference is that which is manifested in the attitudes, minds, and hearts of people who are attending this Conference. I have never before witnessed the degree of divine peace and unity that seems to be among us. This is something of what the Master might have had in mind when he said the kingdom of God is within us—the kingdom of light and power; the kingdom of challenge and opportunity to which God is now drawing us with the magic forces of his love and power.

There is the instinct in us to reach for greater light, inner power, and new achievements. We hope for a new day that might now be making its appearance just as a new day appears on the horizon.

I believe that at times it is possible for one to be so moved by the influence of the divine spirit that the borders of his human limitations are expanded so that he is able to behold the glory of God.

What a marvelous thing when we attempt to analyze the glory of God, and yet who can understand it in all its beauty?

This light and truth coexisted in the beginning; one cannot be without the other. They are no different from the

## Credits

Reporters for these sermons were Melba Morehead, George Turner, Emma Philips, Alice Crossan, Alta Witte, and Naomi Russell.

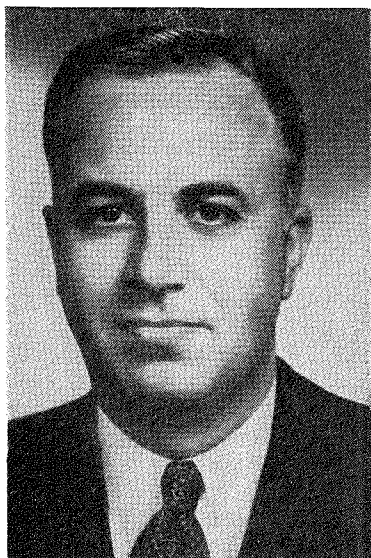


# Quorum of Twelve

light and power of Jesus Christ with which he moves in our physical bodies to work out his purpose.

Whenever the spirit of God moves among men, light is created and brought out of darkness.

God does for us by his light and truth and word and power that which we are incapable of doing for ourselves because our strength is insufficient.



*D. Blair Jensen*

**"Faith"**

West College—Thursday

"The Lord is in His holy temple; let the whole world keep silence before him."

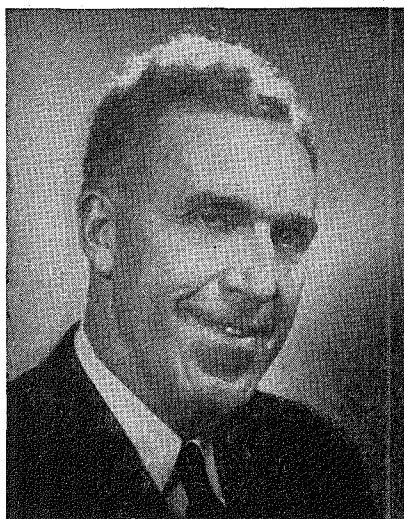
We are identified with more than we can see with the physical eye, or hear with the physical ear. By faith man assures himself that he is the son of God.

No right, no authority comes without responsibility and with every responsibility there is obligation—the just must have faith. "Thy faith hath saved thee; go thy way in peace." You cannot have faith in God if you have not faith in God's children.

Man ought not to be so much fearful of dying, as he ought to be diligently mindful of the ever-present uncertainty of living. Faith is revealed in courage. Faith is founded on the conviction that every individual is a child of God—therefore of supreme worth. We have faith as an individual because we know that in the mind of our creator when he made us we had value and worth in his sight.

Sin seeks daily to turn man against fellow man, to push man away from his God.

Faith is centered in the absolute certainty of God. Active faith knows no fear. Faith expands one's area of awareness. It is by faith that we become bigger than the things that happen to us. What happens is not nearly so important as the way in which we meet it. Faith will be victorious.



*Roscoe E. Davey*

**"Our Partnership with God"**

Englewood—Tuesday

The kingdom is not ours, it is God's. Our partnership with God in the affairs of the kingdom is by invitation. The kingdom is not an end in itself but a means to an end, and through the organization and ordinances of the kingdom the immortality and eternal life of man is effected.

God has designed that through the Restoration Movement joy and hope may be brought to the teeming masses of the underprivileged, for the Restoration is to demonstrate the way of life of the kingdom. Partnership with God means laboring to bring light where darkness prevails, to help those who fatalistically accept their lot and resent assistance, to touch the untouchables, and break down the castes which exist.

Only the impact of the kingdom on these conditions will bring about a lasting change.

Being laborers together with God means work, and no amount of talk can take the place of action. We must get on with the job and do something constructive. Laboring alone is insufficient; we must labor with God, be in constant touch and association, continually prayerful, for without him we labor in vain. Only out of partnership with God will Zion become a reality.



*E. J. Gleazer, Sr.*

**"By Thy Spirit"**

Stone Church—Tuesday

Man today has an abundance of academic, mechanical, and financial power, but he still lacks the power to control himself. Nations and men have never been more insecure, but the gospel of Jesus Christ can give security. The gospel is a ministry of persuasion which recognizes free agency, not a dictatorship.

The Spirit of God is the only power that can control you without destroying your agency. But it will not force itself upon you—you must be willing to receive it. God intended his Spirit to be an abiding power.



*Reed M. Holmes*

**"Jonah in 1954"**

Enoch Hill—Tuesday

Jonah, a good man, once tried to run away from God—his experience may resemble ours today. Let us compare Latter Day Israel with the early Jews who believed the gospel was for themselves only, and were more intent upon re-  
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taining their identity than remembering the purpose of God's covenant with them. Ezekiel maintained his identity that he might strengthen the background of his identity. We want to retain our identity, but we must temper our desire for that with a great concern for other people.

Latter Day Saints often interpret the hastening time as a time to gather to Independence rather than a time to "gather in the sheaves." It is well to look into our own neighborhoods—the gospel to them has not yet been restored.

It might be well to reverse our slogan for a time. Instead of "Evangelize the World and Zionize the Church" we should "Evangelize the Church and Zionize the World." As Jonah was swallowed up by the whale, we are swallowed up by a whale of a lot of ideas and concerns.

Instead of being the fellowship of unconcerned, we must be the fellowship of the concerned. No institution can long endure which serves self only. Much of our teaching and preaching is to ourselves; much of our testimony is to ourselves; much of the tithe is spent on ourselves—yet we have significant answers for a world in need. We hold in our faltering hands the hope of the world.

Jonah lacked enthusiasm; he lacked a sense of wonder; he lacked a sense of the love of God for all people. We must go forth from here with a mounting concern for others, or we shall be like Jonah in 1954.

# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Friday, April 9, 1954

President Israel A. Smith called to order this Conference business session at 2:00 p.m. Elder B. Scott Liston, Painesville, Ohio, led the assembly in singing "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Dorothy Higgins of Independence, Missouri. Apostle D. Blair Jensen offered the invocation.

The minutes of the business meeting of April 8 were corrected by the striking out of the word "unanimously" from the report of the action regarding the Auditorium appropriation, and the changing of the word "wandering" to "wondering" in the title of the opening hymn, and then approved.

President I. A. Smith introduced to the assembly Mrs. Margaret Gibson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, author of the book *Emma Smith, the Elect Lady*, who addressed the Conference.

José Aranda, formerly of Guatemala, presently engaged in translating the Book of Mormon into Spanish, was presented by Apostle C. R. Hield. Brother Aranda spoke regarding the project in which he is engaged.

The following statement from the Order of Bishops regarding completion of

the Auditorium was read by the Secretary:

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, Construction has been started on the Auditorium to complete the front center and foyer, funds for which have been provided previous to the action of this General Conference; and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable to continue the work of construction until the Auditorium building is completed; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that a minimum amount of \$450,000 is required (exclusive of the cost of seating, the organ, and architectural services) to complete the main assembly room; and

WHEREAS, The amount of \$250,000 was approved by the General Conference for the purpose of continuing the work in the main assembly room; and

WHEREAS, This amount needs to be supplemented in order to assure said completion of the main assembly room; be it hereby

*Resolved*, That the Order of Bishops recommend that special effort be made to raise funds for the completion not only of the main assembly room but looking toward the completion of this structure, and that in the next two years this project be considered second only to the raising of the budget approved by this General Conference;

And that the Saints be called upon to make sacrificial effort during this time to enable the church to complete this project;

And, further, inasmuch as there has been expressed a desire on the part of a number of the people to give support to this movement by outright pledges and contributions at this Conference, that we afford such opportunity at a specially designated hour—namely, 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 10 (or at such time as may be designated by the Chair) to give such opportunity to all who are desirous of seeing this most important project undertaken and completed;

Further, that all such contributions shall be credited properly to stakes, districts and/or congregations in which such contributors reside; and

Further, that in view of the fact that the recommendation suggests this as a period of sacrifice on the part of the Saints, quotas shall be assigned only where stake, district and/or branch administrators decide that such quotas will prove helpful;

Further, that the co-operation of business and professional men and women and others interested and willing be solicited and their help obtained by further solicitation for such funds throughout this period of time and such further period of time as may be necessary, until this building project is a complete reality;

Further, as hereinbefore stated, the raising of these funds must of necessity be in addition to the raising of our budgetary needs.

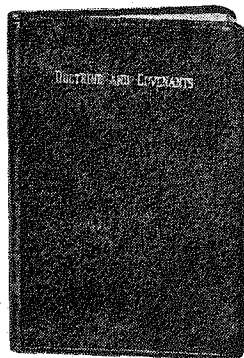
THE ORDER OF BISHOPS  
By G. L. DELAPP

Elder Stephen Robinson and Wesley Elvin moved approval of the statement.

## Doctrine and Covenants

This enlarged and improved edition has been printed from entirely new plates made from a new and very readable type face. A historical preface giving the time, location, and purpose for each revelation or section has been prepared. Also, most of the paragraphs are subdivided. A special thin, white, but opaque Bible paper has been used. The book's size is approximately 5¼" x 7¾" x 11/16". To match the Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Mormon three different bindings are offered.

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Speaking on the question were Brethren G. L. DeLapp, George A. Njeim, Andy Jones, Charles F. Putnam, Francis M. Bishop, and Paul M. Hanson. Elders James Menzies and James Everett moved the previous question. The chair stated that without objection the vote on the original motion would be taken, which motion carried.

The Secretary read the following report and recommendation:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

At the General Conference of 1947 action was taken regarding a memorial for the late Frederick Madison Smith. This action is covered in the following resolution:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference of 1947:

Having been appointed at the 1946 Conference as a committee to draft suggestions for a memorial for the late President Frederick Madison Smith, we have considered the various suggestions submitted and report as follows:

1. It is our opinion that a memorial for a leader of such character as the late president should possess certain attributes commensurate with his qualities. It should to a certain extent represent his interests; and it must have dignity, beauty, and permanence. These requirements would be best met, it seems to us, by a public building.

2. At the same time, it does not seem expedient in view of the many needs of the church and its institutions, to divert funds for building purposes, unless such a building, in addition to its memorial character, be capable of filling some immediate and urgent need.

3. After considering these requirements, we suggest that the memorial for the late president consist of a building to be known as the Frederick Madison Smith Memorial Library, located on the campus of Graceland College, at Lamoni, Iowa.

4. The funds necessary for this purpose may be obtained by subscription. It is estimated that the cost of a suitable building of this nature, at present price levels, would be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.00, which may be raised over a period of five years, if necessary.

5. It is our belief that a memorial library, housing as it does the fruit of the wisdom of the past, and dedicated to the use of the young people of the church, who are the hope and promise of its future, will stand perpetually as a tribute to a leader who worked and dreamed for the future of our church, and who devoted his life to the justification of his faith.

Very sincerely yours,

G. L. DELAPP  
J. F. GARVER  
PAUL N. CRAIG  
ALICE M. EDWARDS  
E. J. GLEAZER, SR.  
HENRY C. SMITH

The committee wishes to report that, due to the pressing needs of the church, there has been no special effort put forth to raise funds for this purpose. In reviewing the situation, it is the recommendation of the committee that it would not seem inappropriate to allow a lapse of at least ten years from the time of the death of the late president before instituting an intensive program of fund raising to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

In the meantime, the contributions of those who wish to contribute to this fund will be gladly accepted and reserved for this purpose.

The First Presidency has appointed President Israel A. Smith to succeed the late J. F. Garver.

G. L. DELAPP, *Chairman*

Elders Lewis Landsberg and Henry Schaefer moved the approval of the document. Brethren D. T. Williams and Chester Davis moved the following substitute:

"That we request the Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric to present to us a properly framed document which will do honor to our previous president and at the same time make arrangements for the designation of the new science building at Graceland College to be built as a memorial to our previous President and Prophet Frederick Madison Smith."

Apostle E. J. Gleazer spoke in favor of the substitute. Brethren William Patterson and Emery S. Parks moved as a substitute to the substitute that the Auditorium Building when completed shall be dedicated as a memorial to the late President Frederick Madison Smith. Elders Cecil V. Robbins and Edward Larsen spoke on the motion. Elders Stewart Wight and J. L. Verhei moved to defer action until the next General Conference. Motion to defer prevailed.

The following document regarding the Board of Publications was read:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

We submit as our nominees for members of the Board of Publications the present members of the Board, who are

Walter N. Johnson  
Harry G. Barto  
David S. White  
Howard P. Andersen  
Arthur B. Taylor  
Shankland S. Arnsion  
Montague L. Parker  
THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC  
By G. L. DELAPP

Elders W. Wallace Smith and T. A. Beck moved to approve the recommendation. Motion to approve prevailed.

The following document was read into the minutes for subsequent consideration:

*To the General Conference:*

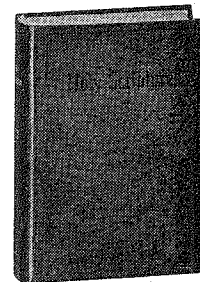
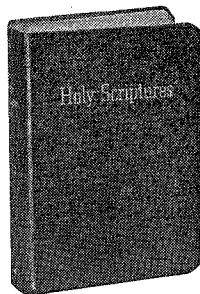
At the request of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric we recommend that the General Conference rescind the action on procedure in ordination which was adopted April 12, 1932 (G. C. R. 916, page 105), and substitute the following therefor:

Men are called to the priesthood by God through his Son Jesus Christ by the power of his Spirit (Matt. 9: 38, A. V.; Heb. 3: 1; Rom. 10:15; 1 Cor. 7: 17; Heb. 5: 4; Alma 19: 115; Moroni 8: 1, 2; D. and C. 17: 12; 102: 10; 124: 7).

Calls to the priesthood must come through those holding priesthood and in administrative authority (D. and C. 43: 1, 2; 99: 5; 125: 4; Mosiah 11: 17, 18).

Calls in unorganized territory must be endorsed by the minister in charge.

Calls to the Aaronic priesthood in branches and districts should be approved by branch presidents, district presidents, ministers in charge, branch and district business meetings. Calls to the Melchisedec priesthood in branches and districts should be approved by branch presidents, district presidents, ministers in charge, First Presidency, branch and district business meetings. In cases of emergency in branches and districts, ordinations may be provided by the minister in charge.



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The new printing of the Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures is a book made to last through years of continual use. It is set in two columns in clear, black type that makes it very simple to read. It is printed on a special opaque but thin Bible paper which makes the book 1 3/8 x 5 1/4 x 8 inches—a size for easy handling. In the back of the book are 157 pages of Concordances and Helps. Generous margins give ample room for penciled notes.

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All calls to the priesthood in stakes must be approved by the stake presidencies, the stake high councils, and the stake conferences, and calls to the Melchisedec priesthood must also be approved by the First Presidency.

In cases of emergency within stakes, ordinations may be provided by the stake presidency in consultation with the stake high council and the First Presidency.

The substitution proposed involves no change of principle, but recognizes changes in our stake organization and makes other minor adjustments.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The First Presidency presented the following communication:

*To the General Conference:*

The matter of a report of General Church activities coming from the New York and Philadelphia District which was considered at the 1952 General Conference (*Daily Herald*, pages 84 and 111) was considered by the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

The following recommendations are submitted for your consideration and action:

That a committee consisting of one member of the First Presidency, one member of the Council of Twelve, and one member of the Presiding Bishopric, together with such others as they may call to their aid, be set up to study methods of informing the members and departments of the church concerning the activities and objectives of all General Church quorums and departments; this committee to report to the First Presidency with a view to the improvement of both general and regional reporting procedure, suggest the form of reporting, and the frequency of such reports.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The above recommendations regarding a report of General Church activities was approved upon the motion of Brethren P. E. Farrow and Leonard Hoisington.

Elders G. Leslie DeLapp and W. Wallace Smith moved to approve the following recommendation regarding the 1956 General Conference, which carried:

*To the General Conference:*

We suggest that when this Conference adjourns it does so to meet Sunday, April 1, 1956.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The proposed resolution regarding Race Relations published on pages 94 and 95 of the *Daily Herald* was called to the attention of the Conference. The motion to adopt was made by Elders Muir Robinson and James Everett. Elders J. C. Daugherty and Russell F. Ral-

ston moved the following which motion prevailed:

*To the General Conference:*

In as much as this involves a doctrinal point of view and the missionary policy of the church we move that this be referred to the three Quorums of Concurrent Jurisdiction, the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy, to be brought back at next General Conference, for consideration.

JAMES C. DAUGHERTY  
RUSSELL F. RALSTON

The chair called attention to the document relating to a transcription of the proceedings of the Conferences found on page 95 of the *Daily Herald*. Elders James Wardle and Don Ross, Jr., moved the adoption of the document. Brethren James Wardle, D. T. Williams, W. Wallace Smith, and Raymond Troyer spoke on the question. Elders Arthur A. Oakman and Orman Salisbury moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion to lay on the table carried.

## New Dedication Hymn By Evan A. Fry

A vocal chorus composed of men from the Quorum of Seventy rendered the first public performance of a new hymn, written by Evan A. Fry, at the Thursday business session of Conference.

Brother Fry wrote in response to a challenge to find words that would most ably catch up the dedicatory spirit of appointee men as they are sent out to their world-wide fields of service at the end of Conference. Within one hour after he placed the first word on paper, the song was finished. And since the close of that hour of inspired writing no single change has been made.

Brother Fry placed the words on General Music Director Franklyn S. Weddle's desk soon after they were written. Within a few days, Brother Weddle returned with the melody. Later, Brother Fry added the harmony notes—and the new song was born!

Although the song was written especially for full-time missionaries, it is also appropriate for any member who determines to serve his fellow man by spreading the good news of the Restoration gospel of Christ. It is expected that the

A recommendation from the First Presidency regarding architectural service was read:

*To the General Conference:*

The release of Elder Henry C. Smith from his position as Church Architect leads us to recommend that the First Presidency be free, in consultation with the Presiding Bishopric, to solicit the advice of members of the church who are competent architects in the study of architectural questions, and to employ competent local architects whenever specific local building needs so require.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Upon the motion of Elders William Worth, Jr., and Delbert D. Smith, the recommendation was approved.

The assembly adjourned after the singing of "This God Is the God We Adore," and the benediction by Elder C. A. Davies.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

new Saints' Hymnal now in preparation will contain the words and music of this hymn. In a few years, Latter Day Saint congregations throughout the world will probably be singing it just as sincerely and devotedly as they now sing "The Old, Old Path."

"From Isles and Continents Afar" is the title given this latest musical creation. Here are the words:

From isles and continents afar,  
O'er mountains and the stormy sea,  
Of many races, many climes,  
The sons of men now call to me.  
In busy marts, in city crowds,  
In quiet of the countryside,  
In humble homes, in courts of kings,  
They wait, the men for whom Christ died.  
It is not mine to choose, O Lord,  
My place of service, nor the hour;  
Where'er thy voice shall bid me go,  
I shall go gladly, in thy power.  
In strength divine I'll speak thy word,  
The battle join, or wait on thee;  
I'll go or stay, nor count the cost,  
Thy people serve, where'er they be.

Watch for the music. It will be available one of these days soon.

P. A. W.

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## Final Conference Sermon By F. Henry Edwards

President F. Henry Edwards gave the Sunday morning sermon at the Auditorium, using as his topic, "Freedom under God." He stressed the importance of the whole phrase—not just "freedom," but "freedom under God." It is a seeming contradiction, he said, that freedom always involves removal of limitations but also necessitates acceptance of new obligations. Christ, the greatest free man of all time, was the servant of all.

Genuine freedom is always from something low to something higher, and the most glorious freedom from our baser selves realized in freedom under God. The free man is not the one who can proudly boast that he has never been in bondage to any person, but the one who can say that he is not in bondage to his lesser self—his desires, his appetites, his comforts, prejudices, fears, temper, and habits of worry. In every life the fifth columnists of sin have made subterranean but devastating progress. We never shall be free until these aliens are expelled and we become strong enough to resist their return.

God's free men must evangelize, for no man is free who holds Christ to himself. His fears, prejudices, and self-love are enslaving him. All that is good and beautiful and true ought to be shared universally.

President Edwards ended his sermon with a ten-point program which included (1) ethical standards, (2) trained leadership, (3) adult education, (4) marshaling of the women of the church, (5) religious education, (6) health ministry, (7) creation of great literature, (8) building of churches as centers of community power, (9) completion of the Auditorium for use as a major spiritual center, and (10) ministry to the needy. His final challenge was "We call for the lifting up of new horizons of freedom; for an end to the civil war within us; for a unified, passionate, urgent missionary crusade; for a common endeavor to tackle with high expectancy the problems which grow out of our emerging strength."

N. R.



## Donald V. Lents Called to Council of Twelve

The new member of the Council of Twelve is Iowa born, but he is now serving as minister in charge of the British Isles Mission. He was sent there by the 1952 Conference. Before this he served three and a half years as chaplain in the Sanitarium and nine years in missionary and pastoral work in Michigan, New England, and Ohio.

Because of his easy smile and friendliness, he has hundreds of friends to whom he is known as "Don." He was born in Rhodes, Iowa, in 1917 in a thoroughly Reorganized Latter Day Saint home. His father, Victor Lents, is an elder who serves as pastor of the home branch, though living in Marshalltown, where Don graduated from high school. Don also graduated from Graceland College, and took two years' work at Ohio State College, and a semester at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

He was ordained an elder in 1939 and a high priest in 1945. His new assignment is "Minister in charge of the European Mission." He married Helen M. Draper in 1943. They have two children.

C. B. H.

## Missionary Service Reports Accelerated Expansion

From a position directly in front of an array of international flags, the Quorum of Twelve directed the 1954 missionary service. Saturday night, as usual, was reserved as the time to emphasize evangelism.

President Israel A. Smith brought the opening statement and Call to Worship, and President of Seventy Z. Z. Renfroe offered the invocation after the singing of the opening hymn. Section 4 of the Doctrine and Covenants was read by Apostle Paul M. Hanson, then Apostle D. O. Chesworth led the Twelve and Seventy in a responsive reading.

One of the unusual and impressive events of the service was the season of prayer in eight different languages. These prayers followed a statement by Apostle Arthur A. Oakman: Wayne Simmons spoke in Spanish; Anton Compier in French; Lieba Aranda in Polish; George Njeim in Arabic; Albert Scherer in Dutch; Eli Rosenthal in German; Ragnhild Fossum in Norsk; and Allen Breckenridge in Tahitian.

Apostle E. J. Gleazer gave the principal address of the evening and Apostle D. Blair Jensen led the congregation in a prayer of dedication to missionary objectives.

The climax of the service was the presentation of the Quorum of Twelve 1954 Missionary Report to the Conference in the form of a brochure titled "Into All the World." Reports of progress and new openings in the domestic field and in missions abroad were summarized in this booklet; and the place of our institutions in missionary outreach was emphasized. Members of the First Quorum of Seventy distributed 10,000 copies to a full auditorium. Apostle Chesworth announced that another 10,000 were available to give to nonmember friends.

President Israel A. Smith offered the benediction, and another successful "progress report" service became history.

P. A. W.

## Conference Concert Friday Night

The Conference Concert, sponsored by the General Church Music Department, was presented in the Auditorium Friday night, April 9. It was notable for several things—a larger audience than usual at such concerts, a larger and finer Independence Symphony Orchestra, two fine vocalists and one fine pianist, and, lastly, it marked the first revival since 1930 of any portion of J. T. Gresty's oratorio, "The Course of Time."

It was ten years ago that the Independence Little Symphony made its first appearance under the baton of Franklyn S. Weddle to play for a Conference Concert. Then it had thirty-odd members. Now it has grown to twice that figure, and the "little" has been dropped from its name long since. The orchestra, still under the direction of its founder, displayed finesse and power in the opening rendition of the "Toccatà," by Frescobaldi, and in six delightful movements of Handel's "Suite from the Water Music," and furnished sympathetic accompaniment for the three soloists and for the Independence "Messiah" Choir which sang as the concluding number, Gresty's arrangement of "Ein Feste Burg," from "The Course of Time."

Mr. Colin Ferrett, who incidentally was one of the soloists in the 1930 production of the "Course of Time," was accompanied by the orchestra in two numbers from "The Magic Flute," by Mozart—"In diesen heil'gen Hallen," and "Possenti Nimi O Isis." The audience's applause recalled him to the stage three times for "curtain calls." Mattie Willis, of Battle Creek, Michigan, was the soprano soloist of the evening. "Because of its message" (to use her own words) she had chosen to sing "Hear, Ye Israel," from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," with full orchestral accompaniment. Her second number was the traditional spiritual, "Were You There?" which was sung unaccompanied. The applause for Mrs. Willis amounted to an ovation, and after three curtain calls she was again recalled for another spiritual "There Is a Balm in Gilead" as an encore.

Mr. Roy Benson, pianist from the Graceland College faculty, was accompanied by the orchestra in a technically sparkling and intelligent performance of Mendelssohn's "Concerto No. 1, in G minor, Opus 25" and was also rewarded with generous applause.

Bishop Leslie Kohlman gave the offertory remarks and prayer, and during the taking of the offering the Seventy's Chorus sang the new hymn, "From Isles and Continents Afar," words and music by Evan Fry and Franklyn Weddle, as an unprogrammed addition to the concert.

EVAN A. FRY

## Anton Compier Saturday Morning Speaker

"Give us the tools, friends, and we'll try to finish the job" were the stirring words which Elder Anton D. Compier, appointee from the Netherlands Mission, used at the conclusion of his sermon on "Our World-wide Stewardship of Evangelism" given at the Stone Church upper auditorium, Saturday morning at eleven.

"It is no easy task to preach the gospel in all the world," stated Elder Compier. He went on to say that there are problems such as the fear which causes many badly needed priesthood members to want to flee to Zion, to run away from responsibility. We must be careful that in our correspondence we do not encourage this tendency. Languages present a problem. There may be as many as six different languages spoken in seven countries. "How would you like to have the problem of handing someone a Book of Mormon and then have to explain that it was not ours but Utah's?" asked Brother Compier. "And how would you like to work with only two or three tracts in your own language? Or to use hymnals of other churches?" The problem of translation is great. A missionary from abroad loses a year or two learning languages. The church young people are not available as translators, for their education is usually not up to the professional standard required. The man of culture cannot be appealed to without the professional language;

neither can he be asked to translate the Book of Mormon because he does not have the spirit of the movement.

"What have you done about this, Saints?" asked Brother Compier. "You can teach stewardship in your homes and encourage your young people to learn languages. You can encourage them to prepare for diplomatic work abroad.

"Let us all work to the point where we'll have an increase, a surplus to lend assistance. Not everyone can go abroad, but everyone can give talents and service here. You can develop sons and daughters who will put the call of the kingdom first. You can get them to go farther than you have done.

"Give us the tools, and we'll do the job. Develop young men and women. Contribute your means. Pray for us."

Center Stake Missionary Eugene A. Theys, former appointee to Germany, presided; Kansas City Stake Missionary Albert A. Scherer, former appointee to the Netherlands Mission, assisted. Worthy of recognition was the solo by Anna Marie Smith—"Wherever He Leads I'll Go," B. B. McKinney. Irene Wolfe was at the organ, and Clayton Wolfe was song leader.

LILLIE JENNINGS

## Z. Z. Renfroe Thursday Morning Speaker

"Life is measured not in days and years but in terms of energy and talent well spent," said Z. Z. Renfroe Thursday morning at the Stone Church, speaking on the subject, "The Qualifications of the Saints." Virgil Woodside sang the solo with Hazelle Withee at the organ. Vern Webb was in charge of the service and Herbert Lively led the singing.

"Each person should prepare himself for the work the Lord has for him to do. Everyone is called to be a Saint and is called into service," Brother Renfroe continued.

He explained that the Saints should humble themselves before God and be prayerful, and that God will speak into the hearts and give strength to every person who humbly seeks God.

Saints must be good stewards over the property which has been given them.

Brother Renfroe asked the congregation the question, "When did you lose your influence in your branch?" Then he answered it, "When you were asleep." There can be no sleeping soldiers in the army of the Lord, he told them, and warned them to recognize their responsibility in the Lord's army.

"The way we use our time and our talents will determine our status with God," Brother Renfroe concluded.

VERDA BRYANT

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## Largest Conference Registration on Record

The 1954 General Conference broke all previous records in the number of registered attendants. The previous high was set at the 1952 Conference at which there were 7,168 registrants; this was 1,160 more than at the Centennial Conference in 1930, which had held top place for twenty-two years.

Of the 8,252 registered this year, 1,828 were delegates, delegates ex officio, and ex officis, as compared to 1,601 in 1952.

## Saturday Night Youth Mixer

A capacity crowd of 875 persons attended the Youth Mixer at the Independence Memorial Hall Saturday night to view the talent show which was emceed by Lee O. Hart, Center Stake Young People's Director.

Trampoline performers Bob Shedd, Charles Sperry, Leonard Foster (St. Joseph), and identical twins Jimmy and Jerry Warnock opened the program with a variety of trampoline routines. The locally well-known Clements Trio—Connie, 12; Sue, 9; and Douglas, 7; presented two numbers, "Birth of the Blues," and the popular "Wanted." Their encore selection, a novelty tune entitled "Tennessee Wig-Walk," was climaxed by a sudden clap of thunder and the downpouring of rain.

A twelve-year-old pianist, Sidney Moore, Jr., of Kansas City, played Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in G Sharp Minor." Phillip Hanson of St. Joseph sang a solo, "Ain't Them Hard Trials?" and was joined by three of his high school friends to sing a quartet arrangement of "Rock of My Soul." Both of these numbers were accompanied by Celia Fry.

A Graceland student, accordionist Walt Denny played the difficult "Sabre Dance." Another Graceland, Kathy Frisby from Michigan, sang "Begin the Beguine" accompanied by Delores Tandy at the piano.

Presentation of an original play, "This Hand Is God's" written by Suzi Vaughn Shedd and directed by Dorothy Ferguson, both Zion's Leaguers, and produced by the Independence Gudgell Park League, concluded the evening's activities. It was the story of Charles Neff's conversion to the Reorganized Church and the present part and interests he has in it. Highlighting the evening, was Chuck's appearance on stage, as he bore his personal testimony to the audience. He then offered the benediction, and the gathering was dissolved with his hearty "Good night all."

CARLEE WILSON



## Ronald Smith to Serve on Graceland Board of Trustees

Dr. Ronald G. Smith, son of Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith, was approved by the General Conference at Tuesday's business session to serve on the Graceland Board of Trustees, replacing Dr. Lawrence O. Brockway whose term expired with this Conference and who is not available for further service on the Board.

Dr. Smith is chairman of the mathematics department of Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg. A graduate of Graceland (1922) he continued his professional training at the University of Kansas, from which he received his Ph.D. degree in 1930. He has been active in church and civic affairs, serving as chairman of the City Planning Commission and the Aviation Committee for the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburg. One major project has been the planning and building of the church reunion grounds near Racine, Missouri. He holds the office of elder.

## Nurses' Alumnae Tea on Thursday

About eighty nurses met for the Nurses' Alumnae Tea in the Students' Recreation Building from four to six on Thursday. Twenty nurses were from a distance—California to Pennsylvania and Texas to Minnesota. Officers Myrtle Taylor, Mabel Faulkner, and Faye Franklin were in the receiving line for the biennial affair. The oldest nurse present was Mable States Martin of Fort Scott, Kansas, a member of the 1916 graduating class from the Independence School of Nursing.

A. S.

## The Mothers' Club

Conference guests generously supported the presentation of Sister B. M. (Audentia) Anderson on April 6, 4:30 p.m. when she reviewed the recently published book, *Joseph Smith III*, at the Stone Church.

This work is a condensed compilation of the memoirs of her illustrious father. She compiled and edited the material originally. The condensed work was done by her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hulmes.

The review was a benefit program, the contributions of the assembly almost taking care of the deficit in the club's bank account caused by the recent purchase of an \$815.00 isolette—the very latest in heat controlled incubators designed especially for the care of premature babies.

Other features connected with the book review, which was in charge of Mrs. Russell Etzenhauser, President of the Mothers' Club, assisted by Mrs. Howard Harder who introduced Sister Anderson, were the solicitous ushers—the twenty-seven members of the club; also the delightful "pre-collection" remarks of high school senior, Gary Westwood, grandson of a charter member, Mrs. J. T. Westwood, Sr. Gary's quips about "the girls" were thoroughly appreciated, as was his request for "silent money, the kind that folds!"

On Saturday evening the Mothers' Club, assisted by their husbands, entertained visiting friends at its annual tea, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKim, 1210 West Lexington. About one hundred and twenty-five persons were served.

The Mothers' Club was organized in 1911 and during its first five years, assisted in clothing the children of the Lamoni Children's Home.

In 1916 the club began its support of the Sanitarium baby clinic. It purchased clothing and equipment according to its means and in 1917, when a real "nursery" was established, the actual sponsorship began. So for about forty-eight years "the girls" have made the baby clothes and bedding and trimmed much of it with the help of two other clubs and of individuals here in the Center Place and throughout the States. The two clubs are the "So and Sews" and the "Panadelphias" who do the lovely bedspreads for the thirty-six cribs, as well as embroider.

Whereas there were some fifty babies born each year in the beginning, there are now close to sixteen hundred born during a year.

Patterns and directions will be sent to anyone desiring them by the club's vice-president, Mrs. George Desmond, 619 North River Boulevard, Independence, Missouri. MADGE SIEGFRIED





## Apostle D. T. Williams Friday Evening Speaker

"The Future Church" was the subject of the sermon by Apostle D. T. Williams at Stone Church on Friday evening. Prayer at the opening of the service was offered by Samuel Zonker, district president of the West Virginia District, and E. E. Smith of Columbus, Ohio, was in charge.

Speaking of the church, Brother Williams said, "We have not in commensurate measure done for God what he has done for us. We are not up to the standard God has set for us; our golden age is still ahead of us."

Brother Williams read from Doctrine and Covenants 6: 16: "Therefore fear not, little flock, do good, let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my Rock, they can not prevail."

"The church," he said, "is the vehicle to carry the gospel to humanity."

All our people today make up only one tenth of 1 per cent of the population of the nation, and yet the gospel must be taken as a witness to every nation. The principles of the gospel cannot be changed, although we may disobey them.

Brother Williams noted that from six members in 1830, when the church was organized, we have grown to 153,000 members today. What will the number be in another hundred years?

He then read from the Book of Alma regarding repentance. The benediction was given by Brother Zonker. Mrs. William Nichols was soloist at the service.

ALICE CROSSAN

## Archaeological Lectures

The growing interest in the Book of Mormon and its relation to Latin-American countries was again in evidence Conference week as day after day the Stone Church Annex was filled to overflowing. It became necessary to repeat the discourses several days because of the large crowds in attendance.

The recent trips made to ruins in Mexico, Guatemala, and British Honduras brought to light even more evidence of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. Several ruins were inspected which had not previously been visited by church members. Among those seen were the ruins at Giengola in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Tulum in the eastern part of Yucatan, and La Venta in the state of Vera Cruz. Brother Roy Weldon bore testimony of the various times when he was blessed by the Spirit on these trips.

Brothers Hield, Hanson, and Weldon had some able assistance in the presentation of the illustrated lectures this year. Clair Weldon, Jack Raveill, and Ward Weldon each made a commendable contribution in the showing of the fine pictures they took on their visit to the Latin Americas. Brother Raveill shot some 16mm. footage of the ruins at Sayil, Palenque, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Mitla, and Teotihuacan. There is a possibility that this may be completed with a suitable sound track and made available for use in our branches.

Another progressive feature in the means of presentation of the pictures was the showing of Roy Weldon's 3-D slides. One was better able to comprehend the immensity of the areas and to appreciate the beauty of the sculpture work.

Many evidences of a knowledge of Christ by the ancient inhabitants of the ruins were pointed out by the various speakers during the week. Crosses were shown to be found in abundance over the whole area. Legends and murals tell of the Bearded White God who was born of a virgin and who came from across the sea. A very impressive comparison was made of the sculpture work of an ancient Mayan whose "Head of the Bearded White Man" is found in the temple of that name at the end of the Ball Court in Chichen Itza and the famous "Head of Christ" by our contemporary artist, Sallman.

Egyptian influences, which are again substantiated by Book of Mormon accounts, were evidenced by the abundant pyramids, headdresses, and hieroglyphics found in the ruins. The recent discovery of a tomb in a pyramid in Palenque overcomes some of the doubts archae-

ologists had regarding the similarity between the two civilizations. Another interesting Egyptian emblem found in the New World is the "T" which means eternal life.

Other evidences pointed out as illustrating the authenticity of the Book of Mormon were the astronomical observatories, numerous fine gold articles, stone boxes, huge stones that had been sawed by some sort of machinery, and the astounding beauty of the workmanship of the ancient craftsmen. One such building showing the art work of the ancients is the Casa de las Monjas in Uxmal. Clair Weldon aptly described the work as "lacework in stone." The very evidence of the people themselves helps support the Book of Mormon.

Although the study of the ruins has become an important and interesting work for many of our church members, it was stressed that even more important to us are the people found living many times in the very shadows of those ruins of their ancestors. It is one of the big tasks of the church today to win these people back to God. They are hungry for the gospel. Apostle Hield related his experiences in attending a prayer service with the Indians. He found them eager to hear more of our belief concerning their ancestors and the "Christo." They begged him to stay and tell them more.

It is through means such as were used at these discourses that many of our members learn more about the possibilities of service south of the border. Interest is spreading rapidly. It was learned that several of the students at Graceland plan to go to Mexico City to study this summer. Many other persons plan to spend time in Mexico during their vacations and were given materials and aids by Apostle Hield. The church is on the move toward its Lamanite brothers.

JEAN HURSHMAN

## Portraits Displayed at Conference

Portraits of five distinguished leaders of the church were displayed at the Audio-Visual booth during Conference week: Israel A. Smith, Elbert A. Smith, Joseph Smith III, Joseph Smith, Jr., and Hyrum Smith.

Brother Harold Bullard of California, the artist, presented these portraits to President Smith, who now has them in his office. They were produced by a relatively new photographic process. Original pictures of these men were transferred to light sensitive canvas, then oil paints were applied to the photographs appearing on the canvas.



## Department of Women Classes

Two classes were held for the women at 9:45 daily, each class being repeated at 11:00 a.m. so that all women could have the privilege of attending both classes. These sessions were held in Stone Church lower auditorium and Kansas Avenue Chapel.

The general goal was "Building Zion Homes and Families." One series of classes was "Women's Department in Action." In these classes there were actual demonstrations of election of officers, an executive board meeting, and a business session. These were under the leadership of Mrs. George Shippy, Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, and Mrs. Herbert Six. In addition there were three talks: "Friendly Visiting; Cradle Roll," by Mrs. V. D. Ruch; "Women's Stewardship of Money in Branch and Home," by Bishop G. L. DeLapp; and "Women Assist in the Missionary Series," by Seventy Sylvester Coleman. These classes were an excellent workshop to assist the women to better carry on the work in their local departments.

The second series of classes was "Eternal Living Today." President W. Wallace Smith gave the first address, "Today's Woman—Achieving Maturity." A panel discussion was held on "Today's Child—Conditioning for Life," with Mrs. Leslie Kohlman, Mrs. Stephen Black, and Mrs. J. C. Stuart participating. Apostle Reed Holmes and Clifford Cole of the Religious Education Department presented a film, "Faith of Our Families," demonstrating methods of devotions and worship. Mrs. N. R. Carmichael and Mrs. C. A. Skinner discussed "Today's Family—Its Assets and Liabilities with the subtopics, "What of Today's Standards?" and "Achieving Economic Stability." Mrs. S. A. Burgess talked on "Years of Fulfillment," and the closing address, "Eternal Living Today," was given by Evangelist H. I. Velt.

There was a large attendance at the classes, and the women seemed to feel that a wealth of inspirational and practical material had been provided.

A. B. KOHLMAN

### Lost

Blue cornflower shaped pin clip, two and one-half inches long, gold plated, blue enameled, studded with rhinestones. Reward. Miss Ellis Clement, 701 West Maple, Independence, Missouri.



## Artist from Battle Creek, Michigan

"My list of club memberships would be much longer than this had you asked me a year ago," said Mattie Willis, handing in her biographical data sheet to the Herald House representative. "I drew out from many of them in order to have more time for church work." We consulted the list. At present she belongs to the Battle Creek Music Teachers, the Dardnelle Art Club, and the Civic Center Planning Commission Board. But as to church, in addition to her work as a soloist, she holds two time-consuming jobs: district music director and leader of the local women's department. Besides she works at her vocation as teacher of voice and piano in her residence studio and serves as an instructor at the Willard Institute of Music.

Here at General Conference Sister Willis is acting as delegate from the Southern Michigan District and giving freely of the rich fullness of her lovely soprano voice to thrill Conference audiences. To the warmth of her personality, her poise, and her confidence, she has added training with great vocal teachers to make for success. Mrs. Willis has studied with the late Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, renowned Negro composer and teacher; the late Harper C. Maybee, Director Emeritus, School of Music, Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo; Dr. Clifford E. Bair, first President of National Association for Opera; George Graham of the Chicago Musical College faculty, and Alfred G. Richards, Consultant of Vocal Music for the Battle Creek Public Schools. A scholarship obtained through the Battle Creek Music Scholarship Foundation enabled her to

spend a summer in study with Bernardo DeMuro, formerly of the LaScala Opera Company of Milan, Italy, considered one of the greatest teachers of today.

Of honors she holds quite a number. To mention a few—in 1949 she appeared as a soloist with the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra, having won in the annual artist auditions. She received the highest rating possible from the three judges. In 1950 she was the unanimous choice of the judges and the only winner in the artist auditions conducted by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Willis is a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, where she still resides and where she was baptized by Elder Roy Young. She has one daughter, Charlotte (Chuckii) Willis, who is at present attending Graceland College.

Of her hobbies the charming and talented Sister Willis can use only one word to express: people.

LILLIE JENNINGS

## Pledged to Auditorium Fund

A "Finish the Auditorium" drive was the order of business at 2:20 p.m. Saturday during Conference. Labeled as "second only in importance to the raising of the annual budget," Auditorium contributions were solicited from the assembled delegates during the afternoon business session. The final tally of pledge cards totaled \$114,158.70, and additional cash was yet to be figured. These figures leave only about 45 per cent of the \$200,000 needed to complete the interior of the assembly room, excluding an organ, seating, and architects' fees.

# The Crux of Zion's Progress

G. L. DELAPP

The word that Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2: 1-4.

**T**HE DAY-TO-DAY CRISES which characterize our present civilization cause one to approach an hour such as this not only with deep concern, but in the spirit of careful deliberation and prayer. You will already have discerned from the title of my talk that I feel we as a church are likewise in a critical period of our experience. It is my intent to discuss problems which are perplexing and for which, up to the present time, we have had difficulty in finding a proper solution.

It seems highly desirable that in consideration of these problems we establish some common basis for a meeting of minds, that we have a common point of beginning. I think that this basis, or the point of beginning, is of necessity that of our common religious beliefs and convictions.

Great prophets have foretold great events, and it is to some of these that we turn that there might come insight relative to the relation of our place in world history to all that which has preceded it. Isaiah, one of the greatest prophets of all times, looked down the avenue of time to our day and beyond. He looked to the "land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia," a term which has considerable significance to those of us who believe in the Restoration. Isaiah looked forward to the establishment of Christ's kingdom:

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment."

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.—Isaiah 32: 17, 18.

Isaiah looked forward from his place in history to the coming of our Lord and Savior:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9: 6.

**J**EREMIAH AND EZEKIEL, who are referred to as "Prophets of Doom," foretold the defeats and the tragedies befalling the people, decried the wickedness. They lived in a time which was described by one writer in these words: "Gross and sensual idolatry had sapped ancient morals and corrupted the whole fabric of society." Despite these conditions they, under the enlightening influence of the Spirit of God, were able, as was Isaiah, to prophesy of the Restoration. They were, in fact, prophets of the Restoration and the coming of the kingdom of God. They made other notable contributions, particularly that of sensing the significance of individual responsibility to God, which responsibility previously has been assumed largely on a communal basis. This individualism, which had its beginning in their days in relationship to God, finds expression today in a more full and complete sense in the whole principle of stewardship which makes individual responsibility to God basic and is in keeping with the spirit of the Restoration.

Daniel portrays the future destiny of mankind, the ultimate establishment of "everlasting righteousness" under the reign of the Messiah.

These and other great prophets held out the promise and the hope of the kingdom of God.

We look back to read the records they wrote and from those records and the records which followed we see evidence of the fulfillment of prophecy; for in due time Jesus, about whom the prophet Isaiah wrote—Jesus, the Son of God—came among men, lived and died, was resurrected, and took his place in the eternal program of God. He prophesied of and foretold the coming of the kingdom, and on many different occasions described or defined the elements essential to kingdom building.

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

Therefore say I unto you, The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.—Matthew 21: 42, 43.

In many of the parables he identified the component elements which constitute the kingdom:

Wherefore, seek not the things of this world but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God, and to establish his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6: 33, I.V.

Go ye into the world, saying unto all, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come nigh unto you.—Matthew 7: 9, I.V.

The basic principles of the kingdom are clearly set forth in many of the parables

used by our Lord as he taught men the kingdom way of life:

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?—Luke 6: 41.

Consider the principle of forgiveness, as recorded in Luke 7 in the story of the two debtors; these and many others set the pattern for those who would be builders of the kingdom.

We turn back briefly now to Isaiah to read important words of prophecy which relate to us:

And thou shalt be brought down and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.—Isaiah 29: 4.

And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed.—Isaiah 29: 11.

**T**HESE PROPHECIES and principles of the kingdom have been revealed so clearly to us in Scripture and the experience of the ages that they stand out as though in bold relief against the background of world history, to bring light and hope to a world that otherwise seems doomed.

Not only have these principles been written in the records of the human race, but they have been written as indelibly in the hearts and minds of men down through the ages, and they stand as beacon lights pointing the way to the kingdom of God in our day and age. It is to be expected then that there should come further elaboration of that which had been revealed as the will of God in the past that we of this day and age might know and believe and have hope in the promise of the coming kingdom. It is with such hope and faith, then, that we turn to some of the prophecy of these latter days—to the words of the prophet, Joseph Smith:

Hearken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say, Hearken ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together; for verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape, and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated; and the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow, for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed; and the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days, and they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.—Doctrine and Covenants 1: 1.

As one reads the words of this prophet, he finds therein the same note of author-

ity that is to be found in the prophecies of those prophets of olden days. Listen to the words he speaks as a prophet of God:

The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, can not be frustrated, neither can they come to naught, for God doth not walk in crooked paths; neither doth he turn to the right hand nor to the left; neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; therefore his paths are straight and his course is one eternal round.—Doctrine and Covenants 2: 1.

A great and marvelous work is about to come forth unto the children of men. . . .

Now as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, Keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion; seek not for riches but for wisdom; and, behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich. Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.—Doctrine and Covenants 6: 1, 3.

**T**HAT WHICH I have presented thus far may be considered as the basis for our common approach to the problems of Zion. In the Scriptures to which I have called your attention there is to be found the voice of God as it was given to men in generations past, but which comes to us today with freshness, with vitality, and—what is even more important—with specific commission to us as believers in the Restoration to be about the business of building God's kingdom. His voice comes as a challenge to us today and it is in that light that I declare that herein is the basis of our common understanding, our meeting of minds.

There is no hesitancy whatsoever in my coming by way of affirmation to it that I believe in the prophets of the past, in the prophet of latter days, and in those prophecies given through this prophet of latter days, as though they were the voice of God speaking to me today. It is therefore upon this foundation that we proceed together to the task of building Zion. Herein is to be found the crux of Zion's progress. It is in the measure of our belief and faith in that which comes to us as the voice of God.

Zion the kingdom becomes a perplexing problem only when we ignore that voice. Our lack of belief in the light of all that has been revealed to us as the will of God is the central point of our problems. It limits our progress. We need then to renew our faith in God, in his prophets of old, in the prophet of latter days, and in the great commission to which we are called. It is through this prophet of latter days that, in harmony with all that preceded in the ages which are past, there has been brought to us the great commission to establish the kingdom. This latter is confirmed in Section 19: 2:

For thus saith the Lord God, him have I inspired to move the cause of Zion in mighty power for good; and his diligence I know,

and his prayers I have heard: yea, his weeping for Zion I have seen, and I will cause that he shall mourn for her no longer, for his days of rejoicing are come unto the remission of his sins, and the manifestations of my blessings upon his works.

**W**E PROCEED then to examine our goals in the light of our past experience, our faith and belief, and in respect to the needs of our day. Our church has survived many great crises—a shattering of its organization with the death of the prophet, Joseph Smith, its subsequent struggle for growth following its reorganization as it resisted and overcame the stigma of false doctrine and those who usurped authority and went westward; the struggle which came into the church when questions of authoritative leadership arose; the crisis of debt and the depression—all of these, however, have failed to retard the onward progress of the church as it moves toward Zion. This progress has been the result of our having been able to adjust ourselves to changing conditions, to maintain our faith in the church, to believe in the ultimate accomplishment of the divine purpose despite all of the untoward things which have transpired.

Because we as a people, down through the generations, have been able to make adjustments to these changing conditions, to keep our sights high and our faith in God, we shall expect to continue to make progress in the future. That progress is contingent upon a continuation of a flexible but nevertheless purposeful policy of mobilizing and implementing our resources of manpower and wealth to the task of preaching the gospel and establishing an economic order, to give expression to a divine brotherhood.

We now need to adjust our thinking to recognize that this is to be accomplished within the framework of presently constituted units of government. We need to think of our Zion's economy as a continual, dynamic, and growing process which ultimately will find expression in the kingdom-of-God life toward which we work. The revelations received through the Prophet Joseph Smith are not limited as to time; they reveal principles which are applicable to specific areas of men's relationships, one to another, and to God, as long as men live together upon earth.

**N**UMEROUS REVELATIONS pertain to the pattern of men's behavior and to the organization of his economic life and the relation of that life to his spiritual growth. Further, that social behavior and economic health are premised upon two important principles—agency and accountability. The manner in which he holds himself accountable for his acts and

the use of God-given talents is a measure of man's devotion to the cause of God, which is that of kingdom building. We are therefore interested in and vitally concerned with the choices we as members of the church make relative to the exercise of our agency and the extent to which we hold ourselves accountable to each other and to the church.

Here are a few of the goals which challenge us in the exercise of agency and accountability:

#### *Every man a steward*

Every man shall be made accountable unto me a steward over his own property.—Doctrine and Covenants 42: 9.

. . . that I, the Lord, should make every man accountable, as stewards over earthly blessings.—101: 2

And an account of this stewardship will I require of them in the day of judgment.—70: 1.

#### *The Gathering*

The Gathering must be recognized as a divine principle.

. . . that my covenant people may be gathered in one, in that day when I shall come to my temple.—42: 10

And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.—45: 14.

#### *The storehouse*

In these days of mounting surpluses and, paradoxically, impoverishment, it seems high time that men learned something about the divine principle of the distribution of resources and wealth:

And if thou obtainest more than that which would be for thy support, thou shalt give it unto my storehouse that all things may be done according to that which I have said.—42: 14.

The successful implementation of stewardship, the Gathering, and the storehouse is dependent upon compliance with the fundamental law of tithing which provides the resources for the development of the spiritual incentive essential to attainment of the full life premised on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The ultimate objective of the church is written into the records through General Conference action in 1932 as follows:

1. The building of a society of people inspired with a like faith, hope and spiritual type of life, having the materials for the daily needs of a people, from the physical and temporal aspects, is the ultimate objective placed before the church by law. The physical and temporal aspects are but the supports for and background of a Christian life of the highest order possible.

2. This society must be provided with the means of daily existence, and all steps taken must be for the purpose of providing these fundamentals in the form of food, clothing, shelter, as well as the tools and equipment of work and production, transportation and communication.

This objective which, for the sake of brevity, has been quoted only in part, is but a more specific reiteration of the principle contained in the revelation, Section 36: 2: "And the Lord called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them."

**WE ARE NOW FACED** with the need for taking practical steps to implement our Zioniac program. It is one thing to recognize the divinity of prophetic utterances which point to the establishment of the kingdom of God; it is another thing to give an equivalent divine expression in the commonplace, practical relationships, social, economic, and spiritual, that should govern our lives as builders of the kingdom. But we must nevertheless take these practical steps if there is to be a realization of spiritual goals. These steps may be briefly summarized.

The act of compliance with the financial law is basic; tithes and offerings must flow into the treasury of the church to maintain an ever-increasing ministerial personnel. The budget to be acted upon by this Conference is the largest ever presented. Its provisions for the work in all departments of the church is adequate for constructive and creative work which should make it possible for all departments and individuals to devote full time and energy to the specific tasks which are theirs or ours in the interests of the church.

The program of stewardship in the broader aspects of the law presents a challenge to every member of the church. There is need for—

(1) a better informed membership regarding the doctrine and philosophy of the church

(2) the preparation of literature to broaden our curriculum in Zioniac procedures and goals

(3) improved techniques in relating the professional and vocational skills of our membership to our church goals

(4) developing lines of communication between church official personnel and members

These needs and others closely related bear mute witness of the vast opportunities of service by all who seek opportunity for mental and spiritual growth. To amplify these needs by way of illustration at one point only, let us examine the idea of community building and planning which has so long stimulated our people in their thinking and in their hopes, and toward which we have looked as a means of giving expression of our belief in God and, in fact, of setting up the ensign unto which the nations of the earth can look.

**WE SHOULD APPROACH** the problem of community building and planning intelligently and with purpose. There are some things we should consider:

What is our purpose?

What is it we expect to do, either in a new community, or in one presently constituted, such as our own city here of Independence?

What resources—land areas, public utilities, finances, housing, schools, industry—are needed?

What of personnel, adequately trained and qualified?

Any approach to community building or planning must be done carefully and with specific objectives in view. We have already acquired substantial land holdings that may well suffice for an area upon which a Zioniac community can be developed. This, however, would represent only a portion of the resources required.

Mobilization of capital and the selection of those qualified and consecrated to such an endeavor present major problems. These problems, however, are not beyond the possibility of solution.

It has been suggested by many at different times (and with this thought there is no dispute, for I am sure that it is a logical approach to make to the solution of any problem) that the first step may well be that of assigning to a small group of qualified people—including architects, community planners, engineers, sociologists, homemakers, doctors, lawyers, and such others as may have special contributions to make—the task of evaluating our objectives and resources for such an attempt. This could well be the preliminary step for Zioniac community building.

Provision has been made, through the enactment of the Document on Surplus for the consecration of funds, for financing such research. Is it not reasonable to suggest that there is some relation between community planning and compliance with the laws of the church? Is it not further reasonable to suggest that the response to this provision of consecration of surplus for this purpose presents the real test as to whether the time is opportune for such study and development?

**IN MY OPINION** there will be favorable response as we improve the lines of communication within the church—that is, that we make known to the membership of the church that the elementary steps in Zioniac procedure and community building must necessarily be those of compliance with the financial laws of the church and that consecration of surplus as such is absolutely basic

to any successful endeavor in kingdom building. As already stated, there is reasonable assurance that when our members understand we are making a specific approach to a problem that has long been discussed on a general level only, such financial support will be forthcoming.

Community planning cannot be done successfully except it be related to the principle of the Gathering. Much discussion has been had throughout the years on this all-important movement. Some procedures have been developed which have proved helpful, such as the gathering questionnaire which calls for references regarding those gathering and evaluation of member contribution to church work in area of residence versus potential contribution to the church in central areas. In addition, stake bishops have given personal counsel and co-operation.

**UP TO THE PRESENT TIME**, the gathering movement has been sporadic and often without well-defined purpose. The same group to which assignment may be given for research in community planning will, of necessity, be required to study and analyze the gathering movement of the past, its present status, and give consideration to the areas in which it may well be directed in the future.

Another area in which we need specific study is in the field of health and welfare. In this we have been under the necessity of meeting needs on the basis of emergency, if not expediency. It must be remembered that we as a church have passed through cycles of events and trends which have limited us in progressive and long-time planning. The present era should make possible creative, long-time planning. The schism in the church in the twenties, the depression of the thirties, and the war in the forties have all caused distortion; but now we face a new era, one in which there is real opportunity for consistent and steady growth if we are of the will.

I speak with confidence when I pledge that we of the Presiding Bishopric look forward with faith and with hope and with assurance to the successful accomplishment and attainment of the goals of the church.

Can anyone look upon world events without being aware of the fact that civilization is moving to another great crisis? Can we who have professed a belief in the prophets of old and in the prophet of these latter days move away from or back away from the great task to which we have been commissioned? Can we deny the evidence of the onward progress of the kingdom of God which has been revealed to us in the light

which has accompanied the revelations to this church?

The answer to all of these questions is that we must move forward. The revelations pertaining to kingdom-building challenge and inspire us. They contain the principles upon which we are to build. We must never permit our hopes to become dimmed, for those of us who have been called to this great task through membership in the church have experienced a touch of spiritual power. We know that there is something which is a part of us which also has relation to and is kin to a force greater than we are.

As we have accepted the revelations and prophecies of the past, so do we accept this force that we recognize as God the Creator, made known to us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and that the light and understanding which has come to us has come to us through the power of his Spirit. Thus there has been given the promise of spiritual perception, the ability to distinguish truth from error, right from wrong; but as spiritual perception is our privilege, it must be remembered that it is our privilege according to our faith and our works. Thus we face the future determined to find the answers to the problems of stewardship, the Gathering, the storehouse, and the building of Zion communities.

**W**HAT THEN must we do? First, we must not only maintain the level of income that we reached in 1953 (\$1,796,000.00), but raise it to over two million dollars.

Second, we must add to our list of ministerial personnel qualified and consecrated appointees who will more than carry their financial costs.

Third, we must maintain constant support to missions abroad.

Fourth, we must, in addition to increasing our income for missionary purposes, provide for the unmet needs of our institutions—Graceland College and the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital. These are institutions which have been and will continue to provide the personnel required to expand the work of the church in all fields, including medical missionary personnel and social workers for missions abroad, besides serving as the core of educational and health and welfare work.

In stressing the importance of the need for sustaining our institutions, I am not for one moment suggesting that there are not great resources available to us by way of a personnel from our young people attending other institutions of learning and training. We must not only maintain contact with such but utilize those resources effectively.

We are to complete the Auditorium. Have we reached the peak of our contributions from members for this purpose? I think not. It is my hope and my opinion that with the approval by General Conference of the amount in the budget recommended by the Appropriations Committee, that additional funds may be raised from freewill offerings and from surplus to permit continuous work on this building until it is completed. Further, we should provide additional funds for the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund to meet the needs of this growing church.

How are we to do this? By a continuation and expansion of our present program of "Keep the Law"; by setting specific goals for these additional needs for extra budget items, such as the Auditorium; by more concentrated and well-supervised organization of our personnel to the particular end of fund raising.

**I**N ADDITION to the foregoing we shall broaden the scope of our endeavors to solicit the services of those who are not under church appointment but who have qualifications and interests in special areas of church work. To this end we have the approval of the First Presidency for the holding of regional conferences throughout Canada and the United States to follow through with the groundwork done in the Professional and Business Men's Institute of a year ago. Through such organized gatherings we shall tackle the problems of the Gathering, the storehouse, surplus, community planning, self-insurance, employment and personnel agencies, and many other related problems that pertain to the work of the Bishopric, which problems have been discussed throughout the years but have been implemented in the total program of the church only in part.

Our present financial policies and procedures need to be restudied in the light of present and changing conditions. To this end the Board of Appropriations is to be called for a meeting this fall or next spring.

Thus we see that in the light of all that will be required of us there is no place for the sluggard, the indifferent, or the luke warm. It is the kingdom of God calling us to service. It is our task to implement the resources available.

Can we do it? May I answer this in a closing word of testimony. In the last few years there has come to me the definite impression that our church was moving into the most progressive and dynamic decade of its history. Some of this time is past. I have evaluated and re-evaluated that impression; I have asked myself, Is it just an emotional experience, or is it the prompting of the Spirit of God? Since that time there has been some reconfirmation of the assurance given. This is the day of our great opportunity as a church. That assurance is modified only by the realization that unless we respond to the moving of God's Spirit, our opportunity may be lost. It is our day, if we choose to make it our day.

As I have had faith in the church of the past, so do I have faith in the church of today. We shall move forward! We shall accomplish the divine purpose! May God bless us to that end, and may we, as we work together, bear testimony of God's goodness to us, and may that testimony find expression in our good works. Zion must become a reality!

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Saturday, April 10, 1954

President F. Henry Edwards was in the chair at the opening of this Conference business meeting, April 10, 1954. After the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., Apostle R. E. Davey offered the invocation, following the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by the assembly. Frederick O. Weddle led the singing and Oliver C. Houston, Jr., played the organ accompaniment.

After a minor correction, the minutes of the April 9, meeting were approved.

President Edwards presented to the assembly Mrs. B. M. Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska, who addressed the Conference regarding the autobiography of her father, Joseph Smith III. Sister Anderson's daughter, Mrs. Harlow Fredrick of Orlando, Florida, accompanied her to the rostrum and was introduced.

The chair recognized E. J. Gleazer, Jr., President of Graceland College, who introduced Miss Mariette Delahaut, a citizen of Belgium, who is serving as an exchange teacher on the Graceland College

faculty this year. Miss Delahaut addressed the assembly.

In harmony with the Conference action of Friday, Bishop G. L. DeLapp directed the effort of obtaining pledges and contributions from the Conference toward the completion of the Auditorium. A number of brethren were introduced by the Bishop, each of whom spoke in support of the matter of completing the building. During this time, envelopes and pledge cards were distributed, and later collected.

A document was distributed to the assembly regarding the department of women for subsequent consideration.

#### To the General Conference:

In our report to the Conference we indicated that we would present specific recommendations for broadening the work of the Department of Women and reorganizing the Council. We now have pleasure in presenting an outline of the principles which we believe should govern in those matters:

1. The Department of Women, general and local, should be concerned with the whole

range of kingdom activity among the women of the church, and should seek to give specific guidance to its members in the building of Zion, homes, evangelism, community betterment, public morality, adult education, literature and the arts, social service, and similar areas of interest.

2. We believe the Leader of Women who works in close harmony with the First Presidency should be assisted by a Women's Council composed of members from the general vicinity of Independence, Missouri, and of advisory members from more distant parts of the church; those council members representing the various age, interest, and activity groups of our church women.
3. The Leader of Women should be appointed by the First Presidency with the approval of General Conference.
4. Members of the Council should be appointed by the First Presidency in consultation with the Leader of Women.
5. The Leader of Women should be sustained at the General Conference of the Church.
6. The Women's Council should be reconstituted at the General Conference of 1956 with the proviso that at the time the Council members shall be selected for 2-4- and 6-year terms, and that all selections thereafter shall be for 6-year terms.
7. Vacancies occurring between Conferences should be filled by appointment from the First Presidency in consultation with the Leader of Women.

The First Presidency, after proper consultation, will appoint from among the present members of the General Council and others not now on the council, a sufficient number to hold special interest committee chairmanships to give some assurance of continuity of effort.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The following communication pertaining to the date of the 1956 Conference was presented for later consideration:

#### To the First Presidency and General Conference:

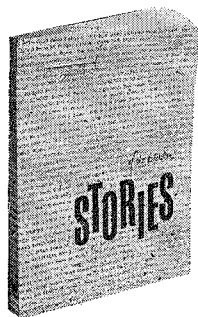
The Quorum of High Priests favor a reconsideration of the action of the Conference of yesterday fixing the dates of the next General Conference.

Inasmuch as April 1, 1956, is Easter and this Sunday means so much in the Christian life of each branch and community, we recommend that the dates of the Conference of 1956 be set to avoid Easter Sunday; and further, the Quorum respectfully requests the First Presidency to avoid Easter Sunday in recommending dates for future Conferences.

THE QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS  
By EMERY E. JENNINGS  
C. J. SMITH

At this point the assembly paid tribute to the Laurel Club by honoring its oldest member, Mrs. Nelle Goodrich. The president of the Laurel Club presented a corsage to Sister Goodrich during which time the assembly stood in tribute.

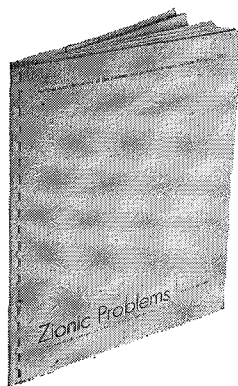
The chairman announced that we have for the attention of the Conference a document presented by President Israel A. Smith already considered by the various Councils, Quorums, and Orders. President W. Wallace Smith read the document:



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April 7, 1954

*To the Councils, Quorums, and Orders of the Church and to the General Conference:*

1. When I was in England in 1952 I was given the assurance that Donald V. Lents, a high priest, was called to be an apostle. Now that there is a vacancy in the Council of Twelve, and realizing the great need for apostolic ministry and direction, I have made it a subject of prayer, and I am directed to submit this name to you, the voice of inspiration to me being:

2. "My servant Donald V. Lents is called and he is now chosen to the holy office of an apostle and should be ordained to that office as soon as practicable. Pending that time he should be placed in charge of the English and European Missions."

3. The voice of inspiration to me also is as follows:

"It is wisdom for the church to accept the direction of the Council of Presidents of Seventy and complete their organization. My servants of this council should not be over-careful in selecting elders, under the law, to occupy as seventies. The field of opportunity in new places is great in all areas, and there are many who earnestly desire to do missionary work who are called to be seventies, and when they are ordained to that office the church should devise ways and means, as far as practicable, for them to be given missionary assignment.

4. "The growing desire for missionary work will be amply rewarded and the church will be blessed even more than in the past."

(Signed) ISRAEL A. SMITH  
Servant of the Church

Elders E. E. Jennings and Lewis Landsberg moved to receive the document presented by the President of the church and approve it and authorize its publication in the Doctrine and Covenants.

The following statements from the Councils, Quorums, and Orders were presented:

April 10, 1954

*To the General Conference:*

The Counselors to the President of the church have considered the document presented by President Israel A. Smith and we are happy to endorse it as being of divine origin and the will of God to the church.

F. HENRY EDWARDS, Counselor  
W. WALLACE SMITH, Counselor

April 9, 1954

*President Israel A. Smith:*

This is to inform you that the Council of Twelve "endorses the first two paragraphs of the document submitted by the President of the church as the word of the Lord, leaving the balance of the document without approval or disapproval by the Council of Twelve."

D. O. CHESWORTH,  
Secretary pro tem

April 7, 1954

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:*

This is to advise that the Order of Bishops have given careful consideration to the document submitted by President Israel A. Smith dated April 7, 1954. It was moved and carried unanimously that the Order of Bishops in quorum session approve the document from Israel A. Smith as revealing the will of the Lord to the church.

The Order expressed full confidence in the calling of Brother Donald V. Lents to the

office of apostle and pledged him full support in his ministry.

It was also felt that the direction to the church concerning the Seventies would benefit the missionary program of the church.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS  
W. N. JOHNSON, Secretary

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The Order of Evangelists has considered the document coming to us from President Israel Smith on April 7, 1954. The document was given careful consideration and it was approved as the revelation of divine will and instruction to the church.

ELBERT A. SMITH, Presiding Patriarch  
LYNN E. SMITH, Secretary

April 7, 1954

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:*

This day, in regular session, the Quorum of High Priests gave serious and prayerful consideration to the document presented by President Israel A. Smith, purporting to be the word of God to this church.

After due consideration the Quorum unanimously approved the document as being of divine origin and worthy of the support of the church. We urge its adoption and support.

WARD A. HOUGAS  
President of the Quorum  
W. J. BRESHEARS  
Secretary of the Quorum

April 9, 1954

*President Israel A. Smith:*

The Quorum of Seventy has received your document and after considerable prayer and serious thought we have given serious consideration to the document paragraph by paragraph.

After such consideration, we present the following as the expression of the mind and will of the First Quorum of Seventy:

"We approve the document in so far as it pertains to the call and ordination of Donald V. Lents and we request that the remainder of this document be referred to the councils of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy for consideration during the period before the Conference of 1956."

May the power of divine light guide and direct the church toward the goal of building God's kingdom in these trying days.

THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY  
By VIRGIL J. BILLINGS, Secretary

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The document from President Israel A. Smith was received by the Quorums of Elders gathered in session at the Granada Theater at 10:20 a.m., April 7, 1954. Consideration was had on the document and the following action was taken:

"That the Quorum of Elders accept the document as read, that we believe it to be the divine will of God, and that we present it to the General Conference with our approval."

The motion was carried.

MITCHEL JUERGENS  
Secretary pro tem

April 7, 1954

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:*

At the assembly of the members of the Aaronic order of the priesthood, held at 10:15 a.m. this date, consideration was given to the

document presented to the councils, quorums, and orders of the church, signed by Israel A. Smith, Servant of the Church.

Proper motion and support were given to this document to bring it before the body for discussion. The discussion was participated in by a goodly number of the members of the order. This discussion indicated a fine spiritual sense of its content and implications.

The document was unanimously accepted as the word of God to the church, both respecting the call of Donald V. Lents, High Priest, to the office of apostle, and as to the voice of inspiration as expressed in the document regarding the work of the Council of Presidents of Seventy and of the Seventies.

G. L. DELAPP, Presiding Bishop and  
President of the Aaronic Priesthood  
ELI W. KESTER, Secretary pro tem

The following cables of announcement and acceptance were read:

April 5, 1954

DONALD V. LENTS  
40 Highfield Road  
Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England

Please cable me earliest convenience if willing to accept call to Apostolic Council.

ISRAEL A. SMITH

PRESIDENT ISRAEL SMITH

Although feeling personally inadequate I am willing to accept responsibility in Apostolic Council. If approved by Conference assembled will strive to serve God and his church in humility and sincerity to the best of my ability.

DONALD V. LENTS

At this point the chair stated that the document would be considered by paragraphs. Apostle A. A. Oakman and Bishop H. L. Livingston spoke on the first paragraph which was approved unanimously.

The second paragraph was then brought before the Conference for consideration. Apostles E. J. Gleazer and Reed M. Holmes spoke, followed by a statement and the following motion for referral by Elder Russell F. Ralston:

We move that the portion of this document which has to do with the calling of Seventy be referred to the three quorums of concurrent jurisdiction, the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, for further interpretation and clarification.

Seventy Virgil Billings seconded the motion, followed by a statement by Bishop L. Wayne Updike. Apostle A. A. Oakman then moved as a substitute for the motion of reference "that we as a Conference approve this paragraph now under consideration and refer the matter of implementation to a council of the First Presidency and the Twelve." It was seconded by Apostle E. J. Gleazer. Speaking on the question were Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith, Seventy George A. Njeim, and Bishop G. L. DeLapp. Miss Nancy Hunter and Elder Floyd Rockwell moved the previous question on the whole matter. The

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chair answered questions from the floor clarifying the parliamentary procedure resulting from the above motion. The motion on the previous question carried. The substitute for the motion of reference was then put to a vote and lost, as did the motion for referral.

The paragraph under consideration was then approved. A standing vote of approval was then given the document as a whole by delegates, ex officio, and visitors.

Elder Z. Z. Renfroe was recognized by the chair and made the following statement:

## STATEMENT OF Z. Z. RENFROE

*Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference:*

We, the Presidents of Seventy, or the majority thereof, the Quorum of Seventy, and members of the Council of Twelve have stated our position which was the result of a deep and sincere conviction born of concern for the work of the church.

However, since the Conference has voted to accept this document as the mind and the will of the Lord, we wish to say that we are with you and pledge our support to the fulfilling of the intent and purpose to the best of our ability. We also desire to pledge our allegiance anew to the support of the Prophet of the Church as the prophet, seer, and revelator and will do all in our power to the furthering of the cause of the building of the kingdom of God here below.

Seventy George A. Njeim also made a statement pledging his support.

The assembly, while standing, then sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

The following communication regarding the Archaeological Society was read to the Conference:

## *To the General Conference:*

In as much as it is incumbent upon us to appoint the members of the executive committee of the Archaeological Society, we recommend that this committee be composed of Charles R. Hield, Paul M. Hanson, Harold I. Velt, Roy Weldon, and Melvin R. Fowler.

We further recommend that Louise P. Sheldon be honorably released from membership in the executive committee, and that the Chair be authorized to write her a letter of appreciation for her service in this connection.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By ISRAEL A. SMITH

On motion by Elders Roy Cheville and L. W. Kohlman, the recommendations were approved.

Following announcements, the hymn, "Blest Be Thou, O God of Israel," and the benediction by Tsunao Miyamoto, this business session of the Conference was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF

FRED L. YOUNG

W. R. STEARNS

*Secretaries*

The final business session of the 1954 General Conference was presided over by President Israel A. Smith. After the meeting was called to order, the assembly sang "Ye Wondering Nations" under the leadership of Elder F. S. Weddle, with Elder Evan Fry at the organ. The invocation was by Apostle R. M. Holmes.

The Secretary read the minutes for the business meeting of Saturday, April 10, which were approved.

President Israel A. Smith called Elder Anton Compier to the platform to introduce visitors and delegates from European countries.

Bishop G. L. DeLapp took the stand to report on the effort of Saturday regarding the Auditorium completion drive. Pledge cards and offering envelopes were then distributed to those who had not received them earlier.

The chairman then called for action on the communication from the First Presidency regarding the Department of Women. This document was distributed to the delegates on Saturday and printed in the minutes of that day.

The motion to approve was by Elders Francis Bishop and Charles Putnam. The following amendment was moved by Miss Elaine Parkes and Mrs. Blanche Currie:

Moved to amend paragraph 4 to read: "Members of the council should be nominated by the First Presidency in consultation with the Leader of Women and with concurrent nominations from the floor."

The matter was discussed, after which the motion to amend was approved, as was the amended motion.

The following communication from the First Presidency, relative to the resignation of Mrs. S. S. Arnson, was presented, during which time President W. Wallace Smith escorted Sister Arnson to the platform:

## *To the General Conference:*

For several months Sister S. S. Arnson has served us as Leader of Women at the cost of unusual personal sacrifice. She has now filed her resignation with the First Presidency, thereby terminating twenty years of wise, dignified and devoted service to the women of the church and to the church.

The members of the First Presidency, to whom Sister Arnson has given the finest possible support, are particularly reluctant to accept her resignation. We do so only because we know that the reasons for her action are

sound ones, and we can count on Sister Arnson to continue to give the best possible support within her power.

We have appointed a committee consisting of President F. H. Edwards, Bishop G. L. DeLapp, and Sister Harold I. Velt to express to Sister Arnson the heartfelt thanks of the church for the service which she has rendered. We suggest that we express our thanks at this time by a standing vote of appreciation.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The recommendation was approved by a standing vote as requested. After receiving a corsage from Mrs. B. M. Anderson, Sister Arnson addressed the assembly.

President Israel A. Smith read the following letter regarding the selection of a new leader of women:

## *To the General Conference:*

We greatly regret that circumstances beyond our control have made it impossible for us to present our selection of a new leader of women for the approval of the body at this time. A selection will be made before the next General Conference.

The Chair suggests that the Department be sustained until such time as appointment of leader is made.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The communication from the High Priests' Quorum pertaining to the date of the 1956 Conference was brought to the attention of the assembly. Elders D. T. Williams and W. Wallace Smith moved to reconsider the Conference dates of 1956. This motion carried. Elders D. T. Williams and E. E. Jennings moved that Conference dates for 1956 be April 8 to 15, which carried.

The following communication regarding a resignation from the Standing High Council was presented by the chair:

## *To the General Conference:*

The resignation of Leonard Lea from membership in the High Council leaves a vacancy in that Council. It is very desirable that this important place be filled; however, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have not had time to give this the consideration which we feel that it merits.

We recommend that the Presidency be authorized by the Conference to fill the Council and that approval will be asked for at the next General Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Upon the motion by Elders P. M. Hanson and Lewis Landsberg, the recom-

mendation of the Presidency was approved.

A letter was read regarding appointment of department heads:

*To the General Conference:*

We recommend your approval for the appointment of the following department heads: Clifford A. Cole, Director of Religious Education.

L. Wayne Updike, Assistant to the First Presidency in charge of Priesthood and Leadership Education.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The appointments were approved upon a motion by Elders Reed M. Holmes and Blair McClain.

Attention was called to the document on priesthood calls printed in the April 10 *Daily Herald*. A motion to approve was made by Brethren E. E. Jennings and Arnold Adams, which motion was approved.

The chair read the following letter announcing a gift in trust to the church of the wood carving of the Lord's Supper scene:

*To the General Conference:*

The beautiful wood carving of the Lord's Supper which is on the east front edge of the platform has been given to the church in trust, by Brother and Sister Charles C. Ford of Grand Junction, Colorado. We wish to thank Brother and Sister Ford for this beautiful gift. An appropriate place will be found for its permanent display in the Auditorium.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

President Israel A. Smith expressed appreciation for the labor of love given by Brother Harold Bullard for the painting of portraits of Presidents of the church. These portraits have been on display during the Conference.

The chairman read the following statement of appreciation to the press, radio, and television:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

This Conference has had excellent coverage from the press, radio, and television. This has been a valuable service to those members who have not been able to attend, as well as the community and nation. We hereby wish to express the thanks of the Conference to the organizations concerned for their courtesies.

We further wish to record our thanks to the city of Independence for its courtesies and services in handling the traffic and extending police protection. This has been both indulgent and efficient. The extra burdens thrown upon the city during this Conference period have been met with all the consideration of a good and gracious host.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The following report from the Registration Committee was read by the chair:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The total registration up to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 1954, was 8,252, divided as follows:

Delegates	600
Delegates Ex Officio	545
Ex Officiis	683
Visitors	3,968
Hosts	2,456
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,252</b>

This Conference exceeds all previous Conference registrations:

1930	6,008
1950	5,454
1952	7,168
1954	8,252

The attached report shows we have representation from 46 states, as well as from Washington, D.C., five Provinces of Canada, and from Australia, British Isles, Denmark, French Oceania, Germany, Hawaii, Holland, Japan, and Korea.

JOSEPH E. BALDWIN, *Chairman*  
HERBERT C. LIVELY  
HARRY J. SIMONS

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTRANTS

<i>Districts and Missions Abroad</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Australia	9	2	2	—	—	13
Alaska	—	—	—	—	—	—
British Isles	0	6	3	—	—	9
Denmark	—	1	—	—	—	1
French Oceania	4	9	—	—	—	13
Germany	5	4	—	—	—	9
Hawaii	—	—	3	—	—	3
Holland	—	2	—	—	—	2
Japan	—	—	—	2	—	2
Korea	—	—	—	1	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>53</b>

<i>Canada</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Alberta	6	1	1	5	—	13
Manitoba	1	1	—	3	—	5
Ontario	37	20	7	125	—	189
Saskatchewan	6	2	4	27	—	39
British Columbia	5	—	—	9	—	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>260</b>

<i>States</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Center	30	68	243	—	2,456	2,797
Central Mo.	13	14	33	336	—	396
Detroit	20	9	21	87	—	137
Far West	8	20	16	128	—	172
Kansas City	19	19	42	574	—	654
Lamoni Stake	6	13	16	118	—	153
Los Angeles	8	14	4	49	—	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>4,384</b>

<i>States</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Alabama	11	6	2	34	—	53
Arizona	2	3	2	14	—	21
Arkansas	1	3	4	20	—	28
California	27	24	12	127	—	190
Colorado	13	10	7	124	—	154
Connecticut	1	2	1	4	—	8
Delaware	—	—	—	1	—	1
Dis. of Col.	1	0	3	12	—	16
Florida	7	3	6	27	—	43
Georgia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	6	3	1	18	—	28
Illinois	22	31	25	242	—	320
Indiana	6	5	7	48	—	66
Iowa	43	36	44	317	—	440
Kansas	21	15	18	197	—	251
Kentucky	4	3	—	4	—	11
Louisiana	—	2	—	9	—	11
Maine	3	3	—	6	—	12

<i>Districts and Missions Abroad</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Maryland	—	2	2	15	—	19
Massachusetts	6	2	—	15	—	23
Michigan	75	30	26	204	—	335
Minnesota	4	7	3	42	—	56
Mississippi	3	2	—	5	—	10
Missouri	22	18	29	185	—	254
Montana	4	6	—	19	—	29
Nebraska	16	10	5	65	—	96
Nevada	—	—	1	6	—	7
N. Hampshire	2	—	—	3	—	5
New Jersey	2	—	1	5	—	8
New Mexico	—	1	2	9	—	12
New York	4	4	8	28	—	44
No. Carolina	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. Dakota	1	2	2	21	—	26
Ohio	31	24	9	160	—	224
Oklahoma	22	18	20	163	—	223
Oregon	6	8	6	18	—	38
Pennsylvania	6	10	8	62	—	86
Rhode Island	2	—	—	3	—	5
South Dakota	1	—	—	8	—	9
Tennessee	1	2	1	11	—	15
Texas	11	20	7	104	—	142
Utah	4	—	6	16	—	26
Virginia	—	2	5	4	—	11
Washington	21	11	2	50	—	84
W. Virginia	3	6	4	15	—	28
Wisconsin	7	5	7	41	—	60
Wyoming	1	1	2	23	—	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,555</b>

The chair stated that the Presidency would take the responsibility of writing additional letters of thanks to those who have been instrumental in making this Conference the success that it has been thus far.

The business of sustaining church officers proceeded as follows:

It was moved by Elders Z. Z. Renfroe and Sylvester Coleman that we sustain the First Presidency. The motion was put by Apostle Hanson and carried unanimously.

The motion to sustain the Council of Twelve carried unanimously, after motion by Elders G. L. DeLapp and F. Henry Edwards.

On motions duly made and seconded the following officers, quorums, and orders of priesthood were sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference:

- The Standing High Council
- Presiding Evangelist and Order of Evangelists
- Presiding Bishopric and Order of Bishops
- Presidency and Quorum of High Priests
- Presidents of Seventy and Quorum of Seventies

Reading of appointments followed, President W. Wallace Smith reading the list. The appointees were requested to stand as their names were called:

## APPOINTMENTS

### FIRST PRESIDENCY

Israel A. Smith  
F. Henry Edwards W. Wallace Smith

### COUNCIL OF TWELVE

Paul M. Hanson—Representative of the First Presidency  
D. T. Williams—Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and Southern New England and Washington Metropolitan Districts

Edmund J. Gleazer—Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Southern Indiana District, Isle of Pines

Arthur A. Oakman—Wisconsin, Minnesota and Red River District, Illinois, including Nauvoo District, Northern Indiana, St. Louis, and South Missouri Districts  
Charles R. Hield—Central and Southwestern Texas Districts, Texas Unorganized, Arizona, New Mexico, and the Latin-American Mission

D. Blair Jensen—Eastern Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Texas District, and Spring River and Rich Hill Districts

Roscoe E. Davey—The Central States, Iowa, including Rock Island District, and Missouri Missionary Developmental Area

Maurice L. Draper—Australasian Mission and French Oceania

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Following the reading of the list of appointments, the appointee ministers

assembled on the platform, as did the superannuated ministers in attendance.

The chair invited all church workers in the congregation to arise and sing "It May Not Be on the Mountain's Height," led by Elder F. S. Weddle.

It was moved by Brethren Noble Gault and George McIntosh that the appointments be approved. The motion prevailed unanimously.

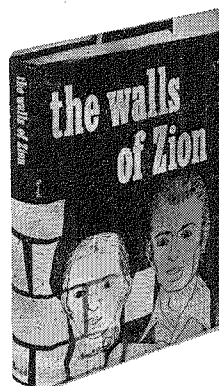
President Edwards stated that some department leaders had been omitted from the list. He read them, and on motion by Elders W. Wallace Smith and R. E. Davey, they were sustained. (See list of departments in list of assignments).

President Israel A. Smith made a statement of challenge regarding the ministry of the church.

The minutes of the Sunday session to this point were read and approved.

It was moved by Apostles Paul M. Hanson and D. T. Williams that we adjourn to meet according to the previous action of the Conference with respect to the next General Conference. The motion prevailed, and President Israel A. Smith declared the General Conference of 1954 now adjourned. After the singing of "God Be with You till We Meet Again," Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith pronounced the benediction. The Official Program and the *Daily Herald* constitute the record of the General Conference of 1954.

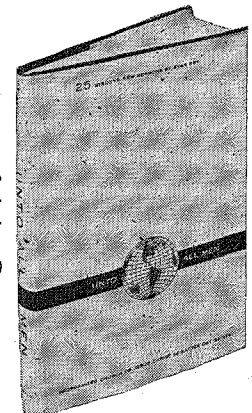
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During the past five years, Herald House has greatly expanded its production of new literature and is reproducing the more successful books and tracts of the past. Under the direction of the First Presidency, authors have doubled the number of missionary tracts during the last two Conference periods. In 1949, less than 40 tracts were in print. Today, approximately eighty are available. Some of the additions are successful tracts translated into German, Dutch, and Spanish.

Since the General Conference of 1952, several new tract titles have become familiar sights in tract racks, and in the hands of missionary-minded members. Among these are *Called of God As Was Aaron, How the Book of Mormon Confirms the Message of Christ, Jesus Christ, Savior of the World, Please Come Again, What and How Shall I Tell My Neighbor? Latter Day Saints, Oh Yes, I've Heard about You, and El Mensaje de la Restauracion*. A new series of "question and answer" tracts are now in production. Two of these are ready for distribution: *Water Baptism, Why Is It Important?* and *Spiritual Baptism and the Spiritual Gifts*. Others touching on additional fundamental principles will follow soon. Two new replacement tracts recently printed especially for distribution at historic points of interest are *Kivland Temple*, and *The Nauvoo Story*.

Joseph Smith's *Lectures on Faith* were reprinted in 1953 after the lapse of half a century. A representative group of Evan Fry's radio sermons hit the press in 1953 under the title *Unto All Men. Methods of Evangelism* and the *Missionary Handbook* were also distributed last year. The missionary edition of *The Call at Evening* became available early in 1953, and two of the old favorites, *In the Shelter of the Little Brown Cottage* and *The Vineyard Story* made fine Christmas gifts last December. George Njeim's *He Saw History in the Making* and Harold Velt's *The Sacred Book of Ancient America* were fine additions to missionary book literature in 1952. *The Return*, President Israel A. Smith's Conference address in 1952, has found its place in missionary work.

Of course there are still many fundamental needs for missionary literature not yet produced. Some are in the process of development. Others are still to be created. Editors, missionaries, pastors, and men and women of all walks of life are co-operating to fill these needs as rapidly as possible.

We look forward to the coming inter-Conference period as another one of progress in the ever-expanding field of evangelism.

P. A. W.

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