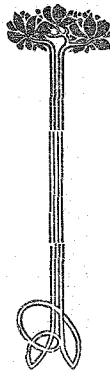


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# Minutes of General Conference 1927

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The Seventy-second General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints convened on April 6, 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the basement of the new Auditorium Building at Independence, Missouri. The weather was ideal, and the attendance was estimated at about 2,500.

President Frederick M. Smith presided at the opening of the conference.

The hymn, "Redeemer of Israel," No. 77 in the conference song pamphlet, Hymns of the Centennial, was sung, under the direction of John F. Sheehy.

Prayer was offered by President Elbert A. Smith:

O God, our heavenly Father; it is with reverent and thankful hearts that we meet together for the first time in this room in conference capacity, that we might do business for thy church. We feel, first of all, that we should offer thee our thanksgiving. We are reminded that upon this day many years ago our fathers met together to organize the church, and we thank thee that we are numbered among the heirs of the Restoration; that the restored gospel sustained by the ancient order of things has come down to us. We thank thee that we are permitted to meet together under the bonds of fellowship and peace. We thank thee that it is made possible for us now to meet in a place that is adequate, and in which we may rejoice before thee. We thank thee for the beautiful day, for the auspicious opening of the conference, and we would commend ourselves and our fellows unto thy divine care and blessing. May the spirit of unity and peace prevail from the beginning until the closing of the conference.

Wherein there may be any troubles or misunderstanding, may thy Spirit guide and direct. Wilt thou remove the obstacles and banish the fogs or mists that might divide us. Wilt thou strengthen and sustain those who occupy in responsible positions. Bless the quorums of the church as they shall meet from day to day in council. May they enjoy the

Spirit of divine direction, and under its illumination may they move forward undivided in a way that shall eventually justify itself as having been the path of wisdom, and as we shall meet here in business session, may the entire body of thy people feel the illumination of thy Spirit, that they may be led to realize that God is yet with us, and as from day to day there shall be preaching and prayer services, bless all those who shall take part, that it may be indeed a year of rejoicing and one to which we may look back; and as we shall move out in this work, that it may be with renewed strength and with revived spirituality.

O Lord, bless thy people thus assembled. Give them health of body and peace of mind, and the influence of the Spirit above, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn 33 in the pamphlet, "Praise ye the Lord," was sung.

It was moved (by James A. Gillen, seconded by J. A. Tanner) and carried: That the First Presidency of the church preside over the conference and they be authorized to perfect the organization and determine the time, character, and place of meetings.

The chair called attention to the printed official program of the conference; and also urged delegate and ex officio members of the conference to acquaint themselves with the contents of the printed reports to the conference.

#### ORGANIZATION

The following appointments to complete the organization of the conference were made by the chair:

Credentials Committee: G. S. Trowbridge, F. A. Russell, and John F. Sheehy, as previously appointed.

Secretaries: G. S. Trowbridge and P. G. Fairbanks.

Stenographers: Howard W. Harder, with Miss Iva Gould and Mrs. Minnie Scott Dobson as assistants.

Press Committee: J. A. Gardner, General Publicity Agent of the church, and R. J. Lambert, Assistant Editor of the Saints' Herald and Zion's Ensign.

Music: In charge of Paul N. Craig, assisted by John F. Sheehy, John F. Martin, and John R. Grice.

Organists: Robert Miller, assisted by Melva Ward and George Miller.

Ushering: In charge of local deacons.

The Stone Church Boy Scout Troop, Number 226, the chair announced would be available for the assistance of members of the conference, and to serve as messengers and pages during conference sessions.

Committee on Administrations to Sick: Elders George E. Harrington, T. C. Kelley, and J. A. Gunsolley.

Boundary Lines Committee: G. S. Trowbridge, F. H. Edwards, and F. A. Russell.

Telegrams were read by the chair from San Francisco, California, and Portland, Oregon, as follows:

*Frederick M. Smith, President of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:* Congratulations to you and First Presidency, Bishopric, and Quorum of Twelve for the success of the church the past year. As you assemble in General Conference, may God bless and sustain you with his Holy Spirit, to lead, guide, and direct, that his will may be done.

FRANK W. BRIGGS.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, April 5, 1927.

*President Frederick M. Smith:* Young people Portland, Oregon, assembled in early prayer service, express faith and confidence in you and pledge anew our support to the church. At the ushering in of our centennial, we are inspired as never before to move forward toward the consummation of our ideals. May God's blessing be upon the conference.

ALBERT LIVINGSTON, *Leader.*

PORTLAND, OREGON, April 6, 1927.

President Frederick M. Smith addressed the conference at length as follows:

I suspect that most of you can guess this morning that I have considerable feeling as we thus meet in the Auditorium for the first time; and I will venture the guess that most of those who are here, and are interested in the development of the latter-day work, feel the same movements of the heart, of joy, of pride, and I trust of determination to not cease in our devotions to the church until this building is completed.

Some seven years ago the need of an adequate building for General Conference, and suitable for the many other needs of a gathering people, became so acute and apparent that a fund was created, which was generously contributed to by the Latter Day Saints and friends. Too long was work on that building delayed—the delay working deleteriously in several directions not here necessary to mention—and all those who appreciated the need for such a building, and who sensed the importance of a progressive people marking their progress by successive goals in a comprehensive building program were made happy a little over a year ago by observing the start made on the erection of the Auditorium by breaking ground in the initial steps for excavating for the basement and foundation; and except for pauses made necessary occasionally by inclement weather, work on the building has progressed steadily though perhaps not with the rapidity some would like to see.

Meeting as we do today here in the basement of this building, holds promise that in due time we shall assemble in the main auditorium, to find space, appointment, and equipment all that might reasonably be desired.

Perhaps there are not a few in this audience who remember meeting with the delegates and ex officio officers of the conference in 1888, in the basement of the Stone Church across the street to the north, and mayhaps those persons will recall expressions then made not unlike some being made now by persons either shortsighted or pessimistic, "It is too large." "It is unnecessary." "It will not be finished." But I submit, my fellow Latter Day Saints, that our record of achievement and our experiences of the past justify us in looking forward with confidence to seeing the Auditorium

well and duly finished, and that its capacity, large as it may look now, ultimately taxed to its limit.

The Auditorium *must* be finished! It is needed! It is opportune, and it *will* be finished! To believe otherwise is to overlook the spirit and the determination of a people with a record of eventually accomplishing its tasks.

There is much to cause us to rejoice as we begin the conference work of 1927. The fine and deeply religious spirit essential for the successful introduction and operation of stewardships is surely and steadily developing. The eyes of the Saints are turning upward and forward. It is well; for people who stand looking into the past progress not. To have or make progress means to have goals fixed or elevated by ideals.

People who look into the past either have lost their goals or have forgotten them, and are living among the images of memory. Peoples like persons become senescent, lose their zeal, and live in the past. So we can rejoice today that as a people we find our eyes fixed upon goals lying up and ahead of us, even if to achieve these goals means work, sacrifice, burdens, and even agony. Our load is heavy, our responsibilities onerous. Our backs grow weary, but let us not pray that our burdens may be less, but only that our backs may be stronger, our courage warmer; for then our hearts will be lighter, because we are making towards our objective.

It is scarcely necessary for me to say here that a great objective, for which we strive and look ahead, is socio-religious reformation, having to do with better human relationships, every day, all-time, associations which will bring God and his Christ into man's affairs other than aloofly; and it is no more necessary for me to repeat that the *modus operandi* of such reformation is institution and universal application of stewardship, or by every Saint going fully and unreservedly upon the basis of living and working with the common weal in view rather than for the purpose of safeguarding personal interests. "He who loses his life shall find it," can be understood when we comprehend that one who forgets himself in serving his brothers will awaken to an abundance of life he never knew before; for then he can see the kingdom of God, for he is born again.

For the introduction of stewardship, that condition under

which every man will be doing his best for all, working his hardest, and taking that which he and his family need and justly want, we have been preparing and waiting for many years. The doctrine was promoted early in the history of our church, but it is only in recent years that a distinct movement has been had towards its general application throughout the church.

It should not be expected that the transition will be made without delays, disappointments, friction, or errors. These are bound to come; but even with them present, we can still rejoice that progress is being made. This observation seems advisable because there are apparently those who thought stewardships might spring suddenly into complete operation, like Minerva full-panoplied from the brain of Jove, and these persons are disturbed because delays occur and wrong starts are made. But if we waited till there were no unpropitious conditions whatever, we might well expect that we will not soon accomplish even the initial movements, but we must advance steadily, profiting by our experiences in failure as well as in success, thus expanding our comprehension and increasing our security by finding the safe anchorages.

Considering everything, however, I cannot but feel that we have made substantial progress in advancing the cause of stewardships, and some of the things begun are bound to be far-reaching in effect. It will be well for our delegates and others interested, to study carefully the Bishop's report and inform themselves further as opportunity may permit.

In addressing the conference last year, I spoke of the previous year as being one of readjustments, a work which was of necessity carried into the past one; and I think it can safely be said that distinct progress has been made therein, as well as in the constructive work which was well started last conference, and which, may we hope, will be continued and augmented. In the efforts to rehabilitate the special funds which have been the subject of much discussion in the past, while carrying on the work of the usual activities, we have taxed our resources in a way to augment some of the problems already before us; and careful work and planning will be necessary to tide over the period of special stress. I refer of course to our financial problems. Carrying on the work of building the Auditorium means putting into the form of permanent and fixed assets a considerably larger sum of

money than we have been wont to do in years that are past. Had the special fund remained intact, this would have worked no hardship. The difficulty of the task has been aggravated by the long delay in building. But I am sure that if we with resolute hearts tackle this task along with our others, we will meet it successfully.

In this connection I want to call your attention to my words at last conference relative to our finances, when I spoke of the difficulty of frozen or slow-moving assets. A tightening up in general financial conditions has been quickly felt in our own, and our problems are enlarged, and there is new emphasis laid upon the necessity of carefully budgeting our finances. This applies to the church and the individual members of it. It is not, I think, mistating facts to say that at large confidence has been weakened and hence deleteriously affected industry. And this general disturbance of confidence has in our own case been intensified by internal conflict now rapidly waning but still having some influence. The sudden return of deficit of income over expenses should concern but not frighten us. It reemphasizes the necessity of carefully scrutinizing our budgets to find where the cuts shall be made, and maybe even to the extent of determining what activities shall cease. The development of a fine, forward-looking spirit among the Saints indicates that the decrease of income is perforce of circumstances rather than disaffection. Of course, unrest may exist in some quarters, due to causes not wise to mention here; but these causes are receiving the attention of the authorities of the church and, I feel sure, will be removed gradually.

The refunding of general church indebtedness should receive continued attention. This refunding has been retarded by some restrictions upon the financial department which I hope to see removed. And in this connection I want to urge upon the men of the church who are engaged in business the necessity and wisdom of individually and in groups lending themselves and their capacities to the Bishopric in organizing and handling the increasing business problems. The Bishop is earnestly endeavoring to free himself for the larger aspects of his work by calling to his aid those business men who are willing and able to assume responsibility for the church.

All the problems which are confronting the church are closely connected with, or, I might say, are part of, the



greater task of the gathering. This lies before us as part of the great unfinished work of the church begun early but frustrated by events now quite well known as history. This long delay of the work of gathering puts upon us a double burden, that of carrying the work of yesterday while doing ours of today and preparing for the morrow. Had the preparation for Zion been carried on in its due time, our own tasks now would be easier, or at least not so complex. Preparation on the part of the Saints, now in distant fields, to come should have been preceded by careful preparation for their reception in Zion. This latter work must be expedited now, to gather up lost time and motion while the work of hastening the gathering goes on in outlying fields. As I see the task, there must be a unification of effort more concentrated than ever in the past. Strategic points, strategic from the standpoint of our own developments and movements, must be determined and entrenched, while other points must be evacuated in the interests of the concentrated movement in Zion. This is to say, as I see it the problem now becomes one of branch or congregational development or movement. (This is group thinking in terms of the gathering in Zion.) In some cases more firmly securing the work in places as curtains or supports, in others moving branches as a whole into Zion or the regions round about. Contemplation of such work opens up a whole range of problems which will call for the best effort of a consecrated, prayerful, spiritual people, with a devotion to the cause which tolerates none of the forces making for disaffection. It means thinking in terms of present group and community interests and of future community and racial welfare. Envisaged from a purely human viewpoint, or in terms of present industrial and economic parlance, our task seems hopelessly great; and even conditions existing among us after nearly one hundred years of teaching the message, the task appears one to discourage and dishearten. Self-serving interests are strongly entrenched in the world, and selfishness among us is yielding slowly, if at all. False ideas of democracy, wrong conceptions of equality, find their roots in the soil of selfishness and thus become foreign growths in a philosophy looking to a social order in which differing capacities and ranges of capability must be recognized and on which greater responsibility must be laid. How warped becomes our understanding of the par-

able of talents when we try to approach it in the atmosphere of self!

In this conference we are attempting again the approach to the remodeling of our conferences towards institutions of spiritual and mental uplift and away from the forensic and combative. How much valuable time, faith, patience, energy, we have wasted in contentions, only Deity can tell. But may the hope be expressed that so active will we become in the things which build and construct that we shall have less and less time for destructive tactics and wasteful forensics.

The carping critic in the ministry must give place to the one who can *build* upon the institutions of society and reform, where necessary, the deformities which wrong forces have produced.

No longer "I can tear your house down" but, "I'll show you something better."

Here I must speak in appreciation of the younger men associated with me, in their willingness to take upon them the details of the growing work.

This conference program is largely the result of the collaboration of the junior member of the Presidency and the Secretary of the Quorum of Twelve, so far as the details are concerned, though they have had the cheerful assistance of all the officers.

Last year we spoke of the unification of teaching on the part of the ministry, brought about by the adoption of a program of activities in the field of human affairs. This unification has not progressed as far as is desirable. The mere adoption of the program does not guarantee its comprehension by the ministry. Its adoption by so emphatic a vote ought to stimulate every member of the church to its careful study. More particularly so should the ministry feel the need of close application to study along the lines suggested by the program. Indifference to it, or failure to include it in ministerial effort and propaganda, is not only contrary to the action of the conference in adopting the program, but might even be considered a disqualification of ministerial representation. And a full and hearty support and adequate, comprehensive, and comprehending presentation of the program of the church by our ministers should spring rather from ready willingness to comply with the conference action than from administrative pressure. Were the program in

any way a controversion of the gospel, or the early teachings of the church, there might be some excuse for the indifference of some towards the program; but its complete harmony with the proper church traditions and the gospel should make it not only easy for every minister to support and teach it, but should make him zealous in its support. In fact, I do not see how the fullness of the gospel can be preached without including the human relations included in the program outlined and adopted.

Let me therefore urge again that all representatives of the church compass this program in their work of leading the Saints unto perfection. This can be done without foregoing the preaching of the gospel. It fact, it *is* preaching the gospel, for the program to be properly understood must be envisaged from the gospel viewpoint, and *based on* the gospel of Jesus the Christ.

#### *Health Department*

The present church physician has not yet freed himself from his work as a practitioner to the extent that he can give much of his time to the Health Department; but it is expected that he will soon be able to do so. And when he does so, it is hoped that a work of health education can be developed which will eventually reach every member in the church, in efforts towards disease prevention. There is great necessity for such teaching of health, in harmony with our own ideas of diet and medicine.

I am wondering if in this connection we can look forward to the institution of a school of medicine wherein our youth can be educated in the art of healing, with our own needs and ideas or beliefs in view always? Such a school is needed.

I have here spoken of the "art of healing" as a part of the science of medicine, and I earnestly hope that our students of medicine might take their studies seriously enough to avoid the entanglements of quackery. There is much to learn of medicine. Many schools have sprung into existence, and between some of them there is bitter antagonism. There is doubtless much of good in each of these schools, and mayhaps some of wrong, and the good should be gathered up for the sake of human welfare. The sum of knowledge in medicine is small enough, and we should be assiduous in expanding that knowledge. Full comprehension of the Word of

Wisdom will not come without it. And let me suggest that Word of Wisdom supporters and advocates need not become either obnoxious or cranky.

And what is said here applies in its way to the work of the Sanitarium. We need to do the best we can for our sick while learning to keep well. As not all have faith, let us practice medicine—rightly, is the advice of the Word of Wisdom. Our Sanitarium is doing a splendid work, despite the severe criticism of some extremists of restricted vision. I am always glad to receive suggestions and proper criticisms concerning any of our institutions, and even enjoy the radical and severe criticisms of cranks if they are honest and sincere; but before our people condemn the Sanitarium and its work, they should at least endeavor to find the facts as a starting point. I am not and have not been satisfied with the work of the Sanitarium and the Health Department; but we must grow to our right proportions and into our right place among the institutions of healing. I am not blind to our shortcomings, but shall try to keep my eyes on the goal to be achieved by our Health Department. I make no attempt to defend the American Medical Association against the attacks being made upon it, but I can say that in my contact with medical men, I have found some splendid men actuated by high ideals and devotion to service; and I long to see the medical men of the church caught up into an organization designed to promote health on the basis of the Word of Wisdom, bringing to their aid all that science can afford, consecrating their efforts by a religious devotion to the church and God. The health of the church should be the stewardship of our real students of medicine.

I want to raise the slogan that has been upon our literature in recent months:

FORWARD TO 1930  
A MARKING GOAL  
NOT A RESTING PLACE

Some of the things we should accomplish by that time, I have tried to catch up in a few short sentences:

The Auditorium completed to the point where it can be put into continuous use in local and general activities. This does not necessarily mean completely finishing and decorating it, for that doubtless will consume many years; but the

great audience chamber, being the central feature, should be put into use, and the equipment and appointment placed necessary to support it. To do this by 1930 means continuous work, and some action should be had looking towards financing the building with this in view. The methods should be worked out by the proper councils and authorities, and I can not but believe that the conference delegates and Saints will support and approve such a move.

Is it too much to hope that by 1930 one fourth of the Saints will be functioning on the basis of stewardships? We have, I trust, earnestly entered upon that work, and it appears to me that much preliminary work has been done; and if ministers and members cooperate in the spirit of true Latter Day Saintism I have no doubt that the conference of 1930 will find twenty-five per cent of the members working as stewards. We should give opportunity for the hastening forces to work, to let our religion have its perfect work.

By then, if not before, Graceland College should have been placed upon the basis of a fully accredited, standard, four-year college. Without question, the importance of the work of that institution in the development of church work justifies amply such a move. The task of making the college such, is not small, but surely we are equal to it. The religious education department of the college should be broadened, and utilized more as a training place for consecrated young men and women who choose to prepare for the ministry and the work of the church. In my opinion we have been unfair to many men in the past in sending them into work without the benefit of some preparation. We should not delay rectifying that error.

And while Graceland is thus expanding into an institution of larger activity and usefulness, it is to be hoped that the Institute at Independence will steadily advance towards a Junior College with a concomitant of special courses and departments to meet the apparent demands and needs of the educational work here at Independence. We should look to the Institute in connection with the Sanitarium and its clustered activities for our school of medicine ultimately.

The Sanitarium by 1930 should have greatly enlarged its borders and the scope of its work. Under the present effective administration of Superintendent Copeland, it has made a steady and fine growth. But she has been laboring

under restrictions and limitations which should be removed. We might well face the fact, that of new buildings eventually for that institution, adequately spaced and appointed for better and higher work.

By 1930 we should have consolidated our ground, with the movement of gathering always in sight, with some branches moved bodily into the regions round about, properly and safely erected colonies anchored in places where they can indeed become curtains of Zion, and agricultural and industrial supports adequately provided.

Is it too much to hope that by 1930 we can see the indebtedness of the church substantially reduced if not liquidated, or the remaining portion so funded that it is not pressing upon our resources and distressing our operations. Towards this end every energy should be bent, and the Saints individually and collectively assiduously work and consecrate.

Nineteen hundred and thirty should find our system of religious education so broadened and deepened that every youth and youngster is feeling its steady and uplifting effect, that it may become one of the means of stabilizing the lives and activities of our youth and safeguarding their morals, their virtues, their devotion, and their energies.

And may we not look forward to that time demonstrating that the ministry of the church, under the leadership of the Spirit of God, and in a bond of fraternal mutual helpfulness, and with a unity born of a conscious cooperation with God in one of the mighty and glorious labors of the ages, are standing on higher grounds of exemplary morality, mental excellence, educational proficiency, freed from all discontent other than consciousness of limitations, actively efficient as workers, tireless in energy, frugal of time, helpful in brotherly aid, unitedly teaching the things pertaining to the kingdom of God to a people surely and steadily being led on to the perfection of beauty and godliness—Zion.

A telegram from Albert N. Hoxie, General Church Chorister, was read:

*Frederick M. Smith:* Best wishes for a successful conference. It is with deep regret that I can not be with you today.

ALBERT N. HOXIE.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, April 6. 1927.

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Announcements were made.

At 10.45 a. m. the chair adjourned the session until 2.00 p. m.

Hymn 109 in the pamphlet was sung.

Benediction by President Elbert A. Smith.

12.45 p. m. Organ recital at the Stone Church; Robert Miller, organist.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference reassembled in business session at 2 p. m.

President F. M. Smith in the chair. Hymn 37 in pamphlet was sung. Prayer by Evangelist Richard Baldwin.

### ADDRESSES

The chair suggested that the conference hear some of the brethren and sisters on different phases of church work. The following spoke as called upon:

Elders James A. Gillen and J. F. Curtis of the Quorum of Twelve; Elder Gomer T. Griffiths of the Evangelists, the Presiding Patriarch, Elder F. A. Smith, being out of the city to attend to a funeral; Bishop A. Carmichael, of the bishops; Sister Blanche Edwards, of the Department of Women; Elder Leonard G. Hoisington, recently returned missionary from Germany; George Lewis, jr., Grace-land student from Australia.

The chair called attention to the published reports to the conference as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* As your committee on credentials, we beg to submit the following report and recommendations with regard to delegates elected to represent various districts and branches in the General Conference of 1927:

The districts named below have elected delegates in ex-

cess of the number allowed under General Conference Resolutions as indicated. We recommend that the delegates whose names appear first on the lists as shown to the extent of the authorized number be seated and that the others be dropped from the list of delegates.

Norwood Branch, South Australia, 1 excess; Wales District, 1 excess; Honolulu Branch, 1 excess; Alabama District, 1 excess; Kentucky and Tennessee District, 4 excess; Northern Saskatchewan District, 2 excess; Owen Sound District, 1 excess; Western Maine District, 1 excess.

#### AUSTRALIA

Northern New South Wales District

Southern New South Wales District, 875: G. G. Lewis, G. Mesley, W. Patterson, J. Blackmore, G. T. Griffiths, G. R. Wells, C. E. Miller.

Northern New South Wales, 532: C. F. Ellis, M. A. McConley, G. G. Lewis, William Patterson, John Blackmore.

Norwood Branch, South Australia, 163: Clyde F. Ellis, M. A. McConley.

Perth Branch: Paul M. Hanson.

Queensland District

Victoria District

#### BRITISH ISLES

Midland District, 250: Fred Sheppard, Fred Cousins.

Northern England District, 717: James A. Gillen, Paul M.

Hanson, J. F. Curtis, Roderick May, Charles Fry.

Southern District

Wales District, 196: J. F. Curtis, Mrs. R. Baldwin.

#### GERMAN MISSION

Hanover Branch

#### HAWAII

Honolulu Branch, 277: M. A. McConley, C. Ed. Miller, Mrs. M. A. McConley.

Hilo Branch: M. A. McConley.

Chinese Branch, 38: M. A. McConley.

Japanese Branch, 46: M. A. McConley.

#### HOLLAND

#### NEW ZEALAND

#### NORWAY

Bøn Branch, 50: E. Y. Hunker.



## PALESTINE

Jerusalem Branch, 17: George Njeim.

## SOCIETY ISLANDS

## SWITZERLAND

## UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Alabama District, 665: J. W. A. Bailey, T. C. Kelley, W. J. Williamson, T. M. Carr, N. L. Booker, Mrs. N. L. Booker, D. E. Sellers.

Alberta District, 474: J. F. Curtis, William Osler, W. H. Roy, M. A. McConley.

Arkansas District, 500: R. A. Ziegenhorn, Mrs. R. A. Ziegenhorn, F. O. White, Mrs. F. O. White, Mrs. G. W. Clements.

Central Illinois District, 752: Fred Pritchett, E. L. Ulrich, J. O. Dutton, William Vanhoosier, Charley Sloan, John J. Jenkins.

Central Michigan District, 1,693: W. L. Chapman, E. S. White, Mrs. E. S. White, E. J. Gleazer, Mrs. E. J. Gleazer, G. W. Burt, Mrs. G. W. Burt, S. T. Pendleton, M. A. Somerfield, Mrs. M. A. Somerfield, Earl Burt, Mrs. Earl Burt, Albert Seymour, John Wade, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Omer Hulbert, Blanche Northrup.

Central Nebraska District, 520: Mrs. M. E. Rutledge, Mrs. T. A. Beck, Pearl Allen, Mrs. A. D. Ohring, A. D. Ohring.

Central Oklahoma District, 1,601: Orval James, Mrs. Earl D. Bailey, Mrs. H. K. Rowland, Mrs. D. B. Sorden, Mrs. Dola Kueffer, Mrs. Lula Linkhart, Mrs. O. L. James, Mrs. Rodella Dillon, Mrs. Etta Kueffer, S. W. Simmons, Mrs. Pauline Bailey, Wallace Bailey, Pauline James, Mrs. M. E. Haskins, Mrs. S. H. Bailey, Vick Piatt.

Central Texas District, 496: A. F. Shotwell, J. E. Vanderwood, Mrs. L. R. Wells, H. H. Davenport.

Chatham District, 1,419: Isaac Andrews, Theo. Wismer, Margaret Andrew, John Dent, B. H. Doty, W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Lyle Weaver, James Kelly, Charlotte Kelly, J. L. Brown, Robert Parker, Florence Parker.

Clinton District, 984: R. T. Walters, Birch Whiting, Mrs. C. W. Keck, Mrs. J. A. Marsteller, Mrs. F. C. Keck, Lee Quick, Joseph Curtis, John D. Deller, Eliza Wedlock.

Des Moines District, 1,474: Henry Castings, O. L. D'Arcy, E. O. Clark, C. E. McDonald, H. A. Higgins, Edith Higgins, Bessie Laughlin, Stephen Robinson, William Robinson, Mrs. O. L. D'Arcy, E. G. Beye, Mary Rudkin, Jennie Dowker, Eula Mussell.

Detroit District, 2,531: Arthur DuRose, Muriel DuRose, O. A. Woodin, Mrs. O. A. Woodin, Lulu Hutchins, Mrs. Charles Robertson, Herman Fultz, Mrs. Herman Fultz, Louis Kuhn, Dewey McNamara, Mrs. Dewey McNamara, O. A. McDowell, Mrs. O. A. McDowell, Emma Hardy, J. Charles Mottashed, Mrs. J. Charles Mottashed, Mrs. S. B. Smith, Mrs. Maude Burstrum, Thomas S. Williams, Mrs. Thomas S. Williams, Sarah Smith, Mrs. Viola Blair, H. A. Koehler, Myrtle Holden.

Eastern Colorado District, 1,710: Josephine Pople, Mrs. Bruce E. Brown, Charles A. Zion, Grace Bullard, Ward A. Hougas, Mrs. Ward A. Hougas, E. P. Darnell, Wesley Spillman, Bertha Black, Edwin P. Anderson, J. D. Curtis, Ray Sales, Sylvia Goddard, Ella Thompson, Cordelia McCormick Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Anthony.

Eastern Iowa District, 667: Clarence Heide, C. A. Kress, O. E. Lindsay, George McFarlane, Mrs. George McFarlane, Ellen Noolan.

Eastern Maine District, 533: Newman M. Wilson, M. C. Fisher, Amos Berve, W. E. Rogers, Madeline Clarke.

Eastern Michigan District, 1,781: M. W. Liston, E. J. Gleazer, G. T. Richards, William Grice, John R. Grice, James Ferguson, Mrs. James Ferguson, Mrs. Mae Engle, Daniel P. Wade, Charles C. Whitford, Elizabeth Whitford, Fred W. Cadow, Emma Cadow, Ruth Cadow, Grace McGinnis, O. J. Hawn, Mrs. O. J. Hawn.

Eastern Montana District, 250: A. R. Ritter, G. W. Thorburn.

Eastern Oklahoma District, 900: Earl D. Bailey, C. G. Smallwood, Brother Poor, Sister Poor, Ida M. Smallwood, E. A. Erwin, John S. White, Abbie Judkins, Mary A. Sims.

Florida District, 760: T. C. Kelley, Mrs. T. C. Kelley, S. G. Allen, A. D. McCall, C. T. West, Mrs. C. J. Clark, J. W. A. Bailey.

Fremont District, 463: W. H. Walling, T. A. Hougas, William I. Fligg, J. F. Garver.

Gallands Grove District, 836: F. T. Mussell, Richard Baldwin, Mrs. Richard Baldwin, William Fish, Lacy Meyers, Mrs. Lacy Meyers, Alfred Ballantyne, W. A. Smith.

Idaho District, 531: Charlotte Condit, Ada B. Hoisington, Donald Fletcher, Amy J. Gill, Mrs. J. Arthur Davis.

Kentucky and Tennessee District, 449: O. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Alma Booker, R. M. C. Ross, E. M. Seaton, Valor Seaton, Roney Overcast, Alma McClain, Mary Alexander.

Kewanee District, 819: E. R. Davis, B. E. Sartwell, Edw. Jones, Leonard Houghton, J. F. Garver, Ammon White, Mrs. E. R. Davis, George Sackfield.

Kirtland District, 1,221: E. M. Knight, Charlene Hensel, William Patterson, Ruth Patterson, Bessie Neville, Charles Fry, G. T. Griffiths, A. E. Stone, T. G. Neville, Paul M. Hanson, J. C. McConnaughy, R. S. Budd.

Little Sioux District 1,901: G. Scott Daniel, Mrs. G. Scott Daniel, Charles J. Smith, Richard Baldwin, Mrs. Richard Baldwin, Joseph Lane, Mrs. William R. Adams, George Meggers, J. E. Keck, Marvin K. Fry, E. B. Purcell, Mrs. E. B. Purcell, Elsie Stewart, Irvin Rosenburger, Alma Mefferd, Mrs. Marvin K. Fry, Mrs. George Meggers, Mrs. Irvin Rosenburger, Mrs. J. J. Kilpack.

London District, 900: J. L. Burger, E. L. Wismer, W. Grice, G. C. Tomlinson, Beulah Cordery, Albert Cordery, Cynthia Vasbinder, Mary Skelding, Joseph Skelding.

Minnesota District, 625: Mrs. G. Leslie DeLapp, Mrs. Charles H. Johnson, Robert Gunlock, P. G. Schnuckles, J. A. Gunsolley, Wesley Elvin.

Mobile District, 779: J. W. A. Bailey, Annie Mae Hough, T. M. Carr, Mrs. T. M. Carr, J. W. Hancock, Mrs. J. W. Hancock, Mrs. Elizabeth Hefflon.

Nauvoo District, 711: William H. Gunn, A. L. Sanford, J. W. Layton, Fred C. Bevan, Mrs. J. W. Layton, Mrs. August Lee, Elmer Sherman.

New York District, 475: Wardell Christy, Mrs. Wardell Christy, P. L. Weegar, Mrs. P. L. Weegar.

New York-Philadelphia District, 1,282: Geo. W. Robley, A. E. Stoft, E. B. Hull, Mrs. J. W. Hull, Harry B. Mann, Arabella Mann, Ira Merrick, John Zimmermann, sr., Anna D. Zimmermann, Mary Stoft, Louis J. Ostertag, Wm. E. Nichols.

- North Dakota District, 480: William Sparling, Mrs. William Sparling, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Thomas Leitch.
- Northeastern Illinois District, 1,030: David E. Dowker, Elmer L. Kahler, Mrs. W. A. McDowell, W. A. McDowell, Roy F. Healy, Mrs. J. H. McGuire, J. H. McGuire, Edw. O. Byrne, Charles R. Wildermuth, Earl D. Rogers, Mrs. O. T. Hayer.
- Northeastern Kansas District, 634: Mrs. A. P. Crooker, W. F. Bolinger, E. L. Bullard, Mrs. W. H. Dittimore, Dave Donahue, C. E. Harpe.
- Northeastern Missouri District, 408: Fred L. McKane, Ben S. Tanner, Gomer R. Wells, Sophia Binder.
- Northeastern Nebraska District, 1,375: John L. Cooper, Mrs. John L. Cooper, W. T. Wellman, Mrs. W. T. Wellman, B. M. Anderson, Mrs. B. M. Anderson, Carl T. Self, H. A. Merchant, Benjamin Creel, Ira Lewis, H. Fay Rollett, Mrs. Grace Thiehoff.
- Northern California District, (1,872): M. A. Ward, Mrs. M. A. Ward, Mrs. L. Parkin, William Anderson, J. A. Saxe, M. A. McConley, J. A. Gillen, V. B. Etzenhouser, Mrs. V. B. Etzenhouser, Mrs. J. Mookler, Mrs. Farrar, J. B. Carmichael, E. B. Hull, William Collins, H. D. Simpson, Mrs. H. D. Simpson, Elsie Gates.
- Northern Michigan District, 906: E. N. Burt, Max Kramer, Doris Kramer, Dirk Schreur, Grace Schreur, Charles O. Howe, Allen Schreur, Sarah Schreur, Hector McKinnon.
- Northern Saskatchewan District, 359: W. J. Cornish, E. L. Bowerman, C. F. Ellis, A. M. Crofford, Fred Scott.
- Northern Wisconsin District, 625: L. O. Wildermuth, S. E. Livingston, J. F. Garver, L. G. Holloway, Mrs. S. E. Livingston, E. J. Lenox.
- Northwestern Kansas District, 591: A. C. Silvers, A. H. Reed, A. L. Parsons, Harold Ratcliffe, Mark Williams.
- Northwestern Ohio District, 481: Olive Ulrich, John Grice, Everett Ulrich, Clarence V. Holmes.
- Nova Scotia
- Owen Sound District, 1,358: D. B. Perkins, John Shields, S. Grant St. John, N. E. Leeder, J. F. Curtis, J. W. Peterson, Percy Farrow, May Farrow, Mrs. John Shields, James A. Morrison, Annie St. John, Mrs. W. L. Christy, Mrs. J. H. Leeder Guyer, F. B. Stade.
- Pittsburgh District

- Portland District, 750: Eunice Smith Livingston, Lila Smith Livingston, A. C. Martin, M. H. Cook, Eli Bronson, Ethyl Bronson.
- Pottawattamie District, 1,624: George Beatty, J. A. Hensen, H. H. Hand, C. A. Skinner, Alice Baldwin, D. E. Butler, May Rudd, E. Y. Hunker, Roy Murphy, J. F. Mintun, Lutie A. Murphy, Lizzie Beatty, O. A. Currie, Amos Graybill, Bessie Mattison, Nels Hansen.
- Saint Louis District, 1,339: Beatrice East, Lovie Trask, W. A. Guthrie, Eldora Mizell, A. H. Daly, Minnie Daly, C. J. Remington, Esther Brunkhorst, C. E. Smith, Josie Billinsky, W. C. Carl, G. F. Barraclough, James Wild.
- Seattle and British Columbia District, 1,060: Myron A. McConley, Clyde F. Ellis, James A. Gillen, M. H. Cook, Richard Hartnell, Lillian Hartnell, Jessie Ward, Emma McDole, A. C. Martin, Sarah Borney.
- Southeastern Illinois District, 1,300: H. M. Curtis, L. C. Moore, Mrs. W. C. Choate, Bessie Burgess, I. T. Webb, E. S. Choate, Myrtie Choate, R. L. Fulk, J. M. Henson, Arthur Henson, Grace Henson, F. L. Sawley.
- Southern California District, 1,719: A. W. Teel, Ida M. Teel, P. R. Burton, J. A. Gillen, Myron A. McConley, Flora May Burton, Nephi T. Chapman, Jennie Crum, Laura Ball, G. W. Wixom, Albert Carmichael, Sister Kittridge, Elbert Smith, W. L. Vail, Joseph Mather, May Mather, Mrs. W. L. Vail.
- Southern Indiana District, 723: Mrs. O. J. Hawn, Keo Robinson, Alta Stinnett, Edna S. Gage, John A. Robinson, A. W. Gates, Charles H. Fish.
- Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District, 1,801: J. H. McGuire, Mark Gross, S. A. Barss, Mrs. R. A. Frisbee, S. W. L. Scott, Elmer Evans, Louise Evans, Hattie Cavanaugh, Mrs. J. H. McGuire, G. E. Harrington, Percy Farrell, E. J. Gleazer, J. W. McKnight, George Cassell, Frederick M. Smith, E. B. Blett, D. T. Williams, E. Aelich.
- Southern Missouri District, 804: Pearl Ogden, Lulu E. Rowley, A. M. Baker, Benjamin Pearson, G. A. Davis, Francis M. Bishop, Mrs. Francis M. Bishop, Henry Sparling.
- Southern Nebraska District, 620: E. F. Robertson, Mrs. E. F. Robertson, T. J. Chapple, Mrs. T. J. Chapple, Ira C. Wolfe, Charles White.

- Southern New England District, 1,188: T. J. Elliott, M. C. Fisher, E. L. Traver, Herman Chelline, D. F. Joy, E. H. Fisher, Thomas Whipple, Florence Fisher, Leah Traver, Louise Fox, John Whipple.
- Southern Ohio District, 1,583: Paul M. Hanson, James E. Bishop, Jacob G. Halb, E. D. Finken, Hazel Gribben, Mrs. C. W. Clark, C. W. Clark, Verna Miller, G. T. Griffiths, John Martin, H. E. French, R. S. Budd, Edith Woods, U. W. Greene, C. B. Woodstock.
- Southern Saskatchewan District, 350: O. W. Okerlind, Clyde F. Ellis, M. A. McConley.
- Southern Wisconsin District, 614: J. F. Garver, L. G. Holloway, E. J. Lenox, W. A. McDowell, David Spease, Leonard Houghton.
- Southwestern Kansas District, 408: Lena Curtis, Mrs. E. L. Barraclough, Mrs. P. S. Whalley, Mrs. Knight.
- Southwestern Texas District, 558: H. E. Winegar, D. T. Williams, George Elgie, R. S. Allnutt, Pauline Allnutt.
- Spokane District, 840: Charles C. Crabb, Olive Crabb, Orpha Coleman, George Thorburn, Oscar Case, Alta Case, J. H. Van Eaton, Mrs. J. H. Van Eaton.
- Spring River District, 1,844: Amos T. Hidgon, Lee Quick, Mrs. J. T. Riley, Mrs. E. F. Goettel, Edith Fry, Carrie Gray, Mrs. E. E. Gilbert, Herman Holthausen, Mrs. Herman Holthausen, V. E. Sheppard, Mrs. V. E. Sheppard, E. E. Gilbert, Mrs. S. G. Carrow, Daniel Gray, Robert Jones, Carl Hobart, Mrs. Carl Hobart, F. L. Freeman.
- Toronto District, 1,521: C. A. McLean, Faye Gould McLean, Joseph R. Osborn, S. W. Tomlinson, James A. Wilson, J. T. Whitehead, J. I. Prentice, Lily Ward, Ernest Rowett, James Pycock, David Pycock, John Shields, Edward Whitworth, Mary Whitworth, Mary Wilson.
- Utah District, 445: Frederick M. Smith, Calvin H. Rich, Roy F. Hewes, C. O. A. Peterson.
- Western Colorado District, 337: Mrs. R. E. Davey, E. A. Davis, R. E. Davey.
- Western Maine District, 512: M. C. Fisher, Amos Berve, Mrs. Amos Berve, Roy S. Budd, Newman Wilson, Lewis Eaton.
- Western Michigan District, 883: John Schruer, Alvin R. Ellis, B. H. Doty, R. E. Jones, Clyde F. Ellis, W. D. Ellis, John E. Bennett, Mrs. John E. Bennett.

Western Montana District, 481: Esty L. Smelser, Mrs. Esty L. Smelser, G. W. Thorburn, Mrs. G. W. Thorburn.

Western Oklahoma District, 643: Z. Z. Renfroe, M. Crownover, A. H. Christensen, Mrs. M. Crownover, Charlie Wilson, C. V. Moody.

West Virginia District

Wheeling District, 575: L. D. Ullom, Paul Hanson, John F. Martin, Thomas L. Clark, J. E. Wildermuth.

Winnipeg District

Youngstown-Sharon District, 375: William Patterson, W. C. Neville, Paul M. Hanson.

Branches not in districts:

Bisbee, Arizona, Branch, 67: D. L. Evans.

Douglas (Arizona): J. W. Taylor.

Eros (Louisiana): J. T. Riley.

North Platte (Nebraska)

Olive (Nebraska)

Phoenix (Arizona): Clara E. Sturges.

Pleasant View (Nebraska)

Wagner (South Dakota): Charles J. Smith.

Far West Stake, 2,447: Lloyd Graybill, Ras Lorenson, George Hinderks, George W. Mauzey, George Peterson, Charles E. Wood, William T. Ross, Henry Hamann, O. C. Dunlap, A. B. Constance, Mrs. R. K. Ross, H. L. Barto, Madge Head, Frank Powell, Mrs. John R. Lentell, O. Salisbury, Elias O. Hinderks, Mrs. C. R. Liggett, Milo Burnett, John L. Bear, J. Charles May, Benjamin R. Constance, Samuel Twombly, Mrs. Milo Burnett.

Holden Stake, 1,698: W. S. Macrea, F. A. McWethy, C. V. Hopkins, C. F. Scarcliff, J. A. Koehler, E. A. Curtis, R. F. Moorman, R. E. Burgess, C. W. Childers, G. J. Harding, T. L. McCormick, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, Frank Ford, D. R. Hughes, Amos Allen, Lloyd Harding.

Kansas City Stake, 3,465: Mrs. F. B. Blair, Mrs. J. Ray Lloyd, Mrs. Roy E. Newkirk, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. Seth S. Sandy, Mrs. Sarah Hawkins, J. A. Tanner, Seth S. Sandy, John Tucker, Mrs. J. A. Tanner, Jessie Tucker, Ralph Goold, J. W. Gunsolley, Maude Gunsolley, Margaret Cleveland, Edward Baker, W. B. Richards, Mrs. H. W. Goold, Mrs. Robert J. Crayne, Fred J. Cleveland, Mrs. P. J. Brose, Mrs. J. E. Cleveland, Robert Winning, Mrs. P. J. Raw, Mrs. J. H. Paxton, F. V. Elliott, Elizabeth Evans, W. O. Hands, Mrs. H. A. Gould,

Mrs. George H. Hidy, Mrs. A. W. Sears, Joseph Stobaugh, Mrs. A. V. Trego, Ida Combs.

Lamoni Stake, 2,220: W. E. Prall, A. B. Phillips, A. J. Yarrington, J. F. Garver, Hubert Case, J. D. Stead, H. H. Gold, Lydia Wight, George N. Briggs, Mrs. A. L. Keen, Parley P. Batten, Ralph Wicker, W. T. Shakespeare, E. Dewey White, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, G. W. Blair, Mrs. W. H. Blair, Robert Campbell, Charles F. Church, Lyda Elefson, Mrs. C. B. Woodstock, Florence Thompson.

Zion, 4,905: Elbert A. Smith, C. Ed. Miller, Albert Carmichael, Ammon White, Frederick M. Smith, F. M. McDowell, R. S. Budd, J. A. Becker, M. H. Siegfried, B. J. Scott, J. F. Sheehy, R. J. Lambert, G. W. Eastwood, J. A. Gillen, Hubert Case, J. F. Curtis, E. J. Gleazer, D. O. Cato, F. H. Edwards, Harry Barto, Alice M. Cowan, J. Charles May, J. M. Terry, N. Carmichael, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Charles Fry, H. O. Smith, Gaud A. Smith, Leonard White, A. K. Dillee, Mrs. R. S. Budd, R. W. Farrell, Charles Koehler, Bertha Constance, F. A. Cool, F. A. Smith, Ellis Short, sr., Mrs. Howard W. Harder, Mrs. C. J. Hunt, M. A. Etzenhouser, M. T. Williams, Mrs. M. A. Etzenhouser, Amos Allen, W. J. Brewer, D. A. Whiting, W. M. Self, Paul M. Hanson, Mrs. Ellis Short, sr., D. R. Snively.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,

F. A. RUSSELL,

JOHN SHEEHY,

*Credentials Committee.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 30, 1927.

It was moved to adopt the report subject to such amendments as may be found necessary.

It was then moved that the second paragraph of this report be amended by striking out all after the words, *We recommend that*, and inserting in lieu thereof words that will cause this sentence to read, "We recommend that the said delegations meet and advise the committee of delegates in excess who should be dropped."

After a brief discussion, the amendment and the motion as amended prevailed.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

*To the First Presidency:* We herewith submit the report of the Department of the Sunday School for the year March 1, 1926, to March 1, 1927.

## GENERAL STAFF

Charles B. Woodstock has continued to serve in the capacity of general superintendent, giving his full time and attention to the work of the department. Blanche Edwards has continued to serve as first assistant superintendent, and F. M. McDowell as second assistant superintendent. On June 1, 1926, Mrs. Marjorie Anway entered the general offices at Lamoni as general secretary of The Departments, serving as secretary of each of the three departments, and directing the work of the office help. M. H. Siegfried has served as treasurer, and Mrs. Anna de Jong Smith has had charge of organized class work.

Early in the conference year, the general superintendent was asked by the heads of the other departments to have general supervisory charge of all the office work of The Departments located at Lamoni. By action of the Consulting Board, the Department of the Sunday School was charged with the responsibility of the preparation of all quarterly material for the use of study classes in the church, and on September 6 the authorities of Graceland College transferred to The Departments office the entire administration of the correspondence courses in teacher training and recreational leadership.

Active supervision of and participation in the work of The Departments Office has occupied about two thirds of the time of the general superintendent. The remaining one third has been spent out in the field in response to requests for help at reunions, conventions, institutes, and in general district work.

It was our privilege to attend the International Council of Religious Education at Birmingham, Alabama, during the latter part of April. The months of May and June were largely occupied in perfecting plans for the Lamoni Institute of Religious Education and assisting in its administration.

## FIELD WORK

During the summer months, we attended reunions in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan, Central Michigan, and Kirtland Districts, and young people's conventions at

Madison, Wisconsin, and Sandusky, Michigan, and filled special appointments in the Detroit and Eastern Michigan Districts. In the early fall we traveled with district officers through Southern Nebraska and Eastern Colorado. At other times we have ministered among the Saints, especially in the interests of religious education in Philadelphia, Chicago, Topeka; Saint Joseph and Holden, Missouri; and Parkersburg, West Virginia; also in Louisville and Indianapolis; and in Moorhead, Missouri Valley, and Woodbine, in Iowa. We have assisted in conducting conventions also at Columbus and Bradner, Ohio, and at Independence, Council Bluffs, Omaha, and Kansas City. During the year we have assisted in Sunday school work in nearly all the branches of the Lamoni Stake.

Memoranda for the year show approximately seven thousand miles of travel by train and forty-five hundred miles by auto. One hundred and nine talks have been given and thirty-eight sermons preached.

#### THE 1926 INSTITUTE

A fifteen-day institute of religious education was held at Graceland College from May 31 to June 14. In all, eighteen courses were offered, some of them having to be repeated in order to accommodate the classes. Ninety-two students were enrolled. The total cost of the institute was \$557.27. The receipts, including a small balance on hand, were \$565.46.

Immediate plans are under way for a more intensive Institute of Methods to be held at Graceland June 4-12, 1927.

#### THE REUNION MANUAL

Under the direction of the Consulting Board, Elder A. Max Carmichael and a board of editors have been laboring for the past two years in the collection and organization of religious educational materials especially suited to the present-day needs of childhood and youth. Their study has been very earnest and thorough and directed along lines of the most recent pedagogical thought. The editors have been fortunate in having personal touch with the foremost thinkers in the field of religious education and have been privileged to participate in some of the most recently recognized problems of research. The result of their study and research they are bringing to the church.

The actual writing of lesson material has been handicapped by the fact that the entire force of editors has been

engaged in school work for the year. Four of the editors returned for the college year to Iowa University to continue their study. The other two are employed in the public schools of Des Moines. The editors have continued their work, however, as time would permit, and have received compensation only for the time actually given in service.

Certain sections of the Reunion Manual, the project immediately under way, are ready for the printer and will be put in shape for use the coming summer. It is expected that the entire project will be completed as soon as possible and made available for use.

#### THE ADULT QUARTERLY

Responding to a general demand for advanced courses beyond the regular senior quarterly, provision was made by the Consulting Board for the preparation of a series of elective courses to be issued, one each year, in quarterly form, printed in sufficient quantities to supply the demand for a number of years. Elder Cyril E. Wight was secured to prepare the first series for one year, a doctrinal course entitled "The Meaning of Our Religion." This issue began in July, 1926. The lessons are numbered and not dated, enabling a class to begin their use of the quarterlies with Lesson One at any time, and to progress at their own rate of speed.

A new series beginning July, 1927, is being prepared by Apostle F. Henry Edwards on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus." Adult classes having not had the course on "The Meaning of Our Religion" may choose between these two courses for the coming year. We urge that where there are two adult classes in a school, one class study each quarterly.

#### NEW INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLIES

To fill a need for a graded series of intermediate quarterlies, and to increase the scope of subject matter of the gospel series, two new one-year courses of intermediate grade are in preparation. Where there are three classes of intermediate grade in a school, the first year class should study the regular intermediate quarterly, which for 1927 deals with the New Testament church, the Apostasy, the Nephite church, and the Restoration.

Brother and Sister John Blackmore have in preparation fifty-two lessons dealing with the problems of adolescent youth. These are constructive, wholesome, cheerful lessons drawn mainly from the Scriptures, and designed to help

youth evaluate life experiences, to find his bearings, and to make wise choices. It should be used regularly in the second year of the intermediate course.

Sister Anna Salyards, our veteran quarterly editor, is preparing fifty-two lessons on the history of the Christian church from the days of Jesus down to 1830. The lessons will be largely biographical, dealing with the heroism of the past, which has made our present civilization and religious ideals possible. This quarterly will be used in the third intermediate year, and should enable our young people to sense more appreciatively the restored gospel.

In 1927 the third year of the regular intermediate quarterly will be sent to subscribers who do not specify otherwise. It is planned to print the "Problems of Youth" quarterly for use in July, 1927. The "History of the Christian Church" quarterly will not be in print until July, 1929. Schools with but one or two intermediate classes may select the "Problems of Youth" quarterly if they choose.

#### A NEW BEGINNERS' MANUAL

To supply a demand for lessons and a book on methods with the tiniest tots, a new pre-beginners' manual for teachers is being prepared. The lessons will consist of a series of nature stories within the comprehension of children two and a half and three years of age. Plans for the teacher will be carefully worked out with suggested songs, finger plays, constructive work, sand table plans, and devotional exercises.

#### A PRIMARY MANUAL

For many years there has been keenly felt a need for a collection of primary helps, suggestions, and plans suited to the need of the schools. Many schools have little or no equipment, and no one trained or experienced in primary methods. We need such a teachers' manual to accompany our present series of beginner and primary quarterly lessons, and work has already begun upon it. It should be ready for use early in the new conference year.

#### THE RELIGIO QUARTERLIES

During the past year the *Junior Religio Quarterly* has been edited by Miss Bertha Constance. She has prepared an unusually interesting quarterly primarily dealing with the Zion-building project, and using for the more part stories of life situations which afford teaching material. The les-

sons are not only interestingly written, but each is accompanied by a helpful bibliography, suggesting a wide range of source material. The "Hints for Zion Builders," of the January-March, 1927, issue, is an original analysis of a thoroughly practical moral program for youth, together with a wealth of suggested helps.

The *Junior Religio Quarterly* for the year beginning July, 1927, is being written by Miss Marcella Schenck, and will cover the story of the Book of Mormon events told in fifty-two lessons, or chapters. The leading incidents are told in a fascinating style to acquaint our youth with the story, and then by skillful questioning the youth are led to apply its teaching to present-day life and the work of the church.

The *Senior Religio Quarterly* has been written by Elder Cyril E. Wight on the theme, "The Book of Mormon; Is It Necessary?" Brother Wight has led us in a critical analysis of the necessity of the book in the divine plan, internal and external evidences of its truthfulness, and the means by which it may be used more effectively. The quarterly has given general satisfaction as an advanced study course for Book of Mormon classes.

Beginning in July, 1927, the Senior Religio lessons are being prepared by Elder Ray Whiting. The general theme will be Problems for Zion Builders. An effort will be made to show that the world is not meeting the needs of humanity as may be done by the Law of Love, crystallized in Zion's redemption. There will be a discussion of the social, economic, pastoral, and missionary needs of the church, especially as these needs are related to the life of our virile, ambitious, talented, consecrated youth.

#### TO SUPPLY ELECTIVE COURSES

All quarterlies being issued for the first time are now printed in sufficient quantities to supply the need for a number of years. This will economize on our printing costs and make a wide choice of subjects possible. Lessons are not dated, and special courses may be begun at any time. The new lesson series begins in July, however, which is a convenient time for the making up of courses.

In July, 1927, seniors and adults may elect from the following courses in either Sunday school or Religio:

The Senior Gospel Quarterly (1927)

Life and Teachings of Jesus, the Christ (1927)

Problems for Zion Builders (1926)  
The Meaning of Our Religion (1926)  
The Book of Mormon: Is It Necessary (1926)

#### ORGANIZED CLASS WORK

For a number of years the interests of the organized class movement has been fostered by a special superintendent. An amount of work has been done in recent years by Mrs. Anna DeJong Smith, of Saint Louis, who has gladly volunteered her service and borne the expense of her effort. She reports for the year a considerable correspondence in answer to inquiry and has prepared a strong message and appeal to be sent to every school of the church. This will be sent out with other material from the general office under our most hearty indorsement.

Under the reorganization of the general staff, and in the interest of economy and effort, is that of the organized class movement with the general department office. We wish to express our appreciation to Sister Smith and others who have nobly served these interests in the past.

#### THE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Following arrangements made in September, 1926, between Graceland College and the three departments having offices in Lamoni, the correspondence courses in Religious Normal Training and in Recreational Leadership have been cared for by The Departments under the direction of the general Sunday school superintendent. To bring the courses up to date, to make them attractive and thoroughly practical, and to bring them to the attention of departmental workers everywhere, it was found necessary to rewrite many of them, to reprint all the sections in a convenient form size, to print a new syllabus of courses, and to increase the office force to give prompt attention and expert service to students.

In the six courses being offered, there have been 194 enrollments from October 1 to March 1. With the number already enrolled, the total enrollment numbers 807. Of this number 77 have successfully completed the section in which they were enrolled.

New courses will be prepared and added as the demand is apparent.

We append the financial statement of this department of our work. Many of the supplies purchased have been in sufficient quantities to fill our needs for more than one year.

EXPENDITURES

Printing outlines .....	\$314.75	
Office supplies .....	57.19	
Office help .....	130.10	
		\$502.04
Total receipts in enrollment fees ....		171.95
Cost of correspondence work above receipts, to March 1, 1927 .....		\$320.09

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The general superintendent carries annual membership in the International Council and was privileged to attend the quadrennial meeting held in Birmingham, Alabama, in April of last year. The sessions were full of information and of a type of inspiration with which it is quite necessary that we keep in touch as we attempt the solution of our problems. We have attended state and county conventions as we have had opportunity, that we might both give and receive. We think our people should take advantage of attendance at such gatherings and lend our influence toward every legitimate forward Christian movement.

Schools of Religious Education are held under the direction of the interdenominational council in most of our large cities. Usually these are exceptionally helpful, and our Sunday school workers are welcomed.

RECOMMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS

By its own action, the General Sunday School Association, in October, 1922, repealed its constitution and authorized the formulation of a working plan as a department of the general church. Responding to an urgent demand, a booklet of recommended rules and regulations for the organization and government of Sunday schools, together with other departments, is being prepared and will be ready for mailing in a few weeks.

DISTRICT SUPERVISION

The department aims to keep in touch with the districts of the church through its system of reporting and correspondence based upon the information received. So far as practicable, the general superintendent or an assistant will visit districts to assist the district superintendent to conduct conventions and institutes, or will suggest other workers.

Often a week is spent in a district, a series of meetings or institutes being held at various points.

The scheme of score rating of districts introduced in 1921 is still operative, with some slight changes. While it is a bit artificial, and in some cases, where officers fail to report, is not a very true index of efficiency in the district, yet it does serve to indicate in large measure the relative official activity among the districts of the church.

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 Religious Education and Leadership courses by correspondence from the departments, or by pursuing courses equivalent thereto in any school, or by reading religious educational books from a recommended list which we try to keep up to date; credit for visiting and reporting upon local schools; the holding of institutes; corresponding with local officers; and for subscriptions to church papers upon the part of district officers.

A complete statement of the score sheet and method of scoring may be had from The Departments office upon application.

We submit a tabulated list of the districts, indicating the number of schools, the net enrollment with the net gain or loss in the past year, and a comparative table of scores for the current year and the year just preceding.

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

DISTRICTS	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLLMENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1925	1926
ALABAMA .....	4	200			87.5	
Mobile .....	4	246		39	50	50
ARKANSAS .....	7	501			83	
CANADA						
Alberta .....	6	240			177	63
Chatham .....	13	1,100			266	42.50
Toronto .....	14	618		191	36	148
London .....	12	417	42		40	174
Southern Saskatchewan ..	5	138		27	92	102
Owen Sound .....	17	675			23	74.85
Northern Saskatchewan ..	10	290		27	131.5	105
Winnipeg .....	1	35		16	16	
CALIFORNIA						
Northern .....	11	583			181.7	115.27
Southern .....	9	728		47	285	106.66
COLORADO						
Eastern .....	16	631	96		278.67	238.37
Western .....	5	172		8	13	95
FLORIDA .....	7	272	20		5	5
IDAHO .....	3	154		2	52	233



DISTRICTS	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLL- MENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1925	1926
<b>ILLINOIS</b>						
Nauvoo .....	7	363	63		83.6	5
Central .....	9	554	52		74.12	30
Kewanee .....	12	550			280	
Northeastern .....	13	584			269.5	110
Southeastern .....	13	354	57		10	
<b>INDIANA</b>						
Southern .....	4	172		26	55	114.28
<b>IOWA</b>						
Eastern .....	8	345			169.4	38
Lamoni .....	17	1,326		123	380	430
Fremont .....	5	194			5	5
Gallands Grove .....	9	409			66.5	27
Pottawattamie .....	10	828	12		105	108
Little Sioux .....	13	978	53		188	192
Des Moines .....	14	900			57.24	95.28
<b>KANSAS</b>						
Spring River .....	21	980			200	5
Northeastern .....	7	272		12		60.84
Northwestern .....	7					5
<b>KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE</b>						
	4	152	2		100.5	110
<b>MAINE</b>						
Eastern .....	4	235				
Western .....	7	413	163			
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>						
Southern N. E. ....	11	823				
<b>MICHIGAN</b>						
Central .....	22	800	25			334
Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana .....	18	560				279.66
Eastern .....	21	1,065		104	229.2	146
Western .....	10	385		23	352.51	474
Detroit .....	13	1,200	130			78
Northern .....	16	650			8	25
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
	5	221	4		221	30
<b>MISSOURI</b>						
Independence .....	9	2,884	77		325.5	496
Kansas City .....	13	1,465	33		25	100
Southern .....	7	310	143			5
Saint Louis .....	12	1,300	100			
Far West .....	24	1,409		41	48.4	61
Northeastern .....	3	141		9		113
Clinton .....	13	515		80	267.67	66
Holden .....	15	1,150	50		15	35
<b>MONTANA</b>						
Western .....	8	170			120.5	221.66
Eastern .....	3	126	12			294.66
<b>NEBRASKA</b>						
Southern .....	9	281	120			256.11
Central .....	8	250	25		136	
Northeastern .....	7	420				
<b>NEW YORK</b>						
New York and Pennsyl- vania .....	10	671			88.33	16.11
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>						
	7	121			88	180.40
<b>OHIO</b>						
Southern .....	17	725	15		325.67	368.90
Northwestern .....	7	312			20	120

DISTRICTS	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLL- MENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1925	1926
Youngstown-Sharon	9	283			225	
Kirtland	6	581		19	5	223
OKLAHOMA						
Eastern	7	190				
Central	8	745		63	539.67	253
Western	8	347	22		183	138.33
OREGON						
Portland	8	374		58	8	115.90
PENNSYLVANIA						
Pittsburgh	6	339			35	
TEXAS						
Central	5	282				81
Southwestern	2	94			185	180
UTAH	4	145		24	50	75
WASHINGTON						
Spokane	6	285		9	188.33	135
Seattle	11	467		12	79	71.66
WISCONSIN						
Northern	6	198	21		40.5	76.66
Southern	10	300			50	10
WEST VIRGINIA						
Wheeling, West Virginia	8	389		14	186	127.5
West Virginia District	6	206	31		223.4	150
UNORGANIZED TERRITORY						
Alliance, Nebraska	1	17				
Tucson, Arizona	1	15				
Chadron, Nebraska	1	13		17		
Kingsburg, South Dakota	1	30				
Bisbee, Arizona	1	39		2		
Douglas, Arizona	1	32				
Saint Cloud, Florida	1	19		19		
HAWAII MISSION	7	295				
Totals	751	41,082	1,372	1,096	8,297.5	9,150.60

Our records show a loss of fifty-one schools discontinued, with a gain of forty-eight others added to our records for the first time. The net loss and gain are accounted for by the removal and transfer of members, and by the addition of new members to the church. The strong increase in the number of score points won in 1926 indicates growing activity and efficiency in our Sunday school effort.

#### MISSION SUPERVISION

The British Isles Mission has continued under the general supervision of Elder John Judd. Miss Blanche Edwards, general representative of The Departments in the mission for nine months, has been able to assist materially in the intensive work undertaken. Encouraging word has been received of progress and development, but no statistical report has been received for the mission.

Elder Walter J. Swain has been continued in charge of the

Australian Mission. Letters indicate active Sunday school effort, but we have not their annual report.

Elder R. J. Farthing has continued in charge of the Society Island Mission, printing lesson leaflets for use in the Tahitian language. He lists twenty-two schools, with an estimated enrollment of between eight and nine hundred.

Elder D. J. Williams, of the Hawaiian Mission, reports seven schools with an enrollment of two hundred ninety-five. Several of these schools are conducted in the Chinese, Japanese, and Hawaiian languages.

In the German Mission, Elder Leonard Hoisington has succeeded in having one year's issue of the *Senior Gospel Quarterly* printed in the German language. We understand these quarterlies are proving a great blessing to the mission work. Progress is being made in the preparation of junior lessons to be printed in German.

#### RELATION TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS

As suggested earlier in the report, there has been a distinct merging of the interests of the three general departments having offices at Graceland College into a greater unit, having as its objective the religious education of the whole membership of the church and all who may come within our influence. That this may be accomplished with efficiency, there must be unity of purpose, harmony of endeavor, economy of expenditure. Accordingly, the work of The Departments was organized for the year with President F. M. McDowell representing the Presidency and having general charge of the Departments of Religious Education. Miss Blanche Edwards, head of the Department of Women, was to be in England for the year, and Brother E. E. Closson, assistant superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Expression was to continue his studies at Iowa University. The general superintendent of the Sunday School Department was to have general administrative charge of The Departments Office, and Mrs. Marjorie Anway was selected as general secretary of each of the three departments. There has been the closest harmony and a splendid spirit of cooperation between the departments, both in the office work and out in the field.

Several conferences have been held between department representatives and men from the leading quorums of the church to plan programs and to determine policies for the greatest good of the church, and with the least expenditure in time, effort, and money.

We are beginning to sense the fact that religious educa-

tion must permeate and motivate every phase of our life's interest and activity; physical, mental, social, political, economic, domestic, and artistic, as well as spiritual. The program must of necessity be worked out as a unit, first in the general departments, then in the districts and in the local branches.

In the work of the general departments, aside from those mentioned, we wish to express our appreciation of the work of Miss Vida A. Taylor of Toronto, who served as associate superintendent of the Department of Women from June to the middle of December, Mrs. Lydia Wight, Mrs. Lenoir Woodstock, and Mrs. Dona Haden, who have carried specific work in the Department of Women the latter part of the year. The clerical and stenographic work of the combined offices has given part time employment to five students attending Graceland.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. WOODSTOCK.

## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND EXPRESSION

*To the First Presidency and General Conference: Greetings:* It is with pleasure that we report the progress of the Department of Recreation and Expression during the past year.

### THE WORK OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

It has been our good fortune to have the services of Brother E. E. Closson as assistant superintendent of the department. Although Brother Closson has been in attendance at the University at Iowa City, he has, with the assistance of the departmental secretary, carried on the detailed correspondence of the department in a most effective manner. The success of his efforts is clearly indicated in the following report:

*To the General Superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Expression:* It is with a degree of pleasure that I submit this report of the Department of Recreation and Expression which shows a material gain in every respect over the report of last year. Our efforts to arouse and encourage more practical activity in the locals along the line of social and recreational programs have met with unusual success in almost every locality. Much of this success is the result of the consistent labors of district superintendents, although the local officers are more directly responsible for

the healthy condition in which this department finds itself at the present time.

District superintendents have worked faithfully and well. By cooperating with the other officers of the district in which they are active, they have sponsored young people's conventions, rallies, conferences, and reunions, assisting to a large degree in making these meetings a success. In some districts a "Monthly Bulletin" is printed and distributed to a majority of the church membership. Personal visits and letters to locals are the common methods used to arouse interest and meet the problems which arise in branches and communities. The following extracts taken from the latest report of one of our energetic district superintendents are typical of conditions in the average district:

"This district is composed of nine locals. During the last six months the district superintendent has personally visited every local in the district. A majority of the locals are encouraging. There are some perplexing problems yet to be solved in each local. With our fine corps of local superintendents, we are striving to solve some of these problems, overcome the obstacles, and carry the work victoriously on. Interest in this department of the church in this district is being greatly increased. Meetings of groups of the superintendents who can conveniently get together have been held, with the district superintendent present. We have discussed problems of the department in each local represented, have become better acquainted, and feel that each and every superintendent has problems in common."

"Young people's prayer services are held regularly in three or four of the branches of the district."

"A large majority of the young people of the district are reading the *Autumn Leaves*, the church publication for young people."

"Young people are organizing little clubs for promoting their mutual interest in several of the branches of the district."

"The heads of the departments of the district meet with the district president from time to time to discuss in general the problems of the church in the district."

"Four of the locals have subscribed a total of \$300 toward paying for the reunion grounds, which we expect to dedicate at our coming reunion; all are working hard to complete their subscription before the entire amount is due."

"The newly elected officers of locals apparently are very eager to cooperate, so we look forward to a happy year

with a fine corps of helpers. The past six months has been a period of gradual advancement in this department. The spirit of cooperation and service has been manifested by all engaged in the work."

During the past year there have been three mimeographed booklets containing suggestions for programs and social events sent out to all district and local superintendents from the general office at Lamoni. The great need for more help is constantly being urged by local workers. In many parts of the country, district superintendents are doing their best to supply these needs, but as these officers are limited by time and distance, many of the calls must go unheeded. The fine work and practical assistance of many ex-Graceland students, together with the ever-increasing interest taken in this work by local pastors and missionaries, is sincerely appreciated.

Articles on recreation, programs, and games have been contributed each month to the *Autumn Leaves*. Hundreds of letters have been received and answered pertaining to local and district problems. Throughout this entire correspondence, a feeling of brotherhood has prevailed, causing a fine spirit of cooperation between the general and local officers.

The Correspondence Course in Recreational Leadership has been revised and extended to cover both the theory and practice of recreation. Many leaders of young people are taking advantage of this means of preparing themselves for better service. The course covers twenty-four lessons, based on two good textbooks in the field of church recreation. Detailed information regarding this course will be sent on request by writing The Departments, Lamoni, Iowa.

It is gratifying to report the splendid feeling of mutual understanding and cooperation which exists between the heads of the three departments. I have especially enjoyed the confidence and advice of Brother Charles B. Woodstock, whose friendly conversations and letters have been inspiring and full of encouragement. Since June 1, Mrs. Marjorie Anway has occupied the position of general secretary of the three departments. Her ability as an executive secretary, and the systematic manner in which she has handled the office work of this department, has made it possible for me to leave a great deal to her care in my absence from the general office.

The work of this department is surely moving forward. Every week brings news from branches where this depart-

ment is being organized, either for the first time or revived after years of inactivity. However, there is still much to be done, and it will take the earnest effort of all to establish Zion.

### Statistical Report

Comparing this report with that of last year, it will be seen that there has been a net gain of 14 districts, 116 locals, and approximately 2,470 members. It is quite probable that much of this increase can be accounted for by the fact that a great deal better response has been had from local and district officers this year than previous years in the way of reporting. There are still quite a number of district officers who have failed to report to the general superintendent this year. When we can convince all officers of the necessity of reporting, there will be no doubt but that even the present figures will fall far short of representing the actual number of people who are taking an active part each week in the work of this department.

An interesting item in the report is that which shows the classification of the different schools. *Class A* includes all locals of the department which carry on class study, programs, and social, recreational, and expressional activities. *Class B* includes those locals which carry on regular literary programs and class study. *Class C* includes the locals which limit their activities to class study.

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

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LOCALS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CLASSIFICATION A	B	C
ALABAMA					
Alabama	2	40	Inc.*	2	
Mobile	3	72	3		
ARKANSAS					
Arkansas	1	20	1		
AUSTRALIA					
Southern New South Wales	5		5		
Northern New South Wales	5		4	1	
Victoria	3		2	1	
Queensland	1				1
Southern Australia, Adelaide	1		1		
West Australia	2		1	1	
New Zealand	2		1	1	

Total attendance 500 INC.

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DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LOCALS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CLASSIFICATION		
			A	B	C
ENGLAND					
Midland	3	60	1	2	
Northern	6	72		3	3
Southern	2	35		2	
CALIFORNIA					
Northern	9	342	6	3	
Southern	7	259	6	1	
CANADA					
Alberta	2	28		2	
Chatham	6	162	1	3	2
London	4	60	2	2	
Owen Sound	8	224	3		5
Saskatchewan, Northern	1	15	1		
Saskatchewan, Southern	1	14	1		
Toronto	5	60	1	3	1
COLORADO					
Eastern	7	154	6	1	
Western	2	20	1	1	
NORTH DAKOTA					
North Dakota	1	35	1		
FLORIDA					
Florida	1	20		1	
IDAHO					
Idaho	3	60		2	1
ILLINOIS					
Central	4	92	3	1	
Kewanee	7	112	3	1	3
Nauvoo	6	150	2	2	2
Northeastern Illinois	8	544	4	3	1
Southeastern Illinois	4	128	1	1	2
INDIANA					
Southern Indiana	3	42	3		
IOWA					
Des Moines	9	328	8		1
Eastern Iowa	7	175	7		
Fremont	2	26	1	1	
Gallands Grove	5	105	5		
Lamoni	8	450	3	5	
Little Sioux	8	289	1	7	
Pottawattamie	5	215	3	2	
KANSAS					
Northeast	3	62	2	1	
Northwest	2	28 Inc.		1	1



DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LOCALS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CLASSIFICATION		
			A	B	C
Southwest	3	84	2	1	
Spring River	9	288	2	5	2
KENTUCKY					
Kentucky and Tennessee	3	69	2	1	
MAINE					
Western	1	56	1		
MICHIGAN					
Central	4	95	1	2	1
Detroit	9	254	9		
Eastern	11	196	6	3	2
Northern	9	204	3	2	4
Southern Michigan and North- ern Indiana	6	195	2	2	2
Western	7	280	3	2	2
MINNESOTA					
Minnesota	3	102	2	1	
MISSOURI					
Clinton	9	211	4	2	3
Far West	12	408	8	4	
Holden Stake	11	396	7		4
Independence	8	600 Inc.	4	2	2
Kansas City Stake	8	384 Inc.	5	2	1
Saint Louis	3	134	2		1
MONTANA					
Western	2	35	1	1	
NEBRASKA					
Central	2	45	2		
Northeastern	4	94	4		
NEW YORK					
New York	3	75 Inc.	1	1	1
New York and Philadelphia	4	127	2	1	
OHIO					
Kirtland	5	145 Inc.	1	2	
Northwestern	4	80	1	2	
Southern	3	108 Inc.			
Youngstown-Sharon	1	15 Inc.			1
OKLAHOMA					
Central	4	93	3		
Eastern	3	97	1	1	1
Western	6	241	3	1	2
OREGON					
Portland	3	96	2		1

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LOCALS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CLASSIFICATION		
			A	B	C
PENNSYLVANIA					
Pittsburgh	5	131	4		
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND					
	4	132	Inc.4		
TEXAS					
Central	2	51	1	1	
Southwest	2	40	Inc.1	1	
UTAH					
Utah	3	67	1	2	
WASHINGTON					
Seattle and British Columbia	9	203	2	6	1
Spokane	3	77	1	2	
WEST VIRGINIA					
West Virginia	4	80	1	3	
Wheeling	3	34	1	1	1
WISCONSIN					
Northern	2	70	1		
Southern	4	136	2	1	1
Unorganized Territory	15	300	Inc.8	4	3
Totals	390	11,026	205	117	58

\*Inc. indicates a complete report has not been received from all locals.

#### Schools in Unorganized Territory:

Bisbee, Arizona	Jonesport, Maine
Phoenix, Arizona	Baltimore, Maryland
Montrose, Colorado	Bevier, Missouri
Paonia, Colorado	Springfield, Missouri
Spearfish, South Dakota	Lincoln, Nebraska
Wagner, South Dakota	Nebraska City, Nebraska
Hilo, Hawaii	Llanelly, Wales

E. E. CLOSSON.

#### INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In connection with the other departments, an Institute of Religious Education was organized and conducted at Lamon, Iowa, May 31 to June 13, 1926. This constituted ten days of intensive training for a limited number of departmental workers from the various districts of the church. It was the purpose of this institute to build upon the enthusiasm that had been created by the previous young people's conventions. It was the feeling of those in charge that the time had come for very intensive and special preparation

for the carrying on of the activities of the department. The result exceeded our fondest expectations; so much so that it is expected to continue the plan during the coming June.

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

As a representative of the First Presidency, having been assigned the task of supervising the work of all of the departments, our efforts have been of necessity somewhat scattered.

The following list is probably fairly representative:

1. Working with the heads of the departments we had general charge of the organization and administration of the Institute of Religious Education held in Lamoni in June.

2. In connection with the work of scheduling reunions and assigning speakers, we gave considerable thought and time to the matter of departmental and educational activity at the reunions.

3. During the year we have assisted in conventions, conferences, and reunions in the following States: Missouri, Iowa, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, California, Oregon, and Washington. Included in this list are at least six young people's conventions.

4. Working with the pastors and departmental officers in Zion and in connection with my work as dean of the Independence Institute of Arts and Sciences, we have given considerable time during the year to assisting in the organization of departmental and religious educational activities in Zion. Several surveys have been made of young people's interests and activities. A number of courses have been organized for the training of departmental leaders. An attempt has been made to organize the young people of Zion so that they might function within the present machinery of the church in carrying out some of its great projects.

5. Not the least of our activities have been the very frequent meetings with the heads of departments for the discussion of mutual problems. In this my endeavor has been to work towards a closer cooperation of the departments as well as to tie up the work of the departments with the work of the program of the church as a whole. The results of this endeavor have been most encouraging.

#### QUARTERLIES

By mutual understanding with the heads of other departments, the supervision of the quarterly work has been left to the general superintendent of the Sunday school, C. B. Woodstock. A complete description of our joint ac-

tivities in this respect will be found in his report and need not be repeated here.

#### RELATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

In general the conditions existing in the department are most encouraging. We believe this is largely due to the close cooperation of the departmental officers. In this connection we need but quote from our report to the 1926 conference:

"Throughout the year we have had frequent interviews in which we have freely discussed problems of mutual interest. This mutual understanding has been most happy indeed. As far as the general officers are concerned, there seems but one desire, and that is the furtherance of the work of the church as a whole. Each department officer has been willing on every occasion to sacrifice what might seem a laudable ambition for his department when such seemed necessary in the interest of the church as a whole. We are, we feel, justified in feeling proud of the example of mutual cooperation which the general departmental officers have furnished. We trust that all may soon learn of the happiness that comes to those who learn the sweet art of working together for common ends."

We wish herewith to especially mention the excellent work of General Superintendent C. B. Woodstock, General Superintendent Blanche Edwards, and Assistant Superintendents Eugene Closson, Vida Taylor, Lydia Wight, and Mrs. C. B. Woodstock; and in view of our efforts in Zion we wish to add to this list the following: Samuel A. Thiel, Mrs. Alice M. Cowan, John F. Sheey, Bertha Constance, and C. B. Hartshorn. The experiences of the year with these faithful workers will remain, we believe, among the bright spots of our official activities.

#### REPORT OF A. MAX CARMICHAEL OF THE BOARD OF EDITORS

*To the First Presidency:* As editor in chief of the Board of Editors preparing material for the departments for use at reunions, I herewith submit an annual report, stating what has been accomplished during the year.

Mrs. Verna Brackenbury and Miss Olive Elefson worked full time under the employment of The Departments until the middle of June, 1926. Since then they have been working at odd hours on the project. These two have written the larger share of their work once and are now in the process of revising it in order to better assure its use by inexperienced teachers. It is hoped they will have parts of

the work ready for distribution this summer. These two people must finish their work at odd hours, as the time of both is fully contracted for both in the summer and winter.

Miss Ethel Brooner remained under the full employment of The Departments until the first of September, 1926. Since then she has worked a little at the project part time. She hopes to work full time this summer, residing here at Iowa City, so as to be under the personal supervision of the editor in chief all that time. Miss Brooner may have some material ready for distribution this spring, but it is doubtful. She has written most of the work once and is now in the process of revising in order to assure its use by inexperienced teachers.

Miss Tess Morgan worked part time from April of 1926 to June 1, 1926; then full time during the three months of summer. She has worked none on the project since September. She also hopes to work full time this summer, residing here at Iowa City, so as to be under the personal supervision of the editor in chief.

Mr. Eugene Closson worked part time on these lessons up until September 1, 1926. Since then he has done nothing with them. He anticipates, I understand, entering full time employment after he is through with his school work here at Iowa City this June, and finishing the task then.

Miss Morgan and Mr. Closson will have no work ready for distribution this summer, with the possible exception of the first chapter on "Play."

The editor in chief has written almost the entire first copy of the general manual and is now in the process of revising. He has worked only at odd hours along with his regular employment as a student and instructor at the University of Iowa. There will probably be quite a few chapters ready for distribution this summer. He doubtless can have all ready for distribution by September, 1927, working at odd hours.

We recommend the continuance of the project of providing these lessons in accordance with the anticipations set forth above.

Very cordially yours,

A. MAX CARMICHAEL,

IOWA CITY, IOWA, March 23, 1927. *Editor in Chief.*

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Our plan is to continue the administration of the departments along the lines indicated in the reports of the three superintendents to this conference. We pledge the coopera-

tion of this department in all its phases and activities with other departments, as well as with the general church programs as a whole. We have not had, neither do we have, any other thought or motive than the successful triumph of the cause of Christ and the establishment of Zion.

We do come now with one definite recommendation, viz, that a well-trained and qualified individual be appointed as superintendent of this department with the understanding that he is to give his full time and attention to this work.

The reasons for his recommendation are obvious to anyone who has been observing of the needs of the church and society at the present day. Surely there are few if any tasks more vital than the proper supervision of the leisure-time activities of our youth today. We beg the careful consideration of the conference to this recommendation.

Most respectfully submitted,

F. M. McDOWELL.

#### DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* Herewith is submitted the report of the Department of Women for the year March 1, 1926, to March 1, 1927.

From the point of view of the administration, this year has been a broken one. The general superintendent left for England at the end of June, and the leadership of the department was undertaken by Miss Vida A. Taylor. Unfortunately Miss Taylor had to return to Toronto in late December. In this emergency Mrs. L. S. Wight and Mrs. C. B. Woodstock stepped into general service, the former taking charge of the adult section of the work, the latter of the Young Women's Bureau. We regret to report that, on account of ill health, Mrs. Anne Friend Roberts had to resign her active supervision of the work of the cradle roll department early in the year. Mrs. Dona Clark Haden very kindly consented to carry on until Sister Roberts regained her strength. These breaks have made the administrative work of the department more than usually strenuous, and we are indebted to these three sisters who so generously contributed of their best in our time of need.

The conviction of the worthwhileness of the work of this organization is still with us. From the standpoint of industry, home making is a tremendous business, absorbing

as it does ninety per cent of the products of all other industries. From the standpoint of the religious life of the nations, however, it is of far greater significance—its value being inestimable.

Thinking men and women everywhere are recognizing that the establishment and cultivation of the family hearthstone is vital to man's well-being, and while women for generations have been interested in home making, this newly awakened interest is by no means limited to women. Among our foremost educators and scientists are men who are devoting their lives to a thorough study of the solving of some of our home-making problems—problems of health in the home, behavior problems, character development, and social adjustments. It is therefore particularly encouraging to notice, from time to time, the increasing number of letters from branch presidents, missionaries, Sunday school superintendents, etc., asking for information regarding our work. This should bespeak an interest and cooperation that can not fail to be beneficial.

Equally commendable is the attitude shown by our sisters. After spending several years in building up interest in home making, they have not only generously opened these classes to the brethren desiring to share with them their excellent material, but have urged their participation. These two expressions of helpfulness point to a day of more mutual understanding and greater unity of purpose. We highly appreciate this attitude.

#### STAFF

From March 1, 1926 (the date of our last report), until June 22, 1926, General Superintendent Blanche Edwards carried on the work of the department from the office in Lamoni. During this time she participated in conventions, institutes, and special meetings in the United States, including class work during General Conference and at the Institute of Religious Leadership in Lamoni. At the end of June, Miss Edwards left for England. Here, as especial field worker, she gave intensive attention to the work of the three departments. In this capacity she visited three of the four districts and corresponded with the fourth, always representing these three phases of religious education. Economic conditions in the British Isles are such as to render the progress of departmental work very slow. The country has been and, in fact, still is, facing one of the greatest crises in history, and of necessity this is reflected in church work. Considering all things, the Saints in Britain

are to be sincerely congratulated on their integrity. Under innumerable difficulties threatening their submergence, they steadfastly hold their ground and advance whenever opportunity occurs. It was a pleasure to work with them and to sense their eagerness for knowledge.

The work of the three departments kept Miss Edwards more than busy. In February she returned to America, meeting with the Saints in Boston, in Independence, and at the Sunday school institute of the Kansas City Stake.

Early in June, 1926, Miss V. A. Taylor reached Lamoni, formally taking over the leadership of the department on June 21 and continuing until the middle of December. During this time, Miss Taylor handled all the correspondence for the adult section of the department and also for the Young Women's Bureau. To her ingenuity and skill we are indebted for the monthly bulletin, which is so popular and which is filling a very real need among our workers.

Miss Taylor did excellent work at the reunions at Lamoni and Nauvoo, also at Cameron and on an extensive trip in the Eastern States. Here she worked with the Saints in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Scranton, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, West Virginia, and Clarksburg, meeting with a splendid response.

We very much regret that Miss Taylor was recalled to Canada, and while we wish her every success in her homeland, we wish to thank her sincerely for her contributions. We are glad she came among us.

In the middle of December, Mrs. L. S. Wight undertook the supervision of the work. In her own capable way she has attended to the routine work of the office and visited branches and conventions. We are fortunate in having her as a regular contributor to the monthly bulletin and as one of our special lecturers.

At the same time, Mrs. C. B. Woodstock undertook the supervision of the Young Women's Bureau. Her report is herewith inclosed:

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S BUREAU

Never in the history of the world has there been a time when young women and girls have been so much believed in, when so much was expected of them as today.

We feel very much encouraged over the condition of the work of the girls and young women throughout the church. The response to a recent church-wide call for the names of young women supervisors and girl leaders has been most gratifying. The call to be a leader of girls should be con-



sidered a most wonderful privilege, but it also carries with it heavy responsibilities. We believe the local supervisors of young women and girl leaders are awakening to a sense of their own responsibility to their call as leaders and advisers.

In order that our girls may be well rounded out and developed physically, spiritually, intellectually, and socially, we are outlining a fourfold program designed to aid all leaders throughout the church in their efforts to know the needs of each of their girls and to supply that need in the most intelligent manner.

The aim of this bureau is to develop and build up a closely correlated program for all our girls from the age of eight years up to adulthood. The Blue Bird organization is planned for the little girls from 8 to 12 years of age, covering four years of habit-forming activities. This should be followed with a continuation of many of the habit-forming activities of the Blue Bird program in the Oriole work, covering the early adolescent age from 12 to 15.

Temple Builder age begins at 15 and runs to 18 for juniors and from 18 to adulthood for seniors. We desire to give the junior Temple Builder a developmental program—activities which will continue to help in the formation of right habits and which will bring out the natural abilities which each girl possesses. For the senior Temple Builder, we wish to stress citizenship—Christian and world; mothercraft, foods and home management, recreational leadership, and leadership in girls' work. These girls should be preparing to fill successfully a very definite place in the life of the home, the church, and the community in which they live. To do this they must be given the right kind of training.

If religion and life are one, and religion can not be separated from service, then each girl must not be allowed to just drift into her life work, but she should be taught to do her best by prayer, investigation, and experiment to discover that life work in which she can fill the largest mission in the kingdom of God.

We are continually confronted with the great need for intelligent, consecrated leaders for our girls.

When a leader comes to see each girl, not as she is but as she may become, and thus catches a vision of the girl God wishes each one to be, she will have taken the first steps in preparing herself to aid her girls in their great task of character building. The definite aim of each leader should be to help each girl ascertain for herself what God wants her to be or do, to help her find her place in the great program

of the church, then to help her develop the highest form of self-government—that of obeying the laws of the kingdom of God, truly and gladly.

It is the desire of the Young Women's Bureau to assist in the planning of a program which will aid materially in the all-round development of all our girls.

MRS. C. B. WOODSTOCK.

#### THE CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. Dona Clark Haden has carried the work of the Cradle Roll enthusiastically and well. Her report is included here:

About the beginning of the new school year, Sister Vida Taylor, associate superintendent of the Department of Women, came to me with this request: "Sister Haden, I just received word from the general superintendent of the department of cradle roll, telling me of the serious illness of Sister Anne Friend Roberts, and she requests that you take the responsibility of that office for a while." I hesitated for a few seconds, but under the peculiar conditions by which we were confronted I could do nothing else but say, "Yes, I will accept."

I prayed most earnestly about the matter for days and finally felt the sweet assurance that God was ready to dictate to me in regard to the work. My most earnest plea had been to know what he would like to have me choose as my objective, and he suggested that I choose as the objective of the cradle roll work the clinic for the child under five years and also the day nursery for the small child. I have urged the establishment of these in every local that I have been able to reach through correspondence and have also been sending in regularly an article written on one of these subjects to the *Saints' Herald* each month for the past three months. I have seen some favorable results following this instruction and have many, many letters asking how to establish the clinic and nursery. The crying need is trained nursery mothers for this work, and should we not be able to organize many for a short while I would not be disappointed, for it is essential that those who have supervision of this department be well trained.

With best wishes for the success of this work, I am

Sincerely,

DONA CLARK HADEN.

Mrs. Ida Pearson Etzenhouser, Mrs. Alice M. Cowan, and Miss Nellie Sampson have acted in an advisory capacity on

behalf of the department in addition to carrying their special work.

#### DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Throughout the church we have some eighty-five districts, the major portion of which are in charge of active superintendents. The district superintendent of the Department of Women is our only district office. So much depends on her being keenly alive to her opportunities and to the needs of her group that we encourage our superintendents to constant vigilance and study. In addition, we would urge that each sister keep in close touch with headquarters and that she promptly pass on to her local superintendents all suitable information. As the work develops under her care, she may call to her assistance such help as the needs of her district demand, assigning to each one the specific task desired, but herself retaining the responsibility for the work done. In the choosing of her assistants, the district superintendent is continually urged to exercise the greatest possible cooperation with other district and local workers. Often the work of this district officer is seriously hampered by lack of finances. It would be well if in each district budget provision were made for the work of this phase of church activity. May we suggest that our sisters work for this provision?

#### LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Each local organization has a superintendent and as many local workers as the need demands. As a rule this includes a home department worker, friendly visitor, leader of young women, and cradle roll worker. Here again we urge the closest possible cooperation between the workers of these departments and workers of others, as well as between them and members of the priesthood.

#### IN OTHER LANDS

The following districts, away from headquarters, have representatives of this department: The Australian Mission, under the capable supervision of Mrs. G. H. Parker; British Isles with supervisors in three of the four districts; Norway in charge of Mrs. Zella Ruch; Hawaii in charge of Mrs. D. J. Williams; South Sea Islands in charge of Mrs. J. Yager.

#### PHASES OF THE WORK

*Cradle Roll Department.*—This work continues under the supervision of the Department of Women, but we urge the closest possible cooperation between this department and

that of the Sunday school. Indeed, where this department is functioning to its maximum capacity, not only is the Sunday school built up numerically by the encouraged entrance of little beginners, but adults, and particularly the mothers, are enabled to attend Sunday school and morning church services because their babies and young children are being ably taken care of in the church nursery. Health clinics, the recognition of what is a reasonable standard for our babies, behavior and character clinics, careful, sympathetic visiting, and friendly help are raising our standards. Much has been done, much more remains to be accomplished before the real importance of this section of our work is recognized. The work of the department is growing rapidly, and in order to further facilitate its development we feel the time is opportune for proposing a change in name. We would therefore refer you to our suggestion appearing under the caption "Recommendations."

#### *Home Department*

We are glad to report a steady increase in the work of this department. But we are not satisfied, nor shall we be until by some means every member, no matter how isolated, can be brought into touch with general church developments and their interests sustained. We wish to explain that the work of this department is designed to meet the needs of all interested in the work of the Sunday school, of the Department of Recreation and Expression, and not merely the Department of Women. Naturally this entails heavy responsibilities, and great tact and cooperation are necessary, and mutual sympathy and understanding are essential if this department is to prove beneficial.

#### *Young Women's Bureau*

This phase of our work still claims our enthusiastic attention, a sense of its vital importance grows upon us. Because of this, we welcome the work of Mrs. Woodstock in her supervision of the Blue Bird, Oriole, and Temple Builder organizations. Her report, appearing on a previous page, renders further elaboration unnecessary.

#### *"Autumn Leaves"*

Although the "Parthenon" as such has disappeared from our magazine, contributions from our girls are still welcomed. The spirit of youth abides in its pages. Its editor is ready at all times to hear of the activities of our young people, to express their point of view, to crystallize their

hopes, ambitions, ideals. We acknowledge the splendid response given in our effort to improve this periodical, and with your continued loyalty we hope to see it become still bigger and better.

### *Sanitarium and Homes*

There is a continuous call for support coming from the Sanitarium and the Homes, and although there has been some response, there are still avenues of service here that have not been fully recognized. We would like to see a greater participation in the work of these centers.

### STUDY COURSES

As a means of assisting in the uplifting of our standard, books and study courses are constantly being brought to the notice of our workers. We submit a list of the best:

1. Parents' and Teachers' Problems. A study outline course based on the text, *Child Study and Child Training*, by William B. Forbush. This text contains a discussion of many problems which present themselves in the rearing and training of children. Price, 15 cents.

2. Religious Education. A study outline course based on the text, *The Mother Teacher of Religion*, by Anna F. Betts. Price, 15 cents.

3. General Psychology. A study outline course based on the text, *The Mind and Its Education*, by George Herbert Betts. Price, 15 cents.

4. Elementary Sociology. A study outline course based on the text, *Sociology and Modern Social Problems*, by Charles A. Ellwood. Price, 12 cents.

5. Mothercraft. Text, *The Mothercraft Manual*, by Mary L. Read.

(a) A junior course prepared for girls and young women. Price, 12 cents.

(b) A senior course prepared for more mature women. Price, 15 cents.

6. Citizenship. Helps based on the text, *The New Civics*, by Roscoe L. Ashley. This pamphlet includes many valuable references to other books, magazines, and pamphlets. Price, 15 cents.

7. Elementary Biology. Study outline course based on the text, *Plant and Animal Children—How They Grow*, by Ellen Torelle. Price, 15 cents.

8. Training in Relief and Service. Nineteen lessons in leaflet form, intended to give a working knowledge of the

history and development of relief and social service. Price, 25 cents.

9. Food and Body. A simple course in elementary knowledge of nutrition and foods in pamphlet form. Price, 35 cents.

10. During the year the Normal Training Course (of Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa) has been revised and brought more in line with the findings of modern scientific research. We therefore heartily recommend this course to all our sisters as being of material help.

11. We further recommend that inasmuch as suitable recreation, both in the home and without, is a problem gravely concerning parents, that all who possibly can, and especially those who have supervision of young people, take the course in Recreational Leadership now being offered by the Departments at Lamoni.

#### OTHER VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR READING AND STUDY

Fundamentals of Child Study, by E. A. Kirkpatrick .....	\$1.90
Parenthood and Child Nurture, by Edna Dean Baker .....	1.60
The Boy Problem, by William B. Forbush .....	1.10
The Mental Hygiene of Childhood, by William A. White .....	1.75
Foods and Household Management, by Kinne and Cooley .....	1.50
Father and His Boy, by T. W. Galloway .....	1.60
How to Teach Religion, by George Herbert Betts .....	1.35
Play in Education, by Joseph Lee .....	1.90
Feeding the Family, by Mary Swartz Rose .....	2.50
The Church at Play, by Norman E. Richardson .....	1.50
Interior Decoration, by Frank Alva Parsons .....	4.10
The Child, His Nature and His Needs, by M. V. O'Shea, Child's Foundation	
The Mother Teacher of Religion, Anna F. Betts	

#### BOOKS OF A SEMI-TECHNICAL NATURE, BUT EASY TO READ

Guidance of Childhood and Youth, edited by Benjamin F. Gruenberg, Macmillan .....	1.50
Training the Toddler, Elizabeth Cleveland, Macmillan .....	2.00
Mental Training for the Pre-school Age Child, Lillian Martin and Clare de Gruchy, Wagner Publishing Com- pany .....	.90
Creative Youth, by Hughes Mearns, Doubleday Page Company .....	2.10
Suggestions for Modern Science Concerning Education, Jennings, Watson, Meyer and Thomas, Macmillan Com- pany, 1917 .....	1.20

Mental Hygiene of Childhood, William A. White, Little, Brown & Company .....1.75

BOOKS OF A MORE POPULAR NATURE

The Happy Baby, L. E. Holt, Dodd, Mead & Company ....1.00

The Happy Child, H. Shaw, Dodd, Mead & Company .....1.00

The Health of the Runabout Child, William P. Lucas, Macmillan .....1.75

Concerning Parents (paper cover), A symposium, New Republic Inc. ....1.00

Intelligent Parenthood (paper cover), A symposium, University of Chicago Press .....1.10

Best Toys for Children and \*Their Selection, M. S. Leonard, 2230 Van Hise Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin ..... .40

Mothers and Children, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Holt & Company .....1.50

Wholesome Childhood, Ernest R. and Gladys H. Groves, Houghton Mifflin .....1.75

Your Child Today and Tomorrow, Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Lippincott .....1.75

Sons and Daughters, Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Child Study Assn. of America, 509 W. 121st Street, New York City 1.50

Write Extension Service for further bibliographies.

Extension Division, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Extension Division, State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Extension Division, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Iowa Library Commission, Historical Building, Miss Julia Robinson, secretary, Des Moines, Iowa.

MAGAZINES

Child Welfare Magazine, published by National Congress of Parents and Teachers, 5517 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Per year .....1.00

Children, the Magazine for Parents, published by the Parents' Publishing Assn., Inc., 353 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Per year .....2.50

The Family, official organ for the American Association for Organizing Family Social Work, published by the American Association for Organizing Family Social Work, 130 E. 22d Street, New York City. Per year \$3-\$5

## STILL MORE VALUABLE TEXTS

Psychology of the Pre-School Child—Baldwin & Stecher, D. Appleton & Co. ....	2.25
Understanding Our Children—Frederick Pierce, E. P. Dutton Company .....	2.00
Mental Growth of the Pre-School Child—Arnold Gesell, Macmillan .....	3.50
The Young Child and His Parents—Doctor John A. An- derson, University of Minnesota Press	
Fundamentals of Child Training—Edwin A. Kirkpatrick, Macmillan .....	1.90
Individual in the Making—Edwin A. Kirkpatrick, Hough- ton-Mifflin .....	1.90
Psychology of Childhood—Norsworthy & Whitley, Mac- millan .....	1.80
Habit—William James, Henry Holt & Company .....	.75
The Tired Child—Max Seham, J. B. Lippincott Co. ....	2.00
Safeguarding Children's Nerves—Walsh & Foote, J. B. Lippincott Co. ....	2.00
Euthenics, The Science of Controllable Environment— Ella Richards, M. Barrows and Company .....	1.00
The Nervous Child—Hector Cameron, Oxford University Press .....	1.75
Personality and Social Environment—Ernest Groves, Longmans Green & Co. ....	1.40
The Child, His Nature and His Needs—Michael O'Shea, Children's Foundation, Valparaiso, Indiana .....	1.25
The Adolescent Girl—Winifred Richmond, Macmillan .....	1.25
Training of Parents—E. H. Abbott, Houghton-Mifflin Co. ....	1.25
Moral Education—Edward H. Griggs, Orchard Hill Press .....	2.00
Shackled Youth—Edward Yeomans, Little, Brown & Com- pany .....	1.60
The Prospective Mother—J. Slemons, D. Appleton & Company .....	2.00
The Fruit of the Family Tree—Albert E. Wiggam, Bobbs-Merrill Co. ....	3.00
Youth in Conflict—Miriam Van Waters, New Republic ..	1.00
High School Age—Irving King, Bobbs-Merrill Company ..	2.00
Nursery School Experiments—Harriet Johnson, Bureau of Education Experiments .....	.75
Primary Number Projects—Losh & Weeks, Houghton- Mifflin Co. ....	1.20
Children's Reading—Francis Olcott, Houghton-Mifflin Co. ....	1.75



Manual of Play—Forbush; Macrae, Smith Company .....	2.00
Child Training—Angelo Patri, D. Appleton & Company	2.00
The Problems of Childhood—Angelo Patri, D. Appleton & Company .....	2.00
School and Home—Angelo Patri, D. Appleton & Com- pany .....	1.50

PAMPHLETS ON SALE

American Home Series, Norman Richardson, Abingdon Press, New York City.

No. 4. The Roots of Disposition and Character .....	.15
No. 5. The First Year in Baby's Life .....	.20
No. 8. The First Steps Toward Character .....	.15
No. 10. The Education of the Child During the First and Second Year .....	.20
No. 11. The Mother as Playfellow (years one, two, and three) .....	.15
No. 12. The Problems of Temper .....	.15
No. 13. The Problems of Fighting .....	.15
No. 14. The Government of Young Children .....	.25
No. 15. The Punishment of Children .....	.20
No. 17. The Religious Nurture of the Little Child (years 4 and 5) .....	.20
No. 18. The Nervous Child .....	.20
No. 19. On Truth-Telling and the Problems of Chil- dren's Lies .....	.20
No. 20. Table Talk in the Home .....	.15
Obedience .....	.10
Punishment .....	.10
Imagination .....	.10
Habit .....	.10
Curiosity .....	.10
The Use of Money .....	.10
Truth and Falsehood .....	.10
Health Training of the Pre-School Child .....	.10
Answering Children's Questions .....	.10

United States Government

Study Outline in Child Mentality and Management .....	.10
Prenatal Care .....	.10
Infant Care .....	.10
Child Care .....	.10
Food for Young Children .....	.10

National Committee on Mental Hygiene	
Habit Training—Thom .....	10
American Association of University Women	
Guidance Material for Study Groups—Doctor Lois Hayden Meek .....	25
Chicago Association for Child Study and Parent Education and Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene	
Bibliography—Child Study and Mental Hygiene .....	10
Bureau of Educational Experiments	
Playthings .....	20
Catalog of Play Equipment .....	35

#### THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

It is not at all an easy task to set a standard of attainment such as will fall with equity and justice on every local. But in order to give some idea of what the general officers consider a minimum of activity for each group, the following Standard of Excellence is offered. It is recognized that it is far from the ideal. Some activities of greatest benefit, and of deepest significance and far-reaching importance are difficult to list, yet it is submitted in the hope that many locals will endeavor to measure up to this standard and even exceed it.

1. At least one organized group of women studying some good text.
2. At least one half of the women membership of the branch active in the work of the Department of Women.
3. An active home department worker.
4. An active young women's leader.
5. An active cradle roll worker.
6. An active friendly visitor.
7. Social gathering of local at least quarterly.
8. At least four educational evenings during the year.
9. A monthly report sent to the district superintendent. This report should indicate those items and activities as are indicated by the district superintendent.
10. A monthly contribution of not less than one dollar for the general funds of the Department of Women.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Inasmuch as the need of the day is the establishment of Zionie homes, and as this task concerns both men and women, we recommend that the departments cooperate in

the formation of parent classes for the study of parent problems. We recommend, further, that these classes be conducted at an hour when it is possible for the babies to be in the care of a trained nursery mother, preferably at the Sunday school hour; that whenever available trained teachers conduct these classes, and that institute work be provided for the training of other parent-teachers.

2. Believing it advisable to enlarge the scope of the Cradle Roll to insure the entrance of children into the public schools with healthy bodies and normal mental development through the use of baby clinics and nurseries and by means of parent instruction, we recommend that the name "Cradle Roll" be changed to "Pre-School Age."

3. As the program of religious education adopted by the church includes not only pulpit instruction, but also class work and expressional activity for all ages, we recommend that new church buildings provide such facilities as parlors, kitchens, reading rooms, and nurseries.

4. Sensing that each leader of the departments of religious education, pastor, missionary, Sunday school superintendent, Recreation and Expression leader, and superintendent of the Department of Women, working alone, to a degree defeats the purpose of the church, we recommend that these forces work as a council in each branch, analyze the needs of its membership, and supply those needs in whichever department or combination of departments can best meet such needs. Thus class work, expressional activity, and sermon may all combine to inculcate definite Zionic principles, such as the gospel of good health, stewardship, economic soundness in family life, wholesome recreation, the Sunday program, etc.

#### APPRECIATION

It is a daily demonstrated fact that to live to oneself is impossible, but the world is very greatly enriched when this reciprocal help is ably, willingly, graciously, given. This has been the happy experience of the departments this year. Especial thanks are due to Brother Charles B. Woodstock, who, during the absence of the general superintendent of the Department of Women, carried the responsibility of the supervision of the work at Lamoni. His letters did much to keep the absent officer in touch with developments, and his promptness of action and sound judgment in times of emergency have helped to establish our work.

We also desire to thank Miss Vida A. Taylor, Mrs. N. Ray

Carmichael, Mrs. L. S. Wight, Mrs. C. B. Woodstock, Mrs. Dona Clark Haden for the skill and devotion they have placed at our disposal in the preparation of the monthly bulletin. Without their cooperation, this help could not have been materialized.

Respectfully submitted,  
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN,  
By BLANCHE EDWARDS.

### CHURCH SECRETARY

*To the First Presidency; Dear Brethren:* In the past year I have acted in the office of Church Secretary, performing the general duties of that office, which has included the usual routine of keeping and publishing minutes, general correspondence, and routine work, including research and other lines of literary work, up until the time I was released.

In addition to office work, I have performed ministerial labor in Eastern Colorado and in Missouri, and incidentally at points in the State of Nebraska.

I am firm in the faith of the gospel and have been blessed in preaching and otherwise ministering to the people of God.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. SALYARDS.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, February 18, 1927.

### GRACELAND COLLEGE

*To the First Presidency:* The following reports, showing the activities of Graceland College for the conference year, were at a formal meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at Independence, Missouri, March 11, 1927, adopted, and by motion made the report of said Board of Trustees of Graceland College to the First Presidency and General Conference.

BLANCHE EDWARDS,

*For the Secretary of the Board.*

### REPORT OF PRESIDENT

*To the Board of Trustees:* I am very happy to report one of the most successful years in the history of Graceland College—successful in the spirit and effort of the student body—successful in the cooperation and helpfulness of the faculty—successful in the growing attitude of the church towards the college as having a place in its forward-looking program. All these factors, and the many others affecting the life of

an educational institution, have wonderfully helped during the year in making it possible to accomplish one of the best year's work in the history of Graceland College.

#### Official Recognition

We continue to enjoy official accrediting as a three-year college by the Iowa Inter-Collegiate Accrediting Commission, which enables our students who have completed three years of college work at Graceland to graduate with their Bachelor's degree by one year attendance at the universities of the country. This makes for the very best of official relationship with other institutions of learning.

#### State Certificates

For many years, graduates from our teacher training department have received Iowa state certificates. Because of the reciprocal relation with many other States of the Union, our graduates are also enabled to transfer their Iowa certificates or their college credits to other States and receive certificates in their home States. By reference to the report of the director of teacher training, it will be noted that our two-year graduates of last year are teaching this year in six different States, with salaries ranging from \$90 to \$140 per month.

#### North Central Association

The North Central Association of Colleges is the largest and most important standardizing and accrediting association of the United States, embodying twenty States. Membership in this association is legal tender throughout the country. Graceland has continuously been on the North Central list since 1920, and because of the very fine response last year on the part of the Saints in the endowment campaign to meet the increased standards, we have had a very fine relationship during the past year. This official standing enables our graduates to present Graceland credits at the leading universities and graduate schools of the country with full assurance of proper recognition.

#### Purpose of Graceland

On the occasion of a recent visit by one of the general church officers who delivered an address before the student body, he emphasized two things:

1. The need for greater spiritual development in order to have a share in the worth-while interests of the world and the church.
2. The need for greater educational advancement in order

to compete in the world's activities and secure our fair share of the world's wealth.

He felt that both of these are necessary for the redemption of Zion.

He pointed out that the reason why we sometimes do not have the funds necessary to carry on our church activities is the fact that too many of us lack the educational preparation to earn our share of the world's goods—thus not having sufficient to give the Lord and his work what is needed for effective results.

He pointed out that it is one of the purposes of Graceland College so to prepare our young people that they can earn money in the needed occupations of the world and thus be able to make larger contributions to the financial arm of the church.

#### An Uneducated People—a Poor People

Attempts have been frequently made to determine in more or less exact terms the value of an education. All such attempts have proved more or less futile, as one might easily see who surveys the entire field.

There is no measure for the worth of an educated or an uneducated man, nor can one estimate how much influence an education may have had upon any particular person—what kind of a man he is with his education and what kind of a man he would have been without his education.

Yet sufficient information is available, gathered from various sources over a long period of time, to show that, other things being equal, the educated person has a very decided advantage over the uneducated person in the matter of earnings and accumulations.

The following are typical of figures available on the money value of an education:

“In the United States as a whole, the average college graduate earns \$2,000 a year, the average high school graduate \$1,000, the average elementary school graduate \$500.

“A college education is worth \$72,000, and a high school education \$33,000.

“Each day spent in high school is worth \$25 to each pupil; each day spent in college, \$55.55.

“In Kansas an investigation among 1,237 farmers shows the following results: Those having a common school education had made an average income for the year of \$422; high school graduates \$554; part college course \$859; and college graduates \$1,450.

“One of the leading States in education provides an average of seven years' schooling for her citizens, and they

produce an average of \$260 of wealth per capita per year.

"Another State provides only an average of three years of schooling for her citizens, and they produce only an average of \$116 of wealth per capita per year."

The advice given to our students by the chapel speaker seems to be sound, and statistics seem to verify his conclusion.

From the standpoint of money returns alone, every dollar invested by the church or the membership in education will return manyfold in the largely increased earning power of our people.

### Women's Dormitory

On the morning of January 2, Patroness Hall, the dormitory for girls, was completely destroyed by fire. The building was insured for the maximum amount which could be carried.

The adjusters were very prompt in their investigation of the loss, and the insurance has been paid. The money is now on deposit as a special fund drawing interest until it can be used for building purposes.

Temporary provision has been made for housing and caring for the students for the remainder of the year.

However, this provision can but be temporary, and arrangements should be made at the earliest date possible for suitably housing and caring for our young women students.

In view of these circumstances, a meeting of the College Board was held, with President F. M. Smith, Presiding Bishop A. Carmichael, and the Church Architect. The entire situation was thoroughly canvassed, and it was unanimously agreed that a dormitory must be provided at the earliest possible date.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Moved that it be the sense of the Board that on authorization of General Conference, the college authorities should proceed to erect a dormitory, it being understood that until further authorization only the basement for this building be constructed, the same to be used for kitchen and dining-room purposes, the insurance money secured from the loss of Patroness Hall being the fund from which this basement should be constructed."

It is recommended that the above resolution be transmitted to the General Conference for approval.

To meet our immediate needs for the opening of the college year in September, we must have some place to house our commissary department, which is now being taken care

of in the basement of the gymnasium, which is nearing completion.

#### Departments and Activities

Following are extracts from the reports of the heads of departments, showing some of the activities of the year.

#### PERSONNEL BUREAU

Lonzo Jones, Dean

Graceland College has witnessed a rather striking growth in the past few years. As that growth has taken place, it has been necessary to introduce special methods in order to maintain the close personal touch with students that was maintained by the administration when Graceland was a much smaller institution. So in 1924, the beginning of what will ultimately be a personnel bureau was initiated. In reality, this personnel bureau represents only a more systematic way of doing the work done for so many years by Brethren Hopkins and McDowell in their consultation and advising of students.

The aim of the personnel bureau is: First, to help each student to know his own powers and possibilities; second, to enable the administration to understand his environmental background; third, to help the student to find a definite purpose in life; fourth, to help him eliminate the difficulties which hinder him from realizing that purpose; fifth, to help him get in touch with those agencies which will be to develop his native powers and bring him in touch with the field of their most effective expression.

There are three phases of the bureau's work, as follows: First, surveying the field from which students will be drawn to Graceland and providing ways and means of getting enrolled those whom Graceland should have within her walls. Second: personally diagnosing, counseling, encouraging, and directing the students who are enrolled; and third, helping the graduates secure employment in those positions for which Graceland has fitted them and advising them in the selection of the college in which they can best continue their professional preparation for which Graceland may not be equipped.

It is the second phase of this work that has had the greatest attention the past year and a half. It has involved: first, a testing program which gives us the relative rating of all the freshmen on standard achievement tests; second, the conferences with freshmen to get acquainted with their background in family, school, and community, and discover



their interests and ambitions in life; third, conferences on the student's own initiative, involving special reference to a choice of profession or selection of professional schools; fourth, accurate records of students' grades, class attendance, and extra-curricular activities and achievements; fifth, an acquaintance with the financial and industrial situation of the student; sixth, reports from the dormitory deans, parents, and students on maladjustments of various sorts.

These interests and activities have made of the personnel bureau a sort of a balance wheel or bureau of exchange, through which the individual student may get his orientation and direct his powers towards some special objective in life. It helps to remove friction and disturbing influences that so frequently hinder a student in his work. This second phase has been carried on with very satisfactory results, and, with an increasing efficiency of reports and records, in time will improve the services rendered to the students.

During the past year the second phase of the personnel bureau has been improved largely in the direction of bringing the school in touch with the parents of pupils: first, by a letter at the time the student enrolls asking them to fill out an information blank and write a letter to the personnel manager relative to the qualifications and interests of their children who are enrolled in Graceland, and by writing them personally at the end of each semester or on other occasions when it seems advisable. This contact with the homes has seemed to give a more satisfactory balance to the life of the students in school and of Graceland's service in the church.

The first phase of the bureau's work is also showing results, and as it is more fully systematized will increase in value. The third phase is beginning to take on a very definite service in connection with the Teacher Training Department. Reference to that report will illustrate this more fully. In 1923-24 twenty-eight of our students were placed as teachers, with an average salary of \$133.41. In 1924-25 twenty-five teachers were placed, with an average salary of \$127. The 1925-26 placement is included in this year's report. In addition to this, a very decided service is being rendered in the advisement of students in the matter of courses to pursue and the universities to attend to best equip them in their chosen field.

The personnel bureau is bringing to the students of Graceland, as she grows into a larger and larger institution, the same personal touch of earlier days and is adding to it the system and organization for the most efficient service that

can be rendered. As more time of the personnel director can be directed to this bureau, it will become one of the main instruments in searching out prospective students, in counseling and directing them while in school, and in sending them forward in the special service of the church and to the world.

#### EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

For many years the college has maintained an Extension Department for the benefit of those who wish to study at home or who found it inconvenient to enroll in attendance in college. The report of March 1, 1926, shows that twenty-eight students had finished one or more of the Academic courses during the previous year and that thirty-eight had completed one or more sections of the Religious Normal Training Course.

In harmony with the movement of the Religious Education Department, more actively to supervise the education of its officers and teachers, it seemed advisable to place the Religious Normal Training work under the supervision of the General Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. C. B. Woodstock. Arrangements now under way with the Extension Division of the University of Iowa indicate the possibilities of extending this service in a way that will be genuinely helpful.

This department offers a very fine field of opportunity, and with plans now completed will be in a much better position than ever before to render efficient service.

#### RELIGIOUS LIFE

Roy A. Cheville, Dean of Herald Hall

This phase of Graceland's life is recognized as most vital. The supporters of the college may rightfully expect wholesome religious environs and returns in leaders and workers. A resume of this year's work is encouraging.

The college prayer meeting continues to be taken as the index of this religious tone of the year. The present year has shown an attendance and nature that make this decidedly influential upon student life. This meeting is cared for by the branch presidency.

The departments of the Lamoni Branch, church school, Religion, and music cooperate in presenting courses of study and activities. Some of these are designed to assist the student in his thinking and conduct during this developing period of his life. The participation in the musical organizations of

the size and standard of Lamoni and Graceland is a broadening influence.

The exercises of the chapel are instructive in nature and serve as a unifying force in the college life. They are planned, however, so that they make a very definite contribution to the religious side of the student life. In fact, Graceland seeks the permeation of religious atmosphere through all activities rather than a segregation of one program definitely styled as such. During the year, men of the general ministry have appeared among them: Presidents F. M. Smith and F. M. McDowell, Bishop A. Carmichael, and Apostles Gleazer, Garver, and McConley.

Graceland's religious tone depends upon no one factor, but upon the general atmosphere radiated by administration and faculty through a student body that comes with religious interests and habits. For this reason the administration officers and faculty members are selected not only with a consideration of academic proficiency but wholesomeness of personality. The work of the dean of the college is a potent factor.

In comparison with the tenor of other years, this side of Graceland's life is encouraging. Active endeavor is being made to stimulate in Christian living and devoted service to the church.

### Dormitory

The present year has called for several adjustments in the rooming aspect of dormitory life. At the first of the college year, the girls resided in the upper story of Briggs Hall, known as Bide-A-Wee, and in Patroness, and the men occupied Marietta and Herald Hall. The burning of Patroness necessitated changes. Some of the residents of Marietta moved to available rooms in Herald Hall, and the rest to a small cottage owned by the college. This left Marietta to accommodate the majority of the residents of Patroness. The quarters are inadequate and the facilities in some respects unsatisfactory, but the students have responded most commendably in the contingencies of the situation.

The immediate supervision of the dormitories is placed with deans who guide the affairs in conjunction with the dean of the college. Graceland life operates on the principle that a wholesome environment of the dormitory with consistent guidance and supervision is one of the advantages of the small college. This year the student life has been particularly elevated in tone and generally successful in adjustments.

## INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

N. R. Carmichael, Business Manager

The industrial activities at Graceland are continuous, night and day, twelve months of the year. There is always something to do, and ninety-six per cent of the individuals to carry on this work are students.

There are chairs to mend, broken windows to glaze, doors to repair, electric lights to fix, plumbing to look after, roof leaks to stop, furniture to move, apples to pick, trees to prune, flowers to take care of, garden to plant, tomatoes, beets, and beans to can; cucumbers to pickle, corn to plant, hogs to feed, halls to scrub, rooms to sweep, freight to haul, filing to do, letters to write, books to keep, and buildings to build—all by young men and women who are "earning while they learn." Seventy per cent of the students at Graceland this year are working to help meet their expenses. This means that seven of every ten boys or girls you meet are working. These young people come to Graceland from one hundred and twenty-five homes scattered through twenty-five States and several foreign countries, and in the Industrial Department carry on the institutional duties of the college.

Viewed from the financial standpoint, student labor is expensive. The college could hire more efficient regular employees and have the work done more economically, but such a method would preclude the opportunity of an education for seventy per cent of the student body who have to work to earn a part of their living while going to school.

Many ambitious young men and women who have funds or could secure assistance somewhere else are anxious to work to help to meet their expenses. Giving assignments to such individuals would keep some one away who has no other source from which to secure funds and whose education depends on a job at Graceland. This problem of assigning work to worthy and needy young people is one of the greatest problems of administration in the Industrial Department. There are a number of applications already on file for assignments in the Industrial Department for the coming school year. Every individual who applies for work is required to fill out a questionnaire which shows the age of the applicant, church membership, amount of money he or she will have at the beginning of the school year, his or her education and working experience. The types of work these boys and girls have been doing is of special interest and very important, and, in fact, it is essential to determine

whether or not they know how to work at all. The names of three responsible people who can recommend them with respect to their working ability and financial standing is required. These applications are studied in detail, and sometime during the summer the applicants are advised whether or not there is a possibility for them to secure work at Graceland.

Classes are so arranged that one group of students can work in the morning and go to class in the afternoon. The other group have their classes in the morning and work in the afternoon, thus attempting to give available workers both in the morning and afternoon.

It has been found through the experience of those who have conducted the Industrial Department at Graceland and in other institutions that a student can do his best class work if he does not work more than three hours a day. Regular college courses are designed to keep the average boy or girl busy and do not take into consideration the necessity for his working for a part of his living. In addition to regular class work, there are activities which are very much worth while, such as debating, dramatics, journalism, oratorical, and athletics. Although this work does not come in the regular college curriculum, it is a very important part of a student's education. Students are not barred from participation in athletics and other student activities because of the necessity of their having to work. However, it is a real job to carry a regular college course, earn part of one's expenses, and enter into student activities. There have been boys and girls who have stood at the head of their classes at Graceland accomplishing all three of these things and doing them well. The social standing of a working student is equal to that of the students who do not work. Money is not a determiner—many a boy has gone through Graceland with not more than ten dollars a year for spending money.

The young people who take these many jobs are advised and become conscious of their responsibility to the church and college. Every tool, every animal, every piece of equipment, and building that is placed in the hands of a boy or girl is done so with the understanding that he will preserve and make the most of what is given to his care.

By fostering the Industrial Department, Graceland and the church provide the means by which a greater number of young people can continue their education. The growth and expansion of this department depends largely on the availa-

ble funds and the men and women who are willing to assist in its administration.

#### THE LIBRARY

Lyda Elefson, Librarian

A building might be filled with books without there being a library. A collection of books is no more a library than a collection of lumber is a building or a collection of pipes makes an organ.

Library work is not the simple matter of dealing out books. A library, however small, involves systematic selection and correlation of books. It involves also an understanding of library routine and a careful study of the library's clientele in order that the right person may receive the right book at the right time.

Convinced of the truthfulness of the above statements, we have organized the Graceland College Library on that basis. The shelves have been cleared of all useless books. As a result the material on hand is not only more attractive but more easily accessible.

With a completed invoice, a systematic revision of the card catalog with the view of making it uniform, complete, and thoroughly up-to-date will be undertaken. Cataloging is the most highly technical phase of library work and should be undertaken only by those specifically trained for that purpose. So stupendous is the task of remaking a catalog that it will no doubt be some time before our catalog will be wholly satisfactory. The amount of cataloging to be done, not only in revising the present catalog, but in keeping it up to date, justifies the addition of a trained cataloger to the staff.

The library has a file of several thousand pamphlets. These are also being reorganized and filed in newly purchased pamphlet boxes. In a library which is essentially a reference library, the pamphlet file is a very important adjunct to the book stock.

During the past year we have accessioned 566 books, making a total of 13,308 books which have been entered in the library. Forty-eight of the leading periodicals, three daily newspapers, and two local papers are available to the students for both current and reference use. A recent survey indicates that magazine reading is very popular among the students.

In order to increase our accession of good current books, a rent shelf was started in November of this year. This col-

lection is made up of fiction and popular books on every subject. They are rented at the rate of four cents per day, with a minimum charge of ten cents. New purchases are made with the collected fees. When the book ceases to circulate, it is transferred to the free shelves. The experiment has proved very successful, both in filling a long-felt need among the students and in building up the library. It is estimated that sixty books will be added in this way each year.

The library is open to the use of the students ten hours per day and three evenings of two hours each, making a total of 66 hours.

The staff consists of one librarian and four student assistants. Although the work of the students is of the highest order, the staff is, as stated before, inadequate. A trained assistant should be added as soon as possible.

#### TEACHER TRAINING

The Department of Teacher Training has compiled the following data relative to the class of 1926, together with a number of Juniors of the class of 1926. Definite information was available concerning all of the pupils, and the following table (1926-27) shows the distribution of activities of these young people.

#### 1924-25 Placement

Number enrolled .....	71
Number placed .....	25
Number teaching in high schools .....	14
Number teaching in grades .....	11
Number in other vocations .....	13
Salary range of teachers .....	\$95-\$160
Average salary of teachers .....	\$127
Number attending college 1925-26 .....	33
Number enrolled in Graceland 1925-26 .....	19

Teachers contracted in Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Montana, Oregon.

Students enrolled in Ames, Des Moines Business College, Kansas University, Iowa University, Ohio University, North Dakota School.

#### 1925-26 Placement

Number enrolled .....	64
Number placed .....	31
Number teaching in high schools .....	13
Number teaching in grades .....	19
Number in other vocations .....	8

Salary range of teachers .....	\$90-\$140
Average salary .....	\$122.42
Number attending college 1926-27 .....	25
Number reenrolled in Graceland 1926-27 .....	5

Teachers contracted in California, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri.

Students enrolled in Kansas City Business College, Kansas University, Iowa University, Nebraska University, Boston University.

Observation and practice teaching requirements are afforded through cooperation with Lamoni Public Schools and Graceland Academy. The Academy provides teaching opportunity for practically all teachers enrolled in high school methods. The physical education classes in the local elementary schools are managed by Graceland student-teachers.

The Department of Teacher Training as well as the college in general, is especially gratified with the large percentage of teachers placed. The Department of Teacher Training is indeed glad to present the record of the standing of the institution as evidenced by the number of States in which the diploma from this school is recognized in the teaching profession.

#### CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Mabel Carlile, Director

Graceland maintains a fully recognized and accredited school of music. This department fosters the same high standards of entrance, scholarship, discipline, and examinations as prevail in the other departments of the college. All full-course music students take certain studies in the Liberal Arts Department, and the music courses are open to Liberal Arts students with credit.

The conservatory of music offers courses to fit students as performers, theorists, directors, and teachers. These courses draw mature and talented students from all sections of the country. Provision is made for the study of music as an element of culture or as a vocation, and a preparatory department is also maintained. Graduate courses are offered in piano, voice, orchestral instruments, and public school music. Upon satisfactory completion of the latter course, the student receives a state teacher's certificate from the Iowa Board of Education. Besides private instruction in piano, voice, band, and orchestral instruments, the department offers class instruction in Harmony, Harmonic and Formal Analysis, Appreciation, Ear Training, Sight Reading, History of



Music, Conducting Piano Methods, and Public School Methods. The school of music at Graceland welcomes the earnest, capable, and diligent student.

The department is especially fortunate in being able to offer a number of extra-curricular music activities to students. The orchestra, under the careful leadership of Professor J. H. Anthony, has steadily grown in numbers and ability. Mr. Anthony also conducts large classes in band and orchestral instruments in the public schools, which are beginning to furnish much fine material for the larger instrumental organizations.

The Oratorio Society, numbering about one hundred and fifty singers, gives unequalled opportunity for becoming familiar with a wide variety of choral music, ranging from simple anthems to the great classic oratorios. This chorus was organized by its present director, Miss Mabel Carlile. The A Cappella Chorus is an organization of about twenty advanced music students selected for the cultivation of the rare art of unaccompanied choral singing. A no less important function of the chorus is to bring before the public a class of music of extreme beauty, which demands careful sympathy and finish. The A Cappella's have given valuable aid to Graceland by giving many out-of-town concerts each year, which serve as a splendid advertising medium for the institution. This organization is also directed by Miss Carlile.

One of the attractive musical events of the year is the intersociety music contest. Nearly eighty per cent of the student body participate in this contest, which includes competition under student direction in large and small choruses, quartets, and orchestral numbers.

At present the conservatory of music at Graceland is under the direction of Mabel Carlile. The faculty includes Mary Louise Lloyd, voice; J. H. Anthony, band and orchestral instruments; and Virginia Wary, piano.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

A. R. Gilbert, Director

The year 1926-27 has been above the average in success for our varsity athletic teams. The football squad's record of six games won, one tied, and one loss, is the best we have had in years. In basket ball competition, we were able to win all games with junior colleges with the exception of three. The track squad last year won meets from Iowa

Wesleyan, Palmer and Trenton Junior College, losing to Missouri Wesleyan.

We have required our varsity athletes to maintain a scholastic record of graduating standard (between C and D) for eligibility in competition. It has been necessary to drop some of our best performers from the squad because of their inability to keep up this standard. This has decreased the efficiency of our squad in standard of performance, but has had an altogether wholesome effect on the men in general.

The class work in physical education has been hindered somewhat by the ease with which an individual can secure excuse from the work. The fact that a large number of students work in the Industrial Department makes this possible. With the increased facilities for taking care of this work, there is a decreased tendency on the part of students to dodge the physical training class work.

The intra-mural competition has not been so prominent this year as in some years past. We believe the work this year has struck a rather harmonious balance with the other activities of the college so that all phases of activity have been well taken care of without undue prominence being given any of them.

With the gymnasium being completed, the need of the department for the future is the gradual equipment of the gymnasium and the construction of an adequate athletic field.

#### FORENSICS

F. A. Roberts, Director

The year just past has produced no startling new developments in the field of our forensic and dramatic activities at Graceland. We feel, however, that much good has been accomplished and progress has been made along the less spectacular administrative lines.

The vast majority of the student body are receiving a real and valuable training in the activities of the four literary societies composing the Athenian Federation. The major activities of the societies consist of Saturday evening programs and intersociety contests. Every student is required to participate in the former. Most students participate in one or more of the intersociety contests.

We are branching out a little this year in the field of intercollegiate forensic competition in debate and declamatory work. We hope to be able to gradually expand our activities in these and other fields of intercollegiate competition in the future.

The dramatic activities of the college center around the "College Players." This organization of some forty students and faculty members present several plays throughout the year. The general standard of their stage productions the last year has been of a very high order, comparing favorably with the quality of work done by the best college and little theater groups throughout the country. The players consider themselves fortunate in having access to the Coliseum stage. They are looking forward to the time when it can be equipped with modern scenery and lighting devices.

FINANCES

N. Ray Carmichael, Treasurer

Herewith is presented the balance sheet of June 30, 1926.

GRACELAND COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET AT JUNE 30, 1926

ASSETS		
Cash .....		\$ 1,835.63
Accounts Receivable—Students .....	\$ 12,522.79	
Accounts Receivable—Miscellaneous .....	3,731.84	
Scholarship Loans Receivable .....	21,116.00	
Student Notes Receivable .....	12,151.89	
Total Receivables .....		49,522.02
Less Reserve of Losses .....		10,000.00
Net Value of Receivables .....		39,522.02
Current Inventories .....		8,733.01
Equipment—Furniture and Fixtures .....		28,912.83
Real Estate and Buildings .....		206,865.40
Coliseum Investment .....		10,126.75
Library .....		8,641.28
Endowment Fund Investments		
Reorganized Church Bonds .....		200,000.00
Unexpired Insurance .....		1,327.63
Student Training Advances .....		7,425.33
Total Assets .....		\$513,389.88
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable .....	7,634.37	
Notes Payable .....	3,540.00	
Key Deposits .....	24.35	
Accrued Interest .....	120.00	
Industrial Deposits .....	180.00	
Total Outside Liabilities .....		11,498.72
L. D. S. Pin Fund .....	136.89	
Nellie Martin's Music Class Fund .....	47.87	
Lyceum Fund Balance .....	289.35	
Picture Fund Balance .....	207.39	
Total Trust Fund and Expense Reserves .....		681.50

Permanent Endowment Fund .....		200,000.00
Graceland Flag Fund .....	49.23	
Zimmermann Hall Fund .....	48,893.70	
Gymnasium Equipment Fund .....	383.36	
Gymnasium Seating Fund .....	1,306.85	
Total Plant Funds Not Wholly Disbursed .....		50,632.64
Coliseum Fund .....		10,126.75
Scholarship Loan Funds .....		35,821.22
Student Training Fund .....		7,425.33
Present Worth .....		197,203.72
Total Liabilities and Capital .....		<u>\$513,389.88</u>

### *Conclusion*

Man's efforts to live contentedly and helpfully with his fellows in organized society give rise to the state; man's spiritual aspiration and wish to worship are the origin of the church; man's persistent desire to know the truth which should make him free has brought the school, the college, and the university into being.

These three institutions—the state, the church, the college—are alike fundamental, and each in its way embodies and reveals a universal characteristic of human nature.

Graceland was founded by the church for a definite purpose, officially recognized and standardized by the State to help carry out that purpose, and it will best play its part if it is fully conscious of its origin, of the foundation on which it rests, and of the ideal which it endeavors to achieve.

With the continued cooperation of an ever-increasing church interest in higher education, with a devoted faculty committed to the program of the church and the college and a group of alumni and students breathing the ideals of Graceland standards, there is every reason to look forward to years of increasing usefulness and service.

Respectfully submitted,

March 10, 1927.

G. N. BRIGGS, *President.*

### DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

*To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting:* A summary of the work in this department shows the following adjustments have been made in the general church record of membership during the year 1926:

Net enrollment December 31, 1925 .....99,466

Gain		Loss	
Baptism .....	2,853	Died .....	884
Restored .....	229	Expelled .....	68
		Unknown .....	927
Total .....	3,082	Total .....	1,879
Net Gain .....			1,203
Net enrollment December 31, 1926 .....			100,669

We are pleased to be able to include in our report for 1926 the figures showing the enrollment in Society Islands and Australia. A report dated February 1, 1927, from Elder Walter J. Haworth, of Australia, says:

"Net enrollment at date .....	2,196
Baptisms for year 1926 .....	34

(We know of about 20 more baptisms not reported and hence not yet recorded.)

Releases .....	5
Expulsions .....	7
Deaths .....	22

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"Most of these deaths, releases, and expulsions were for previous years, but were recorded only in 1926, so that the year 1926 is loaded with the accumulated losses of several years and is at least 20 short in the number of baptisms recorded. We are in touch with the parties affected and will make an adjustment early."

Under date of January 25, 1927. Elder R. J. Farthing reports for the Society Islands, viz:  
 "Net enrollment December 31, 1925 .....

Gain		Loss	
Baptism .....	48	Death .....	35
Restored .....	2	Expelled .....	58
		Corrections .....	2
Total .....	50	Total .....	95
Net loss .....			45

Net enrollment December 31, 1926 .....

Children blessed 39. Ordinations 9. Marriages 8."

The net enrollment of 100,669, if classified, shows, viz,  
In United States and Canada,

With branches in districts .....	59,423
Nonresident in districts .....	9,676
With branches in unorganized fields .....	668
Nonresident in unorganized fields .....	1,114
Stakes .....	14,738
Old branches .....	9,005
Foreign countries .....	6,045

Our experience of the past seven years leads us to believe that practically all of the names still shown with "old branches" will eventually be carried to the "unknown" account.

Examination of 1926 reports, exclusive of Society Islands and Australia, shows the baptism of 1,279 males and 1,575 females. Sixty-two and one half per cent were from eight to eighteen years of age. Eleven branches were organized and eight disorganized during the year, leaving a total of 656 in United States and Canada. Priesthood files contain records of 6,450 ordinations—Melchisedec 2,255, Aaronic 4,195. During the year there were 154 Melchisedec and 201 Aaronic ordinations reported.

Many inquiries have been received which lead to the belief that the following figures will be studied with interest:  
Baptisms per month for the years indicated:

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
January	148	212	118	139	162	107	89	86
February	170	314	271	163	162	197	111	115
March	140	444	159	259	506	276	185	
April	115	422	199	210	201	147	160	
May	220	408	292	362	246	123	120	
June	431	703	451	269	358	342	337	
July	451	650	325	354	437	435	465	
August	592	528	606	465	540	440	352	
September	461	597	322	502	457	357	322	
October	464	287	324	249	336	310	314	
November	329	450	203	193	336	250	244	
December	306	462	370	184	203	197	154	

3,827 5,477 3,640 3,349 3,944 3,181 2,853

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BAPTISMS FOR YEARS INDICATED

2325	.....	1901
2498	.....	02
2532	.....	03
2503	.....	04
2843	.....	05
2779	.....	06
2873	.....	07
2281	.....	08
2444	.....	09
2787	.....	1910
3062	.....	11
3383	.....	12
3670	.....	13
2635	.....	14
4907	.....	15
4631	.....	16
3890	.....	17
5195	.....	18
2988	.....	19
3827	.....	1920
5477	.....	21
3640	.....	22
3349	.....	23
3944	.....	24
3181	.....	25
2853	.....	26

Our ministers should give more attention to the matter of reporting baptisms, ordinations, marriages, deaths, etc. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THIS FOR A SECRETARY, OR ANYONE ELSE TO DO. All secretaries know this is not required of them, hence the completeness of our church records depends upon the attention which *our ministers* give to the work of reporting. Your cooperation will reduce the number of complaints which reach us.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS,  
F. A. RUSSELL.

March 10, 1927.

## ORDER OF EVANGELISTS

*To the First Presidency and General Conference Assembled; Greeting:* The Order of Evangelists has had a very active year considering the age of most of the members of the Order. We have lost two by death during the year, Brothers J. Squires and H. Greenwood, of England, and have received two new members, Brothers T. C. Kelley and Samuel Twombly, leaving our number at twenty-nine. The men have reported feeling well in their work, being blessed with the Spirit's presence.

We have the following statistics to report: Sermons, 1,801; times in charge, 716; assisted, 394; other meetings attended, 1,786; total number of meetings, 4,635; baptisms, 49; confirmations, 72; ordinations, 21; children blessed, 87; administered to the sick, 1,605; marriages, 13; patriarchal blessings, 947; pastoral visits, 1,118; administered the sacrament, 80; new openings, 1.

We can say the men of this Order have sought to comfort and strengthen the membership in their faith and stimulate them to earnest and faithful service to the Master wherever they have been. While there have been some discouragements in some places, there have also been some very encouraging evidences of the overruling hand of the Master manifest in the interest of his children. We regret that not all the men have reported; only seventeen have made reports in time to get them into this report before handing it in for publication, so our report is not as complete as we desire it to be.

Ever praying for the success of God's great work,

Very respectfully,

FREDERICK A. SMITH, *President*,

H. O. SMITH, *Secretary*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 3, 1927.

## PRESIDING PATRIARCH

*President Frederick M. Smith; Dear Brother:* In my recent report I stated I would make a separate report of our scattered member work. The work on the scattered list has grown to some extent and now requires something in the neighborhood of three thousand letters or better each year. During the year 1926, we had only seventy-two returns, and we had something over a hundred answers, some of them very interesting and very appreciative of our interest in them. Some tithing has come in through this method that would not have come if we had not continued our writing. During the year we have added one hundred and thirty-two



to this list and transferred a hundred and one, and have on the list at the present time ten hundred and eighty scattered members who are not on branch or district record.

There are many inquiries that require time and research in order to answer them intelligently. This we have done to the best of our ability along with our other work. We have utilized a form letter to some extent, but have sought to make it as near personal as we could, and can not help but feel that the results justify the efforts we put forth, for I have had the missionaries visit some of these people where it was possible for them to do so without interfering with their work as they were moving from place to place and laboring in the near vicinity of these scattered ones. We have met a number of them at reunions, and they have told me they received the letters and appreciated them very much, although they have never written an answer to them. So undoubtedly there is some good being accomplished through this means.

We have quite a number who have asked for missionary help. These we have turned over to the missionary arm, the Quorum of Twelve. Some have asked for information along the financial lines in various ways. Some of these I have answered myself, some I have referred to the Bishop for their own interpretation, so that we have tried to keep in touch with them and answer the demands that might be made as well as we could.

We are still striving to do the best we can with this work, and will do so so long as it may be deemed advisable to continue it.

Very respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMITH.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 3, 1927.

## CHURCH HISTORIAN AND LIBRARIAN

*To the First Presidency:* During the calendar year 1926, Elder C. I. Carpenter has had immediate charge of the library and reports that four hundred and forty new patrons were registered, making a total of eight hundred forty-four people who have taken from the library during the year eight thousand, two hundred and forty-six volumes. The majority of books used have been in the section devoted to required reading in the seventh to twelfth grades of the public schools. In addition to this, young people from high school and the public school are in every noon reading magazines and consulting the books upon our shelves.

Elder Carpenter also states that thirty-five books have been issued in one loan to the Spring Branch Sunday School for periods of three months. These books are not included in the above totals.

Small additions have been made to the church history section of documents and periodicals. Considerable additions have been made to the more recent numbers of the *Saints' Herald* and *Autumn Leaves*, both complete and incomplete volumes. These files have already proved valuable to us in filling vacancies in the files of the Library of Congress at Washington, District of Columbia, and the New York City Library, as well as elsewhere. We have also placed a few later church publications in other church libraries.

We are not attempting to present our ideals, or what we are trying to do, as that has already been presented in part in the *Saints' Herald*, and we hope to add further articles from time to time about what we are doing and what we hope to accomplish. The two published articles appeared in the issues of October 6 and 13, 1926.

Very few purchases have been made during the year. The principal one was new books to replace those worn out in the section for required reading in the schools. There are two reasons for this. First: the thing most needed is accessioning and full indexing. We do not plan extensive purchases until this part of the work can be put in better shape. This will require, we believe, more funds than we have yet available. But we hope to start soon, if possible this spring, and finish with the appropriation for the next conference year.

Another purchase made since the beginning of the year was to place some needed books, light reading of good character in the Independence Sanitarium. These with smaller purchases make a total of one hundred fourteen volumes.

We regret to advise you that the books on Social Science purchased in June, 1925, have been very little used during the past conference year. A number have been outstanding for more than a year. We have not insisted upon their returning them, because of the limited demand and the numbers of copies on hand. The ministry should study these as a minimum of preparation.

Another feature to which we wish to draw especial attention is a collection of high-grade magazines, which are placed mostly in the southeast room. We would be willing to loan these to any member of the ministry interested. These are a part of estimable donations, reviews, etc., from President F. M. Smith, and others.

The work of the historian's office has taken on a considerable change because of the discontinuance of the *Journal of History*. We most sincerely hope that the time will come when the church will issue this publication once more, for it has certainly never filled entirely the field that it might fill; first, in informing the church people; second, as a point of contact with the readers and students of history; nor have we any other publication filling these needs.

In May we made a trip to Cedar Rapids, going by way of Iowa City and Des Moines. In June, a second trip was made to Iowa City in connection with the work of the department. Both trips proved highly beneficial and meant contacts which helped in our efforts to have inaccuracies corrected.

July was spent in Saint Louis and as much time as possible in the Jefferson Memorial Library there, although our work there was not exhaustive. We believe some time should be given to such outside research, also a greater effort should be made to come in contact with workers in various fields. It is with reason that the first historian of the church was directed to travel among the churches.

Our work otherwise has principally consisted in answering inquiries and getting together material which is valuable to us to use in the historian's office. We find it difficult to secure reports and cooperation in local work. A few of the branch and district historians are doing splendid work and are promptly sending in reports, but today, as in the past, the majority of people are more interested in trying to make history than in reporting it.

We have noted a number of inaccuracies in various publications published in Independence. The fact that these have not been corrected should not be construed as an admission of their accuracy.

The work in both departments is one of growing interest.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. BURGESS.

### HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM

*To the First Presidency:* Reporting from the standpoint of the High Priests' Quorum, will say that there is not a great deal to report of its activities, for most of the work that is done in quorum capacity is during the General Conferences. That kind of work, of course, consists of matters that are developed with a view to bringing about more efficient conditions among

the members of the quorum, and we try to have the work as educational as possible and also adapted to the needs of the members of the quorum, especially those who are pastors.

Last spring the quorum held sessions each day during the General Conference, with the exception of one or two days when something special was being considered by the general officers of the church. At that time a committee was selected, consisting of S. A. Burgess, James E. Bishop, and Orman Salisbury, to draft an educational program for this coming April. The committee is prepared for their work, but our problem right now is to know just how to work in this program with the general program outlined for the conference day. It is our purpose to follow the general program of the church and work on our own program as we may find convenient time.

During the year we have sought to keep in touch with our men in foreign fields through the secretary of the quorum; have asked for correspondence and papers from them, and some of them have responded. Some of these will appear in the Annual.

Have been in touch with the secretary, developing the Annual, which is now in the printers' hands.

We have sought to encourage high priest activities in centers like Kansas City Stake, Lamoni, Far West, and Holden. We have not gotten the results from this effort that we would like to have. With the exception of the Kansas City Stake, it is claimed that the high priests live at a distance from each other in the other stakes, and it is very difficult to get them together to hold meetings. We shall continue, however, to do the best we can along this line and will endeavor to develop some kind of educational work in each of the stake centers that will be helpful to high priests.

Wishing for a good and spiritual conference, I am,

Very sincerely,

J. A. TANNER, *Quorum President.*

## COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

*To the First Presidency; Dear Brethren:* At the convening of the General Conference of 1926, there was one vacancy in the Council of the Presidents of Seventy. During the conference, the provision that had been made by the preceding conference, that the Seventies should be reorganized, was complied with. The Presidency and Twelve met in joint council with the Seventies April 9, 1926, at which meeting,

at the suggestion of the Presidency and Twelve, separate votes were taken on the question of sustaining the members of the Council of the Presidents of Seventy as it was then constituted. As a result of the balloting, T. C. Kelley, J. T. Riley, and E. E. Long were released. The Presidency and Twelve also recommended that the Third Quorum of Seventy be disorganized and the members distributed between the First and Second Quorums. This recommendation was acted upon, and the Third Quorum of Seventy was dissolved—twenty-two years after its organization.

Later we received a communication from the Presidency informing us that the selection of Elder Eli Bronson, which was made the previous year, had received the approval of the Joint Council, and accordingly his selection was submitted to the Seventies in joint session, and their approval obtained, thus bringing the number up to four. Elder J. W. Davis, being oldest in years and time of service in the council, was selected Senior President, and this selection was ratified by the Joint Council of Presidency and Twelve, and also by the Seventies in joint session. Elder Eli Bronson was chosen to be secretary.

During the remaining meetings of the council, Elders R. E. Davey and G. P. Levitt were selected to occupy as Presidents of the Seventy, and their selection received the approval of the other bodies interested, and our number was brought back to six again, there being one vacancy still. The following are the names of the members of the council in the order of seniority: J. W. Davis, E. A. Curtis, R. L. Fulk, Eli Bronson, R. E. Davey, and G. P. Levitt.

Very little was done toward selecting new men to occupy in the Seventies, there seeming to be so few available. It is desirable that many additions be made as rapidly as possible to the Seventies as our second line of defense in missionary work. It is a matter of deep concern that this body of men has been decreasing in numbers over a period of years.

J. W. DAVIS, *Senior President.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 24, 1927.

## THE CHURCH ARCHITECT

*To the First Presidency:* During the past year the completion of the Graceland College gymnasium has been undertaken. I have made working drawings for two small churches, and blueprint studies have been furnished in answer to a number of requests. With these exceptions my

attention has been almost entirely on the work of the Auditorium.

The actual start of the Auditorium was made at one o'clock, January 28, 1926. The excavating was well under way at the time of last conference, and with few interruptions due to heavy rains it was continued steadily throughout the summer until the rock ledge was encountered. This thick rock ledge showed up over the entire area. We were pleased to find this good foundation to build upon.

Arrangements were made and quarries opened in Pacific Street adjoining the Campus on the south, and we were able to obtain building stone and crushed rock at advantageous prices. Early in the summer, work was begun on laying the heavy stone foundation walls. This work continued with the excavating for piers and footings throughout the summer. In order to hasten the work of excavation, we took over the work of excavating the boiler room, which went down through solid rock to a much lower level.

Originally our studies were made with a subway across the front of the building. We could not arrange to do this at the time the building was begun; but early in July permission was given to excavate in the parkway on the south side of Walnut Street on the north of the building to a proper depth and width for this very desirable improvement to our building. This subway gives us light and air for two additional stories entirely across the front of our building, besides giving us a direct entrance to the basement assembly rooms, and provides a very necessary sheltered entrance to the building in bad weather.

The possibilities of a conference in the Auditorium basement were considered early in the year, and an effort has been made to finish the concrete work on the slab for the main Auditorium floor which should form the roof for the basement assembly room. The piers were built to support the main columns and trusses, the steel erected over the basement assembly room, the forms built, and the slabs poured before freezing weather. From that time, the work has been carried on during the winter on the retaining wall, minor slabs, walls, and columns.

After the banks had been retained, we undertook to build first the portion desirable to have in at conference time. The work had been concentrated on building one set of ramps from the main floor level to the basement.

As far as is practicable, the work on the Auditorium is being done by church members. As the work continues,

many men throughout the country will have opportunity to do that part of the work for which they are best fitted.

In the office the working drawings for the Auditorium structural steel are virtually complete. A number of details only remain to be worked out. The shop drawings are being prepared, and we hope to have them checked and that fabrication may be begun so that erection of the main roof steel may be started early in the summer, at which time the superstructure will more rapidly take form and the general appearance of the Auditorium be understood.

I find a much greater desire this year to have our church buildings good looking and suitable in appointment. This is to be expected and should be more noticeable as we continue our work for improvements.

As soon as the finances of the church will permit, and before the general ban on church buildings is lifted, we should be able to furnish on inquiry a small booklet illustrating a number of types or buildings considered desirable. There may be a section devoted to the details on Sunday school classrooms and arrangements. A start on this idea was made some years ago when the general superintendent of the Sunday school undertook a book on Sunday school methods.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. SMITH,  
*Church Architect.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 5, 1927.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION TO CONFERENCE

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference; Greeting:* The Board of Publication, sustained by the last General Conference, met on May 13, 1926, for organization. The following officers were elected: President, M. H. Siegfried; vice president, F. B. Blair; Secretary, Howard W. Harder; treasurer and manager, O. W. Parker.

During the year, the board met a number of times and considered various phases of the publishing interests of the church.

The editorial management of the church periodicals, with one exception, has remained as of last year. In the spring of 1926, Elder Frank B. Almond, finding it necessary because of his work and his absence from Independence, resigned as associate editor of *Autumn Leaves*, and Madge Craig Siegfried was appointed to the position.

The subscription list of the *Herald* has grown as of March 1, 1926, to March 1, 1927, from 6,044 to 6,222; and the *Autumn Leaves* in the same period from 2,300 to 3,239. The *Ensign* subscription list as of March 1, 1927, was 3,932.

We append the Auditor's Balance Sheet for the Herald Publishing House.

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION,  
M. H. SIEGFRIED, *President*.  
HOWARD W. HARDER, *Secretary*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 15, 1927.

HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE

Balance Sheet—June 30, 1926

ASSETS

Exhibit "A"

<i>Cash</i>				
On Hand			\$ 20.00	
In Bank			8,088.02	\$ 8,108.02
<i>Notes and Accounts Receivable—Trade</i>				
Notes			6,620.48	
Accounts			13,062.72	
			19,683.20	
Less provision for bad debts			7,350.58	12,332.62
<i>Intra-Church Accounts</i>				
General Church				
Notes	\$ 8,276.79			
Accounts	4,089.20		12,365.99	
Graceland College			1,083.34	
Standard Publishing House			3,970.20	
Local Branch and Departmental Acct.			382.15	17,801.68
<i>Inventories</i>				
Materials and Supplies			4,429.49	
Goods in Process			20,855.60	
Finished Merchandise			17,339.23	42,624.32
<i>Fixed Assets</i>				
	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>Net</i>	
Real Estate	\$ 7,500.00		7,500.00	
Building	50,583.00	4,444.98	46,138.02	
Machinery	35,420.94	14,043.98	21,376.96	
Type, Plates, and Cuts	10,184.71	9,754.61	430.10	
Furniture and Fixtures	16,536.06	6,455.26	10,080.80	
Auto Truck	292.50	227.79	64.71	
Power-Wiring and Tools	2,031.23	710.92	1,320.31	
	\$122,548.44	\$ 35,637.54	\$ 86,910.90	86,910.90



<i>Deferred Charges</i>		
Revision Expense—Inspired Translation	7,509.57	
Unexpired Insurance	937.18	8,446.75
<i>Deposits on Public Utility Service Contracts</i>		89.00
		<u>\$176,313.29</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

<i>Accounts Payable</i>		
Customers	\$ 459.25	
Refund Checks Outstanding	524.77	
Total Liabilities		\$ 984.02
<i>Deferred Credits</i>		
Unexpired Subscriptions	15,712.87	
Free Subscription Contrib. Unapplied	95.91	
Birth-Offering Booklet Contrib. Unapplied	132.78	15,941.56
		<u>16,925.58</u>
<i>Net Worth</i>		
Balance June 30, 1925 per books	\$153,614.94	
Add—Inventory of Materials and Supplies at June 30, 1925, not set up at time	3,685.93	
	157,300.87	
Deduct: Additional provision for bad debts to apply to prior years accounts	\$ 1,500.00	
Interest and sundry minor adjustments—net	242.93	1,742.93
<i>Balance June 30, 1925 as adjusted</i>	155,557.94	
Add—Net Profit for year ending June 30, 1926 per Exhibit "B"	3,829.77	
Balance June 30, 1926		<u>159,387.71</u> <u>\$176,313.29</u>

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU

From January 1, 1926, to January 1, 1927

*To the First Presidency:*

<i>Number of cases handled exclusive of "employment only" cases</i> .....	238
Single girls .....	34
Single boys .....	17
Widows .....	70
Widowers .....	24
Divorced .....	3
Separated .....	8

Deserted .....	5	
Unmarried mothers .....	2	
Families .....	75	238

Out-of-town cases handled .....	144	
Independence, Missouri, cases .....	94	238

*Number of persons affected in cases handled* ..... 624

Number of children in families of cases handled .....	201	
Number of adults in cases handled .....	313	
Number of persons applying for employment only .....	110	624

#### PROBLEMS PRESENTED AND SERVICES RENDERED

##### *Employment*

Applications for employment only .....	110	
Families suffering from under-employment ....	37	
Total employment problems .....		147
Employment provided .....	75	

##### *Physical Disorders and Treatment*

Nervous disorders .....	8	
Tuberculosis .....	5	
Epilepsy .....	1	
Senility .....	8	
Other physical disorders .....	46	
Total physical disorders .....		68

##### *Treatment Provided*

Hospital and dispensary treatment .....	28	
Surgical operations .....	6	
Physical examinations by private physician ..	14	
Treatment by private physician .....	2	
Dental work provided .....	2	
Total services to those physically ill .....		52

##### *Venereal Disease*

Suspected venereal disease .....	6	
Diagnosed venereal disease .....	7	

Total cases suspected and diagnosed venereal disease .....	13
Cases of venereal disease treated .....	7
<i>Insanity</i>	
Suspected insanity .....	2
Diagnosed insanity .....	2
Total suspected and diagnosed insanity .....	4
Placed in the State Hospital for the Insane ..	2
<i>Subnormality</i>	
Suspected subnormality .....	15
Diagnosed subnormality .....	6
Total suspected and diagnosed subnormality .....	21
Mental tests given .....	14
<i>Morals</i>	
Suspected juvenile moral delinquencies .....	2
Acknowledged juvenile moral delinquencies ..	5
Suspected adult moral delinquencies .....	2
Acknowledged adult moral delinquencies .....	4
Total suspected and acknowledged moral delinquencies .....	13
Sex instruction and morals strengthened .....	13
<i>Court Cases</i>	
Children brought before the Juvenile Court ..	9
Children brought before the County Court .....	3
Adults brought before the courts .....	4
Total court cases .....	16
Committed to McCune Home for Boys .....	3
Committed to Parental Home for Girls .....	3
Committed to Home of the Good Shepherd ....	1
Total commitments .....	7
Released from Parental Home .....	3
Children supervised by order of Juvenile Court .....	4
<i>Delinquencies Not Brought Before the Courts</i>	
Stealing acknowledged .....	3
Begging .....	1

Issuing worthless checks .....	1	
Drunkenness .....	2	
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Total delinquencies .....		7

*Home Conditions*

Children neglected by parents .....	10	
Unsanitary homes .....	3	
Abuse of children .....	1	
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Total unfavorable home conditions .....		14
Abuse of children corrected .....	1	
Neglect of children corrected .....	3	
Children place in other temporary homes .....	7	11

*Desertion and Nonsupport*

Men deserting their families .....	5	
Men in home not supporting family .....	5	
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Total desertion and nonsupport cases .....		10
Fathers forced to support families .....	2	

*School*

Unsatisfactory school records .....	7	
Children out of school .....	1	
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Total school problems .....	8	
Children returned to school .....	1	
School records improved .....	2	
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School problems solved .....		3

*Family Maladjustments*

Families disrupted by internal troubles .....		8
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*Financial Problems*

Families reported as being in need of financial help .....	64	
Financial problems with employer and others .....	1	
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Total financial problems .....		65
Families receiving temporary financial aid from bishop .....	15	
Families receiving regular aid from bishop .....	26	

Loans made to families by bishop .....	14	
Families receiving financial aid from relatives .....	10	
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Total families receiving aid from bishop or relatives .....		65
Loans repaid to bishop .....	5	
Loans not recommended .....	8	
Applications for aid pending further investigation .....	6	
Aid discontinued as conditions improved .....	3	
Aid reduced as conditions improved .....	4	
Aid not recommended .....	6	
Application for aid withdrawn by applicant ..	2	
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Total .....		34

*Homeless Adults and Children*

Adults and children in need of homes .....		65
Children given permanent homes with relatives .....	6	
Children given temporary homes with relatives .....	4	
Children given temporary homes with non-relatives .....	4	
Children given permanent homes with non-relatives .....	4	
Adults given permanent home with relatives .....	1	
Adults given permanent homes with non-relatives .....	1	
Adults given temporary homes .....	5	
Adults admitted to Home for the Aged .....	9	
Adult admitted to State Home .....	1	
Admittance to Home for the Aged denied .....	9	
Application for Home for Aged withdrawn by applicant .....	3	
Applications to Home for Aged pending .....	18	65
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*Homes for Children Inspected*

By other State Children's Bureaus .....	2	
By Social Service Bureau .....	6	8
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*Transportation*

Charity Rates (half fares) granted to dependents by Railroad Co. ....		3
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*Widows Pensions*

Applications for widow's pensions in Independence, Missouri .....		2
Widow's pension received .....	1	
Widow's pension pending .....	1	2
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*Referred to Other Agencies*

Cases referred to Community Welfare League, Independence, Missouri .....	5	
Cases referred to Free Legal Aid Bureau ....	1	
Cases referred to Kansas City Social Agencies	1	
Cases referred to other state agencies .....	13	
Cases referred to branch authorities .....	3	
Cases referred to Graceland College authorities .....	1	
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Total referred .....		24

*Lectures Given and Articles Published*

Lectures given at Young People's Convention, Lamoni, Iowa .....	16
Lectures given before Religio and Sunday school classes .....	114
Lectures given at Institute of Arts and Sciences (High School) .....	108
Lectures given Independence Sanitarium nurses .....	20
Lectures given Parent-teacher associations ....	6
Lectures given K. C. Woman's Christian Temperance Union .....	2
Lectures given Chelsea Park, Kansas .....	1
Lectures given Central Kansas City Branch	2
Lectures given Saint Joseph, Missouri .....	5
Lectures given Young People's Wednesday night meeting .....	1
Lectures given Independence, Missouri, teachers' meetings .....	3
Lectures given Independence Child Guidance Class .....	21
Lectures given Independence Social Service Class .....	14

Articles prepared and published in <i>Herald</i> ....	9
Articles prepared and published in <i>Autumn Leaves</i> .....	8
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Total lectures and articles .....	330

SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU,

By M. A. ETZENHOUSER,  
*Secretary and Manager.*

By (MRS.) IDA ETZENHOUSER,  
*Supervisor.*

THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

Report for the period July 1, 1926, to March 7, 1927

*To the First Presidency:* The Department of Publicity has placed its resources and facilities at the disposal of all departments and activities of the church. As a result, the requests for assistance have been so many and so varied that it is exceedingly difficult to catalog the work that has been done. The following list comprises the major church projects requiring the service of this department in writing publicity and advertising:

Autumn Leaves Tithing Club; Auditorium; Christmas Offering; Church Bonds; Graceland College; Subscriptions to *Herald*, *Ensign*, and *Autumn Leaves*; Graceland College Endowment-Stewardship Fund; Campaign promoting interest in the financial law.

In addition to this, many smaller campaigns have been planned and written, covering special series of meetings in various localities throughout the church; local financial campaigns, General Conference program, etc. Many newspaper write-ups have been prepared and furnished to local publicity agents throughout the church.

Wherever the church has received publicity in the local newspapers, we have urged our local representatives to send the clippings to this department, that they may be acknowledged from the headquarters of the church. The object in this is to make the newspapers of the country aware that the general church organization is supporting every local congregation and minister wherever they are representing the church. This work has brought good results.

There are at the present time 470 publicity agents at work throughout the church. When the department was re-

organized on July 1, 1925, there were approximately 192 appointments in effect.

The work of these agents has brought to the Herald Publishing House several thousands of dollars in subscriptions, and sale of supplies and books.

The subscription list of the three papers on February 28 numbered as follows: *Herald*, 6,222; *Ensign* 3,932; *Autumn Leaves*, 3,239.

Since the above count was taken, the *Herald* and *Ensign* and *Autumn Leaves* have all increased their lists; particularly the *Autumn Leaves*, which, on March 7, showed the total number of subscribers to be 4,522.

There is an urgent need for new literature to be written covering the various aspects of gospel work. A short, concise history of the church in one volume is greatly needed. Our supply of literature for use by missionaries was printed several years ago, and should be revised and put out anew in attractive form.

Each month has brought additional requests from missionaries for the service and supplies which the department has at its disposal. In all cases response has been made to the best of its ability and the limit of its resources. The Department of Publicity has at all times kept well within its budget allowance, maintaining an adequate margin to meet any emergency call which the general church interests might make necessary.

Respectfully,

J. A. GARDNER, *General Publicity Agent.*

March 7, 1927.

## THE GRAPHIC ARTS BUREAU

### *The Aim of the Bureau*

*To the First Presidency:* Briefly stated, the aim of the bureau, as I understand it, is to supply material and equipment for visual instruction to be used by the ministry and in the branches of the church.

To obtain from professional and amateur photographers of the church negatives and prints of artistic or historical value which can be used by the church publications or by the bureau.

To form the nucleus of an art gallery.

The main question to engage the attention of a primitive or a pioneer people is "When do we eat?" As civilization develops, the higher man is not satisfied to live by bread



alone. As a church our activities will inevitably broaden out. The bureau hopes to be instrumental in meeting the demands which the church will make along various lines of culture embraced in the term *Graphic Arts*.

During the year 1925, the bureau circulated 76 sets of slides, embracing 4,560 individual slides. In 1926, 132 sets of 8,820 slides were circulated. So there were nearly twice as many sets sent out in 1926 as in previous years. Of the nearly 9,000 slides shipped, not one was broken in transit.

There were written during the year, 469 letters, and 15 lectures to accompany the slides.

An effort has been made to obtain photographs of historical value. This appeal has met with some success, but no doubt there are still many valuable photographs among the membership of the church which will eventually become lost if they are not placed with the bureau. Some of the prints we have are gradually fading, so eventually they will have no value. We intend copying these for the benefit of future generations. We have done some work along this line with fine success.

An inventory of the equipment shows we have nearly 5,000 negatives owned by the bureau and loaned by individuals for our use. There are 2,610 lantern slides not as yet in sets, one fourth of which we made this year. There are 1,400 slides in sets almost constantly in circulation.

Our equipment is now worth about \$1,000, which does not include negatives or slides. The receipts from July 1 to February 28, when this report was made out, were \$465.

The following is quoted from the Report of the Bureau to the General Conference of 1926.

"A six-pound projection machine has been invented which uses small film slides. This stereopticon can be connected to an ordinary automobile battery when the regular electric light current is not available. The whole world of educational moving picture films will soon be accessible in film slides for use in this machine at a purchase price of only a few cents per slide. The weight will be a negligible quality. However, we do not anticipate that the present glass slides will ever be entirely eliminated, as this small instrument is limited to small auditoriums at present. A heavier machine is now being perfected."

Brother Vance Eastwood has greatly improved the small projector and brought it to a state of efficiency unequalled by any other stereopticon of that type that I know of. He calls it the "Giant Dwarf." There will be a large field for this little projector, as it can be used where electric light

is not available. The light can be obtained by connecting with an automobile battery, or electric light can be used by simply changing bulbs.

There are a number of combination projectors on the market at the present time. The Bausch & Lomb, The Bray Screen Concern, The National Picture Service at Cincinnati, Ohio, the Victor Company, etc., have adapters making it possible to use both the slides and the films. The little film projector is limited in its field. The smaller the source of the picture to be projected on the screen, the more intense must be the light used. With a film projector, both the slide and the intensity of the light have been reduced. With a combination projector using lantern slides and films, the regular 500-watt bulb can be used, making of course a bulkier machine. What is gained in portability in the small projector is at the expense of illumination. With the combination machine where there is a gain in illumination, portability is sacrificed.

Where a large, clear, brilliant, colored picture is necessary, the glass lantern slide only can supply that demand. The Graphic Arts Bureau expects to have supply depots located in various parts of the country so glass slides will always be accessible. Last year we circulated over eight thousand slides, and none were broken, by reason of the breakage-proof boxes we use.

C. ED. MILLER.

### THE INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM

*The First Presidency, Brethren:* The first of January, 1926, work was started on the annex to the Sanitarium, which joined the wings at the south end of the hospital by inclosing a portion of the court. This was finished in April and made the Sanitarium a seventy-five bed institution rather than sixty, which it has been in the past.

The new features of the building include a five-bed maternity ward with an equal number of additional nursery beds on third floor; another operating room and physicians' dressing room on second floor; and a six-bed medical ward for men on the first floor.

Among the other new features is the installation of radio service, whereby each patient while confined to bed may listen in on programs. The instrument is located in the office, and each bed is furnished with a head set.

A new Holtzer Cabot silent call system has been placed in the Sanitarium. The system uses a buzzer and light in-

stead of the old bell method. When the patient presses an electric button, a light comes on over his door and at the nurse's desk at the same time. The position of the light at the desk designates which side of the hall the patient is, and the light over the door locates the room. An electric registry system is another bit of modern equipment just installed. When a physician enters the hospital, he presses a button opposite his name, and this registers also at the telephone in the main office.

The money for all these various improvements was contributed by different members of the church.

The addition of fifteen beds to the hospital necessitated the purchase of new silverware and dishes for the trays, and these the Laurel Club gladly furnished.

The Patroness Society has been of assistance to us at different times throughout the year, contributing large quantities of linens, such as especially attractive bureau scarfs, bedside table covers and tray cloths. On May 12, National Hospital Day, they acted as hostesses to the public when the Sanitarium had open house.

Identification necklaces for babies have been donated by the Mothers' Club. This method registers the child's family name with beads around its neck. The necklace is put on in the delivery room, and it avoids all possibility of mixing babies.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking our friends who have made possible the above-mentioned improvements, and also those who have so generously contributed linens, canned fruits, and other articles.

#### Statistical Statement, July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

Number of patients in hospital July 1, 1925 .....	30
Number of patients admitted .....	1,305
Total number of patients during year .....	1,335
Number of patients discharged during year .....	1,298
Number remaining in hospital .....	37
Number of days treatment of patients .....	14,228
Daily average number of patients in sanitarium .....	40
Number of L. D. S. patients .....	509
Number of nonmember patients .....	796
Minor operations .....	367
Major operations .....	292
Number of L. D. S. doctors .....	7
Number of nonmember doctors .....	21
Cost of maintenance per patient per day .....	\$3.74
Death rate for year 5 per cent of all patients admitted.	

## CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JUNE 30, 1926

*Assets*

Cash		\$	25.58		
Accounts Receivable	\$16,750.49				
Less Depreciation for Bad Accounts	4,945.30		11,805.19		
Notes Receivable			2,664.39		
Merchandise			770.04	15,265.20	
Live Stock			409.66		
Buildings	52,750.39				
Less Depreciation	4,520.39		48,230.00		
Furniture and Fixtures	24,920.49				
Less Depreciation	7,084.35		17,836.14		
Real Estate			8,576.06	75,051.86	90,317.06
<i>Liabilities</i>					
Overdraft Jackson County Bank			85.87		
Accounts Payable			3,899.40		
Notes Payable			5,200.00	9,185.27	
Present Worth	77,150.77				
Profit and Loss for Year	3,981.02			81,131.79	90,317.06

## GENERAL TRIAL BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1926.

Accounts Payable	\$	\$	1,974.37
Accounts Receivable	16,750.49		
Jackson County Bank			85.87
Buildings	46,845.98		
New Building Account	4,734.41		
Cash	25.58		
Depreciation Account			11,604.74
Drugs and Dressings	50.00		
Dry Goods	175.04		
Furniture and Fixtures	24,920.49		
Interest			618.23
Library Fund			64.27
Live Stock Inv.	409.66		
Live Stock Inc. & Ex.			408.41
Notes Payable			5,200.00
Notes Receivable	2,664.39		
Present Worth			77,150.77
Profit and Loss			3,272.50
Profit and Loss for Month			708.52
Real Estate	8,576.06		
Reserve Fund for Bad Accounts			4,945.30
Signal System	1,170.00		
Steward's Groceries	520.00		
Tag Day Fund			834.12
X-Ray Department	25.00		
	<u>\$106,867.10</u>		<u>\$106,867.10</u>

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

For one year ending June 30, 1926

Administration	\$ 4,585.79	
Auto Account	150.00	
Boiler Room	2,276.15	
Depreciation Reserve	2,460.00	
Drugs and Dressings	1,080.00	
Dry Goods	774.83	
Fuel	1,930.66	
Freight and Drayage	218.94	
Gas	878.20	
Garden	15.00	
Health Department	642.00	
Housekeeping Labor	3,266.23	
Ice	297.50	
Insurance	482.55	
Interest	291.00	
Laundry	4,585.02	
Light	1,177.13	
Professional Care of Patients	2,528.26	
Repair and Maintenance	1,482.01	
Reserve for Bad Accounts	3,092.00	
Special Rates to Alumni	110.24	
Special Rates to Doctors	196.02	
Special Rates to Nurses	1,120.87	
Special Rates to Others	694.67	
Steward's Groceries	7,979.68	
Steward's Labor	2,505.50	
Training School Maintenance	1,720.66	
Training School Salaries	5,813.14	
Water	399.55	
Adjustments	41.99	
Donations		\$ 5,159.55
Drugs and Dressings		869.43
Electric Fan		14.38
Laboratory		2,484.56
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.		712.25
O. B. Room		686.50
Operating Room		4,059.77
Rooms—Private		19,477.00
Rooms—Wards		17,642.80
Rooms—Nursery		739.50
Steward's Sales		2,476.90

X-Ray Department		2,415.97
Adjustments		38.00
Gain for Year	3,981.02	

	\$56,776.61	\$56,776.61
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Yours respectfully,

THE INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM,

GERTRUDE E. COPELAND,

*Superintendent.*

February 22, 1927.

## PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

*To the First Presidency:* For our financial report for the fiscal year from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, inclusive, we submit balance sheet and statement of income and expenditures as taken from the report of the General Church Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES  
From July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

## BALANCE SHEET

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Net</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 13,916.61	\$	\$ 13,916.61
Cash in transit and in hands of Bishops and Agents	45,159.69		45,159.69
Time deposits	61,499.90		61,499.90
U. S. bonds	43,890.00		43,890.00
<b>Total liquid assets</b>	<b>164,466.20</b>		<b>164,466.20</b>
Notes receivable—secured	51,601.46		51,601.46
Notes receivable—unsecured	125,949.34	9,127.00	116,822.34
Real estate contracts receivable	66,130.45		66,130.45
Accounts receivable	214,228.93	6,411.69	207,817.24
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>457,910.18</b>	<b>15,538.69</b>	<b>442,371.49</b>
Commercial real estate	882,335.06	8,430.00	873,905.06
Auditorium (cost to date)	72,080.64		72,080.64
Lamoni Coliseum	10,126.75		10,126.75
Home properties	85,562.52		85,562.52
Churches	1,444,314.83	38,500.00	1,405,814.83
<b>Total real estate</b>	<b>2,494,419.80</b>	<b>46,930.00</b>	<b>2,447,489.80</b>
Investments	80,975.59		80,975.59
Libraries	16,222.15	6,822.00	9,400.15
Radio broadcasting station, K L D S	21,520.08		21,520.08
Automobiles, furniture, fixtures, etc.	41,364.44	5,228.00	36,136.44
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures of Homes	18,299.33		18,299.33
Real estate—repair material	201.87		201.87
<b>Total miscellaneous assets</b>	<b>178,583.46</b>	<b>12,050.00</b>	<b>166,533.46</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$3,295,379.64</b>	<b>\$ 74,518.69</b>	<b>\$3,220,860.95</b>

## LIABILITIES

Notes payable banks	\$ 64,642.86	
Other notes payable	171,661.51	
Accounts payable	46,496.91	
Vouchers payable	18,026.31	
Receipts from sale of churches	26,444.55	
Graceland bonds	200,000.00	
General church bonds	17,400.00	
Mortgages on real estate	116,186.30	
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Total liabilities		\$ 660,858.44
Special fund reserves		553,157.52
Net worth		2,006,844.99
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Total net worth and liabilities		<u>\$3,220,860.95</u>

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926

## INCOME

Tithes and offerings—all classes (see below)	\$582,173.76	
Interest received	4,580.25	
Dividends on investments	532.84	
Old debt losses paid	30.69	
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Total income		\$587,317.54

## EXPENSES

Elders' expense	\$ 49,749.61	
Elders' expense contributed by Saints and friends	36,340.91	
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Total	86,090.52	
Family allowances	234,058.64	
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Total ministerial		\$320,149.16
Aid		21,142.62
Support of church institutions—(see below)		46,367.08
Foreign missions		3,141.70
Northeast Nebraska Indian Mission		4,341.00
Administrative expense—(see below)		
General offices		65,935.07
Stakes		10,707.96
Payments on consecration contracts		7,182.44
Interest and exchange		13,665.32
Commodity shop		11.26
Real estate—excess of expenses over income		2,036.42
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Total expenses		495,680.03
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Surplus for the year		<u>\$ 91,637.51</u>

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

Tithes	\$325,765.26	
Offerings and oblations	34,402.68	
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Total per list of individual contributions published herewith		\$360,167.94
Offerings to elders from Saints and friends		33,340.91
Christmas offerings		42,013.44
<i>Surplus:</i>		
General	\$ 1,185.05	
Lamoni Stake	80,404.51	
Kansas City Stake	15,247.35	96,836.91
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Consecration contracts		10,695.31
Bequests		32,300.00
<i>Contributions for Departments and missions:</i>		
Radio—K L D S	\$ 317.58	
Women's Department	1,208.73	
Department of Recreation and Expression	107.16	
Graphic Arts Bureau (less slide rentals)	791.65	
Nebraska Indian Mission	326.25	
Palestine Mission	27.75	
Children's Home	6.00	
General Conference collections	1,034.13	3,819.25
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Total offerings for general purposes		<u>\$582,173.76</u>

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

*General*

Presidency	\$ 8,414.49
Bishopric	13,901.40
Quorum of Twelve	1,677.60
Statistician's Office	2,081.97
Auditing Department	2,838.74
Architect's Office	982.08



Historian's Office	1,092.88
Patriarch's Office	145.81
Women's Department	1,860.35
Church Secretary	34.35
Graphic Arts Bureau	1,041.98
Social Service Bureau	1,455.95
Department of Recreation and Expression	1,178.55
Radio Department	6,753.45
Librarian's office	218.88
General office expense	6,343.53
General church	5,891.48
District bishops' and agents' expense	1,692.68
Publicity Department	7,575.90
General Conference	1,753.00

Total	<u>\$ 66,935.07</u>
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*Stakes*

Independence	\$ 2,010.72
Lamoni	3,717.62
Kansas City	2,568.14
Far West	1,161.25
Holden	1,250.23

Total	<u>\$ 10,707.96</u>
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## CHURCH INSTITUTION BUDGETS

July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

Graceland College	\$ 23,000.00
Graceland Gymnasium Fund	2,300.00
Children's Home	3,173.13
Holden Home	7,853.37
Saints' Home	10,040.58

Total	<u>\$ 46,367.08</u>
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## OUR ACTIVITIES

The year just passed has been one of much activity in the financial department. We have endeavored in every way consonant with what we considered good business judgment, not only to conserve what we had of financial assets, but to increase our receipts.

We tried to survey the field from which we might expect

to receive our financial aid, and from our analysis of the same, set in motion certain business programs which would in effect bind the members of the church closer together through a greater spiritual awakening, and at the same time give the Saints a clearer vision of the big objective of our social program—Zion established—and a concomitant of this objective, the proper use of their finances. Keeping the attainment of these things in mind, we have presented the following program:

(1) A strenuous campaign has been inaugurated utilizing all the priesthood and the church publications to have every member comply with the law, thus paying their tithe and surplus, or to make an offering. We are emphasizing this one activity as the one of greatest importance.

(2) A call is being made for the payment of subscriptions to the Auditorium fund. This call is being made by letter to each individual subscriber.

(3) Through the church publications and the personnel of the priesthood, we are urging the buying of our church bonds. The purchase of these bonds may be urged of Saints who have savings accounts which they are expecting to use eventually for the purchasing of homes, etc., thus not conflicting with the law of the tithe and surplus.

(4) Another campaign has been launched for the teaching of thrift. This is an appeal to all the Saints to be thrifty and frugal so as to help purchase their inheritances; this amount saved to be invested in our church bonds, etc., as an aid towards buying their inheritance or obtaining a schooling or any other laudable investment.

(5) A vigorous campaign is being had to make collection of the accounts and bills receivable due the church. These two accounts show quite a large sum due the church, amounting to over \$300,000. We believe that those owing the church should be urged to make an effort to meet their obligations.

(6) Our inventories show quite a number of Saints still owing on their tithing. Each person so owing will be encouraged to pay.

(7) Finally, to supplement these endeavors, we are doing our best to dispose of the real estate as authorized by General Conference and designated by the High Council.

#### STEWARDSHIPS

The effort made by the priesthood to have the members comply with the law governing temporalities and enter more fully into the stewardship plan as outlined in the law, has

been productive of a decided forward movement. The Saints are responding to the call. Many financial statements are being received by this department, showing that the church members are really desirous of keeping the whole law. A few years of this progressive attitude on the part of our church members will make for a decided advancement toward the redemption of Zion.

#### ORGANIZATION

In addition to the "Orders" organized last year, we have organized two very important "Orders," or, what are known in legal phraseology, "development associations." These two are known as "The Holden Development Association" and the "Lamoni Development Association." The members of the Holden Association are Bishop J. A. Koehler, C. F. Scarcliff, F. A. McWethy, C. W. Childers, D. R. Hughes, Carl V. Hopkins, and F. E. Ford.

These men were solemnly set apart by the imposition of the hands of the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric to have the care of all the church property in Holden Stake, excepting such property as is used for general church purposes; a group stewardship in which the property held by them is held in trust for the benefit of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The same is true of the group of men constituting the Lamoni Development Association. They are trustees holding in trust all church property in Lamoni Stake, excepting such property as is used for general church purposes. The men set apart to act as trustees in the Lamoni Development Association are: Bishop A. B. Phillips, A. J. Yarrington, Oscar Anderson, G. W. Blair, D. M. Vredenburg, A. Otis White, and W. E. Prall.

#### STAKE DEVELOPMENT

By such financial organization as the above is it expected that the various stakes may be developed financially, both as to the individual stewards and group stewards.

#### RESERVE FUNDS

It is through such organizations that we may eventually expect to provide reserve funds held in trust for the church. It may for a while inconvenience financially the general church activities, but the end sought will far outweigh this temporary inconvenience. The success of the church financially depends upon its having strong reserve funds with which it may be able to bridge over shortages in its financial receipts. It is greatly to be desired that these or-

ganizations may grow rapidly into factors of no mean proportion. The character and business ability of the men in charge of them are warranting us in expecting a splendid business administration.

#### INCOME VS. EXPENDITURES

We have enough information to enable us to ascertain what our yearly income is, averaging it over a term of years. The amount of our budget should not go beyond this yearly average income. If possible, we should try to so curtail our expenses as to leave a margin out of this yearly income for meeting our liabilities or aiding in a reserve fund.

While we fully appreciate the value of the splendid faith shown in our heavenly Father, in his gospel, and in each other, and that this faith is a business asset possessed by very few if any groups of people like unto our church—yet we do feel that our heavenly Father wishes us to use good business judgment in carrying on the business affairs of his kingdom, and surely the Lord does not expect us to run before we can walk.

An analysis of the trend of the receipts and expenditures should be carefully had by the Appropriation Committee and every effort be made to keep the expenditures within the possible income. To this end we are ready to submit to the proper counsels whatever information is desired.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

For several years, with the exception of the fiscal years 1925 and 1926, our expenditures have exceeded our receipts. Even in the years in which the receipts have been over our expenditures, these receipts have been partly in the form of real estate, the sale of which is so slow that it is almost a frozen asset, making it nonusable for our present needs.

The Appropriation Committee has had these facts to face and has tried to do what it thought was the best to meet the situation. It has felt that it would not be the part of wisdom to reduce our expenditures below the point of efficiency; but rather to increase, if possible, our receipts. With this plan of action in mind, the committee has endeavored to appropriate for the various departments of the church an amount barely sufficient with which to carry on the work needed to be done in each department. At the same time the great need of the finance department of carrying on an aggressive campaign, the object of which is to get before the church members the necessity of a full compliance with the law of temporalities, was urged.

## DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

The various departmental appropriations evidently have not all been sufficient to meet the demands made of them; at least those engaged in some departments have not lived within their budget.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

That the effort started to make the church membership 100 per cent stewards continue to be stressed.

That the membership may have that confidence in their leaders, the priesthood, and as a result comply with the law governing stewards, the priesthood should be urgently solicited to comply with the law. Especially is this true with all General Conference appointees and all presiding officers in Zion, in stakes, in districts, and in branches.

That great care be taken in the selection of church representatives. The financial department of the church is the first to suffer from those who fail to uphold our Zionie program.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC,  
A. CARMICHAEL,  
MARK H. SIEGFRIED,  
J. A. BECKER.

March 23, 1927.

## CHURCH AUDITOR

*To the First Presidency; Dear Brother:* I submit herewith report of my activities as General Church Auditor since my appointment in November, 1926.

The first task with which I was confronted was that of verifying the accuracy of the balances due on unpaid pledges to the Auditorium Fund. This verification, while not yet completed, has disclosed some errors in the crediting of individual pledge cards pertaining principally to items received during the years 1920, 1921, and 1922. These errors in almost every instance were clerical only, as the funds were found to have been duly received and deposited.

None of the reports of the district bishops and agents or other transactions subsequent to June 30, 1926, had been audited at the time of my appointment, and the task of bringing matters up to date has been an arduous one.

I have found the Presiding Bishopric using care and diligence in the recording of transactions. They have invited

suggestions and have asked cooperation in providing and maintaining safeguards against errors. I have worked out several basic recommendations upon which the Bishopric have acted resulting in the elimination of certain duplication of work and consequent saving of expense. Some plans have been put into effect and others are being formulated tending toward promptness and uniformity in reporting contributions from branches and districts.

I am hoping to work out, in connection with the Bishopric, plans whereby reports of an informative nature will be available at more frequent intervals than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS E. ALLEN,

*General Church Auditor.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 11, 1927.

Announcements were made.

The chair adjourned the session until 2 p. m., Thursday.

The doxology was sung.

Benediction by President F. M. McDowell.

At 7.30 p. m. the song service was begun in the Auditorium, followed at 8 p. m. by preaching by President F. M. Smith, assisted by Presidents E. A. Smith and F. M. McDowell.

From 10 p. m. to 12 midnight, a song festival was held in the Auditorium, at which the songs of Zion were enthusiastically sung by a large number of singers from all parts of the country.

Both the evening preaching and the song festival were broadcast over K L D S.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7.45 a. m. Class work was conducted in the Stone Church.

9 a. m. Prayer meeting in the Auditorium, President Frederick M. Smith in charge.

From 10 a. m. to 12 noon, the Patroness Society gave a reception at the Independence Sanitarium.

10.30 a. m. Musical Institute at the Stone Church.

10.45 a. m., preaching at the Auditorium by Elder M. A. McConley.

12.45 to 1.15 p. m., organ recital at the Stone Church; Pauline Becker, organist, assisted by Ammon Fry, violinist.

2 p. m. Regular business session.

President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn Number 66 in the pamphlet was sung. Prayer by Elder P. M. Hanson.

Minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Credentials presented an additional report:

Victoria District, Australia, 440 members: George Mesley, P. M. Hanson, C. E. Miller, M. A. McConley, G. T. Griffiths. 1 excess.

Dunedin Branch, Australia: Myron McConley.

Southern District, England, 238 members: Paul M. Hanson, J. A. Gillen, Charles Fry. 1 excess.

Pittsburgh District, 550 members: T. L. Clark, Paul M. Hanson, Jesse Winters, Bertha Winters, G. T. Griffiths.

Pleasant View Branch: Charles Englebrecht.

North Platte Branch: N. Knudsen.

German Mission, 650 members: F. M. Smith, J. A. Becker, J. F. Curtis, L. G. Hoisington.

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,  
F. A. RUSSELL,  
JOHN SHEEHY.

It was moved (by B. J. Scott, seconded by D. E. Tucker) and carried to adopt the report.

## EX OFFICIO

It was moved (by G. S. Trowbridge and seconded by J. F. Sheehy) that previous action which may be to the contrary be set aside and that the superintendent of the Department of Women be seated in the conference as an ex officio.

The motion prevailed.

## BOUNDARY LINES

The Boundary Lines Committee presented the following three reports, each report by separate action was approved:

## COMBINATION OF POTTAWATTAMIE AND FREMONT DISTRICTS

We, the committee on boundary lines, have considered the request of the Fremont and Pottawattamie Districts that these districts be combined under the name of the Southwestern Iowa District, and respectfully recommend that the proposal be approved.

This will make the description of the new districts as follows:

Southwestern Iowa District:

Comprised of Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Mills, Montgomery, Adams, Fremont, Page, and Taylor Counties in Iowa.

## TRANSFER OF CUMBERLAND AND CLARK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FROM SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

We, your committee on boundary lines, having under consideration the proposal to transfer Cumberland and Clark Counties, in Illinois, from Southeastern Illinois District to Central Illinois District, find that the proposal has been approved by the two districts involved; also the apostles in charge of the territory. We see no objection to the transfer suggested and respectfully recommend that it be approved.

This will make the descriptions of these two districts read:



*Southeastern Illinois District:*

Northern boundary, north of Montgomery, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, and Crawford Counties; eastern boundary, east line of the State; southern boundary, south line of the state, and south line of Montgomery County; western boundary, west line of Pulaski, Johnson, Williamson, Franklin, Jefferson, Marion, Fayette, and Montgomery Counties.

*Central Illinois District:*

Northern boundary, north line of Adams, Schuyler, Mason, Logan, Dewitt, Piatt, Champaign, and Vermilion Counties; eastern boundary, east line of the State; southern boundary, south line of Edgar, Coles, Shelby, Christian, Sangamon, Morgan, Scott, and Pike Counties; western boundary, west line of the State.

### DISORGANIZATION OF YOUNGSTOWN - SHARON DISTRICT

We, your committee on boundary lines, having under consideration the proposal to divide the Youngstown-Sharon District between the Pittsburgh and Kirtland Districts by allocating Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, to the Pittsburgh District and the remainder of the district to the Kirtland District, find that the proposed action has had the approval of the three districts involved through their district conferences, also of the apostles in charge of the territory and the First Presidency. We see no objection to the proposal and recommend that it be approved.

This would make the descriptions of the districts read as follows:

*Pittsburgh District:*

All of the State of Pennsylvania west of the 77th meridian, except Mercer, Venango, Forest, Warren, Crawford, and Erie Counties.

*Kirtland District:*

Northern boundary, Lake Erie; eastern boundary, east line of Erie, Warren, Forest, and Venango Counties, in Pennsylvania, and Mahoning, Stark, Carroll, Harrison, and Guernsey Counties, in Ohio; southern boundary, south line of Forest, Venango, and Mercer Counties, in Pennsylvania,

and of Mahoning, Harrison, Guernsey, and Licking Counties, in Ohio, also the 40th parallel across Muskingum County, Ohio; western boundary, west line of Licking, Knox, Richland, Huron, and Erie Counties, in Ohio.

F. H. EDWARDS,  
F. A. RUSSELL,  
G. S. TROWBRIDGE.

#### GRACELAND COLLEGE

Attention was called to recommendation in the report of Graceland College relative to the building of a Women's Dormitory.

It was moved (by R. T. Cooper, seconded by J. R. Lentell) to approve the recommendation.

Bishop J. A. Becker moved (seconded by E. J. Gleazer) that this matter be referred to the Appropriations Committee for consideration and report.

The matter was discussed by Amos Chase, J. A. Gillen, J. F. Garver, A. B. Phillips, and A. Carmichael.

The motion to refer to the Appropriations Committee carried.

#### DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND EXPRESSION

Recommendation in the report of the Department of Recreation and Expression for the appointment of a superintendent on full time was cited.

E. A. Curtis moved (seconded by J. L. Cooper) to adopt the recommendation.

Thomas Whipple spoke to the question.

J. F. Curtis moved (seconded by Earl D. Bailey) that this be referred to the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, for consideration and report back to conference.

The motion to refer prevailed.

## DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

Mrs. H. A. Higgins moved that we adopt the recommendations contained in the report of the Department of Women. The motion obtained.

## BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The chair called attention to the financial statement of the Board of Publication as prepared by the Church Auditor.

It was moved (by R. T. Cooper, seconded by B. J. Scott) and carried, to adopt the report.

## PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

The chair also called attention to the financial report of the Presiding Bishopric.

The report was approved by vote on motion of J. F. Mintun and seconded by Jacob Halb.

Recommendations in the report of the Presiding Bishopric were also cited.

A motion (by Jacob Halb, seconded by Richard D. Weaver) to adopt the recommendations was discussed by J. A. Koehler, G. E. Harrington, Thomas Whipple, J. L. Cooper, J. A. Thomas, B. J. Scott, J. F. Curtis, E. L. Barraclough, D. O. Cato, and J. A. Koehler.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion to adopt prevailed.

## APPOINTMENTS

The chair stated there was on the table a communication from a Seventy, protesting the action of the Quorum of Twelve in releasing him from missionary appointment.

It was moved (by L. G. Holloway, seconded by J. E. Vanderwood) that this document be referred to the Quorum of Twelve.

Another motion was offered (by P. M. Hanson,

seconded by George Barraclough) that the matter be referred to the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

Discussion ensued by J. F. Garver, A. Carmichael, P. M. Hanson, F. H. Edwards, D. T. Williams, G. T. Griffiths, and J. A. Gillen.

A motion (by D. T. Williams, seconded by T. C. Kelley) that this matter with both motions of reference be laid on the table, was lost.

The motion to refer to the Joint Council was lost.

The motion to refer to the Quorum of Twelve prevailed.

At 4.30 p. m. the chair adjourned the session to 2 p. m. Friday.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 7 in the pamphlet was sung. Benediction by Apostle M. A. McConley.

8 p. m., preaching by Apostle P. M. Hanson, in the Auditorium, preceded by the usual song service.

At the same hour in the Stone Church, Bishop M. H. Siegfried preached.

At this hour the Pen and Ink Club held a meeting in the Institute Building on the Campus.

9.15 p. m., the young people's social and program was held in the Auditorium.

A reception for the older folks was held at the same hour in the Stone Church.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 8

At 7.45 a. m., the usual class work was conducted at the Stone Church.

At 9 a. m., prayer meeting in the Auditorium, President F. M. Smith and Evangelist F. A. Smith in charge.

From 10 o'clock until noon, the Patroness Society held a reception at the Independence Sanitarium.

10.45 a. m., preaching in the Auditorium by Apostle D. T. Williams.

12.45 p. m., organ recital at the Stone Church, Robert Miller, organist, assisted by Miss Vivian Latta, soprano.

Regular business session at 2 p. m.

President F. M. McDowell presided.

Hymn 31 in the pamphlet was sung. Prayer by Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp.

The minutes of Thursday, April 7, were read and approved.

#### DISTRICT AND STAKE CONFERENCES AND REUNIONS

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bisopric presented the following report and resolution:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric at its session held in the Battery Block this morning unanimously passed the following resolution, and by motion and vote referred it to the General Conference for action:

*Whereas*, there is entailed in the present method of determination of dates and locations of district conferences, conventions, reunions, etc., considerable waste of time and money and also of opportunity for members of the presiding quorums to be present in the larger gatherings of the Saints; and,

*Whereas*, much of the present overlapping and duplication can be eliminated by the conjoint arrangement of the dates and locations of such gatherings by the presiding officers of the district concerned and the presiding officers of the church; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that stake and district executives be requested to consult the First Presidency and the members of the Quorum of Twelve concerned before the dates and locations of district conferences, conventions, reunions, etc., are

finally determined; and that district conferences be requested to provide for such consultation when these matters come before them for action.

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Earl D. Bailey moved the adoption of the document. Seconded by G. Scott Daniel.

Following discussion by F. H. Edwards, J. R. Lentell moved to amend the third paragraph of the preambles and resolution by inserting the words *stake and*, immediately following the words, *Resolved that*. O. W. Okerlind seconded the amendment.

G. E. Harrington, Thomas Whipple, J. F. Garver, D. E. Dowker, G. T. Griffiths, and E. J. Gleazer discussed the question.

The previous question was ordered.

The amendment and the motion as amended prevailed.

At 3.15 the chair stated the table was clear and adjourned the session until 2 p. m. Saturday.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 85 in the pamphlet was sung. Benediction by Bishop Charles Fry.

At 4 o'clock p. m., a Lambda Delta Sigma meeting and dinner was held at the Institute Building on the Campus.

The following Graceland College program was given in the Auditorium at 8 p. m.:

A Cappella Chorus and Orchestra in Concert

April 8, 1927, 8:00 p. m.

Joseph Anthony, Orchestra Director

Mabel Carlile, Director of A Cappella Chorus

Mary Louise Lloyd, Soprano

George Anway, Tenor

Stradella Overture .....Floto

Orchestra

Wreck of the *Julie Plante* (French Canadian Lyric) O'Hara  
Mr. Anway and Chorus

Russian Folk Songs:

a. Little Duck in the Meadow .....Arranged by Nikolsky

b. Volga Boat Song .....Arranged by Tuthill

A Cappella Chorus

Spanish Dances (Nos. 1, 2, and 5) .....Moszkowski  
Orchestra

Negro Group:

a. I'm A-Rolling .....Burleigh

b. Deep River .....Burleigh

c. Listen to the Lambs .....Dett

A Cappella Chorus

Selection from *Carmen* .....Bizet  
Orchestra

Where Blossoms Grow .....Souci

The Shadow March .....del Riego

Miss Lloyd

Echo Song (16th Century) .....De Lasso

Antiphonal Chorus

To the Field! To the Hunt! (Legend of Don Munio)

Dudley Buck

Male Octette

Jupiter's Carnival Overture .....Barnard  
Orchestra

Mexican Serenade .....Chadwick

Accompanied Chorus

GRACELAND FOREVER

Following the above program a reception for Graceland students and former students and faculty was held at the Stone Church.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 9

7.45 a. m., usual class work conducted.

9 a. m., prayer meeting at the Auditorium, President F. M. Smith and Evangelist F. A. Smith in charge.

10.30 a. m., Musical Institute was held in the Stone Church.

10.45 a. m., preaching in the Auditorium by Apostle F. Henry Edwards.

12.45 p. m., organ recital at the Stone Church; Elizabeth Tanner Hitchcock, organist.

At 1.45 p. m. the A Cappella Chorus of Graceland College rendered a short program at the Auditorium.

2 p. m., business session.

President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn 7 in the pamphlet was sung. Prayer by Bishop Clarence O. Skinner.

Minutes of Friday, the 8th, read and approved.

#### DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND EXPRESSION

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric reported on matter referred to it on Thursday, the 7th:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The joint council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric in session this morning considered the matter referred to it by the conference, that of a full-time superintendent for the Department of Recreation and Expression, and by unanimous vote approved.

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On motion of C. J. Smith, seconded by J. E. Vanderwood, the report was adopted.

The same council further reported as follows:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The joint council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric in session this morning took favorable action on the recommendation of the Presiding Bishopric and First Presidency unanimously approving the appointment of Eugene E. Closson as superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Expression, and hereby presents his name to the conference as a nomination to that office.

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E. A. Curtis moved to adopt the report; seconded by C. E. Harpe.

F. M. McDowell discussed the question.  
The motion to adopt prevailed unanimously.

#### TIME LIMIT FOR NEW BUSINESS

W. L. Christy moved, seconded by F. G. Christy, that the time limit for the introduction of new business be fixed at 3 p. m., Monday, April 11.

R. S. Salyards moved to amend to fix the time limit as Wednesday, April 13, at 2 p. m. G. E. Harrington seconded the amendment.

R. S. Salyards discussed the question.

The amendment lost. The original motion prevailed.

#### DATE OF NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE

J. F. Martin moved that when this conference adjourn it does so to meet October 1, 1928. Seconded by A. H. DuRose.

An amendment was moved by F. T. Mussell to strike out the word and figures *October 1, 1928*, and insert the words and figures, *in October, 1928, date to be fixed by the Presidency*.

The amendment was discussed by Thomas Whipple.

Charles C. Koehler moved as a substitute that the time for convening of the next General Conference be left in the hands of the Presidency. Seconded by Thomas Whipple.

The question was discussed by C. C. Koehler and J. F. Garver.

The substitute lost.

The amendment lost.

The original motion prevailed.

## BOARD OF PUBLICATION

On motion of B. E. Brown, seconded by Jacob Halb, the Board of Publication was sustained as at present constituted.

## GRACELAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

The chair announced that the expiring terms of F. M. McDowell and J. F. Garver were to be filled at this conference.

It was moved by G. S. Daniel, seconded by M. H. Siegfried, that these men succeed themselves as members of the board of trustees.

The motion prevailed.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Moved by M. H. Siegfried, seconded by G. F. Barraclough, that the name of G. S. Trowbridge be substituted for that of R. S. Salyards, inasmuch as Brother Trowbridge is now Church Secretary.

The motion prevailed.

## COMMITTEE ON RULES OF REPRESENTATION

G. F. Barraclough moved that we substitute the name of G. S. Trowbridge in place of R. S. Salyards. James A. Thomas seconded the motion.

The motion was discussed by J. W. Davis and Charles C. Crabb.

A substitute was moved by William Patterson, seconded by F. G. Christy, that this committee be sustained as at present constituted.

Further discussion by G. F. Barraclough.

The substitute prevailed.

## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

On motion of W. L. Christy, seconded by E. D. Bailey, the Appropriations Committee was sustained as constituted.

In response to a number of requests, and on invi-

tation of the chair, Miss Blanche Edwards gave an historical explanation of the Oratorio "Elijah," to be rendered Sunday and Monday nights, April 10 and 11, at the Stone Church.

At 3.30 the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 40 in the pamphlet was sung. Benediction by Bishop B. J. Scott.

At 8 p. m., the White Masque Players presented in the Auditorium Channing Pollock's play, "The Fool."

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

At 8 a. m. a young people's prayer meeting was held in the Stone Church, President F. M. McDowell in charge, assisted by Elders J. F. Sheehy, J. F. Martin, and D. O. Cato.

At the same hour at the Auditorium prayer meeting was conducted by President F. M. Smith, assisted by President E. A. Smith and Elder A. H. DuRose.

At 9.30 a. m. Sunday school sessions were held in the Auditorium and in the local churches.

At 11 a. m., preaching in the Auditorium was by Bishop A. Carmichael.

At the same hour preaching in the Stone Church was by Patriarch G. T. Griffiths.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Apostle J. F. Curtis preached in the Auditorium.

At 7.30 p. m. special musical program by girls' chorus in the Auditorium. The chorus was composed of about five hundred representatives from the Temple Builders, Oriole, and Blue Bird organizations in Independence and Kansas City, assisted by the combined Stone Church and Walnut Park Orchestras.

At 8 p. m. preaching in the Auditorium was by President F. M. McDowell.

At the same hour the oratorio "Elijah" was sung in the Stone Church under the direction of Paul N. Craig.

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

7.45 a. m., usual class work at the Stone Church.

9 a. m., prayer meeting in the Auditorium, President F. M. Smith, Patriarchs F. A. Smith and John F. Martin in charge.

10.30 a. m., institute of parentcraft and home building, under the auspices of the Department of Women, at the Auditorium.

10.30 a. m., priesthood institute, at the Stone Church, First Presidency in charge.

11.15 a. m., meetings of the priesthood quorums, following the mass priesthood meeting.

12.45 p. m., organ recital at the Stone Church, Dorothy Koehler, organist.

2 p. m., regular business session.

President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn 127 in the pamphlet was sung. Prayer by Evangelist Richard Baldwin.

The minutes and proceedings of Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, were read and approved.

### PRESIDING BISHOPRIC—FINANCIAL REPORT

The following resolution was moved by R. S. Sal-yards, seconded by A. M. Chase:

*Whereas*, the published report of the Presiding Bishopric covers a period ending June 30, 1926—nine months ago; and

*Whereas*, full information concerning financial conditions is necessary to intelligent and prudent action by the General Conference;

*Resolved*, that the Presiding Bishopric be instructed to report to this conference the status of the finances to December 31, 1926; and also to report or to give an approxi-

mate statement of the finances to date of March 31, 1927, or if impossible to that date, up to as late date as possible.

That such report include total of amounts invested in or loaned to projects, associations, companies, or individuals, also open accounts, naming such with amounts where the amounts reach the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Further, that a statement be reported of amounts borrowed, transferred, or used from special funds, and for what purposes so used.

That consideration of all matters involving expenditure of large amounts be deferred until such report is in hand.

Discussion by R. S. Salyards.

E. L. Traver moved, seconded by W. M. Grice, that the time limit on speeches on this resolution be set at twenty minutes.

An amendment was moved by E. D. Bailey, seconded by J. O. Dutton, to strike out the word *twenty* and insert *ten*.

J. A. Becker moved that this matter be referred to the Order of Bishops for their report. Seconded by G. F. Barraclough.

The previous question was ordered by vote of 344 to 30.

The motion of reference prevailed.

#### AUDITORIUM

The following resolution was moved by R. S. Salyards, seconded by A. M. Chase:

*Whereas*, the amount of money required to build the Auditorium to a condition where it will be suitable for temporary occupation, also to complete and equip the building in its entirety, together with cost of annual maintenance, is not known by the General Conference; and

*Whereas*, this information should be available to the people and their representatives before further work upon the building is undertaken;

*Resolved*, that the Order of Bishops and the Appropria-

tions Committee be instructed to make necessary investigation and make report to this conference of the amounts or approximate amounts necessary to cover the items above named.

Discussion by R. S. Salyards.

James A. Thomas moved that this matter lie on the table; seconded by M. H. Siegfried.

The motion to table the resolution prevailed.

#### CHURCH PROGRAMS INVOLVING LARGE EXPENDITURES

R. S. Salyards moved the following resolution, seconded by A. M. Chase:

*Whereas*, it has been urged that the church should erect and provide for a medical school, and for the equipment of Graceland College as a four-year or university institution; also for the development of other building projects which would involve great expenditure; and

*Whereas*, the church is involved heavily in debt, and the number and resources of our people are very limited, with much of unemployment and financial uncertainty among the peoples of the world, which is causing suffering and distress to many; and

*Whereas*, the Savior has admonished his people not to build without first counting the cost, and has also commanded the church through President Joseph Smith to this effect: ". . . Debt should not be contracted nor too large nor expensive buildings be built at the outset." (Doctrine and Covenants 127: 5.)

"The Spirit saith further unto the church assembled and at large: In order that the temporal affairs of the church may be successfully carried on and the accumulated debt of the church in its respective departments where debts have accumulated may be properly met and in due time discharged, the church is instructed, both as members and as the body at large, to avoid the unnecessary building of houses of worship or places of entertainment or otherwise

expending the tithes and offerings of the church in that which may not be essential unto the continued onward progress of the general work; and both in private and in public expenditure carry into active exercise the principle of sacrifice and repression of unnecessary wants; and thus permit the accumulation of tithes and offerings in such amounts as may be needed to properly discharge the existing indebtedness of the church as a body. And the Spirit counseleth the church in this regard." (Doctrine and Covenants 130: 7.)

*Resolved*, that we obey the voice of the Lord in these matters, and that hereafter no building program be indorsed by the church without submission of definite specifications as to size, cost, equipment, maintenance, and other information necessary to intelligent and considerate action by the General Conference.

*Resolved* further, that the church adopt the policy of getting out of debt, and of keeping from debt, by first securing means before entering upon expensive building projects.

Discussion by R. S. Salyards, J. F. Garver, and M. A. McConley.

G. S. Daniel moved that this matter lie on the table. E. D. Bailey seconded.

The motion to table the resolution prevailed by vote of 275 to 85.

On behalf of the Order of Bishops, Bishop J. A. Becker made the following statement:

I would just like to give assurance to this audience and especially to those who felt it necessary to vote on the negative of the last two resolutions, that the information that was being sought by those resolutions will be forthcoming anyway. They are being considered already by us, and are being formulated to present to General Conference. That is also true of the financial report, not only to December 31, but to March 31. You shall have the full information.

#### PROHIBITION

The following resolution was moved by G. E. Harrington, seconded by A. H. DuRose:

*Resolved*, that inasmuch as there is need of cooperation with the Government for the enforcement of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution by reason of the strenuous efforts being put forth by those seeking its modification or nullification, who are issuing propaganda declaring the amendment to be failure; and since the Anti-Saloon League is making vigorous efforts to counteract this influence, be it

*Resolved*, that we, members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in conference assembled, express our willingness to associate with them to maintain the value and beneficial effect of said amendment, and will assist them in their efforts for the enforcement of said law.

Discussion by G. E. Harrington and R. J. Lambert.

Motion by R. J. Lambert, seconded by W. L. Christy, that the chairman be asked to appoint a committee of three to draft such resolutions on this question as they see fit and present them to this body for adoption.

Discussion by C. W. Clark, Thomas Whipple, and A. M. Chase.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion for the appointment of a committee prevailed.

The chair appointed R. J. Lambert, Stephen Robinson, and G. E. Harrington to constitute this committee.

### CHURCH RADIO STATION

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops reported as follows:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* At a session of the joint council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops held this morning, the following resolution was carried unanimously:



*Resolved:* That we look with favor upon a policy of partially commercializing our radio station if found necessary and approve the placing of K L D S on a stewardship basis, the details of said stewardship to be worked out by the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric together with such others as they may need to complete such stewardship organization, keeping in mind the prime purposes of the church in building and operating the station.

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E. A. Curtis moved to adopt the report, seconded by Joseph Lane.

J. A. Koehler moved that this matter be referred to the First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, with power to act. Seconded by F. G. Christy.

The question was discussed by J. O. Dutton, J. A. Becker, D. T. Williams, A. B. Church, and C. C. Crabb.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion of reference prevailed.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Credentials presented an additional report:

*To the General Conference:*

Honolulu: drop the names M. A. McConley, Mrs. M. A. McConley.

Wales: drop Mrs. R. Baldwin.

Norwood Branch, Australia: drop Myron A. McConley.

Alabama District: drop D. E. Sellers, and correct Mrs. N. L. Booker to read Vida Booker.

Kentucky and Tennessee District: drop the names R. M. C. Ross, E. M. Seaton, Valor Seaton, Roney Overcast.

Owen Sound District: drop F. B. Stade.

Western Maine District: drop Lewis Eaton.

Southern England District: drop Charles Fry.

Victoria District: drop G. T. Griffiths.

On motion of D. T. Williams, seconded by W. L. Christy, the report was adopted.

At 4 p. m. the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 141 in the pamphlet was sung. Benediction by President F. M. Smith.

Immediately following the adjournment the official conference picture was taken on the Auditorium main floor concrete slab.

At 6 p. m. a banquet was held for all lawyers present who are members of the church, at the Kansas City Athletic Club, Kansas City, Missouri.

At 8 p. m., preaching in the Auditorium was by Apostle E. J. Gleazer.

At the same hour the oratorio "Elijah" was repeated in the Stone Church.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7.45 a. m. Usual class work at the Stone Church.

9 a. m. Prayer meeting in the Auditorium, Patriarchs F. A. Smith, J. F. Martin and Elder John F. Sheehy in charge.

10.30 a. m. Institute of Parenthood and Home Building, under auspices of Women's Department, in the Auditorium.

At the same hour, Priesthood Institute at the Stone Church.

11.15 a. m. Priesthood quorum meetings at the Stone Church.

12.45 p. m. Organ Recital at the Stone Church, Amy Winning, organist.

2 p. m. Business session.

President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn 77 in the pamphlet was sung.

Prayer by Evangelist Ammon White.

Minutes were read and with correction approved.

## GATHERING—COLONIZATION

The following resolution was moved by Thomas Whipple, seconded by John Whipple:

*Whereas*, In the Bible and latter-day revelation God has admonished his people to come out from the world so that they might become a more righteous people; and

*Whereas*, Many of the Saints have for many years longed for a literal gathering so that greater spiritual and temporal prosperity and security may be enjoyed; and

*Whereas*, Many of the Saints desire to associate themselves into a colony or colonies to be organized according to the celestial law which requires temporal equality that spiritual perfection may be attained, and

*Whereas*, In order to establish such colonies it will be necessary to secure a site where natural resources are at hand for economic development; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this conference request the Presidency to appoint a committee to search out such a location, and when such has been found a notice be issued to the Saints so that those who desire may indicate their resources and fitness for the work, in order that when sufficient available resources are assured to make the plan practicable, such colonies may be established.

J. F. Garver moved that this document be referred to the Order of Bishops with power to act. Seconded by E. L. Traver.

Following discussion by Thomas Whipple the previous question was ordered.

The motion to refer prevailed.

## QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS

The Secretary of the Quorum of High Priests reported labors of that quorum for the year as follows:

*The First Presidency, and General Conference; Greeting:*  
The Quorum of High Priests desires to report the follow-

ing items of labor performed by its members during the past year:

157 reporting; 20 have acted as pastors under appointment; 5 as missionaries; 68 as local laborers; 7 on the standing high council; 4 stake presidents; 4 counselors to stake presidents; 28 on stake high councils; 4 stake bishops; 7 counselors to bishops; 4 bishops' agents; 27 district presidents; 44 branch presidents; 60 Sunday school officers or teachers; 40 Religio officers or teachers.

6,548 sermons preached, 8,221 pastoral visits, 74,016 services attended; 5,273 times in charge of services, baptized 300, confirmed 392, ordained 103, blessed 328 children, administered to 8,286 sick, married 156 couples, organized 2 branches, 5 Sunday schools, and 2 Religios; served on elders' courts 3 times, on bishops' courts 35 times, on stake high councils 129 times, and on Standing High Council 59 times.

To date we have held six meetings with an average attendance of 45. Our lectures have been interesting and we believe profitable, and have covered various phases of the subjects of psychology and social science.

The above figures include the reports of bishops, but not evangelists, apostles, or First Presidency.

Respectfully,

C. I. CARPENTER, *Secretary.*

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The Quorum of High Priests further reported:

*The First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings:*

The Quorum of High Priests unanimously concur in recommending the ordination of Brethren J. A. Wilson, C. B. Hartshorn, O. A. McDowell, and C. H. Rich to the office of high priest.

Formal vote was taken at our meeting today.

C. I. CARPENTER, *Secretary.*

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It was moved by J. F. Curtis, seconded by C. E. Harpe, to approve the recommendations for ordination to high priest.

The brethren named, except J. A. Wilson (not present) expressed willingness to accept ordination if the conference so desired. Members of the conference spoke in recommendation of each name proposed for ordination.

By separate vote each name was approved.

## AUDITOR—FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following statement and financial report by the Auditor was presented:

### TENTATIVE REPORT OF GENERAL CHURCH AUDITOR

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1927.

*The First Presidency, Office; Dear Brethren:* I have compiled from the records of the Presiding Bishopric a Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1927, also a statement of Income and Expenses for the nine months ending on that date. These statements are tentative and are subject to the comments hereinafter made.

#### *Balance Sheet*

Balance Sheets of June 30, 1925, June 30, 1926, and March 31, 1927, are presented in comparative form in order that the trend of church finances may be noted. The figures shown under the first two dates are taken from published reports of the former General Church Auditor and have not been verified by me, but several items have been re-classified to facilitate comparison.

In the tentative statement of March 31, 1927, a number of the items have as yet been audited by me only to the extent of transactions subsequent to June 30, 1926, and are subject to such adjustments, if any, as may be found necessary upon re-verification of the balances carried forward at the beginning of the current year.

A summary of the changes in the year and nine months intervening between June 30, 1925, and March 31, 1927, is as follows:

Increase in Assets	\$370,999.09	
Increase in Liabilities		\$ 81,487.28
Increase in contributions to Graceland Endowment Fund to be invested and held by the church for the benefit of Graceland College with respect to the income thereof		
—Bonds issued therefor		229,800.00
Increase in Net Worth and Special Fund Reserves		59,711.81
	<u>\$370,999.09</u>	<u>\$370,999.09</u>

In considering the item of Bonds Payable to Graceland College the fact that the books of the Presiding Bishopric do not record the investment of the church in such of its institutions as are separately incorporated should be kept in mind. The books of Graceland College carry as an asset "Investment in Church Bonds" in amount corresponding to the amount shown on the books of the Presiding Bishopric as issued, and in a Consolidated Balance Sheet (which it is impracticable to compile except at the close of the fiscal periods) the two items would be eliminated as offsets. In other words, funds contributed for the Graceland Endowment are to be permanently retained by the church, its only obligation being to maintain an equivalent investment of a required character to insure an annual interest income to the college.

## CONDENSED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS	June 30, 1925	June 30, 1926	(Tentative) March 31, 1927
Cash in hands of all Bishops and Agents	\$ 30,496.72	\$ 59,076.30	\$ 22,411.58
Securities	88,875.01	105,389.90	40,161.50
Notes and Accounts Receivable	311,944.48	442,371.49	330,730.54
Corporate Stock and Partnership Investments	78,187.81	80,975.59	81,574.78
Net Assets Held in Trust by Holden Development Association			302,185.05
Net Assets carried on Stake Books			29,944.66
Real Estate—Commercial	763,189.47	873,905.06	634,670.91

Churches, Home Properties, and Coliseum	1,470,751.09	1,501,504.10	1,506,706.10
Auditorium—Cost to Date	27,401.34	72,080.64	193,041.23
Radio Station K L D S	20,369.37	21,520.08	21,520.08
Furniture and Fixtures, Libraries, etc.	63,027.30	64,037.79	62,295.25
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,854,242.59</b>	<b>\$3,220,860.95</b>	<b>\$3,225,241.68</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Liabilities:			
Notes Payable—Banks	\$ 39,643.31	\$ 64,642.86	\$ 58,500.00
Notes Payable—Others	160,167.24	171,661.51	145,155.02
Accounts Payable	53,901.14	62,199.73	60,992.04
Mortgages Payable	115,133.51	116,186.30	99,685.42
Bonds Payable—General		17,400.00	86,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 368,845.20</b>	<b>\$ 432,090.40</b>	<b>\$ 450,332.48</b>

Bonds Payable—Graceland College— offset by corresponding amount carried as an asset on books of Graceland College		200,000.00	229,800.00
	<b>\$ 368,845.20</b>	<b>\$ 632,090.40</b>	<b>\$ 680,132.48</b>

## Special Fund Reserves:

Auditorium Fund—Balance Unapplied	\$ 449,163.50	\$ 412,756.55	\$ 300,977.35
Inheritance and Land Funds	57,409.64	57,600.61	58,107.21
Church Edifice Fund	23,338.69	26,444.55	27,198.65
Temple Fund	9,341.74	9,341.74	9,441.74
German and Near East Relief Fund	2,323.49	2,323.49	2,323.49
Translation Fund			50.00
Radio Fund	345.70	500.67	500.67
<b>Total Special Fund Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 541,922.76</b>	<b>\$ 508,967.61</b>	<b>\$ 398,599.11</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>1,943,474.63</b>	<b>2,079,802.94</b>	<b>2,146,510.09</b>
<b>Total Net Worth and Reserves</b>	<b>\$2,485,397.39</b>	<b>\$2,588,770.55</b>	<b>\$2,545,109.20</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Worth</b>	<b>\$2,854,242.59</b>	<b>\$3,220,860.95</b>	<b>\$3,225,241.68</b>

TENTATIVE CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING  
MARCH 31, 1927

Tithes, Surplus, and Offerings		\$300,658.80
<i>General Expenses:</i>		
Family Allowances	\$180,767.67	
Elders Expenses	71,449.50	
Foreign Mission Expenses	3,824.06	
Nebraska Indian Mission Expenses	704.00	
District Expenses	726.94	
Stake Expenses	7,970.43	
General Administrative	51,749.01	

Support of Church Institutions	20,682.40	
Aid	10,554.74	
Payments on Consecration Contracts	6,073.54	
Total General Expenses		354,502.29
<i>Excess of General Expenses over Tithes, Surplus, and Offerings</i>		53,843.49
<i>Other Income:</i>		
Real Estate (Net)	\$ 7,010.77	
Dividends	651.93	
Interest Received on Notes and Accounts	6,587.91	14,250.61
<i>Interest Paid:</i>		\$ 39,592.88
On Notes and Accounts	\$ 13,714.01	
On Bonds	5,066.58	18,780.59
<i>Excess of Total Expenses over Total Income</i>		<u>\$ 58,373.47</u>

The increase in Net Worth and Special Fund Reserves is derived from the following sources:

<i>Reserves—Net Decrease:</i>		
Amount applied to Auditorium Cost	\$165,639.89	
Contributions received	22,316.24	\$143,323.65
<i>Net Worth—Net Increase:</i>		
Amount Applied to Auditorium Cost	\$165,639.89	
<i>Excess of Income over Expenses:</i>		
Year ending June 30, 1926	\$ 91,637.51	
Less excess of Expenses— nine months ending March 31, 1927	58,373.47	
Net Excess of Income	33,264.04	
Sundry adjustments net	4,131.53	203,035.46
		<u>\$ 59,711.81</u>

The constituent items on the Balance Sheet of March 31, 1927, are carried under such captions as to be largely self-explanatory. On the Notes and Accounts Receivable, however, I submit the following comments: I have not yet made a complete analysis of these items, but have made sufficient investigation to disclose the fact that there are included therein a number of accounts of several years' standing, upon which nothing will be realized. The Presiding Bishopric are aware of this condition and have asked my cooperation in determining the exact status of each account,



preparatory to writing worthless items off the books. Because of the time element no attempt has been made at this time to show the nature of the accounts and notes comprising the total.

### INCOME AND EXPENSES

In compiling this tentative statement, Income and Expenses for March for several districts from which reports have not yet been received, have been conservatively estimated and included in the figures submitted.

In considering Income and Expenses for less than a full year period it is necessary to keep in mind that the membership of the church is scattered over a wide territory, and that the income of the church is therefore dependent on those engaged in various industrial pursuits with varying "peak" seasons, and comparisons based upon less than a full year's cycle are sometimes misleading. For example: Comparisons for several years reveal the fact that during the first six months of the fiscal year approximately 40 per cent of the year's contributions are received, while during the same period 50 per cent of the expenses are incurred.

The total general contributions for the nine months of the current year are approximately \$24,000 less than contributions for the corresponding period of the previous year. Comparisons of the Income and Expenses on March 31 of several prior years have been almost invariably less favorable than the results at the close of the respective fiscal years.

I shall be glad to submit any additional information desired.

Yours faithfully,

AMOS E. ALLEN, *General Church Auditor.*

### AGRICULTURAL STEWARDSHIPS

The following document from the Presiding Bishopric was read by J. A. Becker:

*The First Presidency, Dear Brethren:* Considerable interest has been manifested in the agriculture stewardships being established by the church. Many questions are being asked. That a better knowledge of the progress made may be had, we submit the following:

By action of the General Conference the Christmas offering for the year 1919 was appropriated to purchase lands

for inheritances. The sum of \$101,059.00 was paid to the Presiding Bishopric from February 19, 1919 to February 28, 1920.

The General Conference of 1920 designated the Christmas offering for that year for the improvement and purchase of land for inheritances; \$86,273.48 was received between March 1, 1920 and February 28, 1921.

By action of the General Conference, the Christmas offering for the year 1921 amounting to \$49,165.21 was designated as a fund to assist in providing inheritances for missionaries.

Previous to 1919 and following 1921 the Christmas offering was made a part of the general missionary fund.

You will notice that the Christmas offering year has differed some from the conference year. The total amount paid during the three years was \$236,497.69. Seventy-eight thousand of this amount was set up as a fund for missionary inheritances, leaving \$158,497.69 for the purchase of lands.

In harmony with the action of General Conference the Graceland endowment fund was made available to establish agriculture stewardships. On March 31, 1926, \$229,800 had been made so available, making a total of over \$388,000 to be invested in agriculture stewardships.

An effort has been made to carry into effect the wishes of the church. Land to the net value of \$308,285.05 has been placed under the control of the Holden Development Association, and an initial payment of \$2,000 paid on a farm to be used in connection with Graceland College. As a part of the Graceland endowment fund there was received a farm of 189 acres, as well as several other parcels of real estate. The farm above mentioned is being operated as a stewardship, thus making a total of \$323,785.05 invested in stewardship land at present.

To fully comply with the spirit of the conference action of 1925, an additional amount of approximately \$140,000 is to be invested in agriculture stewardships.

Mortgages to the amount of \$70,000 stand against the stewardship lands. It is contemplated that these shall be paid as they fall due, which when paid will use up one half of the present balance to be used in stewardships. Addi-

tional lands have been offered. Several tracts have been examined, but to date no contract has been made for a further purchase.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC,

By J. A. BECKER.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1927.

For the purpose of information a considerable number of questions by members of the conference were asked of and answered by the members of the Presiding Bishopric concerning various phases of church finances and investments.

It was moved by F. H. Edwards, seconded by W. O. Hands, that the whole matter of church finances be referred back to the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric with request that they report to this conference at their earliest convenience.

Bishop J. A. Becker moved to amend by striking out the words, *Presiding Bishopric*, and inserting therefor the words, *Order of Bishops*. The amendment was seconded by E. J. Gleazer.

Following discussion by W. O. Hands the previous question was ordered.

The amendment and the motion of reference as amended prevailed.

Further discussion on questions of finance ensued; speeches by J. F. Garver, J. F. Curtis, J. F. Sheehy, A. H. Christensen, E. J. Gleazer, F. H. Edwards, Bishop A. Carmichael, and President F. M. Smith.

At 5 p. m. the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 79 was sung. Benediction by President E. A. Smith.

At 8 p. m. the Laurel Club presented the pageant, "The Restoration" in the Auditorium.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7.45 a. m. Usual class work.

9 a. m. Prayer meeting at the Auditorium, Patriarchs F. A. Smith, J. F. Martin, and Elder J. A. Robinson in charge.

10.30 a. m. Women's Department Institute of Parentcraft and Home Building at the Auditorium.

10.30 a. m. Priesthood Institute at the Stone Church, followed by quorum meetings.

12.45 p. m. Organ Recital at the Stone Church, Miss Nanyette Story, organist, assisted by Mrs. J. S. Myers, soprano, of Holdenville, Oklahoma.

2 p. m. Business session.

President F. M. McDowell in the chair.

Hymn 148 was sung. Prayer by Evangelist J. F. Martin.

The minutes were read and approved.

## QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS

Following report and recommendation from the Quorum of High Priests was read:

*The First Presidency:* At the meeting of the Quorum of High Priests this morning, the name of William Hamann was voted upon and unanimously approved for ordination to the office of high priest.

Very respectfully,

THE QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS.

By C. I. CARPENTER, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 13, 1927.

R. S. Salyards moved that we approve the ordination of this brother. Seconded by R. E. Burgess.

Brother Hamann expressed willingness to accept the office if the conference so ordered.

J. A. Koehler spoke in recommendation of Brother Hamann.

The motion to approve prevailed.

## JOINT COUNCIL—PRESIDENCY, TWELVE, AND ORDER OF BISHOPS

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops reported as follows:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops in meeting this morning unanimously indorsed the following resolution:

*Resolved,* that the investment of general church funds in business enterprises be prohibited until adequate financial reserves are accumulated; but that nothing in this resolution shall prevent the investment of such reserves—as accumulated—in securities of generally recognized stability and value or through the business orders of the church as authorized by revelation and conference approval.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 13, 1927.

This is the matter of reference from the General Conference of yesterday.

Moved by J. A. Tanner, seconded by L. G. Holloway, that this conference concur in this Joint Council action.

Discussion by E. A. Smith.

The previous question was ordered; and the motion to concur prevailed.

## JOINT COUNCIL—PRESIDENCY, TWELVE, AND PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, presented the following report and resolution, which also had the approval of the Order of Bishops:

*Whereas,* publication of lists of the names of tithe payers together with the amount of their contributions has supplied information which has been misunderstood and misused; and,

*Whereas,* some of our regular tithe payers have urged that such particulars be not published; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the printing of the itemized lists of tithing be discontinued, and that instead the Presiding Bishopric be directed to send an annual statement to each contributor showing his payments on tithing, offering, and special funds for each fiscal year.

*Provided always* that the foregoing shall not in any way affect the present policy of publishing the annual statements of income and expenditures and assets and liabilities of the church.

E. A. Curtis moved to adopt the report. B. E. Brown seconded the motion.

Amos E. Allen moved to amend by striking out in the third paragraph of the resolution the words, *Presiding Bishopric*, and inserting instead thereof the words, *General Church Auditor*. G. P. Levitt seconded the amendment.

Discussion followed by Thomas Whipple, M. H. Siegfried, A. Carmichael, and Amos E. Allen.

J. A. Koehler moved as a substitute, seconded by A. B. Phillips, that we approve the document as it reads except in the third paragraph of the resolution to insert the words, *and the General Church Auditor* after the words, *Presiding Bishopric*.

G. E. Harrington, Lee Quick, J. A. Koehler, and J. A. Becker discussed the question.

The previous question was ordered. The substitute prevailed.

#### FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND ELDERS' EXPENSE

O. Salisbury moved the following resolution, which was seconded by W. O. Hands:

*Be It Resolved* That at the close of each fiscal year the Church Auditor furnish a statement of elders' expenses and family allowances to each member of the Joint Council, including the First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Order of Bishops, and members of the General Standing High Council, and that we discontinue publication of this report in the *Saints' Herald*.

Point of order was raised by G. E. Harrington that this matter was new business and that the time limit for introduction of new business had passed.

The chair ruled that this resolution grew out of the action just taken and was a part of the general question of publication of church finances and would not come under the head of new business.

On motion of R. S. Budd, seconded by Lee Quick, the resolution was laid on the table.

At 3.30 p. m. the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Elder and Mrs. F. G. Pitt sang a duet as the closing musical number.

Benediction by Apostle J. F. Curtis.

8.00 p. m. Final Religio contest, music and literary, was held at the Stone Church.

At the same hour preaching in the Auditorium by Apostle J. A. Gillen.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7.45 a. m. Class work at the Stone Church.

9.00 a. m. Prayer meeting in the Auditorium, Patriarchs F. A. Smith, J. F. Martin, and Elder J. F. Sheehy in charge.

10.30 a. m. Women's Department Institute of Parentcraft and Home Building in the Auditorium.

10.30 a. m. Priesthood Institute, followed by quorum meetings, at the Stone Church.

12.45 p. m. Organ Recital at the Stone Church, Pauline Becker, organist, assisted by Lillian Green, violinist.

2.00 p. m. Business session.

President F. M. McDowell in the chair.

Hymn 142 was sung. Prayer by Elder C. B. Woodstock.

The minutes were read and approved.

The chair was yielded to President F. M. Smith.

## L. D. S. BAR ASSOCIATION

The following report of a new organization of lawyers in the church was read:

At a meeting in the Kansas City Athletic Club Building Monday evening, April 11, there were present through the activities of Brother Stephen Robinson, of Des Moines, Iowa, with the sanction of President F. M. Smith, some twenty lawyers, President Frederick M. Smith and Bishop A. Carmichael; a very enjoyable time was had by everyone; acquaintances were made and a good spirit engendered.

Those present were J. L. Prentice of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Guy Riley, Carl T. Self, Omaha, Nebraska; J. S. Meyer, Holdenville, Oklahoma; Stephen Robinson, Des Moines, Iowa; Lloyd Harding, Lees Summit, Missouri; Clark E. Tucker, Kansas City, Kansas; Verne L. Deskin, Des Moines, Iowa; Kenneth I. Fligg, Burdette B. Root, J. Calvin Budd, and Alex McIntosh of Kansas City, Missouri; R. T. Cooper, S. A. Burgess, I. A. Smith, J. A. Becker, J. M. Gould, S. Ralph Stone, Arthur B. Taylor, Ellis Short, jr., of Independence, Missouri.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize for the purpose of being able to render more efficient service and assistance to the church in matters involving legal questions.

I. A. Smith presided as toastmaster in a very pleasing and fitting manner. Addresses were made by President Smith and Bishop Carmichael, portraying the channels in which greater cooperation of the lawyers for the church might be had, and responses were made by every lawyer present. Underlying all the talks was a splendid devotion and expressed desire of every man to render all service that may lie in his power.

A preliminary constitution and by-laws were adopted and organization effected by the election of R. T. Cooper, president; Stephen Robinson, of Des Moines, vice president; Carl T. Self, of Omaha, Nebraska, secretary; and J. S. Meyer, of Holdenville, Oklahoma, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at the time of the next



General Conference, and all lawyers of the church are invited to become members of the association by correspondence with the president or secretary.

### JOINT QUORUMS OF SEVENTY

The Joint Quorums of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference Assembled; Greeting:* The Joint Quorums of Seventy, at their meeting yesterday, approved of the selection of Brethren W. J. Vaughn and L. G. Hoisington to be ordained to the office of seventy.

We hereby submit these names to the conference and respectfully ask your concurrence.

Respectfully submitted,

April 14, 1927.

ELI BRONSON, *Secretary.*

It was moved by J. W. Davis, seconded by G. P. Levitt, to approve of the selection of these men.

W. J. Vaughn, of Australia, not present at the conference, was recommended for ordination by Brethren M. A. McConley and J. W. Davis.

L. G. Hoisington expressed his willingness to occupy in the office designated. Brethren J. F. Curtis, L. G. Holloway, and E. A. Smith spoke in recommendation of Brother Hoisington.

By separate vote each name was approved.

The chair announced a resolution on the table, signed by two of the brethren, requesting the Presidency to appoint a day of fasting. He stated that unless there be objection, without formal action on the resolution by the body, Sunday, April 17, would be designated as a day of fasting and prayer.

### REPORT OF FIRST PRESIDENCY

The First Presidency presented report of that quorum:

The work of the Presidency the past conference year has been carried on much as usual, with office routine and field work being carried on as best we could, under the conditions

prevailing. We do not here attempt to state the number of reunions, district conferences, conventions, institutes, and special meetings we have attended, but we can say we have been busy. In doing the field work, we have done it largely individually, though on a few occasions our paths have met in traveling. Of the details of our work away from office and headquarters, the Saints have been quite well informed through the columns of the church papers, as they have of some of the official activities of the Presidency at headquarters, in the way of councils, special meetings, etc. Of the routine of office work, such as correspondence and conferences, it may be unnecessary to speak other than to say we have found much to do.

We have kept in touch more or less closely, and we trust fully, with the activities of all departments of the church, and have been pleased to note the steady growth of those activities, missionary and others, which look to the betterment of the Saints and minister to their spiritual needs, though there is in places a dearth of persons to carry the burden of responsibilities.

The reports already submitted to the conference indicate quite clearly the departmental activities.

With perhaps minor exceptions, the working relations with all departments have been pleasant, and we have to report a closer touch and working understanding with most, to the advantage and benefit of the cause. We find a cheerful willingness quite prevalent among the general officers to work to the limits of endurance; in fact, in some cases even a disposition to pass the limits of safety to health.

The members of the Apostolic Quorum have been assiduous in the tasks assigned them, both generally and specifically, and our relations pleasant. Of their work they have kept us informed by letter, special report, personal conference, councils, and by report for the year. These reports indicate they have been happy in helping the cause and in the support and cooperation received from local and general workers, and are grateful for the measure of divine direction and help accorded them, and all manifest and express a desire and determination to serve to the extent of their capacity. As in the case of the Presidency, the demands upon them for labor caused them largely to travel by ones rather than twos, in

order to cover more ground. Cognizance by these men of the great opportunities before us with a concomitant forward-looking spirit characterizes their reports.

Some changes in assignment of work of the Twelve were made necessary by conditions, in one instance it being necessary to ask one of them to assume temporarily the responsibility of pastoral work.

### *Change of Church Secretary*

In accordance with recommendation of the Joint Council and approval of the General Conference of 1926 that the work of the church secretary, the maintenance of necessary records, and the securing of railroad courtesies and concessions be unified under the direction of a secretarial assistant to the Presidency, Brother R. S. Salyards, who has rendered long and faithful service in the office of Church Secretary was relieved on December 31, 1926, and Brother G. S. Trowbridge was secured to fill the position provided for by action of the conference. Brother Trowbridge reported for duty January 3, and has since been looking after the work of Church Secretary, Transportation Manager, and the office work of the Presidency, owing to the continued illness of Brother O. W. Newton.

### *The Music Department*

This department, while active, has been so neither to the extent all would like to see, nor in so orderly a way. Local musical activities have perhaps been more pronounced than the general.

However, conditions have been somewhat unusual, and it is now hoped that the department will soon show a more rapid movement forward. Under the leadership of Brother P. N. Craig and A. H. Mills, secretary, the Musical Institute at this conference has developed a wider unity of purpose, and this was crystallized into definite suggestions to the Presidency, and we are glad to do what we can to carry into effect the suggestions. With the appreciation of the importance of music in the work of the church, there seems to run through those of the department of music a strongly

forward-looking spirit, one big, near-lying objective being the 1930 anniversary; and in preparation therefor these workers have suggested further division of responsibility by increasing the number of subdepartments in the department. These suggestions we concur in to the effect that the department be sub-departmentized by dividing into congregational singing, adult choir, junior choir, band and orchestra, missionary and song leadership, each subdivision to receive the attention of one assigned to the task.

Acting in harmony with suggestions from the musicians formally expressed, we appoint, subject to the approval of the conference, Sister Louise Robinson as associate superintendent of the department. On conferring with her, we have gained her consent so to act; and she has in turn recommended, also on the suggestion of the institute, the following sub-department heads: Paul N. Craig for congregational singing and missionary song leadership; Mabel Carlile for adult choir work; Luella Wight for junior choir work; Joseph H. Anthony for band and orchestra.

These musicians have further expressed to us the opinion that an appropriation of \$2,000 be made for the work of the Department of Music this conference year. We so recommend.

They also have suggested that a course of musical leadership be included in our ministerial conferences, institutes, and conventions. This we also approve.

One other thing presented in the report of the institute to us is that a motion was passed favoring uniforms for our choirs, and passing this matter on to the conference for consideration.

In a number of instances, local choirs have adopted vestments. If this is at all likely to become general (and we favor it in cases of substantially organized choirs), it is wise to have these uniform, so that in combinations of choirs into a larger chorus there may be uniformity attained.

The report indicates a successful and profitable institute has been held at this conference, and the musicians encouraged and helped forward.

## RADIO DEPARTMENT

Report of the Radio Department was presented:

*Report for Radio Department Broadcasting Station K L D S*

Progress in church radio during the past year has been made chiefly in utilizing more broadcasting time and in adding new features. K L D S is broadcasting almost twice as many weekly features as it did a year ago, and is furnishing its listeners four times as many services and programs as it did two years ago.

*Amount of Broadcasting for Period March 15, 1926, to  
March 15, 1927*

Following is a table showing the approximate number of regular features broadcast by K L D S during the twelve months' period:

Church Services (Stone Church) .....	38
Studio Services .....	295
Educational lectures .....	53
Musical programs .....	191
Children's features .....	53
Miscellaneous features .....	14
	644
Total religious services .....	333
Total other features .....	311

Attention is called to the increase in religious services, 123 more services being broadcast than during the preceding year. Many special programs and features are not included in the above regular schedules.

*Present Weekly Schedule*

Sunday:

- 8.30 a. m. Children's Sacred Program.
- 9 a. m. Bible Study.
- 11 a. m. Stone Church Service.
- 3 p. m. K L D S Radio Church.
- 6.30 p. m. Vesper Service.
- 9.15 p. m. L. D. S. Studio Service.

## Tuesday:

- 6.30 a. m. Morning Devotional Service.
- 7 a. m. English Study.
- 2.30 p. m. Matinee Program.
- 7 p. m. Children's Feature and Stories.
- 7.20 p. m. Special Feature (Walt Filkin).
- 7.40 p. m. Lecture.
- 8 p. m. Musical Program.

## Thursday:

- 2.30 p. m. Matinee Program.
- 7 p. m. Children's Feature and Stories.
- 7.20 p. m. Special Feature (Health Talk).
- 7.40 p. m. Lecture.
- 8 p. m. Musical Program.

## Friday:

- 6.30 a. m. Morning Devotional Service.
- 7 a. m. Children's Feature—Uncle John.

## Saturday:

- 7 p. m. Sunday School Lessons.
- 8 p. m. Musical Program.

It will be noted that each week has twenty-two regular features, or schedules, as compared with twelve a year ago, and five schedules two years ago.

Although the utility of K L D S has been increased approximately 400 per cent during the past two years, there has been very little increase in operating costs. In this time, however, to meet government requirements and to assure dependable, efficient broadcasting, certain changes and improvements have been made. The costs for these changes and for legal assistance in protecting our wave length rights were of course not anticipated, and the budget allowances were not sufficient to cover these contingencies. An additional financial problem for the radio department has resulted from the failure of plans for the *Journal-Post* to broadcast, the Appropriations Committee having approved the 1926-27 budget on the basis of anticipating almost equal revenue from the Kansas City newspaper.

Despite the rather serious and unlooked-for problems that

have been encountered, it is felt that K L D S has greatly increased its service to the general public and to the church membership.

Reelection of our radio manager to the directorate of the National Association of Broadcasters, and his committee appointments at the last Hoover Radio Conference, have undoubtedly tended to increase the solidarity of the church station, and to maintain its prestige as a pioneer broadcaster.

The passage by Congress of the new radio legislation should shortly result in the elimination of much of the confusion that now exists. This will redound both to the benefit of listeners who have so frequently been unable to hear desired stations because of interference and to the broadcasters allowed to remain on the air, who will be licensed for sufficiently long periods of time to justify them in expending money and effort to efficiently serve their listeners.

#### CHURCH SECRETARY

E. A. Smith moved that in recognition of the long and faithful service of Elder R. S. Salyards as General Church Secretary, as mentioned in the Presidency's report, the conference extend to Brother Salyards a vote of thanks. The motion was seconded by G. T. Griffiths. The motion prevailed unanimously.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

F. M. McDowell moved that the conference approve of the organization nominations suggested for the Department of Music in the Presidency's Report, and that the matter of appropriation for that department be referred to the appropriations committee. Seconded by B. H. Doty. The motion prevailed.

## JOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENCY, TWELVE, AND ORDER OF BISHOPS

The Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops reported as follows:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops at their session this morning unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Whereas*, it is essential to the stability of our general church endeavor that financial reserves shall be created and maintained; and,

*Whereas*, the maintenance of our essential function and the building of these reserves will necessitate economies both individual and collective, local and general, as provided in Doctrine and Covenants, section 130, paragraph 7, as follows:

"In order that the temporal affairs of the church may be successfully carried on and the accumulative debt of the church in its respective departments where debts have accumulated may be properly met and in due time discharged, the church is instructed, both as members and as the body at large, to avoid the unnecessary building of houses of worship or places of entertainment or otherwise expending the tithes and offerings of the church in that which may not be essential unto the continued onward progress of the general work; and both in private and in public expenditure carry into active exercise the principle of sacrifice and repression of unnecessary wants; and thus permit the accumulation of tithes and offerings in such amounts as may be needful to properly discharge the existing indebtedness of the church as a body." Therefore,

*Be It Resolved:* That the policy of the church respecting finances for the interconference period 1927-28 shall be

To provide funds for the care and expenses of General Conference appointees and their families, together with the general administrative expense;

To provide for the care of the poor and needy and expenses incident to the operation of the homes for the aged;



To supply the budget adopted by General Conference for Graceland College;

To provide for the building of a basement of a dormitory for Graceland College as fast as funds are available;

To provide for the continuance of the building of the Auditorium as fast as the observance of the foregoing shall release funds that were subscribed for that purpose which were utilized to supply past financial needs of the general church, or as may be provided otherwise by General Conference, or Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops.

*And Be It Further Resolved That We Recommend:* That the Christmas offering be used in support of the general missionary work of the church;

That stakes, districts, local congregations, and reunion associations be requested to make no local expenditures in any considerable sum or incur any local indebtedness except such as shall be approved by the First Presidency, and Presiding Bishopric or their representatives, and the member of the Twelve in charge of the respective field;

That the church through the Presiding Bishopric and the entire ministry of the church shall make special efforts to increase the church income through the divinely appointed channels of tithing, offering, and surplus.

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Moved by Lee Quick, seconded by J. L. Cooper, to adopt the report.

A. Carmichael moved to amend the last paragraph by transposing the last four words of the paragraph so they will read, "tithing, surplus, and offering." Seconded by A. J. Yarrington.

The amendment prevailed.

Discussion of the document followed by J. F. Curtis, F. M. McDowell, R. S. Budd, F. H. Edwards, J. W. Davis, and M. H. Siegfried.

At 4.00 p. m. the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 4 was sung. Benediction by Apostle P. M. Hanson.

8.00 p. m. International Musical Program at the Auditorium.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7.45 a. m. Class work at the Stone Church.

9.00 a. m. Prayer meeting in the Auditorium, President F. M. Smith, and Patriarch F. A. Smith in charge.

10.30 a. m. Women's Department Institute of Parentcraft and Home building at the Auditorium.

At the same hour, at the Stone Church, priesthood institute and quorum meetings.

12.45 p. m. Organ recital at the Stone Church, Dorothy Koehler, organist, assisted by a quartet: J. A. Koehler, H. A. Koehler, Miss Gladys Good, and Mrs. Lulu Tyrrell.

2.00 p. m. Business session.

President F. M. Smith presided.

Hymn 109 was sung. Prayer by President E. A. Smith.

The minutes were read and approved.

#### FINANCIAL POLICY

The chair stated as before the assembly the question under consideration at time of adjournment the previous day.

E. J. Gleazer moved that further consideration of the document before us be postponed until we consider the report from the appropriations committee. Seconded by G. P. Levitt.

Motion to defer consideration was discussed by E. J. Gleazer.

J. W. Davis asked permission to speak under question of special privilege, certain statements in his speech of the previous day having been called in question by following speakers. The chair ruled that remarks along that line would necessarily be

in the nature of argument and could hardly be considered under question of special privilege.

The motion to defer consideration prevailed.

### APPROPRIATIONS

The committee on appropriations reported:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting:*  
 The Appropriations Committee has given careful consideration to the budget requests for the year 1927-28. Several of the department heads were called in council with the committee while considering the request from their respective departments.

The budget requests for operating expense total \$520,440.68; in addition, Graceland College requests \$12,000 to invest in the building of the basement of a dormitory.

After very serious deliberation, the committee is presenting a budget in the amount of \$513,740. This is in excess of the estimated income of the present year of at least \$100,000. To reduce the budgets of the various departments below the amounts stated and maintain the efficiency thereof seems to be impossible. The members of the church must realize if the budget is adopted, the necessity of increasing the income.

#### Budgets

First Presidency .....	\$6,000.00	
Presiding Bishopric .....	12,000.00	
Quorum of Twelve .....	1,500.00	
Statistical Department .....	1,200.00	
Auditor .....	4,000.00	
Architect .....	500.00	
Historian .....	1,100.00	
Patriarch .....	150.00	
Librarian .....	150.00	
Graphic Arts Bureau .....	500.00	
Women's-Department	} .....	
Department of Recreation and Expression		6,000.00
Department of Sunday School		
Radio Department .....	8,000.00	

General Office Expense .....	6,000.00
General Church Expense .....	3,000.00
Real Estate Expense .....	30,000.00
Bishops and Agents .....	1,000.00
Interest and Exchange .....	18,000.00
Foreign Missions .....	5,000.00
Payments on Consecration Contracts .....	8,000.00
Publicity Bureau .....	7,500.00
Social Service Bureau .....	1,730.00
Department of Music .....	1,000.00

*Stakes*

City of Zion—Presidency .....	\$1,800.00
City of Zion—Bishopric .....	1,500.00
Lamoni—Presidency .....	1,200.00
Lamoni—Bishopric .....	1,800.00
Kansas City—Presidency and Bishopric .....	2,000.00
Far West—Presidency and Bishopric .....	1,770.00
Holden—Presidency and Bishopric .....	1,140.00

*Ministerial*

Family Allowances .....	\$250,000.00
Elders' Expense .....	80,000.00
Aid .....	15,000.00

*Institutional*

Graceland College .....	\$16,000.00
Holden Home .....	12,000.00
Saints' and Liberty Homes .....	7,000.00
Church Farm—Indians .....	200.00

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\$513,740.00

The committee recommends the investment of \$12,000 in building the basement of a dormitory at Graceland College whenever the funds are available.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE,

By J. A. BECKER, *Secretary*.

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Moved by J. A. Koehler, seconded by J. A. Thomas, to adopt the report and recommendations.

The question was discussed by J. A. Koehler,

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F. M. McDowell, W. O. Hands, D. T. Williams, J. A. Gillen, M. A. McConley, G. T. Griffiths, J. A. Koehler, A. H. Christensen, and J. F. Curtis.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion to adopt prevailed.

#### FINANCIAL POLICY

It was moved by M. W. Liston, seconded by J. F. Garver, that we do now take up the deferred matter of church finances. The motion prevailed.

Lee Quick discussed the matter.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion to adopt the report of the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops relating to financial policy prevailed.

Under the question of personal privileges, Amos E. Allen and J. W. Davis each spoke.

At 4.30 the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 163 was sung. Benediction by Apostle J. F. Garver.

8.00 p. m. Preaching at the Stone Church by Bishop J. A. Becker.

The Auditorium was reserved at this hour for the Department of Music for rehearsal purposes.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

7.45 a. m. Usual class work at the Stone Church.

9.00 a. m. Prayer meeting at the Auditorium, Patriarch F. A. Smith, and Elders S. W. Simmons and J. R. Grice in charge.

10.30 a. m. Auditorium: Women's Department Institute of Parentcraft and Home Building.

At the same hour at the Stone Church, priesthood institute and quorum meetings.

12.45 p. m. Organ recital at the Stone Church, Miss Hazel Scott, organist, assisted by Miss Marcie Beamer, soprano.

2.00 p. m. Business session.

President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn 65 was sung. Prayer by Bishop R. May.

The minutes were read and approved.

### SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY

The Second Quorum of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Second Seventy have held eleven joint meetings with the First Seventy, the president of our quorum being also president of the seven presidents. Our meetings have been well attended by the members present at this conference. Twenty-two of our members are present. Twenty-six have made reports. Our present membership is forty-one.

The following items represent the ministerial labors performed by the twenty-six members reporting:

Sermons .....	3,765
Presided over meetings (other) .....	579
Assisted in presiding .....	398
Attended other meetings .....	2,369

Some of the brethren have not reported the number of conference and reunion meetings, which would greatly have increased the number of this last item. The total number of all meetings reported is 7,111.

Baptisms .....	427
Confirmations .....	238
Assisted to confirm .....	87
Ordination .....	16
Assisted to ordain .....	10
Children blessed .....	144
Assisted in blessing .....	25
Sick administered to .....	1,074

Assisted .....	82
Marriages performed .....	8
New openings .....	8

During the past year (conference year), more pieces of literature have been distributed by members of this quorum than for many years. Many short newspaper articles in various dailies have also been published by our members. Actual pieces of literature distributed, aside from newspaper articles, amounted to 22,529. As a matter of friendly rivalry, we are of the opinion that this quorum has distributed more literature than any other quorum in the church.

Brother O. J. Hawn holds the banner in our quorum for the greatest number of sermons preached during the conference year, the number being 287. Brother Hawn also holds the banner for the greatest number of confirmations, the number being 48. He also blessed the greatest number of children. Brother W. E. Shakespeare reports the greatest number of services attended, 554. Ernest N. Burt reports the greatest number of baptisms, 60, averaging more than one baptism per week. Percy E. Farrow reports the greatest number of administrations to the sick, the number being 169. As noted, only eight new openings were made by this quorum during the conference year. That means that only one in four have pushed out into new fields. The ministerial policy of "selective centers" accounts for this condition, but the benefits to the membership have more than counteracted this condition.

The following brethren have not reported: F. B. Almond, Peter T. Anderson, Jott A. Bronson, Leon G. Burdick, Jacob D. Curtis, T. W. Curtis, James T. Davis, Frederick Gregory, William H. Greenwood, Peter Muceus, J. L. Parker, Arthur V. Robinson, V. D. Ruch, and H. W. Savage. Some of these brethren report having sent their statistics to headquarters, but these have not come to my hands. Others of the brethren in foreign fields have not had time to report since the close of the conference year. Some of our brethren have been more or less inactive for several years; all of which helps to reduce the average work done by the quorum.

Our meetings during this conference have been of a high

educational order, mingled with the good spirit of intelligence and wisdom. The lectures have been greatly enjoyed and have helped to raise the quorums to a higher intellectual standard. This is a great improvement over the old-time methods. We report our quorum as rapidly advancing and abreast of the times.

J. W. DAVIS, *President*.

J. W. PETERSON, *Secretary*.

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### FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY

#### The First Quorum of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference:* We submit the following report from the First Quorum of Seventy:

To date the quorum has met conjointly with the Second Quorum and many of the missionary elders at the Liberty Street Church as per the printed program. This program consisted of lectures delivered each morning by some representative man of the departments of the church. We have also had one joint business session with one or two to follow.

There were 52 members in the quorum the past year, 47 of whom were under appointment. From all the men under the appointment, we have received reports which in a general way tabulate as follows for the year ending December 31, 1926:

Sermons, 7,220; in charge of services, 1,653; assisted in presiding, 1,075; other services attended, 4,608; total services, 14,665; baptized, 367; confirmed, 224; ordained, 32; children blessed, 188; administered to sick, 2,155; marriages performed, 27; tracts distributed, 31,486; house to house calls, 5,456; administered sacrament, 125; new openings effected, 16; branches organized, 1; acted as member of court, 2; cases of difficulties adjusted, 21; discussions held, 14.

We lose two members this year, W. P. Bootman, who presented his resignation as a member of the quorum of seventy, which was accepted by the joint Seventy, and C. H. Rich who was recommended for ordination to the office of high priest.



The majority of the brethren of the quorum are in attendance at this conference. Four are laboring in foreign fields. The general trend of every report is that the work is onward.

April 14, 1927.

CHARLES J. SMITH, *Secretary*.

Approved by the Quorum, April 15, 1927.

## ORDER OF EVANGELISTS

### The Order of Evangelists reported:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The Order of Evangelists have held three meetings during this session of conference, seventeen of the members having been present, viz, F. A. Smith, H. O. Smith, J. E. Matthews, G. W. Burt, R. Bullard, J. A. Gunsolley, A. E. Stone, G. T. Griffiths, W. A. McDowell, R. Baldwin, S. Twombly, Ammon White, T. C. Kelley, J. R. Lambert, F. G. Pitt, U. W. Greene, and J. F. Martin.

Besides the meetings held by the Order, some of its members have been regular attendants at the meetings of the high priests' quorum, gaining by these associations added zest and zeal for the work that is before them the coming year.

Sincerely,

H. O. SMITH, *Secretary*.

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## TELEGRAM

Telegram from G. N. Briggs, President of Grace-land College, was read:

*F. M. Smith, L. D. S. Auditorium:* Regret sickness in family called me home. Please express to General Conference my appreciation and that of faculty and student body in its renewed vote of confidence in the college by its appropriation for our much needed dormitory. It is the first step toward our 1930 goal.

G. N. BRIGGS.

LAMONI, IOWA, April 16, 1927.

## STAKES—SURPLUS

Report from the presidents and bishops of stakes regarding the investment of surplus funds was presented:

*To the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric:* The presidencies and bishoprics of the stakes met and unanimously agreed to the following, concerning the management of surplus, which we ask you to consider for action of the General Conference:

1. Consecrations of surplus in stakes should be made direct to the bishoprics of the stakes.

2. This fund belongs primarily to the stake, to be used for the benefit of the stake.

3. The stake bishopric are the proper officers to administer the surplus retained in the stakes, and the stake high council is their constituted advisory council when dealing with problems arising in the course of such administration.

4. When found to be expedient, surplus funds may be loaned outside the stake, to be returned as may be agreed.

In case of disagreement between the stake bishopric and the Presiding Bishopric concerning the loan of funds outside the stakes, the advice of the stake high council should be obtained, and, in case of exigency, of the Standing High Council of the church.

5. The payment of stake funds to the Presiding Bishopric for general church purposes should be with the joint approval of the stake bishopric and the stake high council and, in case of exigency of the Standing High Council of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

April 14, 1927.

J. A. KOEHLER, *Secretary.*

It was moved by A. B. Phillips, seconded by J. A. Koehler, that this matter be referred for action to the First Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and presidencies and bishoprics of stakes.

Discussion followed by J. A. Koehler and D. T. Williams.

D. T. Williams moved as a substitute that this matter be referred to the First Presidency and Or-

der of Bishops with power to act. Seconded by J. A. Gillen.

L. G. Holloway and J. A. Tanner discussed the question.

Moved by J. F. Garver, seconded by L. W. Hayes, to amend the substitute by striking out all after the word *referred*, and inserting in lieu thereof the words *to the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric*.

Discussion by J. A. Koehler, A. B. Phillips, J. F. Garver, and F. H. Edwards.

The previous question was ordered.

The amendment to the substitute and the substitute as amended carried.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made.

Hymn 36 was sung. Benediction by Bishop B. J. Scott.

7.30 p. m. Auditorium: Program by the Graphic Arts Department.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 17.

6.00 a. m. Easter sunrise service on the main floor slab of the Auditorium, First Presidency in charge.

8.00 a. m. General prayer meeting in the Auditorium, President F. M. Smith and Patriarch F. A. Smith in charge.

9.30 a. m. Sunday school sessions at the Auditorium and at the local churches.

11.00 a. m. Preaching in the Auditorium by President E. A. Smith.

At the same hour a meeting was held in the Stone Church, preaching by J. F. Martin.

3.00 p. m. Preaching by President F. M. Smith in the Auditorium.

Overflow meeting in the Stone Church at the same hour served by loud speakers from Auditorium.

At 8.00 o'clock p. m. in the Auditorium the Independence Music Club presented the cantata, "David."

## MONDAY, APRIL 18

### ORDINATIONS

10.00 a. m. An ordination meeting was held in the Auditorium, Presidents E. A. Smith and F. M. McDowell in charge.

Hymn 139 was sung.

Prayer by President E. A. Smith.

Hymn 6-A in the pamphlet, was sung, followed by a short prayer and song service, prayers being offered by Evangelist W. A. McDowell, F. G. Pitt, and G. T. Griffiths.

Hymn 15 was sung, followed by a prayer of dedication by President F. M. McDowell preceding the ordinations.

The hymn, "Jesus, I my cross have taken," was sung.

President E. A. Smith briefly addressed the brethren about to be ordained.

Under the direction of Apostle J. A. Gillen, president of the Quorum of Twelve, ordinations took place as follows:

Leonard G. Hoisington ordained to the office of seventy under the hands of Apostles J. F. Curtis and J. A. Gillen.

Oliver A. McDowell, to the office of high priest by President F. M. McDowell and High Priest J. A. Tanner.

Calvin H. Rich, to the office of high priest by Apostles J. F. Garver and D. T. Williams.

C. B. Hartshorn, to the office of high priest by Apostles M. A. McConley and F. H. Edwards.

William Hamann, to the office of high priest by High Priest J. A. Tanner and Apostle R. S. Budd.

Prayers of blessing and consecration were offered in behalf of members of the priesthood by President F. M. Smith; and by President E. A. Smith in behalf of the unordained members of the church.

President F. M. McDowell delivered a short address to the congregation.

Hymn 68 in the pamphlet was sung.

Benediction by Evangelist F. A. Smith.

2.00 p. m. Business session.

President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn 31 was sung.

Prayer by Bishop Charles Fry.

The minutes were read and approved.

#### CABLEGRAM

The following cablegram from England was read:

*First Presidency, Independence, Missouri:* Midland District conference chapel, Egginton Street, Leicester, going fine.

HALL, MEREDITH, SCOFIELD, HOLMES.

LEICESTER, ENGLAND, April 18, 1927.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee presented an additional report:

*To the General Conference:* Additional report from Credentials Committee. During the conference we have regis-

tered 465 ex officio, 287 delegates exclusive of ex officio who registered as delegates, 416 visitors. Total, 1,168.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,

F. A. RUSSELL,

J. F. SHEEHY.

April 18, 1927.

## PROHIBITION

The committee appointed to formulate resolutions in regard to the question of prohibition reported as follows:

*To the Presidency of the General Conference:* Your committee to whom on April 11 was referred the resolutions indorsing the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and cooperation with the Anti-Saloon League of America, recommends the adoption of the accompanying declarations.

R. J. LAMBERT.

G. E. HARRINGTON.

1. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in General Conference of its membership, convened in Independence, Missouri, on April 6 and succeeding days of the year 1927, records its belief in the observance of the constitutional laws of the land, believing that therein lie the safety and freedom which God has designed for mankind.

2. The church believes in the laws adopted by the United States for the purpose of regulating and prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and individual use of alcoholic beverages, and regrets to see these laws broken, believing that the man who consumes these prohibited beverages forms the excuse, creates the demand, and compromises himself to support the illicit dealer and the defiant and illicit manufacturer engaged in liquor traffic; therefore that no one is above reproach who in any manner violates the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or the enforcement statutes supporting said amendment.

3. Our religious organization believes in the virtue of the principle of prohibition such as is contained in the Eight-

eenth Amendment and will earnestly work with any forces or organizations which are righteously endeavoring to see that such laws are enacted and administered. We do not believe that these laws should be repealed or modified—they should be rigidly enforced, at the hands of officers who believe in their virtue and efficacy.

4. The responsibility of each Latter Day Saint is to exert his mind and strength to the end that good and wise men be selected for office in local, state, and national capacities. Each must therefore seek to exercise the franchise extended to him, permitting no trivial or ordinarily difficult circumstance to keep him from the polls. He should also make insistent demand upon officers selected that they exert themselves to enforce the dry laws. We pledge ourselves to support men who make strong and consistent records for upholding and enforcing the prohibition laws, and to exert ourselves for the removal of any officer who is tardy or weak in these matters.

On motion of Lee Quick, seconded by C. W. Clark, the report was adopted unanimously.

#### COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

The Council of Presidents of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Council of Presidents of Seventy beg to submit the following report:

During the General Conference we have met in council capacity 13 times, held 3 joint sessions with the Quorum of Twelve, and met with the Joint quorums of Seventy 15 times.

We are very happy to report a most splendid spirit of unity and cooperation in all of these sessions. We can say with no degree of hesitation that the Quorums of Seventy are moving forward in intellectual and spiritual development.

We are deeply concerned, however, because of our very limited numbers. May we ask the Saints of God to pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the vineyard, and when your prayers are answered may you

sustain those laborers in the way our Lord has said his disciples would do.

Two vacancies occurred in our ranks this year by the ordination of Brother C. H. Rich to the office of high priest and the resignation of Brother W. P. Bootman. And two additions have been made by the selection of Brethren Leonard Hoisington and W. J. Vaughn to occupy in the Quorums of Seventy.

During our program this year, the following brethren have lectured: J. F. Curtis, Paul M. Hanson, E. J. Gleazer, F. M. McDowell, M. A. Etzenhouser, Doctor A. W. Teal, M. A. McConley, F. Henry Edwards, John F. Garver, J. W. Peterson, J. A. Gardner, and James W. Davis.

These lectures have all been of a very high order and have improved to a marked degree the character of our quorum meetings.

During the year the Presidents of Seventy have been actively engaged in the Master's service, three laboring as district presidents and the others as missionaries.

We leave this conference consecrated anew in the service of the Lord, and with renewed determination to press forward with clean hands and pure hearts to assist our brethren in the accomplishment of the wonderful work intrusted to the missionary arm of God's church.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY.

By ELI BRONSON, *Secretary*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 18, 1927.

## SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY

The Second Quorum of Seventy further reported:

*Supplementary Report of the Second Seventy*

*To the Presidency and the Conference; Greeting:* Additional items since our last report show 228 additional sermons. 281 other meetings attended, the whole number being 469.

Baptisms, 25.

Confirmations, 20.

Administrations to the sick, 676; Brother J. W. Metcalf reporting 549 of the latter.



The members present at this conference are: J. W. A. Bailey, Eli Bronson, A. H. Christensen, Roscoe E. Davey, James W. Davis, O. J. Hawn, W. E. Haden, Amos T. Higdon, Alvin Knisley, James W. Metcalf, J. W. Peterson, James Pycocok, James T. Riley, William E. Shakespeare, A. C. Silvers, J. D. Stead, William A. Smith, George W. Thorburn, E. L. Ulrich, and H. E. Winegar.

We have had three additional meetings with the First Seventy, at the latter of which it was arranged that when Brother William J. Vaughn shall be ordained he shall be enrolled with the Second Seventy.

J. W. PETERSON, *Secretary*.

Monday, April 18, 1927.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—BUDGETS 1928-1929

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric reported the following recommendation:

*To the General Conference:* At the suggestion of the Order of Bishops, the Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric recommended to the General Conference that the Appropriations Committee be authorized to prepare the budgets for 1928-1929.

Respectfully,

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,

*Acting Secretary Joint Council.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 18, 1927.

Moved by E. D. Bailey, seconded by R. T. Cooper, to adopt the report.

The motion prevailed.

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING FUND

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric presented the following report:

*To the General Conference:* The attached resolution received from the Order of Bishops has had the consideration

of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric and is recommended to General Conference for adoption.

Respectfully,

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,

April 18, 1927.

*Acting Secretary Joint Council.*

Committee appointed to work out the Christmas offering resolution presented the following:

*Whereas*, the Sunday schools have in the past made a splendid contribution to the church in the Christmas offering; and

*Whereas*, in the past year the Christmas offering has fallen below its former excellent record, and

*Whereas*, action has already been taken by the General Conference providing that these offerings be used with the general funds of the church for the extension of missionary work and the administrative needs of the church; therefore,

*Be It Resolved* by the Order of Bishops that special efforts be made to increase the Christmas offering in order that missionary work may be presented more effectually, and we suggest to each Sunday school that a minimum of two dollars per capita be fixed as the goal and that we invite the cooperation of the Sunday school officers with the General church authorities in reaching this goal; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That we fix the goal for the Christmas offering of entire church at \$100,000 for the current year; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That all Sunday schools be requested to transfer the Christmas offering collection to the local solicitor, bishop's agent, or district bishop not later than the 25th of each month.

A motion by E. A. Curtis, seconded by Jacob Halb, to adopt the report, prevailed.

#### AUDITORIUM

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops reported as follows:

*Whereas*, the General Conference on April 10, 1920, authorized the erection without undue delay of a conference building, and

*Whereas*, the membership of the church in response to such legislation pledged some \$800,000 for the erection of such a building, and

*Whereas*, the payments made on said pledges plus the accrued interest amount to \$494,018.58, and

*Whereas*, the sum of \$193,041.25 has been invested in said building leaving a balance due said fund of \$300,977.35, and

*Whereas*, the General Conference on April 13, 1923, directed the Presiding Bishopric to dispose of properties as designated by the High Council for the purpose of rehabilitating the Auditorium fund, and

*Whereas*, the present conference on April 14, adopted a resolution providing for the continuing of the building of the Auditorium as fast as the funds subscribed therefor are made available, or as may be provided for otherwise by General Conference or the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops, and

*Whereas*, it is necessary to make additional investment of some \$40,000 to fully protect the work already done in the Auditorium building in addition to the payment of the bill for structural steel already contracted and estimated at \$75,000, and

*Whereas*, the amount still due said fund plus the payments on unpaid pledges as they are made if invested will construct the building to the point to make the main auditorium available for use; therefore

*Be It Resolved*: That we look with favor upon the floating of a loan to be secured by the Auditorium property itself in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 as may be needed for the purpose of continuing the work on the Auditorium building.

O. Salisbury moved the adoption of the report.  
C. W. Clark seconded the motion.

The matter was discussed by J. A. Becker, who also answered a number of questions asked by members of the conference.

The motion to adopt the report prevailed unanimously.

## ADMINISTRATION TO THE SICK

The committee on administration to the sick reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* We your committee on administration to the sick report the following:

During the conference period, sixty-five administrations have taken place under the direction of the committee. Several favorable reports have come as a result.

Those participating in the administrations were Elders George Wixom, Swen Swenson, Richard Bullard, Richard Baldwin, W. D. Bullard, and Elder E. S. White of Michigan, together with the committee. By special request other administrations took place.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. HARRINGTON,

*In behalf of the Committee.*

## SUPERANNUATIONS

The Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric reported:

*To the General Conference:* The Joint Council of First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric desire to recommend the superannuation of the following conference appointees: G. W. Burt, J. C. Chrestensen, J. W. Metcalf, R. C. Russell, I. M. Smith, J. D. Stead.

In making this recommendation, the council wishes to acknowledge the service rendered and the contribution made by these men in the years past and to wish for them God's richest blessings in their declining years.

Sincerely,

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,

April 18, 1927.

*Acting Secretary Joint Council.*

On motion of J. E. Vanderwood, seconded by William Grice, the report was adopted.

## SUSTAINED

By a separate action, the following were sustained: First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, Presidents and Quorums of Seventy, Presiding Bishopric, Order of Bishops, Order of Evangelists, General Standing High Council, Quorum of High Priests, Mass Quorums of Elders, Architect, Auditor, Church Physician, Historian, Librarian, Secretary and Assistant, Traffic Manager, Graphic Arts Bureau, Order of Enoch, Social Service Bureau, Department of Statistics, Department of Publicity, Department of Music with A. H. Mills as secretary, Department of Women, Department of Recreation and Expression, Department of Sunday School, or Religious Education, and Radio Department.

The Ex Officio Committee on Church of Christ was sustained.

## PUBLIC PRESS

The following note of thanks was read:

*President F. M. Smith:* The secular press wishes to thank the General Conference for courtesies extended.

April 18, 1927.

J. B. McDONALD.

## APPOINTMENTS

The following lists of appointments were read, and on motion of E. A. Smith, seconded by Joseph Lane, were approved:

*Appointment of Members of the Quorum of Twelve  
By the First Presidency*

The appointments of the members of the Quorum of Twelve will be as follows:

Apostles J. A. Gillen and M. A. McConley to the Pacific Slope and Western States.

Apostle J. F. Curtis to Canada.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson to the European Mission.

Apostles John F. Garver and F. Henry Edwards to Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois.

Apostles D. T. Williams and E. J. Gleazer to the Middle Western States, excepting Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois.

Apostles Roy S. Budd and C. F. Ellis to the Eastern States.

### THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

#### PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

##### *First Presidency*

Frederick M. Smith, Elbert A. Smith, Floyd M. McDowell.

##### *Quorum of Twelve*

J. A. Gillen	J. F. Garver	D. T. Williams
J. F. Curtis	M. A. McConley	E. J. Gleazer
P. M. Hanson	Clyde F. Ellis,	Roy S. Budd
	F. Henry Edwards	

##### *Presiding Patriarch*

Frederick A. Smith

##### *Presiding Bishopric*

Albert Carmichael	Mark H. Siegfried
J. A. Becker	

G. S. Trowbridge, secretary.

P. G. Fairbanks, assistant secretary.

C. B. Woodstock, superintendent Department of Sunday School.

Miss Blanche Edwards, superintendent Department of Women.

Eugene Closson, superintendent Department of Recreation and Expression.

S. A. Burgess, historian and librarian.

John A. Gardner, general publicity agent.

Frank A. Russell, statistician.

Henry C. Smith, architect.

Amos E. Allen, auditor.

Doctor A. W. Teel, church physician.  
 M. A. Etzenhouser, Social Service Bureau.  
 G. S. Trowbridge, transportation manager.

*Stake Officers*

R. V. Hopkins, assistant pastor, Independence, Missouri.  
 C. Ed. Miller, assistant pastor, Independence, Missouri.  
 G. W. Eastwood, bishop, Independence, Missouri.  
 J. A. Tanner, president, Kansas City Stake.  
 F. B. Blair, bishop, Kansas City Stake.  
 O. Salisbury, president, Far West Stake.  
 Milo Burnett, bishop, Far West Stake.  
 W. S. Macrae, president, Holden Stake.  
 F. A. McWethy, counselor to W. S. Macrae.  
 J. A. Koehler, bishop, Holden Stake.  
 Wilber Prall, president, Lamoni Stake.  
 Roy Cheville, counselor to Wilber Prall.  
 G. Leslie DeLapp, bishop, Lamoni Stake.  
 A. J. Yarrington, counselor to G. Leslie DeLapp.

*Appointees 1927-1928*

Anderson, P. T., Denmark, M.  
 Bailey, J. W. A., Florida, Alabama, and Mobile Districts, M.  
 Baker, A. M., Central Illinois, M.  
 Baldwin, Richard, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, P.  
 Ballard, S. W., Northern New South Wales, M.  
 Barmore, A. C., Southern New South Wales, New Castle  
 objective, M.  
 Bath, William, Central Nebraska, M.  
 Bedwell, Ellis, Gallands Grove District, M.  
 Berve, Amos, Western Maine, Stonington objective, L.  
 Bevan, F. C., Nauvoo District, M.  
 Bishop, J. E., Kirtland District, M.  
 Blackmore, John, Far West Stake, Cameron objective, L.  
 Booker, Alma, West Virginia District, M.  
 Booker, N. L., Isle of Pines Mission, M.  
 Brockway, Lawrence, Southern Nebraska, Lincoln obj., L.  
 Bronson, Eli, Portland District, M.  
 Brown, B. E., Eastern Colorado District, L.  
 Bullard, Richard, Colorado, Utah, and Idaho, P.  
 Burt, E. N., Northern Michigan District, M.

- Burt, G. W., Superannuated.
- Burton, P. R., Spokane District, M.
- Campbell, L. D., London District (Ontario), M.
- Carlile, Joshua, Southwestern Iowa and Southern Nebraska District, P.
- Carr, T. M., Pittsburgh District, L.
- Case, Hubert, Central Oklahoma District, M.
- Chapman, W. L., Central Michigan District, L.
- Chase, A. M., Referred to First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
- Chrestensen, J. C., Superannuated.
- Christensen, A. H., Western Oklahoma, M.
- Christy, W. L., New York District, M.
- Clark, Thomas L., Pittsburgh and Wheeling Districts, M.
- Cook, M. H., Seattle and British Columbia Districts, L.
- Cooper, J. L., Northeastern Nebraska District, Omaha objective, L.
- Corbett, A. J., Southern New South Wales District, Australia, L.
- Cornish, J. C., Southern Australia, M.
- Curtis, E. A., Holden Stake, M.
- Curtis, J. D., leave of absence.
- Daniel, G. Scott, Little Sioux District, Sioux City objective, L.
- D'Arcy, O. L., Des Moines District, M.
- Davey, R. E., Northeastern Illinois District, M.
- Davies, E. H., Western Australia, M.
- Davis, E. A., Western Colorado District, L.
- Davis, E. R., Kewanee District, L.
- Davis, J. Arthur, Idaho District, L.
- Davis, J. W., Northern Saskatchewan District and Manitoba, M.
- Davis, James, Western Michigan and Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Districts, P.
- DeLapp, G. Leslie, Lamoni Stake, B.
- Doty, H. A., Palestine, M.
- Doty, B. H., Toronto District, M.
- Dowker, D. E., Northeastern Illinois District, L.
- Dutton, J. O., Southern Indiana District, M.
- Elliott, T. J., Southern New England District, Providence obj., L.



Etzenhouser, V. B., Northern California District, Oakland obj., L.

Farrell, R. W., Independence, L.

Farrow, P. E., Owen Sound District, M.

Farthing, R. J., Society Islands Mission, M.

Fligg, W. I., Southwestern Iowa District, M.

Fraccascia, Frank, Referred to Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and Apostles in field.

Fry, Charles, Kirtland and Northwestern Ohio Districts, B.

Fry, M. K., Little Sioux and Gallands Grove Districts, M.

Fulk, R. L., Southeastern Illinois District, M.

Green, C. F., Germany, M.

Greene, U. W., Referred to First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.

Gresty, J. T., New South Wales, P.

Grice, John R., Northwestern Ohio, M.

Grice, William, Southern Ohio District, L.

Griffiths, G. T., New York, New York, and Philadelphia and Southern New England District, P.

Gunlock, Robert, Minnesota and North Dakota Districts, M.

Gunsolley, J. A., Minnesota and North Dakota Districts, P.

Haden, W. E., Clinton District, M.

Halb, J. G., Southern Ohio District, M.

Hall, Abel, British Isles Mission, M.

Harpe, C. E., Northeastern Kansas District, M.

Harrington, G. E., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Districts, L.

Hartshorn, C. B., Des Moines District, Des Moines obj., L.

Hawn, O. J., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Districts, M.

Haworth, W. J., Australia, Missionary in charge.

Higdon, A. T., Spring River District, M.

Hoisington, Leonard, Germany, M.

Holloway, L. G., Wisconsin, M.

Houghton, Leonard, Kewanee District, M.

Hull, E. B., New York and Philadelphia District, Brooklyn obj., L.

Hunker, E. Y., Southwestern Iowa, M.

Hunt, C. J., traveling bishop.

Jenkins, George, Southwestern Kansas, M.

Johnson, C. O., Referred to First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve.

Jones, J. H. N., Victoria District, Australia, M.

Jones, R. E., Western Michigan, M.

Kelley, T. C., Clinton and Spring River Districts, and State of Oklahoma, P.

Koehler, H. A., Central Michigan District, M.

Kress, C. A., Eastern Iowa District, M.

Lancaster, J. E., Saint Louis District, M.

Lenox, E. J., Southern Wisconsin District, L.

Lentell, J. R., Southeastern Illinois District, M.

Levitt, G. P., Northern California District, M.

Lewis, George, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand, B.

Liston, M. W., Eastern Michigan District, Port Huron obj., L.

Loving, A. L., New Zealand, M.

McCall, A. D., Mobile District, L.

McDowell, O. A., Detroit District, Flint objective, L.

McDowell, W. A., Illinois and Wisconsin, P.

McNamara, Dewey, Central Oklahoma, Tulsa obj., L.

Martin, A. C., Seattle and British Columbia District, M.

Martin, J. F., Southern California, P.

May, J. Charles, Far West Stake, M.

Metcalf, J. W., Superannuated.

Minton, H. V., Holden Stake, M.

Muceus, Peter, Referred to First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve.

Mussell, F. T., Northeastern Kansas District, L.

Newton, Thomas, Kentucky and Tennessee District, L.

Okerlind, O. W., Southern Saskatchewan District, M.

Osler, William, Alberta District, L.

Parsons, A. H., Referred to First Presidency.

Patterson, William, Southern New England District, M.

Paxton, J. W., Alberta, Canada, M.

Peisker, E. A. H., Queensland and Northern New South Wales, M.

Peterson, J. W., Northeastern Missouri District and Far West Stake, M.

Phillips, A. B., traveling bishop.

Pitt, F. G., Southeastern Mission, P.

- Price, Harry, British Isles Mission, M.  
Pycock, David, Eastern Michigan, L.  
Pycock, James, Chatham District, Ontario, M.  
Quick, Lee, Spring River District, M.  
Rich, C. H., Utah District, L.  
Richards, G. T., Far West Stake, M.  
Riley, J. T., Southern Missouri, M.  
Robertson, E. F., Southern Nebraska District, L.  
Robinson, A. V., New Zealand, M.  
Robley, G. W., New York and Philadelphia District, M.  
Ruch, V. D., Referred to First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve.  
Rushton, J. W., Saint Louis District, Saint Louis objective, L.  
Russell, R. C., Superannuated.  
St. John, S. G., Owen Sound, M.  
Salyards, R. S., Holden Stake, M.  
Sandidge, J. L., Montana, M.  
Savage, H. W., Society Islands Mission, M.  
Shakespeare, W. E., Southern Nebraska District, M.  
Sheehy, John, Independence, Missouri, L.  
Sheppard, V. E., Spring River District, M.  
Shields, John, Ontario, P.  
Silvers, A. C., Northwestern Kansas District, M.  
Smith, C. J., Little Sioux and Gallands Grove Districts, M.  
Smith, Glaud, Southern California District, Los Angeles objective, L.  
Smith, H. O., Holden Stake and Saint Louis District, P.  
Smith, I. M., Superannuated.  
Smith, S. S., Arkansas and Louisiana, M.  
Smith, W. A., Northeastern Nebraska, M.  
Smolney, John, Germany and Poland, M.  
Sorden, D. B., Nauvoo District, Burlington obj., L.  
Stebel, Johann, Poland, M.  
Stead, J. D., Superannuated.  
Stoff, A. E., New York and Philadelphia District, Philadelphia objective, L.  
Stone, A. E., Maine, P.  
Smallwood, G. C., Eastern Oklahoma District, M.  
Thomas, J. A., Lamoni Stake, L.  
Thorburn, G. W., Montana, M.  
Tordoff, W. D., Kansas City Stake, M.

Twombly, Samuel, Northeastern Missouri District and Far West Stake, P.

Ulrich, E. L., Southern Ohio District, M.

Vanderwood, J. E., Central Texas District, M.

Vaughn, W. J., Southern New South Wales District, M.

Veenstra, Frank, Holland, M.

Velt, H. I., Southern Australia, M.

Weaver, R. D., Eastern Colorado, M.

Wells, G. R., Lamoni Stake, M.

Whalley, Peter, Southwestern Kansas District, Wichita obj., L.

White, Ammon, Eastern Iowa, Kewanee and Nauvoo Districts, P.

Whiting, Birch, Clinton District, L.

Whiting, Ray, Minnesota District, Minneapolis obj., L.

Wildermuth, L. O., Northern Wisconsin, M.

Williams, D. J., Hawaiian Territory, Honolulu obj., M.

Williams, T. S., Detroit District, Detroit obj., L.

Wilson, Newman, Eastern Maine, M.

Winegar, H. E., Southwestern Texas, M.

Wixom, G. H., Arizona, M.

Yager, J. H., Society Islands Mission, M.

R. J. Lambert moved, seconded by Ellis Short, sr., to authorize the First Presidency to convey an expression of thanks and appreciation to the various organizations and persons whose services had contributed to the comfort and welfare and entertainment of the conference and visitors.

The motion prevailed.

The minutes of the session were then read and approved.

#### ADDRESS—PRESIDENT F. M. SMITH

President F. M. Smith briefly addressed the conference as follows:

In the first place, in spite of the fact that we are meeting in the basement of an unfinished building, I think I can say without any danger of successful contradiction that we have been more comfortably housed, been taken care of as a gen-

eral conference better than at any previous general conference. Personally I am looking forward with the utmost confidence to meeting in the upper auditorium at our next conference. (Applause) This conference has been pleasing to me because it is stepping in the direction of having our conferences organized more nearly as I would like to see them, or if you like it better, and object to the word *organized*, working more nearly as I would like to see the conferences work. In other words, I hope to see the time come when our conference will be characteristically, helpfully educative, not forgetting the fact, of course, that we all come with the idea of being spiritually strengthened; and the splendid classwork that has been done this year, and the improved quality of the quorum work holds a very definite promise that we can realize something more nearly ideal in the future conferences than we have in the past.

Our conferences, in my opinion, should become more legislatively brief. Let me iterate that. I hope we will have less time given to legislation in the future than we have in the past, and I feel disposed to rather congratulate ourselves on this conference, because if you look back over your minutes, you will find, after all, we have not spent much time there in either discussing legislation or making it. We have spent a great deal of time in listening to reports, and that is right that we should, and in seeking information, and I hope that the future conferences will broaden their scope in carrying to the membership through the delegates and ex officios the information they should have in regard to the general activities of the church. And this, if it means anything, means that so far as the legislation of general conferences is concerned, it must become more departmental. That is to say, our legislation should be brought together, and I am only expressing the hope that the time will come that we will be so up to date that our work—I mean caught up with it—that we can enter into the opening session of conference, and assign to each department certain time during which legislation will be discussed, on what might be needed, for that particular department, and when we do we can listen to the reports from the heads of those departments. And I hope these reports will precede the legislation, so that every ex officio and delegate will be thoroughly informed as

to what the proposed legislation is and what its bearings will be. I have quite distinctly sympathized with the delegates in the past, and some of the ex officios, who came upon the floor of the conference and were expected to pass on questions they knew nothing about until it was projected upon the floor of conference, and we should have some way of bringing this to the attention of the delegates and ex officios so they will have time to discuss it in their groups or meetings.

I therefore look forward to the time when our quorum work will be arranged even better than now and that we therefore will save very much of the time that has been wasted in the past, and that will give us much more time for instruction in regard to the various departments, departmental workers, and quorums themselves, and also enable us to round out and develop a much more definite work for the coming year.

If I were to attempt to characterize the spirit of this conference, I would say that it was distinctly the spirit of service, for I do not believe there is an individual who has attended the class work, the quorum meetings, and the special general conference and prayer meetings but what has felt a distinct impetus in their desire to spend and be spent in the service of their fellow men, and particularly the church; and I would by all means leave this message with you, as we close our conference, Let us go from this conference, each ex officio and delegate, department worker, determining that he will carry back to the Saints at home, and to the citizenry and those who are looking to him for service, the good things of conference, and forget the unpleasantness that might have occurred. And while we are carrying back the good things, we will find ourselves lifted up as we are lifting the Saints on to a higher plane of good feeling. And good feeling is essential for progress. May the Lord bless us as ex officios and delegates, and make us strongly determined to carry the good things home and forget the others which we have received at this conference, is my earnest prayer.

A motion by J. F. Garver, seconded by Lee Quick, that this conference do now adjourn subject to resolution, prevailed.

Announcements were made, and at 4.00 p. m. the chair announced the conference formally adjourned.

Hymn 129 in the pamphlet, "God be with you," was sung.

President Elbert A. Smith pronounced the benediction as follows:

We are grateful, our heavenly Father, for the peace and benediction of thy Holy Spirit that has been with us. We thank thee for the increase of fellowship and brotherly love. Though we may have differed in sentiment and in opinion, we go from this conference more united than we have been before, and we pray that the spirit of service may be in our hearts during the year.

We would remember before thee those who labor as missionaries. Some will be in foreign fields; some in the home field. Wilt thou bless them in their labors. Bless their families in hours of loneliness and separation, that there may be rendered this year by those who go out to preach the gospel a service of light and of power greater than hitherto.

Be with those who shall act as pastors, that they may guide those who may be brought into the fold by the missionary arm of the church and lead them forward, and feed them, and educate and develop in them the character of Christ.

Be with all who shall labor in the departments of the church, and those who work together with the ministry in the affairs of business and of labor in the raising of the finances that shall carry the work forward.

We are grateful that we have been privileged to meet in such a large assembly, and we pray that when we meet again it may be with increase of numbers and under even better conditions. Help us to carry forward, we pray. Clear from before our path the obstacles that would turn us aside. As we have already been led to pray with the President of

the church, do not decrease our burdens but give us an increase of strength to bear them.

If there are any in the assembly who for any reason feel depressed or hurt in any way, pour into their hearts a balm of healing, that not one shall go from here at all in sadness. Lead thou them to look forward to the hour when they shall see as they do not now see the wisdom of thy providences. And those who rejoice, may they direct and guide their rejoicing into channels of service.

We have been stirred to the depths of our hearts at times, but we realize that this emotion will not help us unless it shall find expression in deeds; so may those deeds be in harmony with thy will and for the benefit of thy cause. We are human and prone to err; help us to do the greatest amount of good and the least possible amount of injury to thy work.

Guide and direct and be with us during the conference period, and when we shall meet again may thy sweet Spirit again attend us. In Jesus name, Amen.

FREDERICK M. SMITH,  
ELBERT A. SMITH,  
FLOYD M. MCDOWELL,  
*Presidents.*

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,  
P. G. FAIRBANKS,  
*Secretaries.*



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