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REORGANIZED  
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OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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# Conference Reports

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The committee on credentials submits the following report concerning delegates to the conference of April, 1925. As the membership reported in the credentials, here stated, often disagrees with the records of the Statistical Department, membership according to said records is here given in parentheses, as of February 28, 1925. However, the membership as stated in the credentials is first given in each instance, and General Conference is requested to determine which figures shall be used as the basis of delegate votes.

The number of votes to be credited to the following districts will be affected by action of the conference in determining the figures to be used as a basis of delegate votes: Alberta, Chatham, Detroit, Eastern Michigan, Eastern Oklahoma, Florida, Fremont, Idaho, Kirtland, Minnesota, Mobile, North Dakota, Northern California, Northwestern Kansas, Owen Sound, Southeastern Illinois, Southern Indiana, Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana, Southern Nebraska, Southern Wisconsin, Spring River, Toronto, Western Maine, Youngstown-Sharon.

Eastern Michigan, Eastern Oklahoma, Spring River, Wales, West Virginia, and New York District credentials and signatures are typewritten only.

### AUSTRALIA

Northern New South Wales District, 530 members, 5 votes: P. M. Hanson, M. A. McConley, J. W. Rushton, J. W. Davis, Mrs. Inez Davis.

Norwood Branch, 120 members, 1 vote: C. F. Ellis.

Perth Branch. No credentials.

Queensland District, 260 members, 2 votes: William Patterson, J. Blackmore.

Southern New South Wales District, about 750 members, 7 votes: G. G. Lewis, Mrs. P. M. Hanson, Mrs. M. A. McConley, Gomer Wells, William Patterson, J. Blackmore, G. Mesley.

Victoria District, 282 members, 2 votes: M. A. McConley,  
Mrs. M. A. McConley, J. W. Rushton, P. M. Hanson.  
*2 excess.*

#### BRITISH ISLES

Midland District, 294 members, 2 votes: Howard Voas  
Meredith, Blanche Edwards.

Northern District, 721 members, 7 votes: J. E. Bishop,  
R. Baldwin, Mrs. R. Baldwin, J. W. Rushton, P. M.  
Hanson, J. F. Curtis.

Southern District, 224 members, 2 votes: P. M. Hanson,  
J. F. Curtis, J. A. Gillen. *1 excess.*

Wales District, 180 members, 1 vote: J. F. Curtis, P. M.  
Hanson. *1 excess.*

#### GERMAN MISSION

Braunschweig Branch, 80 members, 1 vote: J. F. Curtis.

Einbeck Branch, 15 members, 1 vote: E. C. Ohlert.

Hannover Branch, 125 members, 1 vote: J. F. Curtis,  
E. C. Ohlert. *1 excess.*

Gr. Räschen Branch, 106 members, 1 vote: E. C. Ohlert.

Gr. Wartenberg Branch, 62 members, 1 vote: J. F. Curtis.

#### HAWAII

Hilo Branch, 68 members, 1 vote: M. A. McConley.

Honolulu Chinese Branch, 25 members, 1 vote: M. A.  
McConley.

Honolulu Japanese Branch, 27 members, 1 vote: M. A.  
McConley.

Honolulu Main Branch, 226 members, 2 votes: M. A. Mc-  
Conley.

#### HOLLAND

No credentials.

#### NEW ZEALAND

Auckland Branch, 30 members, 1 vote: M. A. McConley.

Dunedin Branch. No credentials.

#### PALESTINE

Jerusalem Branch. No credentials.

#### SOCIETY ISLANDS

No credentials.

#### SWITZERLAND

Basel Branch, 31 members, 1 vote: J. F. Curtis.

## UNITED STATES AND CANADA

- Alabama District, 631 (637) members, 6 votes: T. C. Kelley, N. L. Booker, J. R. Harper, J. W. Rushton, T. W. Williams.
- Alberta District, 621 (527) members, votes: E. E. Long, C. J. Smith, William Osler, J. R. Beckley, W. H. Roy.
- Arkansas District, 460 (467) members, 4 votes: R. A. Ziegenhorn, Laura Emde, Leonard Pinchback, Mrs. J. T. Riley.
- Central Illinois District, (622) members, 6 votes: No credentials.
- Central Michigan District, 1,776 (1,772) members, 17 votes: S. T. Pendleton, Albert Seymour, Earl Falconer, George W. Burt, G. C. Tomlinson, M. A. Summerfield, William Methner, Willis Shrock, J. A. Roark, Matthew Umphrey, E. S. White, George Bailey, John D. Wade, George A. Pringle, George White, Emery Fultz, Otto Summerville.
- Central Nebraska District, 428 (474) members, 4 votes: Mrs. J. H. Butler, Mrs. M. E. Rutledge, Mrs. W. Allen, A. D. Ohering.
- Central Oklahoma District, 1,500 (1,595) members, 15 votes: James A. Thomas, M. E. Haskins, Mrs. Rodilla Dillon, George A. Kelley, Earl D. Bailey, Hubert Case, A. H. Christensen, Ed. Dillon, H. K. Rowland, Mrs. H. K. Rowland, Belle James, Mrs. Earl D. Bailey, Jack Koshiway, S. W. Simmons, W. Ammermon.
- Central Texas District, 489 (476) members, 4 votes: Carl G. Johnson, A. F. Shotwell, Mrs. W. E. Everett, D. A. Fuller, Mrs. L. R. Wells. *1 excess.*
- Chatham District, 1,427 (1,290) members, votes: Byron H. Doty, John C. Dent, Robert T. Brown, John Shields, J. Leslie Brown, S. Ezra Mifflin, James H. Tyrrell, Edith Moore, Wilbert Wood, Stanley Phillips, Florence Parker, Willard Kettlewell, C. Wesley Badder, Robert Parker.
- Clinton District, 948 (944) members, 9 votes: J. W. Higgins, J. A. Marsteller, F. A. Hawley, W. E. Haden, Lee Quick, John Orndoff, H. Ross Higdon, Mable Martin, Mrs. F. A. Sawley.
- Des Moines District, 1,353 (1,368) members, 13 votes: Henry Castings, G. F. Hull, David Dowker, E. O. Clark, J. R. Lentell, C. E. McDonald, Estella Lentell, George Orr, William Robinson, E. C. Kibby, Norman V. Anderson, Charles M. Richeson, Stephen Robinson.
- Detroit, Michigan, District, 2,111 (2,252) members, votes: M. W. Liston, Ida Robertson, A. H. Durose,

- Muriel Durose, B. F. Anspaugh, F. D. Gardner, William Tuttle, Emma Hardy, Myrtle Holden, Dewey McNamara, Beatrice McNamara, W. E. Alldread, Julia Hammond, W. L. Bennett, Maud Bennett, G. R. Kuykendall, J. R. Grice, W. C. Gault, Jesse D. Shelley, V. D. Schaar, J. Scott Falconer, Robert Kenyon.
- Eastern Colorado District, (1,634) members, 16 votes: Louisa Fishburn, Nellie Williams, F. B. Almond, Bruce E. Brown, J. D. Curtis, Mrs. Bruce E. Brown, Reno H. Auld, Mrs. F. B. Almond, E. J. Williams, Ward A. Hougas, John L. Brown, J. B. Wildermuth, Inez Shrunk, Sallie Conway, Thomas Barton.
- Eastern Iowa District, (659) members, 6 votes: W. W. Richards, Leonard Houghton, Charles Shippy, Mollie Davis, Lloyd Webber, Nellie Newland.
- Eastern Maine District, 524 (544) members, 5 votes: Gracia Walker, H. A. Chelline, C. H. Rich, H. V. Minton, M. C. Fisher, O. L. Thompson. *1 excess.*
- Eastern Michigan District, 1,718 (1,922) members, votes: Charles Maxwell, Mrs. Charles Maxwell, Edw. Diem, Mrs. Edw. Diem, C. C. Whitford, Mrs. C. C. Whitford, J. R. Grice, Grace McGuiness, G. T. Richards, Mrs. G. T. Richards, William Davis, Mrs. William Davis, Myron Carr, Mrs. Myron Carr, William M. Grice, Mrs. William M. Grice, May Engle, Arthur Leverton.
- Eastern Montana District, 256 (250) members, 2 votes: George W. Thorburn, S. M. Andes, A. R. Ritter. *1 excess.*
- Eastern Oklahoma District, 1,300 (1,000) members, votes: H. E. Winegar, J. S. White, A. Judkins, H. R. Harder, E. A. Erwin, C. G. Smallwood, Ida Smallwood, P. W. Hubble, Earl D. Bailey, Mrs. J. F. Wallace, Mrs. J. S. White, Mrs. P. W. Hubble.
- Florida District, 662 (719) members, votes: Cal T. West, E. N. McCall, J. Charles May, C. J. Dixon, John W. Rushton, Mrs. T. C. Kelley, Samuel McPherson.
- Fremont District, 504 (461) members, votes: A. M. Chase, Mrs. A. M. Chase, B. S. Lambkin, H. N. Pierce, T. A. Hougas.
- Gallands Grove District, 937 (936) members, 9 votes: E. L. Edwards, Mrs. E. L. Edwards, C. R. Lane, Mrs. C. R. Lane, Mrs. Robert Fish, Sister Hahn, F. T. Mus-sell, W. A. Smith, J. F. Garver.
- Idaho District, 553 (610) members, votes: R. C. Chambers, R. L. Fulk, G. P. Levitt, D. T. Williams, Emma Benson.
- Kentucky and Tennessee District, 557 (546) members, 5

- votes: J. Charles May, J. E. Vanderwood, J. R. McClain, Mrs. J. R. McClain, O. S. Caldwell.
- Kewanee District, 800 (812) members, 8 votes: E. R. Davis, Charles Holmes, E. A. Curtis, B. E. Sartwell, Edw. Jones, George Sackfield, J. G. Cole, L. W. Stiegel.
- Kirtland District, 1,056 (1,123) members, votes: T. G. Neville, A. E. Stone, William Patterson, Floyd Kelsey, J. C. McConaughy, F. J. Ebeling, Ernest Webbe, A. R. Manchester, G. T. Griffiths, Charles Fry.
- Little Sioux District, (1,876) members, 18 votes: J. W. Lane, George Meggers, T. O. Strand, Fred A. Fry, Charles F. Putnam, Charles J. Smith, Mark Hutchison, Stanley Brenner, F. C. Oviatt, J. J. Kilpack, Charles G. Clark, C. S. Kennedy, R. L. Sheetz, Vida E. Smith, Ruby Adams, Hattie E. Oviatt, Pearl Van Eaton, Esther Kennedy.
- London District, 918 (913) members, 9 votes: James A. Gillen, H. A. Koehler, Ella Borbridge, James Skelding, Hiram Dickhout, Albert Cordery, Buehlah Cordery, William Hardy, Clara Hardy.
- Minnesota District, 584 (696) members, votes: C. H. Johnson, Sarah Johnson, C. A. Kress, Alice Kress, Leslie DeLapp, Wesley Elvin.
- Mobile District, 755 (843) members, votes: J. Charles May, N. L. Booker, T. C. Kelley, Alma Booker, Charles Mader, A. G. Miller, John Leytham.
- Nauvoo District, 725 (734) members, 7 votes: Amos Berve, G. Scott Daniel, Albert L. Sanford, George P. Lambert, Elmer Sherman, William H. Gunn, Edw. R. Williams.
- New York District, 414 (474) members, 4 votes: A. E. Stone, James Pycock, P. L. Weegar, Joseph Osborne.
- New York and Philadelphia District, 1,245 (1,262) members, 12 votes: John Zimmermann, sr., Charles E. Irwin, Arthur E. Stoff, Minnie D. Gates, A. E. Stone, Richard J. Hawkins, W. R. Wirebaugh, Alex McIntosh, Anna D. Zimmermann, John M. Cumming, Samuel Worrrell, Thomas Carr.
- North Dakota District, 504 (491) members, votes: Bertha Graham, Mrs. William Sparling, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Martin J. Spaulding, Nels C. Anderson.
- Northeastern Illinois District, 1,113 (1,119) members, 11 votes: J. L. Cooper, F. M. Cooper, O. A. McDowell, Mrs. F. M. Cooper, W. A. McDowell, C. D. Carter, J. E. Wildermuth, L. O. Wildermuth, J. F. Garver, Mrs. C. D. Carter, Oscar Johnson.
- Northeastern Kansas District, 612 (622) members, 6

votes: Samuel Twombly, Abram P. Crooker, Benjamin F. Jackson, Roy L. Tilden, Martin L. Schmid.  
Northeastern Missouri District, 320 (397) members, 3 votes: J. W. A. Bailey, E. F. Robertson, S. J. Joyce.  
Northern California District, 1,798 (1,847) members, votes: D. T. Williams, Roy S. Budd, George H. Wixom, E. B. Hull, Virgil Etzenhouser, C. W. Hawkins, Blanche Edwards, John D. White, William H. Dawson, J. T. Smith, jr., A. J. Dawson, John B. Carmichael, Bessie B. Holling, Frances White, Herbert Walker, Etta Cooper Walker, Sister M. L. McRoberts.

Delegates are instructed to vote for the document on church government adopted by the Advisory Council of April, 1924.

Northern Michigan District, 1,008 (1,037) members, 10 votes: Allen Schreur, Sarah Schreur, Hector McKinnon, A. E. Starks, Mrs. A. E. Starks, E. N. Burt, Max Kramer, Dirk Schreur, Wesley Alldread, Ada Alldread.  
Northern Nebraska District, (1,259) members, 12 votes: No credentials.

Northern Saskatchewan District, 524 (534) members, 5 votes: E. E. Long, Birch Whiting, J. J. Cornish, E. L. Bowerman.

Northern Wisconsin District, 648 (640) members, 6 votes: J. F. Garver, E. J. Lenox, A. L. Whiteaker, W. A. McDowell, S. E. Livingston, L. O. Wildermuth.

Northwestern Kansas District, 590 (611) members, votes: E. G. Patrick, Bert Boyd, W. E. Ratcliffe, J. R. Greybill, P. R. Burton, Mrs. P. R. Burton.

Northwestern Ohio District, 479 (488) members, 4 votes: O. J. Hawn, E. L. Ulrich, J. M. Hardin, H. H. Harms, W. G. Kimball. *1 excess.*

Nova Scotia District, 24 members, 1 vote: Orval L. Thompson.

Owen Sound District, 1,552 (1,334) members, votes: John Shields, D. B. Perkins, Grant St. John, Percy Farrow, Joseph H. Yager, Fred B. Stade, James Gerrie, N. E. Leeder, James A. Morrison, King Cooper, Mrs. J. L. Mortimore, Mrs. Joseph H. Yager, Mrs. Fred B. Stade, Brother Schwackhammer, Mrs. Percy Farrow.

Pittsburgh District, 536 (542) members, 5 votes: Mrs. L. F. P. Curry, L. F. P. Curry, Joseph A. Jaques, Robert Winship, Jesse Winters.

Portland District, 704 (769) members, 7 votes: R. S. Budd, D. T. Williams, A. C. Martin, S. P. Cox, M. H. Cook, C. E. Jones, N. T. Chapman.

Pottawattamie District, 1,505 (1,532) members, 15 votes: J. A. Hansen, Charles F. Putnam, W. T. Spanswick,

George Beatty, Nels P. Johnson, G. J. Harding, C. A. Skinner, Mrs. W. T. Spanswick, Nellie Hall, W. T. Fay, D. E. Butler, May Rudd, O. A. Currie, M. A. Smith, H. H. Hand.

Saint Louis District, 1,327 (1,362) members, 13 votes: H. A. Higgins, Mrs. G. S. Trowbridge, George F. Barracrough, Russel Archibald, sr., Edith Higgins, Mrs. M. Crabtree, W. C. Carl, Elsie Barracrough, E. C. Sellers, Charles J. Remington, Mrs. E. C. Bell, Prosper Carl, Allie H. Daly.

Seattle and British Columbia District, 1,053 (1,054) members, 10 votes: Eli Bronson, A. C. Martin, S. P. Cox, Joseph Marshall, C. E. Jones, Ida Jones, M. H. Cook, D. T. Williams, Roy S. Budd, Oscar Case.

Southeastern Illinois District, 1,250 (1,331) members, votes: Henry Sparling, Mrs. Henry Sparling, R. H. Henson, Mrs. R. H. Henson, Charles Wesner, L. C. Lowery, Mrs. L. C. Lowery, J. M. Fuqua, Mrs. J. M. Fuqua, Marion Lowery, Mrs. Marion Lowery, W. W. Brown.

Southern California District, 1,400 (1,427) members, 14 votes: N. T. Chapman, T. W. Williams, James E. Yates, F. B. Van Fleet, J. W. Rushton, H. F. Backer, H. W. Savage, S. H. Garner, A. W. Teel, Jerry Fisher, Melissa Backer, William Anderson, Arthur Crum, Effie Van Fleet.

Southern Indiana District, 725 (586) members, votes: O. J. Hawn, Ida Hawn, Katherine Schmitt, Charles H. Fish, Howard Shetron.

Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District, 1,527 (1,759) members, votes: Paul N. Belleisle, Emmeline Belleisle, E. C. Evans, Adina Evans, F. F. Wipper, M. A. Ward, W. F. Ryder, Etta B. Ryder, E. K. Evans, Melvin Johnson, Mrs. Melvin Johnson, Louise Evans, Ed Glidden, Mrs. Ed Glidden, E. B. Blett.

Southern Missouri District, 690 (684) members, 6 votes: A. M. Baker, Wilson Hudson, J. C. Chrestensen, J. B. Ansley, Lulu Rowley, Henry Sparling.

Southern Nebraska District, 504 (667) members, votes: F. H. Higgins, E. F. Robertson, Blanche Andrews, H. A. Higgins, G. R. Wells.

Southern New England District, 1,160 (1,181) members, 11 votes: T. J. Elliott, M. C. Fisher, E. L. Traver, D. F. Joy, B. W. Leland, O. L. Thompson, E. H. Fisher, Gertrude Wood, Leah Traver, Clara Wood, Sanford Fisher.

When the document adopted by the Advisory Council of



April, 1924, and the "Open Letter" or any variation of these documents come up for vote in the conference, delegates are instructed "to vote for the Administration Document and with the First Presidency and against the "Open Letter."

Southern Ohio District, 1,603 (1,614) members, 16 votes:  
Emma Donaldson, Jacob Halb, Francis May, Floyd Rockwell, Gomer T. Griffiths, James E. Bishop, J. D. Shower, S. B. Kriebel, J. E. Matthews, A. H. Neiman, Charles Fry, D. J. Hannah, Mrs. H. E. French, W. E. George, H. E. French, H. E. Moler.

Southern Saskatchewan District, (379) members, 3 votes:  
No credentials.

Southern Wisconsin District, 543 (600) members, votes:  
L. Houghton, W. A. McDowell, J. O. Dutton, E. J. Lenox, Mrs. J. O. Dutton.

Southwestern Kansas District, 410 (407) members, 4 votes:  
Thomas S. Williams, C. E. Harpe, J. F. Garver, E. J. Gleazer.

Southwestern Texas District, 560 (507) members, 5 votes:  
W. H. Mannering, D. S. Palmer, G. M. Hiles, Sophia Ferguson, Harry M. Robinson.

Spokane District, 740 (753) members, 7 votes:  
Eli Bronson, Oliver Turnbull, Oscar Case, Mrs. C. E. Jones, Roy S. Budd, C. E. Jones, Mrs. Oscar Case.

Spring River District, 1,709 (1,811) members, votes:  
Carl H. Hobart, Alvin Smith, Frank L. Freeman, Oran A. Duncan, Earnest Earl Parks, Charles L. Boyer, Josie May Boyer, Hazel Rook, Clarence Rook, Nelvita Cowen, Guy G. Cadwell, John Blackmore, Nellie Blackmore, Amos T. Higdon, Elmer E. Gilbert, Edna J. Gilbert, E. J. Gleazer.

Delegates are instructed to vote for the document on Church Government adopted by the Advisory Council of April, 1924.

Toronto District, 1,473 (2,219) members, votes:  
David Pycok, A. F. McLean, Alice McLean, John Shields, C. Ed. Miller, J. T. Whitehead, Ernest Rowett, S. G. Clark, James Pycok, Margaret MacGregor, C. A. McLean, E. G. Law, Angus Kennedy, James A. Wilson.

Utah District, 551 (554) members, 5 votes:  
Guy P. Levitt, Roscoe E. Davey, D. T. Williams, Roy S. Budd, Frederick M. Smith.

Western Colorado District, 333 members, 3 votes:  
J. Arthur Davis, Lillian Pottorff, Mrs. J. F. Garver, Mrs. Ellis Short, sr. 1 excess.

Western Maine District, 533 (600) members, votes:  
C. H. Rich, Harvey Minton, Mrs. Harvey Minton, M. C.

Fisher, Louis Eaton, H. H. Billings, H. A. Chelline.  
*excess.*

Western Michigan District, 911 (925) members, 9 votes:  
B. H. Doty, John Schreur, A. C. Silvers, A. R. Ellis,  
W. D. Ellis, Mrs. Lyle Weaver, W. G. Hubbard, John  
Bennett, E. B. Blett.

Western Montana District, 486 (495) members, 4 votes:  
G. W. Thorburn, Mrs. G. W. Thorburn, E. E. Eliason,  
C. S. Chase.

Western Oklahoma District, 639 (674) members, 6 votes:  
S. W. Simmons, R. Bullard, C. J. Hunt, W. D. Tordoff,  
Hubert Case, Mrs. Hubert Case.

West Virginia District, 345 (347) members, 3 votes:  
Thomas Newton, James McConaughy, Everett D.  
Finken.

Wheeling District, 615 (618) members, 6 votes: L. D.  
Ullom, Samuel A. Martin, Thomas L. Clark, John F.  
Martin, James E. Bishop.

Winnipeg District, 115 (152) members, 1 vote: G. W.  
Robley.

Youngstown-Sharon District, 425 (375) members, votes:  
G. T. Griffiths, Charles Fry, Cecille Neville, David H.  
Jones. *1 excess.*

#### BRANCHES NOT IN DISTRICTS

Bisbee Branch (Arizona), (63) members, 1 vote: No cre-  
dentials.

Douglas Branch (Arizona), 35 (40) members, 1 vote:  
Daniel T. Williams (instructed to vote for the document  
on church government issued by April council).

Eros Branch (Louisiana), 83 (147) members, 1 vote:  
Mrs. J. T. Riley.

North Platte Branch (Nebraska), (66) members, 1 vote:  
No credentials.

Olive Branch (Nebraska), (80) members, 1 vote: No cre-  
dentials.

Phoenix Branch (Arizona), 114 (110) members, 1 vote:  
Jesse R. Johnson.

Pleasant View Branch (Nebraska), (30) members, 1 vote:  
No credentials.

Spearfish Branch (South Dakota), (45) members, 1 vote:  
No credentials.

Tryon Branch (Nebraska), (30) members, 1 vote: No  
credentials.

#### ZION AND HER STAKES

City of Zion, 4,443 (4,461) members, 44 votes: B. J. Scott,  
I. N. White, Ammon White, C. Ed. Miller, R. J. Lam-  
bert, M. H. Siegfried, Joseph Luff, R. V. Hopkins, J. A.

Becker, J. A. Gillen, J. F. Keir, R. S. Salyards, B. R. McGuire, Hubert Case, J. F. Curtis, E. L. Kelley, F. A. Smith, F. A. Russell, R. S. Budd, Richard Bullard, J. Charles May, P. M. Hanson, J. M. Baker, A. H. Parsons, E. A. Smith, H. O. Smith, E. C. Harrington, C. B. Hartshorn, J. A. Dowker, I. A. Smith, A. B. Phillips, H. C. Burgess, S. A. Burgess, J. W. Metcalf, George Jenkins, R. T. Cooper, C. J. Hunt, Alice Edwards, W. J. Brewer, E. E. Willard, H. A. Moriarty, J. J. Teeter, Lyman Fike, Mrs. Alma Tankard.

Far West Stake, 2,650 (2,652) members, 26 votes: O. Salisbury, G. B. Koger, Raymond Raines, Archie Constance, Moses Hinderks, Roscoe P. Ross, Rasmus Lorenson, Alma Nelson, Coleman Snider, W. G. Hamann, Frank Powell, J. A. Place, G. W. Mauzey, T. A. Ivie, John F. Sheehy, Frank Hinderks, J. A. Koehler, John Hovenga, Zenos Lewis, H. L. Barto, John L. Bear, Milo Burnett, Alec Jensen, Coventry Archibald, Charles Wood, Thomas Fiddick.

Holden Stake, 1,656 members, 16 votes: D. J. Krahl, A. B. Phillips, Lola A. Johnson, F. A. McWethy, W. S. Macrae, C. V. Hopkins, R. F. Moorman, R. E. Burgess, C. F. Scarcliff, I. M. Ross, George W. Beebe, G. W. Rodger, R. B. Cook, D. R. Carmichael, Mrs. I. M. Ross, J. W. A. Bailey.

Kansas City Stake, 3,147 (3,144) members, 31 votes: Mrs. F. B. Blair, Mrs. D. H. Blair, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mrs. F. J. Gerber, Mrs. J. A. Tanner, Robert Winning, Frederick M. Smith, Joseph Curtis, W. R. Odell, Harvey Sandy, Margaret Cleveland, Elizabeth Evans, Fred J. Cleveland, Mrs. E. W. Lloyd, Mrs. Herbert Gould, Mrs. Roy E. Newkirk, Bernice Griffith, Mrs. J. R. Lloyd, W. O. Hands, Hazel Shireman, Ida Combs, Jessie Tucker, Sarah Hawkins, H. L. Oldfather, Mrs. John Tucker, R. J. Crayne, William I. Fligg, Ammon White, J. A. Tanner, F. B. Blair, Mrs. C. D. Jellings.

Lamoni Stake, 2,336 (2,326) members, 23 votes: C. E. Wight, J. F. Garver, A. Carmichael, F. M. McDowell, W. E. Prall, H. H. Gold, Fred Condit, Mrs. Lydia Wight, C. F. Church, Mrs. I. A. Monroe, J. E. Anderson, G. W. Blair, E. F. Downey, Mrs. Myrtle Watts, Mrs. Nellie Hogan, David Taylor, J. E. Leeper, J. A. Gunsolley, E. Dewey White, Wm. T. Shakespeare, R. A. Ballantyne, William Wilson, L. G. Holloway.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. TANNER,  
F. A. RUSSELL,  
A. B. PHILLIPS,

## DEPARTMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

*To the First Presidency:* We herewith submit the report of the Department of Sunday School for the year and a half ending March 1, 1925:

### GENERAL STAFF

The personnel of the general staff of the Department of Sunday Schools has remained the same throughout the year, to wit: A. Max Carmichael, Lamoni, Iowa, general superintendent; Blanche Edwards, Lamoni, Iowa, first assistant superintendent; F. M. McDowell, Lamoni, Iowa, second assistant superintendent; E. D. Moore, 1015 West Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri, secretary; Mark H. Siegfried, Independence, Missouri, treasurer; Anna DeJong Smith, 2903 Sullivan Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, organized class superintendent.

The endeavors of the general superintendent have largely centered in the executory task, residing in his office as superintendent of Sunday schools and as one in whom the Consulting Board has reposed its trust of training and supervising the editors to write its lesson material. Since last General Conference, he has spent about 35 per cent of his time especially preparing for this task, about 35 per cent in the training and supervising of the editors, about 25 per cent in carrying on his correspondence with district and local Sunday school officials, and the rest of his time in writing a manual for the departments, supervising the printing of quarterlies, holding consultations with the Consulting Board and with the executives of the other departments, and writing editorials for the *HERALD*. This general analysis of his time is made upon the basis of an accurate analysis (time sheet) kept and tabulated over sample periods of his time, a record of which has been sent to the First Presidency.

The first assistant superintendent, Miss Blanche Edwards, carried on a large part of the correspondence with districts during the absence of the general superintendent from the office. During the presence of the general superintendent in the office, she has served only in an advisory capacity.

The general secretary has acted as the representative of the department in our relations with the Herald Publishing House and in superintending the exhibits at General Conference. He has signed all warrants against the treasurer upon receipt of voucher for the same. He has acted in an advisory capacity upon all the major and vital issues affecting the department.

The organized class superintendent has had printed a large number of little pamphlets describing and discussing

the organized class movement. She has sent these out to a goodly number of branches and handed them out personally wherever she felt that the interests of the movement would be augmented thereby. In her own personal trip west, she made several special talks in western branches. She has received a number of letters of inquiry and has answered the same personally.

During the year we have had the assistance in the office of two stenographers who together have occupied about two thirds of the time of a full-time worker. The office has been at Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa.

The treasurer has acted as an adviser in all major and vital issues of the department. We herewith submit his report:

#### GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

#### Statement of Income and Expense for the Year Ended June 30, 1924

##### *Income:*

Receipts from the sale of Gospel Quarterlies.....\$13,745.03

##### *Less:*

##### Cost of publication:

Printing materials, labor,  
etc., as charged by  
the Herald Publishing House .....\$8,139.91  
Editorial expense ..... 620.00  
Postage for mailing ..... 245.15

9,005.06

*Profit from Publication of Quarterlies* .....\$4,739.97

##### *Expense:*

Salaries of department officials and  
office assistants .....\$ 90.20  
Traveling expense ..... 17.62  
Office supplies and expense ..... 34.50  
General expense ..... 35.83  
German Mission ..... 115.45      293.60

4,446.37

##### *Add:*

Other income: Interest received on balance  
with Herald Publishing House ..... 654.63

*Excess of income over expense* .....\$5,101.00

## Balance Sheet June 30, 1924

*Cash:*

Atherton State Bank .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Jackson County Bank .....	7.03	
In hands of committee .....	55.73	\$1,562.76

<i>Graceland Scholarship Fund</i> .....		\$ 234.74
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*Accounts Receivable:*

Herald Publishing House .....		\$18,640.20
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*Furniture and Fixtures:*

Editing Committee .....	\$ 25.00	
Secretary Office .....		121.75
Superintendent's office and equipment .....		404.84

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\$20,989.29

<i>Present Worth</i> .....		\$15,888.29
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<i>Add:</i> Increase of income over expense for year .....	\$ 5,101.00	\$20,989.29
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INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, October 23, 1924.

I have examined the books and records of the Sunday School Department for the year ended June 30, 1924, and, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expense next attached represent the financial position of the department on June 30, 1924.

G. W. EASTWOOD, *Auditor.*

### SUPERVISING EDITORS OF LESSON MATERIAL

In the report of the general superintendent to the Consulting Board, which was incorporated in the report of the Consulting Board to the First Presidency, he reported on the 70 per cent of his time spent in preparing himself and the training and supervising of the editors. The reader is referred to that report.

#### "HERALD"

In his editorial work for the *Saints' Herald*, he has endeavored to acquaint the people with the educational problems before the church, particularly with reference to those involving the religious training of the young and the establishment of Zion.

## PRESENT LESSONS

In the beginner, primary, junior, and intermediate departments, we are repeating lessons as edited some ten or twelve years ago. In the senior department we are repeating for the first time the three-year cycle of lessons edited by Sister Anna Salyards during the years 1921-1924. It is anticipated by the executive department that these series of lessons will probably be used until the Consulting Board is able to offer material in place of them.

## LESSONS IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE

The Sunday school by its budget has provided for the translation of the 1923 series of senior lessons written by Sister Salyards into the German language. The task of translation and securing publication of same has been put in charge of Brother Elmer Ohlert, now in Europe. Our last report from him indicated that the translation was going on and had not yet been completed.

This series of lessons, the senior quarterly of 1923, to be reprinted in 1926, seems to be especially good as a course of study for prospective proselytes, and we advise its use by those Sunday schools which are in a position to do missionary work.

## MANUAL

We have been endeavoring for some time to get out the manual which the General Sunday School Association some years ago authorized. We have spent only our spare time at it. We have considered the writing of this manual as a part of the work of the Consulting Board and have considered ourselves under its supervision in the writing of it.

## NORMAL TRAINING COURSE

The supervision of the normal training course is officially under Graceland College. We have attempted to work with the college in extending the enrollment among our district and local officers. We have also united with the college in an endeavor to revise some of these courses. As the college will undoubtedly report, revision is going on in Courses 1, 2, 3, and 5. We ourselves have been working on the revision of Courses 3 and 5. Mrs. Lydia Wight is working on the revision of Course 1 and F. M. McDowell on Course 2.

## SUPERVISION OF DISTRICTS

We are still using the score rating as issued officially in our bulletin, "Instructions for districts," in 1922, and as per our amendment which is sent out from our office direct. The score rating has been in use now about 3 years, and we report the score won by each district during each of the 3 years

below. Many of the districts have not reported regularly and hence do not have a score as large as they would have had they reported. Many of the districts would undoubtedly have had larger scores had they sent in full reports. Where a district is given only 5 points for the year, it has sent in only the annual report.

In executing this score rating, we have endeavored to have the district year end at the time of the annual district conference at which the officers were elected for the coming year. This explains the reason why only a few of the districts have been given scores for 1925. It has been hard for us to keep track of these annual district conferences, as the districts change the time so often. Particularly have the districts changed the time of their district conferences this year because of the change of time of the General Conference.

We have explained to district officers that we are not concerned so much with their getting large scores. We are more concerned with our being able to help them. The score rating, however, serves as a medium and a motive for correspondence between us, and gives the general officers quite an insight into what work is being done in the districts. It also gives the general officers a clue as to what help they might give the district officers.

Undoubtedly the score rating does not get the publicity it should. It is to be found in the back pages of a little pamphlet entitled, "Instructions for districts," which the Herald Publishing House sells for 10 cents. As intimated above, it has been amended to cover more activities, and the sheet covering this amendment is sent out directly from our office. One district superintendent sent in some suggestions for a change in this score rating. For this we are very grateful. We wish others would take the same interest. Undoubtedly it is imperfect and could be changed to advantage if enough people would think about it. In general the score rating gives credit to the districts for study done by the district officers, study represented either by obtaining certificates from the normal training course at Graceland College or by pursuing courses equivalent thereto, in any school, or by reading religious educational books, a list of which we send out to our district officers, and credit for the visiting of local schools, the holding of institutes, corresponding with local officers, and for subscription to church papers upon the part of district officers.

We have endeavored to send out to our district officers full description of the score rating, a list of books which we advise for reading, suggested topics for discussion in institutes, and bibliographies for the same.



Along with our report of scores won by each district, we are also submitting data from each district giving the number of schools and the total enrollment of the district. Some few districts have not given us this report. For these we have had to go back to the report of 1922 to get the data. Other districts have only estimated the total enrollment. Hence the total figures are inaccurate.

For some time in the British Isles, we have endeavored to administer the work through a mission superintendent, Brother John Judd. We have given him a free hand and consequently do not have any report of enrollment or scores for districts in the British Isles. The same is true of the Australian Mission. Our representative there is Sister Inez Smith Davis.

DISTRICT	No. of Schools	Enroll- ment	S C O R E S		
			1923	1924	1925
<b>ALABAMA</b>					
Alabama .....	3	200	38	160.3	55
Mobile .....	5	285		228	
<b>ARKANSAS</b>					
Arkansas .....	6	175	68	73.5	128.3
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>					
Northern .....	13	583	128.7	187.9	
Southern .....	12	492	96	97	
<b>CANADA</b>					
Alberta .....	6	240	98.3	5	
Chatham .....	15	1,100	188.7	214.3	
London .....	10	421	5	5	
Owen Sound .....	19	675	68	15.5	
Toronto .....	15	809	25	26.7	
Northern Saskatchewan ..	11	217	139.1	99.3	
Southern Saskatchewan ...	*6	*143	30	5	
Winnipeg .....	*2	*51	50		
<b>COLORADO</b>					
Eastern .....	15	535	117	203.6	389.3
Western .....	7	141	10	5	
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Florida .....	*6	*232			
<b>IDAHO</b>					
Idaho .....	5	156	92	275	
<b>ILLINOIS</b>					
Central .....	9	545	63		10
Kewanee .....	12	550	5	57.1	
Northeastern .....	11	467	256	237.07	
Nauvoo .....	8	300	28	22.5	
Southeastern .....	12	300	236	200	
<b>INDIANA</b>					
Southern .....	6	224		5	
<b>IOWA</b>					
Des Moines .....	19	700	195	231	88.7
Eastern Iowa .....	7	210	15	5	
Fremont .....	6	191	173.3	256.7	
Gallands Grove .....	*10	*409	20	63.5	
Lamoni .....	17	1,449	214	377.5	351.1
Little Sioux .....	12	1,002	28	28	
Pottawattamie .....	11	816	112.5	96.9	

DISTRICT	No. of Schools	Enroll- ment	S C O R E S		
			1923	1924	1925
<b>KANSAS</b>					
Northeast .....	9	343		5	
Northwest .....	7		15	5	
Spring River .....	15	*980	5	5	
Southwest .....	6	250	38	69.25	
<b>KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE</b>					
Kentucky .....	5	135	25	5	
<b>MAINE</b>					
Eastern .....	4	235	20	5	
Western .....	8	250	10	5	
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>					
Southern New England ....	*11	*823	90		
<b>MICHIGAN</b>					
Central .....	*26	*966	28		
Detroit .....	11	1,070	5	160	55
Eastern .....	19	1,052	5	5.3	
Northern .....	*16	*500		5	
Southern .....	14	675	5	5	
Western .....	13	450	15	5	
<b>MINNESOTA</b>					
Minnesota .....	*6	*197		5	
<b>MISSOURI</b>					
Clinton .....	*15	*654	66.3	110.7	
Far West .....	27	1,751	18	27	
Independence .....	8	2,807			5
Kansas City Stake .....	13	1,422		5	
Holden .....	18	1,100	85	16.7	
Northeast .....	4	150	25	25	
Southern .....	5	167			5
Saint Louis .....	13	762	5		5
<b>MONTANA</b>					
Eastern .....	3	114	10	22.3	
Western .....	6	174	99	45	
<b>NEBRASKA</b>					
Central .....	8	225		5	10
Northeast .....	7	425		5	
Southern .....	6	161		5	
<b>NEW YORK</b>					
New York .....	9	400		5	
New York and Philadelphia.	9	646	15		5
<b>DAKOTAS</b>					
North Dakota .....	7	115	52.5	5	
<b>OHIO</b>					
Kirtland .....	*7	*645	5		
Northwestern .....	7	*312		5	
Southern .....	16	722	147.5	192	
Youngstown-Sharon .....	*8	*283	10		
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>					
Central .....	9	799	25	470	382
Eastern .....	*7	*190	79.4		
Western .....	7	292	228	5	
<b>OREGON</b>					
Portland .....	*8	*258			
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>					
Pittsburgh .....	6	339			5
<b>TEXAS</b>					
Central .....	7	*282			
Southwestern .....	2	*100	165	25	

DISTRICT	No. of Schools	Enroll- ment	S C O R E S		
			1923	1924	1925
<b>UTAH</b>					
Utah .....	4	*256		41.5	
<b>WASHINGTON</b>					
Seattle .....	11	479	272.8	5	
Spokane .....	18	325	120	5	
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>					
Wheeling .....	7	352	959.9	967.4	
West Virginia .....	8	198	82.5	74	
<b>WISCONSIN</b>					
Northern .....	8	359	93	22.5	
Southern .....	11	225	45	5	
<b>UNORGANIZED</b>					
Bisbee .....	1	41			
Alliance .....	1	14			
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		776	39,088		

\*—Taken from the 1922 report.

#### RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS

We have had frequent consultation with heads of the Departments of Recreation and Expression and of Women with regard to the manual covering organization and administration of these departments which we are getting out, with regard to evolving a common or similar policy in the administration of the work of the departments in districts and locals. But most of all, by virtue of their membership on the Consulting Board, we have had consultation with them to determine the type of training to give the editors and to determine the courses of study upon which the editors shall write. We have their heartiest cooperation in the plans of the board to provide the lesson material for all three departments. This permits the editors to think of the entire religious development of the child without regard as to whether the methods they are proposing or subject matter they are using are those that have been used by Sunday school, Religio, Boy Scout, or Oriole.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MAX CARMICHAEL.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 6, 1925.

## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND EXPRESSION

*To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings:* In December, 1923, Apostle T. W. Williams found it necessary to be released from the superintendency of this department. Very shortly thereafter the undersigned was asked to act as superintendent subject to the action of General Conference. Feeling our limitations and yet anxious to help in whatever way possible, we have gone forward to the best of our ability. We have found the task to be on the whole a very pleasant one. We believe the department has made a healthy growth and are pleased to make the following statement relative to our work for the year:

### OBJECTIVE

The aim of the church is undoubtedly the bringing of mankind to the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. The aim of the Department of Recreation and Expression may be stated as that of furnishing such supervision of the social, recreational, and expressional activities of church members that these shall be made to fit in with the program of the church as a whole.

### ACTIVITIES

As indicated above, and as its name would suggest, the work of this department is chiefly recreational and social. Under this head would appear a wide range of activities, of which the following would certainly be included: sports and athletic contests, socials, hikes, picnics, banquets, literary programs, debates, pageants, plays, and entertainments. In addition to the above, this department has continued to publish quarterlies and to encourage study. There is every reason why our people should be encouraged to study at every opportunity. Plans are now completed and work under way for providing a large variety of courses of study, so that any department can take up class work as it desires. Statistics presented in this report show that the combined program of class study and recreational work is not only practical but is being carried on successfully.

### ORGANIZATION

As far as organization is concerned, we have endeavored to make the department function as a definite part of the church rather than as an auxiliary. Having no constitution, the thought has been to encumber the department with as little machinery as possible, leaving each local to work out its own organization to suit its peculiar needs.

Working under this plan, my predecessor in this office provided for no district officers other than a field worker. Under such an arrangement it was necessary for each local to report directly to the general office. This plan we soon found to be unsuccessful. The most persistent effort on the part of the general secretary resulted in securing reports from only about twenty-five per cent of the locals. These reports were so irregular and in such varied detail as to be of little or no value to the general office. Furthermore, there seemed to be no one that could be held directly responsible for this situation in each district.

To correct this, we have revived the former practice of having at least one responsible district officer, a district superintendent, who can be held responsible for the work of the department in his district and who can stand between the general department and the local officers, collecting reports from them and summarizing same for the general office. To guarantee the closest personal touch possible, each district superintendent is expected to write a monthly letter to the general superintendent who in turn is expected to assist in every way possible by furnishing materials, programs, etc., for district and local officers.

This plan has met with almost unanimous approval. To date we have been able to secure the election of about fifty-five such district superintendents, many of whom are doing most excellent work.

Throughout the year the general superintendent has had the able assistance of Miss Doris Nelson who has acted as general secretary of the department. Miss Nelson is a student enrolled at Graceland and has been able to give but half time to this work. This has, however, enabled her to meet her expenses while attending school and has also provided the department with an efficient secretary. We make use of this opportunity to express our appreciation for this assistance.

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

As a department of the general church, it is expected that our work will be financed as all other departments of the church, i. e., annual budgets approved by the Appropriations Committee and General Conference. Owing to the general financial conditions, we have endeavored, however, as far as was consistent with the purposes of our department, to make it self-supporting. This has occasioned certain difficult problems.

For a number of years the sole income of the general department has been the profit derived from the sale of quar-

terlies. This has been small for several reasons: (1) the number of quarterlies published has been comparatively small; (2) the price asked for each quarterly, originally low, has been continued in spite of the increased cost of printing; (3) an attempt has been made to introduce a variety of subjects in the quarterlies, giving classes a chance to choose. This increased the cost without a corresponding increase in the number of quarterlies sold. While the general officers and the editors felt that these new subjects were of vital importance to church workers, they have not always been appreciated by those who were expected to use them. We trust that there will be a growing appreciation of the need of studying vital modern problems as they relate to the church work. We know this will come in time, but during the transition there may be a loss in the profit derived from such quarterlies.

After consulting the Presiding Bishopric, it was decided to (1) raise the price of the quarterlies, (2) ask each local to contribute a small amount each month for the support of the general department.

The administrative problems involved in the collecting of this fund were left with the Presiding Bishopric, who, under date of June 30, sent the following statement to bishops, Bishops' agents, and solicitors:

"Beginning July 1, 1924, an effort will be made to raise funds to meet the general expenditures of the Department of Recreation and Expression, and the following plan has been adopted:

"We believe that each local of the Department of Recreation and Expression will be glad to do its bit by carrying a proportionate share of the expenses of the general department throughout the church. We are therefore suggesting the following plan and urge district and local officers of this department to cooperate fully.

"It is advised that at the first meeting of the local each month a freewill offering be given. This freewill offering is to be not less than \$1, and more if the local feels that it is able financially to make a contribution.

"These funds are to be turned over by the officers of each local to the local solicitors of the Bishop's agent. They will then be forwarded by the Bishop's agent of your district to the Bishop, who is treasurer of the Department of Recreation and Expression.

"This plan, distributing the twelve payments over a year's time, works no hardship on anyone, yet gives everyone a chance to help. It assures the general De-

partment of Recreation and Expression of sufficient means to carry out its program and to become increasingly efficient. Each local may devise its own methods for raising these funds, but should see to it that the amount is mailed promptly each month. Funds to meet the local and district needs may also be raised by collections and offerings at other meetings of the locals, or by such other methods as the local may think best. Where the budget system is used this amount can easily be included in the budget."

Following this were definite suggestions for collecting and reporting these funds. As to the success of this plan, we are unable to say. Undoubtedly the Bishop's report will contain some reference to this fund.

#### STATISTICS

While doubting somewhat the value of many statistics in a report of this kind, we are including a table showing by districts something of the number of individuals reached and the nature of the work carried on by the locals of the department. Of the fifty-nine districts having duly elected district superintendents, forty-two are included in this report. In most cases the figures are quite accurate. In some instances as indicated they are approximate. Reports of locals to district superintendents have often been incomplete. All in all, the table should be taken as an indication of the present situation rather than as an absolutely accurate report.

Perhaps the most interesting and valuable part of the table is that which shows the classification of the locals. Of 243 locals reporting, 156, or 64 per cent, are listed as class "A" (meaning that these locals carry on programs including literary, social, recreational, and expressional activities in addition to regular study classes); 65, or 27 per cent, are listed as class "B" (meaning that these locals carry on regular literary programs in addition to regular study classes); and only 22, or 9 per cent, are listed as class "C" (meaning those which limit their activities to study classes).

These figures indicate a growing appreciation of the real purpose of the department. They also present convincing evidence that social and recreational activities need not interfere with organized study. It is especially interesting to note in this connection that the district in the church which has by far the most complete program of social and recreational activities has nine well-organized locals. All nine of these locals maintain regular class study hours and report a variety of courses of study including the Book of Mormon.

In this district there are nineteen classes studying the Book of Mormon.

Statistical report by districts, showing number, enrollment, average attendance, and classification of the locals of the department:

Name of District	Number of Locals	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Classification of Locals		
				A	B	C
Central Ill. ....	2	58	50	1		1
Central Okla. ....	3	115	80	2		1
Central Mich. ....	6	266	169	3	3	
Clinton, Mo. ....	8	275	185		7	1
Des Moines, Ia. ....	7	554	386	7		
Detroit, Mich. ....	9	364	300	9		
Eastern Colo. ....	7	192	168	7		
Eastern Iowa ....	5	22 (inc)	19 (inc)	1	3	1
Eastern Mich. ....	6	210	145	6		
Eastern Mont. ....	2	72		2		
Eastern Okla. ....	1	60	50	1		
Far West Stake ....	14	702	579	6	8	
Fremont, Ia. ....	3	80 (inc)	60 (inc)	3		
Gallands Grove ....	7	186	146	3		4
Holden, Mo. ....	10	750	415	8	2	
Independence (City of Zion) ....	8	400 (inc)	350 (inc)		8	
Kirtland, Ohio ....	5	180*	144	3	1	1
Kansas City Stake ....	12	702	573	12		
Lamoni Stake ....	10	749	598	3	3	4
Little Sioux ....	8	557	355	7		1
Minnesota ....	2	116	105	2		
Mobile, Ala. ....	2	46	24	1	1	
Northeastern Ill. ....	8	279	179	8		
Northeastern Kans. ....	3	100	59	3		
Northern Calif. ....	10	531	385	5	4	1
Northwestern Ohio ....	4	130	90	4		
Owen Sound ....	7	139	95	7		
Pittsburgh ....	3	99	52	2		1
Pottawattamie ....	6	185*	167	4	1	1
Portland ....	3	103	85	1	2	
Seattle and B. C. ....	7	202	135	1	5	1
Southern N. S. Wales.....	4	100*	86	4		
S. New England ....	9	402	298	4	4	1
Southern Sask. ....	1	25	18			1
S. Indiana ....	3	88	40	2		1
S. Michigan and N. Indiana ....	7	335	292	7		



Name of District	Number of Locals	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Classification of Locals		
				A	B	C
Southern Ohio .....	9	470	325	7	2	
S. Wisconsin .....	5	120	77	4		1
S. W. Kansas .....	5	165	140*	2	3	
Spokane .....	2	117	80	2		
Spring River .....	6	340	208	2	4	
W. Michigan .....	4	120	96		4	
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>243</b>	<b>10,837</b>	<b>8,173</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>22</b>

(Explanation of abbreviations:

\* Approximate figures.

Inc. incomplete report from all locals.

Class "A" includes all locals of the department which carry on in addition to regular study classes, more or less regular systematic programs, including literary, social, recreational, and expressional activities.

Class "B" includes all locals carrying on regular literary programs in addition to study classes.

Class "C" includes all locals which limit their activities to class work.)

In addition to the above, the following districts have duly elected district superintendents, but for some reason have failed to get their report in in time to be included in the general report of the department:

Kewanee, Illinois; Central Michigan; Southern California; Idaho; Nauvoo; Central Nebraska; New York and Philadelphia; North Dakota; Eastern Oklahoma; Midland District, England; Portland, Oregon; Central Texas; Southwest Texas; Utah; Wheeling, West Virginia; Alberta, Canada; Northeastern Nebraska; Youngstown-Sharon; Southern District, England; Victoria, Australia; Northern New South Wales, Australia.

#### YOUNG MEN'S BUREAU

The officers of this department have felt for some time that the work of what was formerly called the "Boy Department" should not be limited to boys of Boy Scout age but might well be extended to include both younger and older boys. Furthermore, since our entire organization is now known as a "department" we have suggested that from now on that part of our organization dealing with the boys especially should be known as the "Young Men's Bureau."

To carry on the work of this Young Men's Bureau we

have appointed (subject to conference approval) Eugene Closson, who for a number of years has been a successful scoutmaster and is known for his unusual success in handling boys. This arrangement has been especially desirable in view of the fact that Brother Closson is one of the editors employed by the Consulting Board, the particular task assigned to him by this board being that of preparing courses of study and a program of activity for boys and young men.

The following report of Brother Closson to the superintendent of the department will indicate something of the work he has done and the plans he has made for his bureau:

*"To the Superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Expression:* Since my appointment one year ago, I have tried to advance the work of this bureau as much as time and conditions would permit. During the Young People's Convention in 1924 we conducted a class in scoutmastership in which the organization, maintenance, and activities of scouting for the boys of our church were stressed. We also had charge of the recreation of the convention, taking up and demonstrating those types of group games and contests that could be used in small locals or districts where athletic equipment is limited.

"Throughout the year we have received numerous letters asking for information and advice regarding the organization of scout troops or other boys' clubs. These letters have been cheerfully answered, and the branches have been encouraged to organize their boys in order to carry out more efficiently a program of usefulness and fellowship.

"For the past six months we have been doing research work in the field of boy psychology and training for leadership. This has given a much broader view of the problem and has laid the foundation for some constructive work which is anticipated. There seems to be a pressing need in the church for an organization for boys under the scout age, i. e., boys from eight to twelve years old. Some experiments with an organization of this kind are being conducted with very satisfactory results, and we hope to be in a position to present a general outline of this program within a short time.

"A great deal of time has been spent in outlining and collecting material that may be put in the form of a manual or handbook to be used especially by boy leaders at our reunions. With slight changes it could also be used as the guide in local activities, supplementing the work of boy leaders in branches and districts. It will contain typical daily programs for the entire reunion, also will point out in detail ways and means of conducting the activities of the

camp-fire hour, the study hour, the hours for worship, for recreation and relaxation, and for demonstrations. It will suggest definite religious and educational activities, also permanent projects that may be worked out by the boys over a ten-day period. In this we have tried to balance the activities for them to develop the spiritual, the mental, and the physical phases of the boy's life.

"The general outlook for the work of this department is encouraging; however, we feel the need of earnest, energetic leaders who will devote some of their time and talent to the boys of their community. Here is a great field open to every consecrated man of this church to render service to God and humanity. May the time soon come when we will be willing to unite all our energies and efforts in telling the gospel to the nations and living the gospel with the boys and girls in our own community.

"Respectfully submitted,

"EUGENE E. CLOSSON."

#### PUBLICITY

Early in the year we collaborated with the general superintendents of the other departments in the preparation of a somewhat detailed statement of the interrelationships of the three departments with each other and with local and district officers. This statement was published in the *Saints' Herald*, January 23, 1924, and has been of constant service to departmental workers, removing many of the misunderstandings which had arisen.

Later we prepared a sixteen-page pamphlet entitled, "Instructions and suggestions for workers in the Department of Recreation and Expression." Several hundred copies of this were printed and have been mailed free of charge to all upon request. Each district superintendent has been provided with a sufficient supply to meet the needs of all the locals under his charge.

Under the direction of the general officers, Roy L. Roberts prepared a series of articles on the subject, "Recreation in the home." These have been printed in the *Autumn Leaves*. It is hoped to add to this study a few articles prepared by Sister Lydia Wight which furnish practical suggestions for parents in meeting the problem of recreation. It is contemplated finally to combine these two series and have them printed in pamphlet form. This, we believe, will meet a very vital need.

We have been glad to avail ourselves of the space granted us by the *Autumn Leaves* and have tried to keep before the readers of that magazine some of the problems and ambitions of the department.

Finally, we have made constant use of our mimeograph, which has permitted us to furnish direct to district and local officers a large supply of materials, including suggested programs, social activities, courses of study, etc.

#### QUARTERLIES

When we took over the work of the department, there were being published two quarterlies, i. e., senior and junior. The first twenty-six lessons in the senior quarterly for 1924 dealt with the development of the stewardship idea in our church. We found, however, an insistent demand for opportunity to study the Book of Mormon. Although we had anticipated this and had hoped to work with the other departments in the preparation of lessons in the Book of Mormon, we found it necessary to reprint former quarterlies to meet this demand. At present about six thousand copies of the Book of Mormon quarterly prepared by Louise Palfrey Sheldon are being reprinted. Every local as far as we know has been given every opportunity to carry on class work either in the Book of Mormon or in a variety of other subjects.

During the past three or four years, senior quarterlies have been prepared in a number of subjects. The following are a few of those now available:

Social Ideals of the Church.

Religion in Business.

Religious Education in the Family.

Problems for Zion Builders.

It has been our plan to print sufficient of these so that at any future date any class could take up one of these courses. That this plan has been worth while is shown by the fact that here and there throughout the church will be found classes in Sunday school and Religio which are being served by these quarterlies. It is regrettable that more of our people do not see the vital necessity of studying some of the problems of the present day and the relation of our church program to these problems.

The junior quarterly, so-called, has not been entirely satisfactory. The reason for this is obvious. It cannot possibly be suitable for the entire range of ages that it is supposed to reach; it is too old for some and too young for others. We had expected before this to be able to meet this problem through cooperation with the consulting board of the Sunday school in the preparation of a great variety of courses for all ages. Since this work, however, must proceed slowly, it may be wise to prepare a primary quarterly for use in this department.

Another problem arises at once, however, and that is the

financing of such a quarterly. The department does not have sufficient funds to print an additional quarterly unless it can be made to be self-supporting. The opinion of the conference will be appreciated here.

#### COURSE IN RECREATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Anyone who has observed the work of this department will admit at once the crying need for leaders. To secure such leaders is the task not of one year but of several years. As a partial, though at best only a limited step in this direction, we have prepared a correspondence course in recreational leadership. This course consists of twenty lessons based upon two textbooks, Powell's Recreational Leadership Church and Community, and Richardson's The Church at Play. Answers to the questions in each lesson are prepared by the student and mailed to the Extension Department of Grace-land College for correction and grading. When all of the twenty lessons have been completed in this manner, each student is asked to write a critical review of an approved book dealing with some phase of the general problem of recreation and expression. This, together with the furnishing of sufficient evidence of moral character and a minimum of experience in leadership completes the course. Each person meeting all of the above requirements is issued an attractive certificate bearing the college seal and the signatures of the president of the college and the general superintendent of the department. The entire course, books and lessons included, is furnished the student for only \$4.

Although it is but a year since this course was first announced, there are at present sixty students enrolled and five others who have already completed the course. It is interesting to note in passing that two of these five are district presidents. No single course in the Extension Department of the college has attracted as much attention or has as large an enrollment. The lessons that have been sent in have been far above the average of correspondence lessons in neatness and scholarship, indicating many hours of intensive study. The entire experiment has proved a surprising success, and present indications are that many others will avail themselves of the opportunity to qualify in this work.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

Feeling that the various expressional activities, of young people especially, should be under the supervision of this department, the general officers took complete charge of the Second International Young People's Convention which was held at Lamoni, June 5-15, 1924. The success of this effort

need not be discussed here since its influence has been felt throughout the entire church. Certainly it exceeded the fondest dreams of those in charge. The total enrollment was 875, representing twenty-five States and three foreign countries. The ten-day program was filled with a variety of religious, educational, social, and recreational activities. In addition to daily prayer and preaching services, eleven courses of study were offered. So insistent was the demand and so large was the enrollment that six of these courses had to be repeated each day.

Nothing in the history of the church has seemed to grip the young people as these conventions. Almost daily, letters of appreciation are received. Encouraged by this loyal support, we have called another convention for June 4-14, 1925.

The spirit of the convention has been carried throughout the church, and in several places district and state-wide conventions have been held with surprising success. These efforts we have endeavored to encourage and assist in every way possible. It is the unanimous testimony of church officials and departmental workers who have been sent to these conventions that the interest, attention, and spirituality of the Saints have been most encouraging. Never before have our people, especially the young people, seemed so anxious and ready for instruction.

#### CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, REUNIONS, ETC.

The general superintendent has during the year visited points in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, and Pennsylvania. These trips were usually made in the interests of the general church or at least on behalf of more than one department. Opportunity usually permitted, however, some special work for this department. Upon such occasions we have always endeavored to stimulate interest in our work and to develop a more intelligent appreciation of the place of this department in relation to the church as a whole. Frequently we have been called upon to take charge of the recreational and social programs at conferences and reunions. At such times we have endeavored to the very best of our ability to demonstrate the nature and value of the various activities of this department.

As a member of the General Reunion Committee we have had a splendid opportunity to encourage the work of the department at the fifty or more reunions held throughout the United States and Canada. A wholesome proportion of the Reunion Handbook was devoted to this department. In this book also we outlined a large number of suitable programs and miscellaneous activities for children and young people during their reunions.

In a number of districts, district superintendents have, under our supervision, been active in arranging for the reunions, conferences, conventions, etc., well-balanced programs of social, recreational, and expressional activities.

We have made several visits especially in the interests of the young people. Among the places visited in this capacity are the following: Flint and Lansing, Michigan; Onset, Massachusetts; Shenandoah, Boone and Ames, Iowa; Lawrence, Kansas, and Columbus, Ohio. Invitations have been accepted for similar work in Saint Joseph, Independence, and Saint Louis.

#### RELATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Throughout the year the three departments, i. e., the Sunday School Department, the Department of Women, and the Department of Recreation and Expression, have had their offices in the main College Building at Lamoni, Iowa. Here the general superintendents have been in daily contact with each other and have freely discussed problems of mutual interest. This arrangement has been a very happy one indeed since so many of the problems are similar in their nature and so often concern the work of all.

We have been especially glad to be able to cooperate with the other departments in the preparation of additional courses of study. The nature of this work will undoubtedly be described in the report of the general superintendent of the Sunday school in connection with the work of the Consulting Board. Each department has been glad to grant to this Consulting Board a free hand to work out over a period of years a program of studies suitable for all ages to be used by each of the departments as the necessity arises.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion I wish to recommend the following as a possible guide to the work of the department in the future:

1. That we continue the policy which recognizes as the principal function of this department the proper supervision of social, recreational, and expressional activities.

2. That this supervision be so maintained that the program of this department will blend with the program of the church as a whole.

3. That the policy of the closest cooperation between the general departments be continued so that there shall be gradually worked out a nicely coordinated program of religious education for all ages, all groups, and all needs, a program which will see to it that all the activities of life are directed towards one great goal, the establishment of the kingdom of God.

4. That the department continue in every way possible to encourage the work of the Consulting Board so that there will be available a great variety of courses of study for the purpose, mentioned in No. 3, it being understood that this Consulting Board will secure the best talent available and put it to work in the preparation of courses of study in the standard books of the church as well as in a variety of other subjects.

5. That in the meantime this department continue to publish quarterlies and encourage study and that every local be given an opportunity to maintain regular class work in any of an increasing variety of subjects.

6. That Book of Mormon quarterlies be printed by the department in such numbers as is adequate to meet the demand and until such time as the Consulting Board is able to prepare a number of courses in this important subject suitable for various ages and needs.

7. That the department continue to stress the importance of training of qualified leaders, recognizing that the type of leadership maintained in the supervision of activities of this department has more to do with the success of our efforts than any other one factor.

8. That we use the departments already organized to the maximum of their possibilities rather than the organization of any new departments or the establishing of complicated machinery.

9. That the various young people's activities of the church should as far as possible find their expression through existing departmental machinery.

10. That we continue our policy of gradually educating the Saints to feel that our effort is church work in the truest sense and not some side issue or a more or less unnecessary adjunct to the church.

We have endeavored to the best of our ability to work in the direction of the above outline. We wish that far more could have been accomplished. Without any thought of boasting we do believe that during the year rapid strides have been made in this direction. Much more remains to be done. We trust that shortly the entire church with all its departments and activities shall launch forward on a constructive program which shall result in a demonstration to the world of the wonderful power of the gospel of Christ to save man here and now as well as in the world to come. To this end the Department of Recreation and Expression is dedicated, and to this end it expects to continue to strive.

Most respectfully submitted,  
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