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Conference Reports

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 excess 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. I.
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. Vander-Wood, 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, 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. Thornburn.

- 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. Stoff, E. B. Hull, Mrs. J. W. Hull, Harry B. Mann, Arabella Mann, Ira Merrick, John Zimmermann, sr., Anna D. Zimmermann, Mary Stoff, 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. Hol- loway, 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. Her- man 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 Mc- Lean, Joseph R. Osborn, S. W. Tomlinson, James A. Wilson, J. T. Whitehead, J. I. Prentice, Lily Ward, Er- nest 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, Glaud 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.

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 Dis-

tricts. 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, how-

ever, 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 lessons 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	
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		\$502.04
Total receipts in enrollment fees		<u>171.95</u>
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; cor-

responding 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
ILLINOIS						
Nauvoo	7	363	63		33.6	5
Central	9	554	52		74.12	30
Kewanee	12	550			280	
Northeastern	13	584			269.5	110
Southeastern	13	354	57		10	
INDIANA						
Southern	4	172		26	55	114.28
IOWA						
Eastern	8	345			169.4	38
Larion	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
KANSAS						
Spring River	21	980			200	5
Northeastern	7	272		12		60.84
Northwestern	7					5
KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE	4	152	2		100.5	110
MAINE						
Eastern	4	235				
Western	7	413	163			

DISTRICTS	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLL- MENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1925	1926
MASSACHUSETTS						
Southern N. E.	11	823				
MICHIGAN						
Central	22	800	25			334
Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana	18	560				279.65
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
MINNESOTA	5	221	4		221	30
MISSOURI						
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	1150	50		15	35
MONTANA						
Western	8	170			120.5	221.66
Eastern	3	126	12			294.66
NEBRASKA						
Southern	9	281	120			256.11
Central	8	250	25		136	
Northeastern	7	420				
NEW YORK						
New York and Pennsyl- vania	9	281			88.33	16.11
NORTH DAKOTA						
.....	7	121			88	180.40
OHIO						
Southern	17	725	15		325.67	368.90
Northwestern	7	312			20	120
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				

DISTRICTS	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLL- MENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1925	1926
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 education 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 department 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.					
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

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LOCALS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	CLASSIFICATION		
			A	B	C
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
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		

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF LOCALS	AVERAGE		CLASSIFICATION		
		ATTENDANCE	A	B	C	
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
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
Phœnix, 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
Honolulu, Hawaii	

E. E. CLOSSON.

INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In connection with the other departments, an Institute of Religious Education was organized and conducted at Lamoni, 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 activities 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 cooperation of this department in all its phases and activities with other departments, as well as with the general church program 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 in-

dustry, 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 considered 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 superin-

tendents. 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. Leon-	

ard, 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. Anderson, University of Minnesota Press	
Fundamentals of Child Training—Edwin A. Kirkpatrick, Macmillan	1.90
Individual in the Making—Edwin A. Kirkpatrick, Houghton-Mifflin	1.90
Psychology of Childhood—Norsworthy & Whitley, Macmillan	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 & Company	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 & Company	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 Children10

National Committee on Mental Hygiene

Habit Training—Thom10
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American Association of University Women

Guidance Material for Study Groups—Doctor Lois Hay- den Meek25
Chicago Association for Child Study and Parent Education and Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene .....	.10
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 expression 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 which-

ever department or combination of departments can best meet such needs. Thus class work, expressional activity, and sermon may all combine to inculcate definite Zionie 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 Cen-

tral 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 authoriza-

tion 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, Religio, 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 collection 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 Profes-

sor 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 unequaled 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	12,151.39	
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	1,306.35	
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		\$513,389.88

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, 192599,466

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, 1926100,669

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 date2,196
 Baptisms for year 192634

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

Releases 5
 Expulsions 7
 Deaths22

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 34

“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, 19251,229

Gain		Loss	
Baptism	48	Death	35
Restored	2	Expelled	58
	—	Corrections	2
Total	50		—
		Total	95

Net loss 45

Net enrollment December 31, 19261,184

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	

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.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

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.

On the following two pages will be found the statistical report of the Herald Publishing House.

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
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<i>Notes and Accounts Receivable—Trade</i>			
Notes		6,620.48	
Accounts		13,062.72	
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Less provision for bad debts		19,683.20	
		7,350.58	12,332.62
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<i>Intra-Church Accounts</i>			
General Church			
Notes	\$ 8,276.79		
Accounts	4,089.20		12,365.99
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Graceland College		1,083.34	
Standard Publishing House		3,970.20	
Local Branch and Departmental Acct.		382.15	17,801.68
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<i>Inventories</i>			
Materials and Supplies		4,429.49	
Goods in Process		20,855.60	
Finished Merchandise		17,339.23	42,624.32
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<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
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	\$122,548.44	\$ 35,637.54	\$ 86,910.90
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<i>Deferred Charges</i>			
Revision Expense—Inspired Translation		7,509.57	
Unexpired Insurance		937.18	8,446.75
Deposits on Public Utility Service Contracts			89.00
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			\$176,313.29
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LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

<i>Accounts Payable</i>			
Customers		\$ 459.25	
Refund Checks Outstanding		524.77	
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Total Liabilities			\$ 984.02
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<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
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			16,925.58

<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
	<hr/> 157,300.87
Deduct: Additional provision for bad debts to apply to prior years ac- counts	\$ 1,500.00
Interest and sundry minor adjust- ments—net	242.93
	<hr/> 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
	<hr/> 159,387.71
Balance June 30, 1926	<u><u>\$176,313.29</u></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 "employ- ment 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
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Out-of-town cases handled	144	
Independence, Missouri, cases	94	238
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<i>Number of persons affected in cases handled</i>		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
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PROBLEMS PRESENTED AND SERVICES RENDERED

Employment

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

Physical Disorders and Treatment

Nervous disorders	8
Tuberculosis	5
Epilepsy	1
Senility	8
Other physical disorders	46
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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
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Total services to those physically ill	52

Venereal Disease

Suspected venereal disease	6
Diagnosed venereal disease	7
Total cases suspected and diagnosed vene- real disease	13
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Cases of venereal disease treated	7

Insanity

Suspected insanity	2
Diagnosed insanity	2
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Total suspected and diagnosed insanity	4
Placed in the State Hospital for the Insane ..	2

Subnormality

Suspected subnormality	15
Diagnosed subnormality	6
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Total suspected and diagnosed subnormality	21
Mental tests given	14

Morals

Suspected juvenile moral delinquencies	2	
Acknowledged juvenile moral delinquencies ..	5	
Suspected adult moral delinquencies	2	
Acknowledged adult moral delinquencies	4	
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Total suspected and acknowledged moral delinquencies		13
Sex instruction and morals strengthened	13	

Court Cases

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	
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Total commitments		7
Released from Parental Home	3	
Children supervised by order of Juvenile Court	4	7

Delinquencies Not Brought Before the Courts

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

Homes for Children Inspected

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

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

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	
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 Tem- perance 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, teach- ers' 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
Total lectures and articles	33J

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 cam-

paigns, 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 reorganized 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 unequaled 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 instead 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	

Liabilities

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	
	<u>\$56,776.61</u>	<u>\$56,776.61</u>

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

ASSETS	Gross	Reserves	Net
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
Total liquid assets	<u>164,466.20</u>		<u>164,466.20</u>
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
Total receivables	<u>457,910.18</u>	<u>15,538.69</u>	<u>442,371.49</u>

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
Total real estate	2,494,419.80	46,930.00	2,447,489.80
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
Total miscellaneous assets	178,583.46	12,050.00	166,533.46
Total assets	\$3,295,379.64	\$ 74,518.69	\$3,220,860.95

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		
Total liabilities			\$ 660,858.44
Special fund reserves			553,157.52
Net worth			2,006,844.99
Total net worth and liabilities			\$3,220,860.95

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	
Total income		\$587,317.54

EXPENSES

Elders' expense	\$ 49,749.61	
Elders' expense contributed by Saints and friends	36,340.91	
Total	86,090.52	
Family allowances	234,058.64	
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	66,935.07	
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
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	\$ 66,935.07

Stakes

Independence	\$ 2,010.72
Lamoni	3,717.62
Kansas City	2,568.14
Far West	1,161.25
Holden	1,250.23
Total	\$ 10,707.96

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	\$ 46,367.08

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 organizations 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 ef-

iciency; 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.

Insert for Department of Statistics Report

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

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