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To the SEVENTY-FIRST
**GENERAL
CONFERENCE**



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Conference Reports

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

March 30, 1926.

To the Presidency and General Conference: The committee on credentials submits the following report concerning delegates to the conference of April, 1926. The districts named below have chosen one or more delegates in excess of the number permitted under the rules of representation. These excess delegates are the same as alternates and since permission to choose alternates has been denied by act of General Conference, the committee certifies delegates in the order named in the credentials, dropping the last name or names until the proper number of delegates is indicated.

British Isles: Midland, Southern, and Wales District.

Alberta, Central Michigan, Central Nebraska, Central Texas, Detroit, Eastern Maine, Eastern Oklahoma, Gallands Grove, Minnesota, Northeastern Illinois, Northwestern Ohio, Southern Michigan, Northern Indiana, Southern New England, Southern Wisconsin, Utah, Western Michigan, Western Oklahoma.

AUSTRALIA

Northern New South Wales District, 529 members, 5 votes:

George G. Lewis, George Mesley, W. Patterson, P. M. Hanson, J. W. Davis.

Norwood Branch, 140 members, 1 vote: Clyde F. Ellis.

Perth Branch

Queensland District

Southern New South Wales District, 875 members, 8 votes:

Sister Hanson, G. G. Lewis, J. Blackmore, W. Patterson, Sister Davis, G. Mesley, G. R. Wells, C. Ed Miller.

Victoria District

BRITISH ISLES

Midland District, 295 members, 2 votes: William Ecclestone, F. M. Cousins, Blanche Edwards.

Northern District, 735 members, 7 votes: R. Baldwin, Mrs. R. Baldwin, James E. Bishop, Charles Fry, G. W. Leggott, Mrs. G. W. Leggott.

Southern District, 229 members, 2 votes: James A. Gillen, Charles Fry, Richard Baldwin.

Wales District, 196 members, 1 vote: Lena R. Baldwin, Sidney Phillips.

GERMAN MISSION

Hanover Branch, 475 members, 4 votes: Harry Passman, Jacob Halb.

HAWAII

HOLLAND

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland Branch, membership not given: P. M. Hanson, M. A. McConley.

NORWAY: E. Y. Hunker.

PALESTINE

SOCIETY ISLANDS

SWITZERLAND

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Alabama District, 651 members, 6 votes: Alma Booker, Sister Alma Booker, Sister Rowe, T. C. Kelley, J. C. May, N. L. Booker.

Alberta District, 435 members, 4 votes: William Osler, Joseph Yager, Sister Yager, William Roy, J. F. Curtis.

Arkansas District.

Central Illinois District, 625 members, 6 votes: Emma Gannon, Eva Wandless, George Nowack, Amy Bolt, Mrs. J. O. Dutton, Frank Corcoran.

Central Michigan District, 1,659 members, 16 votes: William Grice, G. W. Burt, Mrs. George W. Burt, G. Earl Burt, Verna Burt, George Pringle, Elizabeth Pringle, Otto Bartlett, Matthew Umphrey, E. S. White, Mrs. E. S. White, S. T. Pendleton, Earl Falconer, Mrs. Earl Falconer, John D. Wade, Emory Fultz, Eugene Harder, Mrs. Mary Nichols.

Central Nebraska District, 455 members, 4 votes: Mrs. P. Rakow, Mrs. F. S. Gatenby, Mrs. B. Williams, M. E. Rutledge, Mrs. E. J. Gleazer, Mr. F. S. Gatenby.

Central Oklahoma District, 1,600 members, 16 votes: Mrs. O. L. James, Mrs. E. D. Bailey, Mrs. Ed Dillon, O. L. James, Mrs. Rex Rowland, Mrs. Iola Kueffer, Roy G. Peck,

Mrs. T. G. Williams, Pauline James, Alice McGeorge, Mrs. Peter Anderson, jr., Gottlieb Kueffer, Mrs. Gottlieb Kueffer, W. N. Goodwin, Armilla Sanders, Mrs. Hubert Case.

Central Texas District, 494 members, 4 votes: S. S. Smith, W. H. Mannering, R. M. Maloney, Carl G. Johnson, James J. Tipton.

Chatham District, 1,310 members, 13 votes: B. H. Doty, John C. Dent, Isaac Andrews, Richard H. Jones, Robert T. Brown, Margaret Andrews, D. Clatworthy, J. Leslie Brown, John Dent, A. R. Hewitt, Fred A. Smith, Bertha Curtis, Florence Parker.

Clinton District, 985 members, 9 votes: F. A. Hawley, C. W. Keck, Mrs. C. W. Keck, Mrs. F. C. Keck, J. W. Higgins, W. E. Haden, Frank Quick, Ross Higdon, J. A. Marstellar.

Des Moines District, 1,385 members, 13 votes: Henry Castings, Harmon A. Higgins, Mattie Hughes, E. G. Beye, William Robinson, J. L. Parker, Edith Higgins, Bessie Laughlin, Jennie Kirkwood, C. E. McDonald, George Orr, G. F. Hull, W. D. Tordoff.

Detroit District, 2,393 members, 23 votes: Viola Blair, Lena Coats, J. Charles Mottashed, Sarah Smith, William J. Tomlinson, Jeanette Tomlinson, Henrietta Davis, Mabel Brewster, John R. Grice, George Booth, Daniel Frappier, Myrtle Holden, William A. Tuttle, Effie Frisbie, Ida Robertson, Charles H. Robertson, Matthew W. Liston, Eva Liston, William Allen, Mary Allen, Leslie Maynard, Martha Fultz, Herman Fultz, Walter L. Bennett.

Eastern Colorado District, 1,711 members, 17 votes: B. E. Brown, Mrs. B. E. Brown, Mrs. S. C. Holm, Victor Willis, A. E. Bullard, J. D. Curtis, Zaide Salyards, Dora Wildermuth, Ward A. Hougas, Cordelia McCormick, George E. McConley, sr., Mrs. George E. McConley, E. P. Darnell, Ella Thompson, Irby D. Mundy, Frank Goddard, Helen Liggett.

Eastern Iowa District, 675 members, 6 votes: Mary Moses, Mrs. N. R. Newlin, Mary Bence, Mollie Davis, Mrs. O. W. Newton, George McFarland.

Eastern Maine District, 536 members, 5 votes: W. E. Rogers, N. M. Wilson, H. A. Chelline, Madeline Clarke, C. H. Rich, M. C. Fisher.

Eastern Michigan District, 1,922 members, 19 votes: M. W. Liston, G. T. Richards, Mrs. G. T. Richards, William M. Grice, William Davis, Myron Carr, Fred Cadow, C. C. Whitford, Benjamin McGeathy, Mae Engel, Lillian Gib-

- son, Pearl Morgan, Mrs. Fred Cadow, Elizabeth Whitford, Mrs. William Davis, John Ledsworth, Mrs. Wilbers Richards; Grace McGinnis, Jennie Booth.
- Eastern Montana District, 267 members, 2 votes: G. W. Thorburn, Samuel Andes.
- Eastern Oklahoma District, 940 members, 9 votes: Earl D. Bailey, H. E. Winegar, Mrs. W. E. Clinton, Gladys Clinton, J. S. White, B. F. Pollard, H. R. Harder, C. G. Smallwood, Ida Smallwood, Bertha Cragor, S. W. Simmons.
- Florida District, 755 members, 7 votes: Mrs. Rufus Vickery, W. J. McQueen, Mrs. W. J. McQueen, J. Charles May, T. C. Kelley, C. T. West, A. D. McCall.
- Fremont District, 436 members, 4 votes: William Eyler, Mrs James Barber, Mrs. T. A. Hougas, T. A. Hougas.
- Gallands Grove District, 939 members, 9 votes: F. T. Mussell, Robert Fish, W. A. Smith, Ben Fish, J. L. Butterworth, E. L. Edwards, Mrs. E. L. Edwards, Carl Winey, L. O. Meyers, Mrs. L. O. Meyers.
- Idaho District, 572 members, 5 votes: Sister McKnight, Sister Helen Hoisington, Sister Gladys Chambard, Donald Fletcher, R. L. Fulk.
- Kentucky and Tennessee District, 532 members, 5 votes: J E. Vanderwood, R. M. C. Ross, Mary Alexander, Mrs. T. C. Kelley, Mrs. Tennie Alexander.
- Kewanee District, 814 members, 8 votes: William Willets, E. R. Davis, B. E. Sartwell, O. W. Okerlind, R. G. Huntley, L. W. Stiegel, Mary E. Gillin, E. S. Phillips.
- Kirtland District, 1,147 members, 11 votes: T. G. Neville, Charles Fry, W. J. Sherman, Mary Sherman, Roy S. Budd, William Patterson, Josephine Papp.
- Little Sioux District, 1,887 members, 18 votes: Amasa Merchant, Charles Kennedy, Mrs. Charles Kennedy, Lloyd Harding, Gertrude Carlile, J. W. Lane, Mrs. W. R. Adams, R. L. Sheetz, Charles J. Smith, Mrs. George Meggers, Fred A. Fry, Ira Wilson, Elsie Stewart, Mrs. Mark Hutchison, Howard Reynolds, Charles Clark, Mrs. J. J. Killpack, Mrs. Iles.
- London District, 910 members, 9 votes: J. T. Curtis, J. L. Burger, John Shields, H. A. Koehler, Mrs. H. A. Koehler, Sister Vasbinder, Sister Maker, Sister Gray, G. C. Tomlinson, sr.
- Minnesota District, 595 members, 5 votes: Wesley Elvin, Philip Snuckles, Brother Bundy, Charles Johnson, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Sister Hastings, George Day, Mrs. R. Lister, Leslie DeLapp.

Mobile District, 782 members, 7 votes: Julia Black, Missouri Booker, Mrs. T. M. Carr, Lizzie Miller, Isabel Booker, Mrs. Henry Scarcliff, Henry Scarcliff.

Nauvoo District

New York District, 450 members, 4 votes: A. E. Stone, P. L. Weegar, R. S. Budd, P. M. Hanson.

New York and Philadelphia, 1,254 members, 12 votes: Harry Mann, A. E. Stoff, Mary Stoff, Paul M. Hanson, A. E. Stone, John Zimmermann, sr., Anna D. Zimmermann, Jean Gleazer, L. J. Ostertag, George Robley, John Martin, Mrs. William Hawkins.

North Dakota District, 490 members, 4 votes: M. Rasmussen, W. E. Shakespeare, William Sparling, Thomas Leitch.

Northeastern Illinois District, 1,075 members, 10 votes: W. A. McDowell, Mrs. W. A. McDowell, J. L. Cooper, H. P. W. Keir, F. B. Almond, Mrs. F. M. Cooper, Mrs. F. B. Almond, E. O. Byrn, J. E. Wildermuth, Harry Passman, Mrs. H. P. W. Keir.

Northeastern Kansas District, 624 members, 6 votes: Samuel Twombly, F. G. Hedrick, C. E. Harpe, C. H. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Crooker, Mrs. H. C. Pitsenberger.

Northeastern Missouri District, 396 members, 3 votes: B. S. Tanner, F. L. McKane, Roy Compton.

Northern California District, 1,831 members, 18 votes: Lizzie Parkin, Julia Mockler, Guy P. Levitt, J. A. Gillen, John A. Saxe, John D. White, D. T. Williams, Mrs. McRoberts, Louise Harter, Virgil Etzenhouser, Clyde F. Ellis, Frederick M. Smith, Cecil Hawley, John B. Carmichael, Mrs. John D. White, Ruth Clegg, Mrs. Virgil Etzenhouser, Roy S. Budd.

Northern Michigan District, 1,011 members, 10 votes: Allen Schreur, Sarah Schreur, Dirk Schreur, Milo Boomer, Hector McKinnon, E. N. Burt, Grace Schreur, Ada Alldread, Mary McKinnon, Wesley Alldread.

Northeastern Nebraska District, 1,200 members, 12 votes: Charles Guitar, Ben Case, P. R. Burton, Audentia Anderson, Mrs. P. R. Burton, P. S. Whalley, Mrs. P. S. Whalley, Benjamin Creel, Mrs. Benjamin Creel, J. T. Riley, Claude Carter, John Miller.

Northwestern Ohio District, 491 members, 4 votes: H. H. Harms, Walter Wirebaugh, Jacob Halb, O. J. Hawn, Everette Ulrich.

Northwestern Kansas District, 596 members, 5 votes: A. C. Silvers, John A. Teeter, Peter Schaben, Eva Teeter, Mark Williams.

Northern Saskatchewan District, 535 members, 5 votes: J. J. Cornish, C. E. Diggle, Fred Scott, A. M. Crawford, Lottie Diggle.

Northern Wisconsin District, 651 members, 6 votes: L. O. Wildermuth, W. A. McDowell, D. T. Williams, S. E. Livingston, Manly Shedd, J. H. Howe.

Nova Scotia District

Owen Sound District, 1,435 members, 14 votes: G. C. Tomlinson, John Shields, Percy Farrow, D. B. Perkins, J. W. Peterson, J. H. Taylor, Ernest Aelick, S. G. St. John, Chester Smith, M. K. Brown, N. E. Leeder, Mrs. J. H. Leeder, Mrs J. Shields, Amelia Taylor.

Pittsburg District

Portland District, 732 members, 7 votes: John Winholtz, George W. Howard, Eli Bronson, M. H. Cook, A. C. Martin, Lillia Livingston, Eunice Livingston.

Pottawattamie District, 1,575 members, 15 votes: Nels P. Johnson, C. A. Skinner, J. A. Hansen, George R. Beaty, H. H. Hand, G. J. Harding, Nels Hansen, William Bath, H. N. Kerns, P. T. Anderson, J. F. Mintun, D. E. Butler, O. A. Currie, Nellie Hansen, W. T. Spanswick.

Saint Louis District, 1,348 members, 13 votes: J. W. Rush-ton, R. Archibald, sr., E. C. Bell, J. W. A. Bailey, Mrs. Mathel Archibald, G. S. Trowbridge, A. E. McKim, Carl Wehrli, C. Larsen, J. R. McLain, G. F. Barraclough, Elsie Barraclough, W. C. Carl.

Seattle and British Columbia District, 1,081 members, 10 votes: Richard Hartnell, Mrs. Richard Hartnell, A. C. Martin, Mrs. Paul Parkhurst, James Johnston, Jessie Ward, Hattie Belnap, James A. Gillen, Clyde F. Ellis, J. J. Cornish.

Southeastern Illinois District, 1,300 members, 13 votes: F. Henry Edwards, Claud Brown, Mrs. Claud Brown, J. W. Paxton, W. W. Brown, Mrs. W. W. Brown, F. L. Sawley, R. H. Henson, Mrs. R. H. Henson, J. M. Henson, H. M. Curtis, Ruth L. Holman, E. W. Davis.

Southern California District, 1,596 members, 15 votes: P. R. Burton, Walter W. Smith, Doctor A. W. Teel, N. T. Chapman, Eunice W. Smith, Ida M. Teel, Flo Burton, W. L. Vail, Doctor Joseph Mather, Rosa Tier, David Carmichael, Wilbur D. Gillen, Anna M. Mather, J. A. Gillen, Margaret Wickes.

Southern Indiana District, 700 members, 7 votes: O. J. Hawn, J. W. Metcalf, William N. Hanner, Charles H. Fish, James Welch, Bernice Krichbaum, Mary Hanner.

- Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District, 1,652 members, 16 votes: F. M. Smith, S. W. L. Scott, E. K. Evans, Elmer Evans, Hazel Dexter, Percy Farrow, Louise Evans, Claude Garnett, E. B. Blett, Katherine Sayles, Lee Hutchins, W. E. Aelick, D. T. Williams, Manuel T. Ward, Mrs. J. J. Kutt, James Smith, Denison Smith.
- Southern Missouri District, 702 members, 7 votes: Mary Sparling, Hattie Bishop, Benjamin Pearson, Daniel Dortch, Henry Sparling, A. M. Baker, Louisa Luchsinger.
- Southern Nebraska District, 687 members, 6 votes: E. F. Robertson, Mrs. E. F. Robertson, C. H. Porter, Ruth McFarlane, Amy Parr, George Weller.
- Southern New England District, 1,165 members, 11 votes: T. J. Elliott, Lena Cook, Jennie Weeks, Louise Fox, Alice Rogerson, Alice H. Baldwin, Leah N. Traver, Sarah M. Fisher, Florence Fisher, Sanford Fisher, E. L. Traver, M. C. Fisher.
- Southern Ohio District, 1,610 members, 16 votes: G. T. Griffiths, James E. Bishop, Mrs. M. E. Horne, Roy S. Budd, John F. Martin, Mrs. H. E. French, H. E. French, J. A. Becker, Samuel Kriebel, S. E. Dixon, J. G. Halb, Paul M. Hanson, E. D. Finken, Floyd Rockwell, Jesse Hardin, Edith Woods.
- South Saskatchewan District, 310 members, 3 votes: A. Otis D'Arcy, Elizabeth D'Arcy, J. F. Curtis.
- Southern Wisconsin District, 578 members, 5 votes: E. J. Lenox, Mrs. W. L. Christy, Ward L. Christy, N. E. Hield, jr., Mrs. Leonard Houghton, W. A. McDowell.
- Southwestern Kansas District, 413 members, 4 votes: T. S. Williams, Mrs. A. A. Buschow, J. J. Madden, H. V. Minton.
- Southwestern Texas District, 614 members, 6 votes: D. S. Palmer, Mrs. Willie Barber, Ella Hanson, Eva Richardson, Elizabeth Edwards, Mary Barber.
- Spokane District, 740 members, 7 votes: Oscar Case, W. P. Bootman, Orpha Coleman, Mrs. M. E. Radenbaugh, Mrs. W. P. Bootman, Clyde F. Ellis, Mrs. Oscar Case.
- Spring River District, 1,774 members, 17 votes: F. M. McDowell, J. W. Jones, Mrs. E. E. Gilbert, Amos T. Higdon, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, E. E. Gilbert, Martha E. Evans, Mrs. E. F. Goettel, V. E. Sheppard, Mrs. V. E. Sheppard, C. A. Dooley, Mrs. C. A. Dooley, C. E. Wilson, Carl Hobart, F. L. Freeman, Thomas Richardson, C. O. Myers.
- Toronto District, 1,510 members, 15 votes: David Pycock,

James Pycok, James A. Wilson, John Shields, Mary Wilson S. G. Clark, Phillip Crump, E. G. Law, Lavis Law, Alice McLean, J. T. Whitehead, Hazel Weaver, William Williamson, Martha Williamson, William J. Bavington.

Utah District, 476 members, 4 votes: G. P. Levitt, E. B. Hull, Lizzie Daniels, Mrs. E. B. Hull, R. L. Fulk.

Western Colorado District, 323 members, 3 votes: R. E. Davey, J. Arthur Davis, Mrs. R. E. Davey.

Western Maine District, 600 members, 6 votes: Richard Baldwin, Lena Baldwin, M. C. Fisher, C. H. Rich, H. A. Chelline, Lewis Eaton.

Western Michigan District, 892 members, 8 votes: John Schruer, W. D. Ellis, Mrs. W. D. Ellis, W. G. Hubbard, A. R. Ellis, B. H. Doty, Blanche Edwards, Brother Wirebaugh, Katie Peek.

Western Montana District, 502 members, 5 votes: G. W. Thorburn, Mrs. G. W. Thorburn, Esty L. Smelser, Mrs. W. P. Bootman.

Western Oklahoma District, 671 members, 6 votes: A. H. Christensen, M. Crownover, Z. Z. Renfroe, Bertha Renfroe, Roy S. Budd, Emma Christensen, Charlie Wilson.

West Virginia District, 398 members, 3 votes: Thomas Newton, J. D. Shower, Clarence Germon.

Wheeling District: 602 members, 6 votes: Clyde S. Rice, William Richards, Roy S. Budd, James E. Bishop, Thomas L. Clark, John F. Martin.

Winnipeg District

Youngstown-Sharon District, 349 members, 3 votes: Harold Headley, Cecil Neville, James McConnaughy.

Branches not in districts:

Bisbee (Arizona)

Douglas (Arizona) 42 members, 1 vote: Elmer E. Long.

Eros (Louisiana) 145 members, 1 vote: J. E. Vanderwood.

North Platte (Nebraska)

Olive (Nebraska)

Phoenix (Arizona) 115 members, 1 vote: Mary A. Putman.

Pleasant View (Nebraska)

Spearfish (South Dakota)

Wagner (South Dakota) 54 members, 1 vote: Charles J. Smith.

Zion, 4,572 members, 45 votes: F. M. Smith, R. V. Hopkins, Ammon White, Elbert A. Smith, C. Ed Miller, F. M. McDowell, M. H. Siegfried, B. J. Scott, R. S. Budd, J. A. Becker, J. A. Gillen, A. Carmichael, E. J. Gleazer, C. F. Ellis, D. O. Cato, Hubert Case, F. H. Edwards, C. J.

Hunt, Ellis Short, sr., R. J. Lambert, H. O. Smith, Alice Edwards, E. L. Kelley, A. B. Church, Glaud A. Smith, Leonard White, J. M. Terry, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Frank Mussell, J. F. Curtis, N. Carmichael, A. K. Dillee, Ronald Carmichael, R. W. Farrell, Mrs. Ellis Short, sr., M. A. Etzenhouser, Mrs. W. L. Cowan, J. A. Gardner, J. E. Vanderwood, P. M. Hanson, George A. Gould, Delbert Whiting, Mrs. C. J. Hunt, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, Mrs. H. W. Harder.

Far West Stake, 2,555 members, 25 votes: O. Salisbury, E. S. Fannon, W. G. Hamann, John F. Sheehy, George W. Mauzey, George Peterson, H. L. Barto, Charles E. Wood, John Hovenga, Archie Constance, John Rowlett, Milo Burnett, Cora H. Lewis, James W. Powell, Mrs. J. L. Lentell, D. C. Dunlap, Elias Hinderks, Mrs. Charles Liggett, Mrs. M. A. Etzenhouser, W. W. Scott, George Glenz, Lorene Whitlow, Benjamin R. Constance, Thomas Fiddick, Sam Simmons.

Holden Stake, 1,728 members, 17 votes: Fred A. McWethy, W. S. Macrae, J. A. Koehler, C. F. Scarcliff, C. V. Hopkins, R. E. Burgess, R. D. Weaver, E. A. Curtis, G. W. Hancock, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, Lola Johnson, Edith Carr, Georgia Dillon, Mrs. W. S. Macrae, Roscoe P. Moorman, H. B. Thompson, James Duffey.

Kansas City Stake, 3,100 members, 31 votes: Mrs. F. B. Blair, John Tucker, J. A. Tanner, William I. Flegg, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. Fern Lloyd, Fred Cleveland, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mrs. Roy Newkirk, Margaret Cleveland, Mrs. H. W. Goold, Mrs. C. D. Jellings, Ira G. Clutter, Mrs. Evelyn Worden, Mrs. Sarah Hawkins, Ralph Goold, Jessie Tucker, Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Maude Gunsolley, Bernice Griffith, Elizabeth Evans, L. R. Moore, Mrs. J. A. Tanner, H. H. Wiltfong, Mrs. P. J. Brose, Julia Lloyd, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Hazel Shireman, Mrs. E. Dawe, Mrs. Bertha Smart, Mrs. Ida Combs.

Lamoni Stake, 2,308 members, 23 votes: W. E. Prall, A. B. Phillips, A. J. Yarrington, L. G. Holloway, J. A. Gunsolley, C. B. Woodstock, Blanche Edwards, J. E. Anderson, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, R. A. Ballantyne, George N. Briggs, Robert Campbell, N. Ray Carmichael, Charles F. Church, Ed Downey, Mrs. J. F. Garver, H. H. Gold, Mrs. Nellis Hogan, W. T. Shakespeare, Clara N. White, E. Dewey White, Mrs. Lydia Wight, William Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SMITH,
J. A. KOEHLER,
F. A. RUSSELL,

Credentials Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

To the First Presidency: We herewith submit the report of the Department of Sunday school for the year March 1, 1925, to March 1, 1926.

GENERAL STAFF

General Superintendent A. Max Carmichael was released from office by action of the General Conference of 1925, in which the nomination by the First Presidency of Charles B. Woodstock was approved. By mutual agreement Brother Carmichael remained in charge of the Department until July 1, 1925.

Blanche Edwards and F. M. McDowell have served as assistant superintendents in the department. Edward D. Moore was formally released as secretary on September 28, 1925, subsequent to his urgent request, since which date the secretarial work has been handled through the office of the general superintendent. Mark H. Siegfried has continued to serve as treasurer, and Anna DeJong Smith, 2903 Sullivan Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, has continued in charge of organized class work.

Aside from directing the work of the general department, from the date of his annual report, March 1, 1925, to July 1, 1925, A. M. Carmichael devoted a large proportion of his time to the training and supervising of the group of editors with whom he had been working in the preparation of new lesson material.

Charles B. Woodstock removed with his family to Lamoni and entered the office June 15. Early in July he entered upon extended convention and reunion work. In the nine months he has assisted in young people's conventions at Missouri Valley, Iowa, Chicago, and Kewanee, Illinois, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He assisted in reunions of the districts of Central Nebraska, Eastern Iowa, Kewanee, Little Sioux, and at Stewartville. He has personally traveled through the following districts of the church in company with local authorities in the interests of Sunday school work: Kewanee, Northeastern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, Spring River, Kansas, Southwestern Kansas, and Central and Western Oklahoma. In most cases he spent a week in each district, meeting with a separate branch each evening and making several branches on Sunday. He has also done an amount of constructive work in Independence, Kansas City, Saint Joseph, Council Bluffs, and in and about Lamoni. His memorandum shows a total of approximately two thousand miles traveled by auto and seven thousand miles by train. In this time he has had occasion to talk or lead discussions on Sunday school work one hundred and twenty-eight times and has preached fifty sermons.

About one fourth of the time of the general superintendent has been spent in the office in answering correspondence, with the office records, and in supervising the work of preparing the supplementary lessons for beginner, primary, and junior quarterlies. At the request of President Briggs, of Grace-land College, he has conducted a series of lectures and discussions on religious education as a part of the one-year course in religious education at the college.

The first and second assistants have continued to serve in an advisory capacity. Miss Edwards has handled an amount of office correspondence during the absence of the general superintendent in field work. Both assistants have ably represented the department in the field as occasion has been given at reunions, conventions, and on special programs.

The treasurer has served in his capacity as custodian of the funds of the department and as an adviser in all financial questions. We herewith submit his report.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Year ended June 30, 1925

Income and Expense

Sale of Gospel Quarterlies		\$14,031.78
Printing quarterlies	\$ 8,298.88	
Postage	466.99	
Editors' Salaries	1,547.35	

Total cost		<u>10,313.22</u>
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Profit		3,718.56
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Interest by Herald Publishing House		833.50
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Total income		<u>\$ 4,552.06</u>
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Office and miscellaneous expense of offices	680.12	
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Salaries of secretarial help	567.82	
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Traveling expenses of Sister Booker..	16.00	
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Expense of consulting committee.....	47.16	
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Net income		<u>\$ 3,240.96</u>
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Balance Sheet

Cash, Atherton Bank	\$ 1,500.00	
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Jackson County Bank	457.84	
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In hands of committee	8.57	
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		<u>\$1,966.41</u>
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Graceland scholarship fund	234.74
Account received Herald Publish- ing House	21,139.61
Furniture and fixtures	
Editorial department	25.00
Secretarial department	121.75
Superintendent's office	379.95
Superintendent's Library	62.79
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Automobile	589.49
	300.00
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Total assets	<u>\$24,230.25</u>
 <i>Present Worth</i>	
Balance at June 30, 1924	\$20,989.29
Add year's net gain	3,240.96
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	<u>\$24,230.25</u>

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, September 25, 1925.

I have examined the books and records of the Sunday school Department for the year ending June 30, 1925, and in my opinion the above statement of income and expense and balance sheet properly reflect the financial condition of the department on June 30, 1925.

G. W. EASTWOOD, *General Church Auditor.*

THE CONSULTING BOARD

On pages 3697-3703 of the published minutes of the General Conference of 1925, are set out in detail the history and progress of the special preparation of quarterly material under the general editorship of Superintendent A. M. Carmichael acting under the direction of the Consulting Board. The one project under way in March 1, 1925, was the preparation of a manual for reunion work. The entire board of five editors, together with Brother Carmichael, had entered upon an exhaustive study in preparation for their task and in preparation of lesson and project material for reunion work. This they wished to try out for purposes of verification and amplification under typical reunion conditions. This was done at Onset, Massachusetts, through cooperation with the Onset reunion committee. It was further tried out to some extent at Stewartsville, Missouri. Returning to Lamoni, the editors were set at once to the task of the preparation of a manual of projects, outlines, source material for general use of reunion workers. Three of the editors have been working full time and two part time during the year. Their work has been closely directed and supervised by A. M. Carmichael who

though doing work at the University of Iowa, has been with the editors over one or two week-ends each month. A detailed report of Brother Carmichael will be found in the report of the Consulting Board.

The scope of work of the Consulting Board has been materially changed in the developments of the past few years. Its scope has been broadened to include the supervision of the publication of all lesson material of the departments of Sunday school, of Recreation and Expression, and of Women. This has been done with the hearty cooperation on the part of the three departments.

For details of the work and recommendation of the Consulting Board, we refer you to its report:

Supplementary Quarterly Lessons

As a part of the work of the three editors putting in full time upon the preparation of new lesson material, they have prepared a series of supplementary lessons appearing in the beginner, primary, and junior quarterlies, beginning with the current April lessons.

It will be realized that the focus of attention in the new type of lessons has been centered upon the immediate experiences of the child and his present needs in an effort to assist him in a proper evaluation of his environment and the development of habits, attitudes, and ideals which shall make him an efficient member of his church and community. This change of emphasis should, if rightly understood and utilized, enable teachers to bring the beauties of the gospel, the word of God, and the rich heritage of gospel experience into the life of the child in a most advantageous way. It should reach its fullest purpose as it enables the child to make the little choices each day in a life which may grow to express the Christ ideal. Emphasis is laid upon immediate choices and acts rather than upon scriptural and historical events in the hope that the religious idealism of the church may be given functioning power as it is builded into the structure of everyday living through childhood, youth, and maturity. It is not anticipated that any change in method shall be hastily made. The new lessons are submitted with the hope that they may serve as a new suggestive approach to this phase of the problem of religious education.

Adult Supplementary Quarterly

To meet the demand of the adult classes for quarterly lessons after the three-year cycle of the present senior quarterly has been studied, we shall begin in July of 1926 the issuing of a new adult quarterly. The first year of this quarterly will contain lessons under preparation by Elder Cyril E. Wight.

It will be a course of study in the faith and beliefs of the church.

Normal Training

There continues to be manifest the most imperative need of trained officers and teachers if the Sunday school is to function as a mighty educational force in the preparation of a people who shall accomplish the Lord's work in the world. As compared with public school efficiency, our effort would make little showing except in certain isolated cases. We must recognize the need of a more thorough training of officers and teachers for the important tasks assigned them. We need to become familiar with the subject matter as discussed in our quarterlies and with other source material available for class use; we need to understand the nature, environment, and needs of our classes, and we need skill in the use of approved methods of teaching and training if we are to reach into lives vitally effecting changes which make for real character growth into the Christ ideal.

The normal training courses offered through the Extension Department of Graceland College offer the most ready opportunity for our people who are willing to take up a definite course of study. For a detailed report of the courses offered, we refer the reader to that part of the report of Graceland College.

We urge the formation of a normal training class in every Sunday school where possible. The courses offered by Graceland may be taken as a basis of study. Certainly every progressive school will have regular meetings of officers and teachers and we think constructive study of normal training courses should occupy the major part of their time.

District Supervision

The general department aims to keep in helpful touch with the districts of the church through its system of reporting and the correspondence based upon the content of reports. The system of score rating of districts introduced in 1921 is still operative. While this is a bit artificial and in some cases not a very true index of efficiency in a district, it yet does indicate in large measure the amount of official activity in the several districts.

In general the score rating gives credit to the districts for study done by the district officers: study represented either by obtaining certificates from the normal training courses at Graceland or by pursuing courses equivalent thereto, in any school, or by reading religious educational books, a list of which we send out to our district officers; credit for the visiting of local schools; the holding of institutes; corresponding

with local officers; and for subscription to church papers upon the part of district officers.

A complete statement of the score sheet and method of scoring is included, together with an amount of general suggestion and direction to district officers, in a booklet, "Instructions to Districts," which may be had from the Herald Publishing House at ten cents each. A copy of this booklet should be in the hands of every district officer.

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

DISTRICT	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLLMENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1924	1925
ALABAMA	4	200			160.33	87.5
Mobile	6	285			228	50
ARKANSAS					128.33	83
CANADA						
Alberta	6	240			5	177
Chatham	15	1,100			214.3	266
Toronto	16	809			20.8	36
London	10	352			5	40
Southern Saskatchewan	5	165	22		5	92
Owen Sound	19	675			15.5	23
Northern Saskatchewan	10	317	100		99.3	131.5
Winnipeg	2	51				16
CALIFORNIA						
Northern	13	583			187.9	181.7
Southern	12	492			97	285
COLORADO						
Eastern	15	535		130	389.3	278.67
Western	5	180		20	5	13
FLORIDA	7	252				5
IDAHO	4	156				52
ILLINOIS					22.5	33.6
Nauvoo	7	300				
Central	9	495	50			74.12
Kewanee	12	550			57.1	280
Northeastern	11	584	117		237.07	269.5
Southeastern	13	300		54	200	10
INDIANA						
Southern	6	224			5	55
IOWA						
Eastern	9	345	57		5	169.4
Lamoni	17	1,326		128	357.1	380
Fremont	5	194			256.7	5
Gallands Grove	10	409				66.5
Pottawattamie	11	816			969	105
Little Sioux	13	925		77	144	188
Des Moines	9	900	200		88.7	47.24
KANSAS						
Spring River	15	980			5	200
Northeastern	9	343			5	
Southwestern	6	250			69.25	200
Northwestern	7					
Kentucky and Tennessee	4	164	12		5	100.5
MAINE						
Eastern	4	235			5	

DISTRICT	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLL- MENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1924	1925
Western	8	250			5	
MASSACHUSETTS						
Southern New England	11	823				
MICHIGAN						
Central	26	966				
Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana	14	675			5	
Eastern	20	1,138	31		5.3	229.2
Western	13	428		22	5	352.51
Detroit	11	1,070			55	
Northern	16	650	150		5	8
MINNESOTA	6	217	20			221
MISSOURI						
Independence	9	2,884	77		5	325.5
Kansas City	14	1,465	33		5	25
Southern	5	167			5	
Saint Louis	12	1,300	100		5	
Far West	24	1,409			27	48.4
Northeastern	4	150			25	
Clinton	11	560		35	110.7	267.67
Holden	15	1,003		97	16.7	15
MONTANA						
Western	8	170			22.3	120.5
Eastern	3	114			45	28
NEBRASKA						
Southern	6	161			5	
Central	8	250	25		10	136
Northeastern	7	420		5	5	
NEW YORK	6	421	21			88.33
New York and Pennsylvania	10	671	25		5	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	121			5	88
OHIO						
Southern Ohio	18	725	15	12		325.67
Northwestern Ohio	7	312			5	20
Youngstown-Sharon	8	283				225
Kirtland	8	632	101			5
OKLAHOMA						
Eastern	7	190				
Central	9	799		54		539.67
Western	7	305			5	183
OREGON						
Portland	9	374	58			8
PENNSYLVANIA						
Pittsburgh	6	339			5	35
TEXAS						
Central	7	282				
Southwestern	2	94		6		185
UTAH	4	169		87	41.5	50
WASHINGTON						
Spokane	10	294		29		183.33
Seattle	11	479			5	79
WISCONSIN						
Northern	6	202			22.5	40.5
Southern	11	300	75			50
UNORGANIZED						
Alliance, Nebraska	1	30	16	10		
Tucson, Arizona	1	15	6			
Shadron, Nebraska	1	30				
Kingsburg, South Dakota	1	30	30			

DISTRICT	NUMBER SCHOOLS	ENROLL- MENT	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	SCORES	
					1924	1925
Bisbee, Arizona	1	41				
Douglas, Arizona	1	32				
WEST VIRGINIA						
Wheeling, West Virginia	6	403	51			186
West Virginia District..	6	179		19		223.41
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Totals	745	39,754	1,392	785	4,457.1	8,297.5
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MISSION SUPERVISION

The British Isles Mission has been organized under the direction of Elder John Judd as mission superintendent of Sunday school work. We have no statistical report from him, so are unable to report at length upon conditions in that field. Information from personal letters and from returned representatives of the church indicate a fruitful field for intensive work.

We are recently informed of the selection of Elder Walter J. Swain by the mission conference as superintendent of the Australian mission. We trust that under his leadership the schools may be more closely organized for effective work. We look for much progress during the coming year.

Elder R. J. Farthing, reporting for the Society Island Mission, lists twenty-two schools with an estimated enrollment of eight hundred. He writes of the extreme difficulty with which lessons are prepared, translated, and printed in the Tahitian language. He sends the office a complimentary copy of a recently issued book of twelve lessons for adults. He now has a process of printing a lesson book for children on "The life of Jesus."

A letter from Elder D. J. Williams, of the Hawaiian Mission, sends us a list of officers of the Honolulu school under William Kaco as superintendent.

RELATION TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The heads of the three departments, of Women, of Recreation and Expression, and of Sunday School, have had offices at Graceland College during the year. Our relationships have been most congenial and mutually helpful. Frequent consultation has been had tending to unify our work both within the office and in the field. The work of our combined offices has given part time employment to five stenographers who have been attending Graceland. We wish to express our appreciation of the services of some who are experienced stenographers and who have been able to make a most valuable contribution to the work of the departments.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. WOODSTOCK.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 4.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND EXPRESSION

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings: Our report to the General Conference of April, 1925, contained a rather complete statement of the aims, objectives, and organization of our department. Since along these lines there has been no change during the past year, we think it unwise and unnecessary to repeat.

The above mentioned report also contained a list of ten suggestions and recommendations governing the future activities of this department. These were adopted by General Conference resolution. It will be unnecessary to repeat these. During the year we have tried to be governed by this proposed program and believe that much progress has been made.

THE WORK OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Early in the conference year it was found necessary and advisable to turn over the details of this department to Brother Eugene E. Closson, the assistant superintendent. During the year Brother Closson has been in attendance at Graceland College and from there has taken almost complete charge of the detailed correspondence of the department. Brother Closson's report is as follows:

To the General Superintendent of the Department of Recreation and Expression: Since October, 1925, we have been carrying on the routine work of the Department of Recreation and Expression at the general office located at Graceland College. The first effort to arouse and encourage more efficient and constructive work in this department throughout the church was the continuation of the regular monthly letters to district superintendents. In those districts where we were unable to get in touch with the district superintendent, efforts were made to arrive at a general idea of existing conditions by writing to the president of the district concerned. Even this method did not in all cases bring results, so in December, 1925, letters were sent out to all branch presidents in the church asking their cooperation by encouraging the local superintendents of their branch to take renewed interest in their locals and to report their progress to the general department through the district superintendents.

Owing to the number of requests coming to the general office from local superintendents for practical helps and suggestions in carrying on the work in their locals, especially the programs and recreational activities, it was felt that it would be profitable to mimeograph copies of this material

and send it to all local superintendents who were interested enough to send in their names. This has been done for the last three months, and replies from locals receiving this material state that it has been much help to them and urge that the practice be continued.

Beginning with the November issue, we have contributed articles each month to the *Autumn Leaves*, the nature of these being to suggest practical recreation for the current month. We have also been able to interest a number of workers in the course in Recreational Leadership which is being conducted by the Extension Department of Graceland College. This course consists of twenty lessons based upon two textbooks, Powell's Recreational Leadership, Church and Community and Richardson's The Church at Play. The entire course costs \$4, which includes the price of the textbooks, the grading of papers, and the diploma.

A sixteen-page pamphlet entitled "Instructions and suggestions for workers in the Department of Recreation and Expression" containing statements explaining the general, district, and local organization, and also outlining numerous suggestions for class study, various types of numbers for programs and also activities to be held outside the regular study hour which include games, hikes, socials, etc., was published, and copies of same were sent out to all branch presidents and to all district superintendents. In some cases district superintendents requested additional supplies of these pamphlets in order that they could be placed in the hands of local superintendents. We still have a limited supply of these on hand, which will be sent free on request by writing to the general office in Lamoni.

We feel that there is a great field of opportunity before our young people in this department. In the past the cry has gone out for more efficient leaders. We feel that we could help the leaders we now have to do much more efficient work by furnishing them with more material to work from. Many have expressed themselves as being willing and anxious to work, and need only some suggestive material to help them get started. Personally, I have not been able to give as much time to this work as it needs, but I have tried to carry on the work until some one was appointed who would spend his entire time in working for the department.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The following table shows by districts something of the number of individuals reached, and the nature of the work carried on by the locals of this department. Of the sixty-three districts now organized, fifty-six are included in this report. Some of these figures are estimated while some of

them were obtained from last year's reports, as indicated on the report below. The reason for including these old figures is that we were unable to secure an adequate report from a number of district superintendents for the current year, and those failing to report last year have necessarily been omitted entirely.

An interesting part of the table is that which shows the classification of the locals. Of the 274 locals reported, 174 or 64 per cent are listed as Class A, (meaning that these locals carry on programs, including literary, social, recreational, and expressional activities, in addition to regular study classes); 75 or 27 per cent are listed as Class B, (meaning that these locals carry on regular literary programs in addition to regular study classes); and 26 or 9 per cent are listed as Class C, (meaning those which limit their activities to class study only).

The total average attendance for the year is 383 more than last year. There has been a net gain of four districts and a net gain of 31 locals. This does not include several flourishing locals in unorganized territory. Although this report shows a gain in the number of districts, locals, and average attendance, the percentage of locals listed under Classes A, B, and C remain the same as shown on last year's report.

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					
Mobile	2	28			2
ARKANSAS					
Arkansas	1	20			1
CALIFORNIA					
Northern	8	300	8		
Southern	5	254	5		
CANADA					
Alberta	1	26			1
Chatham	7	188	6		1
South Saskatchewan	1	14	1		
COLORADO					
Eastern	5	132	5		
FLORIDA					
* Florida	2	55			2
ILLINOIS					
Central	2	47			2

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF		AVERAGE	CLASSIFICATION		
	LOCALS	ATTENDANCE		A	B	C
* Kewanee	7	150		1	6	
§ Northeastern	8	190		2	3	3
INDIANA						
Southern	2	21		1		1
IOWA						
Des Moines	7	327		7		
Eastern	5	103		5		
§ Fremont	3	60 (inc.)		3		
§ Gallands Grove	8	146		4		4
Lamoni	10	436		7	1	2
* Little Sioux	8	289		1	7	
Pottawattamie	6	257		3	3	
KANSAS						
Northeast	3	63		3		
* Southwest	4	112		2		2
§ Spring River	6	208		2	4	
KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE						
Kentucky and Tennessee	4	86		3	1	
MASSACHUSETTS						
§ Southern New England	9	298		4	4	1
MICHIGAN						
§ Central	6	169			3	3
Detroit	9	245		9		
§ Eastern	6	145		6		
§ Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana	7	292		7		
Western	5	77		5		
MINNESOTA						
Minnesota	2	68		2		
MISSOURI						
Clinton	8	188		4	2	2
* Far West	15	510		8	7	
§ Independence	8	350 (inc.)			8	
§ Kansas City	12	573		12		
§ Holden	10	415		8	2	
* Saint Louis	7	185		3	1	3
MONTANA						
§ Eastern	2	72		2		
NEBRASKA						
Central	2	45		2		
Northeastern	1	22		1		
NORTH DAKOTA						
North Dakota	1	20		1		

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF		AVERAGE	CLASSIFICATION		
	LOCALS	ATTENDANCE		A	B	C
OHIO						
§ Kirtland	5	144		3	2	
Northwest	3	105		2	1	
§ Southern	9	325		7	2	
OKLAHOMA						
Central	3	70		3		
Eastern	2	65		1	1	
Western	1	40		1		
OREGON						
§ Portland	3	85		1	2	
PENNSYLVANIA						
Pittsburgh	3	52		2		1
TEXAS						
Central	2	51			2	
UTAH						
Utah	2	27		2		
WASHINGTON						
Seattle and British Columbia	9	175		7	2	
Spokane	3	95		1	2	
WISCONSIN						
Northern	1	35		1		
Southern	3	101		2		
	274	8,556		174	74	26

Explanation of abbreviations:

* Approximate figures.

§ Taken from last year's report.

(Inc.) Incomplete report from all locals.

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

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

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

Under the direction of this department the third International Young People's Convention was held at Lamoni, June 4 to 14, 1925. In spite of the disruption in the church and the proximity of General Conference, this convention was believed by many to be the most successful ever held.

Enthusied by the slogan "This year we sail Zionward which

is our course," the young people left Lamoni with a spirit of grim determination, whole-hearted and intelligent consecration, and a faith that knows no denial. Such has borne fruit we verily believe in the endowment campaign and in many other ways throughout the year.

There is need that the International Convention find a more definite place in the program of the church as a whole. We believe it is of sufficient importance that consideration might well be given to the plan of holding General Conference every two years and the convention on alternate years.

CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, REUNIONS, ETC.

During the year the general superintendent has visited points in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Florida, Alabama, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario. These trips were usually made in the interest of the general church or at least on behalf of more than one department. At all times, however, we kept the special work of this department in mind. In a number of instances district or state young people's conventions were held with uniform success and enthusiasm.

QUARTERLIES

Throughout the year the department has continued to publish two quarterlies, i. e., senior and junior. The two-year course in Book of Mormon was completed with the fourth quarter's issue in 1925. The current senior quarterly contains reprints of two courses; namely, "How to teach religion" and "History of the development of the stewardship idea in the church." The current issue of the junior quarterly contains a series of stories on "Interesting men and women in all walks of life."

In addition to the above we have distributed a number of back numbers of the senior quarterlies covering a variety of subjects.

We have continued to work with the other departments and the consulting board to the end that a greater variety of courses of study be made available. The nature and extent of this work will be covered in the report of the consulting board and that of the Sunday school superintendent.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The general superintendent has been separated from the office of the departments this year, the latter having remained at Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa. Throughout the year we have had however 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.

OUR FUTURE POLICY

Our plan is to continue the administration of this department along the lines laid down in these reports and especially in the program adopted by the General Conference of 1925. All of this of course is subject to any action the General Conference desires to take.

We pledge the cooperation of the department in all its phases and activities with other departments as well as with the general church program as a whole. We have no other thought than the successful triumph of the cause of Christ and the establishment of Zion. To this end the Department of Recreation and Expression is dedicated, and to this end it expects to continue to strive.

Most respectfully submitted,
F. M. McDOWELL, *Superintendent.*

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

In presenting the annual report of the Department of Women, it may be useful to begin by calling attention once again to the purpose of this department. The great goal of the church is to bring to its members an incentive and a means by which mankind may daily approach more nearly the Christ ideal, so that finally all may come "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." The Department of Women exists to translate this objective into feminine terms, such as can be applied directly to the lives of our sisters, that they also may see the vision, and seeing, be so inspired, that in their spheres, they would "go on to perfection."

For the majority of our members, the home will be the chosen field of accomplishment. Realizing this, and knowing what a mighty factor in the development of Zion's ideals the

home can be, our immediate goal is the raising of the standards of home life. There are many of our members, however, whose contribution to the advancement of the world will be made through agencies other than that of direct home making. The needs of these groups are not forgotten in our program. Rather it is our desire to help our women and girls everywhere to see their problems, to solve them in terms of the teachings of the Master, and to work out their solutions in lives that shall radiate happy, intelligent devotion to our most worthy ideal. It is the charge of the general department to see that this vision does not become dim to the eyes of any local; to hold it up as a lode-star for each group; to enter into cooperative relations with other agencies and departments to the end that this purpose shall be more speedily accomplished.

In order to facilitate the realization of this objective, the following organization has been effected:

GENERAL EXECUTIVE STAFF

The executive staff of the Department of Women is as follows: Blanche Edwards, superintendent; Mrs. Ida Pearson Etzenhouser, first assistant superintendent; Miss Blanche Sampson, secretary; Mrs. Alice M. Cowan, superintendent of Department of Women in Zion; Mrs. Jennie Robinson Yingling; Miss Nellie Sampson, supervisor of young women in Zion; Mrs. Anne Friend Roberts, general cradle roll superintendent; Mrs. Lydia Thomas Wight, specialist in mothercraft.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Throughout the United States and Canada we have eighty-five districts, the major portion of which are in charge of active superintendents. The district superintendent of the Department of Women is our only district officer. But she may call to her assistance such help as the needs of her district demand, assigning to each one the specific task desired but 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.

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, very ably cared for by Mrs. G. H. Parker; British Isles, with a superintendent in each of the four districts; Norway in charge of Mrs. Zella Ruch; Hawaii; South Sea Islands; and the West Indies; while the Indians are cared for by Mrs. B. F. Creel, of Nebraska.

PHASES OF THE WORK

Cradle Roll Department. This work comes, at present, under the supervision of the Department of Women, but we urge very close cooperation between this department and that of the Sunday school. We are happy to report that the general work has been under the devoted and able care of Mrs. Anne Friend Roberts and that it is continually becoming better understood. As yet, however, the far-reaching significance of cradle roll work has not been realized in every local. It is to be hoped that greater publicity and support will be given to its advancement.

Home Department. By means of this department every member, no matter how isolated, can keep in touch with church developments, maintain her interest, and increase her knowledge by systematic study. This work brings to the department very heavy responsibility in that it seeks to arouse and strengthen the interest in the work of the Sunday school and Department of Recreation and Expression as well as the Department of Women. Because of this, greater cooperation is necessary if friction is to be eliminated and the maximum amount of benefit accrue.

Young Women's Bureau. It is a matter of great congratulation to report a decided increase in the numbers of our girls organized as Blue Birds, Orioles, and Temple Builders. But greater joy is ours when we reflect that the needs of our girls are being recognized and more definite effort is being made to supply those needs.

Only a few years ago the American girl, along with her sisters from abroad, was at home. "To-day our factories depend on her, our offices would close without her, our stores, our hospitals, and our public schools need her for their very existence. The nerves of the community, in its telephone system, function only through her faithfulness and her morale. Whose business is it to see that this transition from home life and protection to community service is made without paying too heavy a price? Who knows what the girl thinks in this new world? Flung in a little more than one generation from dependence and sheltered repression, where the traditions of centuries were her safeguard, into economic

freedom and a social liberty unknown in history, there are plenty of voices to criticize, plenty of hands to throw stones, but who brings to her help, experience, sympathy, imagination, and faith? Who shows her the real glory of life, the laws that operate in it? The world's future depends in great degree on her decisions; will she raise or lower the levels of family life? Who will interpret the past to her in terms of an unknown future? Will the sacrificial spirit inherent in women for ages still survive? Will she be an asset or a liability as a citizen? Will her spiritual instinct hold true in a world where the emphasis is heavily materialistic?*

*Mrs. E. B. Speer

Recently, a great artist, speaking of a certain country, said that country was full of Main Streets, but on every Main Street there were two beautiful things: the trees and the young girls. He asked to have the beauty of both preserved. The Young Women's Bureau purposes the preservation of the more beautiful of these two glories. Shall we see it through?

"HERALD"

This avenue for the extension of our work has not been utilized as much as we would have liked. We have not been unmindful of its value and entertain the hope that in the near future we may be able to once more avail ourselves of its privileges.

"AUTUMN LEAVES"

A portion of our young people's magazine is still devoted to the Young Women's Bureau. The heading "Parthenon" no longer differentiates between this section and others, but the contributions are still made. At the time of the last report our subscription list numbered but one thousand and two hundred. Since then there has been a steady increase, resulting in a larger and better constructed periodical. We solicit your continued interest and support.

SANITARIUM AND HOMES

The care of the sick and aged has always made a strong appeal to our sisters. Consequently the needs of the Sanitarium and the Homes are not forgotten. Throughout the year our members have availed themselves of this means of service. From various parts of the country contributions have been received, and in this way many who have never seen these institutions take a very real interest in their maintenance and well being. We take this means of expressing our thanks for the cooperation already demonstrated and trust that in the coming year many more will give themselves the joy of participation.

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 in pamphlet form. Price, 35 cents.

10. We recommend that the women make a systematic study of the normal training course now conducted by the Religio-Sunday School Normal Training Department, Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa.

11. We further recommend that all who can do so, especially those who have supervision of girls or young women, will take the course now being conducted by the Extension Department of Graceland College, that of "Recreational Leadership." For further particulars write this department at Graceland College.

12. Home Building. Price, 40 cents.
 13. Recreation in Home, by L. Wight and R. Roberts.

OTHER VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR READING AND STUDY

Problems of Child Welfare, by George B. Mangold	\$2.85
Children, Well and Happy, by May Bliss Dickinson65
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
Ten Talks to Girls on Health, by Augusta Rucker	1.00
Foods and Household Management, by Kinne and Cooley	1.50
Father and His Boy, by T. W. Galloway	1.00
How to Teach Religion, by George Herbert Betts.....	1.35
Costume Design and Home Planning, by Estelle Izor Peel	1.00
Play in Education, by Joseph Lee	1.90
Womanhood in the Making, by Margaret W. Eggleston	1.60
Misunderstood Children, by Elizabeth Harrison	1.35
Boy Behavior, by W. H. Burger	1.25
The Unadjusted Girl, by William Thomas	3.90
Elementary Home Economics, by Mary Lockwood Matthews	1.40
Feeding the Family, by Mary Swartz Rose	2.50
The Family and Its Members, by Anna G. Spencer	2.10
Leadership of Girls' Activities, by Mary E. Moxey65
The Church at Play, by Norman E. Richardson	1.50
The New Interior, by Hazel Adler	4.50
Interior Decoration, by Frank Alva Parsons	4.10

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 this is far from the ideal. Some activities of greatest benefit, and of deepest significance and of 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.

CONFERENCES AND REUNIONS

Throughout the year the general superintendent has visited various parts of the country in attendance of reunions, conferences, conventions and other gatherings of the people. The greatest of courtesy and consideration has been extended and the appreciation and enthusiasm with which the work has been received have made these trips most enjoyable. In most cases, although special attention was given to the work of this department, the work of the Sunday School and Department of Recreation and Expression was also cared for. The following shows our schedule:

May, 1925, Council Bluffs; Chariton, Iowa.

June, 1925, Young People's Convention, Lamoni.

July, 1925, Auburn, New York.

August, 1925, Eastern Michigan District, Central Michigan District, Northern Michigan District, Western Michigan District, Detroit District, Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan District.

September, 1925, Independence, Missouri.

October, 1925, Columbus, Ohio.

October, 1925, Saint Marys, Ohio; Kirtland, Ohio.

November, 1925, Young People's Convention, Kewanee.

December, 1925, spent in office.

January, 1926, spent in office.

February, 1926, Ames, Des Moines district conference, Young People's Convention at Detroit, district conference at Saint Louis.

March, 1926, convention of women and girls at Independence, Missouri.

In addition to these, much work has been done by correspondence, and special meetings have been held by local and district officers.

APPRECIATIONS

It would be unbecoming to conclude this report without mentioning the work of some of our officers. In doing this, we recognize that much excellent work has been done that has not been brought directly to our notice. We are grateful to the unnamed many who have striven so faithfully throughout the year. Away from the limelight, far removed from the

plaudits of the throng often working under very trying conditions, is a band of stalwart women who unceasingly labor at their posts. To these our heart goes out in gratitude and thankfulness, for they are accomplishing more than they realize and in addition are making our work possible.

Special mention is due to Mrs. Ida Pearson Etzenhouser for her willing and efficient contribution and her sympathy and sound advice; to Mrs. A. M. Cowan for her untiring work in Zion; to Misses Nellie and Blanche Sampson for their excellent work with the girls in Zion; to Mrs. Anne Friend Roberts for her work in the cradle roll department, and her cooperation in the supervision of the baby clinic in Independence; and to Mrs. Lydia Thomas Wight for her unfailing devotion. I wish further to express my appreciation for the work of my secretary, Miss Eva Mifflin. During my frequent absences from the office, due to field work, Miss Mifflin has very ably cared for our interests. Many responsibilities have been placed upon her; many emergencies have had to be met. At all times she has given the highest satisfaction. Her work has been offered in a splendid spirit of earnest, happy devotion and her cooperation has made working with her a distinct pleasure.

GENERAL OUTLOOK

All over the church the year has been marked by a more persistent searching for the essentials of life. Our sisters are realizing with increasing clearness the responsibilities that are theirs, and alongside this realization comes the determination to qualify. There are more study classes being conducted than last year and more life and vitality in the locals. There is still, however, a great need for us to study the problem of how more of our girls and women may be made aware of unrecognized educational needs, and stimulated to desires as yet unfelt. We must further realize that all adult education must start where the student is ready to start, whether this be with a sewing class or a class in social hygiene. The point from which we start is not so vital, but it matters very much indeed where we come out. We cannot be content until we have found for every member the means of attracting her toward that education which will satisfy her deepest needs.

CONCLUSION

The past year has been full of endeavor; very strenuous in many ways. It is too much to hope that the wisdom and spiritual insight necessary to insure taking the right course at every decision has always been available. The desire has been to meet, as far as means permitted, the needs of our women and girls. The year has brought problems but also

many joys through association with the Saints. As I think of the consideration, the sympathy, and the fellowship that have been mine, I am deeply grateful. I fully appreciate the help that has come to me in my attempt to help the Cause. Without this cooperation and love, my work would be impossible; with it, it has been a joy to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
BLANCHE EDWARDS.

March, 1926.

GRACELAND COLLEGE

To the First Presidency: The following reports of the president and treasurer of Graceland College were at a formal meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at Lamoni, Iowa, March 11, 1926, adopted, and by motion made the report of said Board of Trustees of Graceland College to the First Presidency and General Conference.

N. RAY CARMICHAEL,
Secretary of the Board.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 11.

To the Board of Trustees: In conformity with custom, I take pleasure in submitting herewith my annual report:

THE ENDOWMENT

As a result of General Conference action in April, 1925, the recent requirements of the Accrediting Association for Colleges in the form of a permanent endowment for Graceland College was unanimously approved.

This unanimous action on the part of the conference seems to have carried over into the stakes, districts, branches, and homes of the Saints everywhere. The unity with which the endowment-stewardship campaign was carried on in even the most remote parts of the world evidences the response of the Saints to the program of the church and the college.

Although some branches have been delayed in making complete returns of subscriptions, there is every evidence that nearly everyone responded to the call of the church in a most whole-hearted manner.

The latest compilation of the thousands of subscription blanks shows a total of \$287,770.06 subscribed with \$135,000 already paid in cash. This is 47 per cent of the total subscription, with five monthly payments yet to be made. It is confidently believed that practically every subscription will be paid by July 15, the final date for payment, thus assuring the proper standing and accrediting of the Junior College. I am

certain that everyone rejoices in this very fine response on the part of the Saints. It places a renewed obligation on the college. The trust thus manifested by the Saints everywhere makes us sense anew our responsibility in the general forward-looking constructive program of the church. Our chief endeavor will be to prove true to this added vote of confidence.

RACE BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CATASTROPHE

One of our most distinguished philosophers recently has said that America's answer to the many burning questions of the day will largely determine what our future citizenship will be, the character of her leadership, and the course of her destiny; indeed, her very existence is wrapped up in their intelligent answer. Probably the most important thing which H. G. Wells said while he was in America was, "We are in a race between education and catastrophe. There is not a moment to lose. They are running neck and neck and have rounded already the turn for the home stretch. The stakes are tremendous. The call to throw all our applause and encouragement to education is here, to-day and now." The response on the part of the church in the endowment campaign evidences its stand on the importance of education so far as Graceland College has a part in the educational program of the church.

From the very beginning the church has fostered education. The University of Nauvoo was the first municipal university founded in the United States, a fact which is not generally recognized or at least acknowledged by the large number of present-day municipal colleges and universities in this country.

There is no escaping the responsibility of our educated citizenry in this country, and there is ample evidence that the church and the Saints are whole-heartedly in favor of the largest participation possible in the educational program called for.

GYMNASIUM AND CONVENTION HALL

As has been reported to you previously, the new Iowa State law on the subject of physical education requires teacher training institutions to provide facilities for effective courses in athletics and physical training. The construction of the gymnasium to meet this state requirement has been approved by General Conference action. Some financial help has come from General Conference appropriation, but the bulk of the funds required to construct the building has come from subscriptions from many sources. The building has been available for limited use for over a year. With the assistance of many friends of the college various sums have

been subscribed during the past year materially reducing the amount needed to complete the building. It is recommended that provision be made to secure the sum yet needed so that the college gymnasium can be finished ready for occupancy in September.

ACCREDITING

We continue to enjoy full recognition by the State, Regional, and Federal Accrediting Associations and agencies.

Our graduates from the teacher training courses are granted Iowa State Certificates. Through the reciprocal relations with many of the other States, Iowa certificates are transferable, thus enabling our graduates to enter the teaching profession in other States.

Graceland is in the process of expansion from a junior college, offering two years of college work, into a full four-year senior college. During this period of transition, we are offering three years of college work, which has been fully accredited by the Iowa Intercollegiate Standing Commission.

Due to this recognition, our three-year graduates are enabled to enter the universities of the country and receive their degrees in a single year of residence study.

DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Following are extracts from reports showing some of the activities and interests of most importance:

RELIGIOUS LIFE

J. A. Gunsolley, Patriarch to the College

Not the least in importance among the many good things offered Graceland students is the opportunity for religious development.

With the expenditure of a billion dollars a year by the United States on its schools and colleges, it is a sad commentary, though true, that too frequently the graduates come out without a Christian education.

Materialism, which is essentially unchristian, has made rapid strides in our educational institutions in recent years. Modernism, which is a challenge of the divinity of the Bible and the Christian religion, is to-day testing the stability of both the churches and the schools, if not the Nation itself.

"It is an axiom that whatever is put into the schools is later found in the life of the nation. To-day the tendency towards materialism, unrest, and lack of religious faith would indicate that perhaps the separation of education and religious instruction has something to do with the case. In any event, these conditions exist:

"There are twenty-seven million young persons in the

United States not enrolled in any Sunday school or other institution of religious training. There are fifty million persons not identified with any church. Most of the so-called intellectuals who scoff at Christianity and the present system of government are products of certain American colleges and universities.’”

Graceland has always emphasized the teaching of Christianity and the sacredness of the moral code. She believes that education without religious instruction is not real education; that knowledge in itself has no moral efficacy; that a student should be taught how to live as well as how to make a living. Many of her graduates and former students are in leading quorums of the church and in other important lines of church service and community activities.

To provide for the spiritual and religious phase of the development of her students, Graceland and Lamoni offer ample opportunity. The community upholds and promotes a very high order of civic righteousness, vice being well controlled and crime almost unknown.

The two churches of the town extend a hearty welcome to Graceland students. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has here the second largest branch organization, and a Sunday school, Religio, and Department of Women proportionately large, in each of which special provision is made for serving the interests of the students. The young men of the priesthood are given opportunity to occupy in the line of their ministry, and other young people, both men and women, are enlisted in active service as circumstances allow.

A special prayer and testimony meeting is maintained for the college and such others as care to participate, being held in the college chapel Wednesday evening in charge of a member of the college faculty, who is also a member of the presidency of the Lamoni Stake. Ward prayer meetings are held in various parts of town where students are welcomed when they care to attend for greater convenience. Once each month all midweek meetings give way to one large union meeting at the church. Also the first Sunday of each month a large sacrament meeting is held, where all are expected to attend. Effort is made to secure the attendance of all students at religious services.

Religious and devotional services are conducted at the assembly periods. These services are characterized by addresses, speeches, music, prayer, etc., of a high moral and religious tone, holding before the students worthy ideals of life, and discouraging everything of a low and undesirable order.

Recognizing that perhaps the strongest influence entering

into the life of the student, other things being equal, comes from contact with the instructor, the management of the college endeavors to place on the faculty only persons who are religiously, morally, and socially clean, fit examples in work and in conduct to set before our fine group of young people who assemble from year to year.

The student in Graceland who goes wrong, or fails to profit by his associations, does so because he either deliberately prefers to do so, or is determined to follow such a course in spite of the good influences calling to him in the direction of the higher things of life.

PERSONNEL BUREAU

Lonzo Jones, Academic 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 best 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.

Probably the most outstanding development this year is in the first phase of the bureau. The endowment drive for the college brought the college before practically every member of the church. With this attention directed on the college, it has offered a very splendid opportunity for advertising the college and bringing it to the attention of high school graduates who are interested in pursuing their college work. A consecutive system of advertising is now being carried on to which there should be a very splendid response.

The third phase of the bureau is not specifically organized, but all members of the faculty and all the alumni do their best to help Graceland students find employment and recommend the best schools for them to attend.

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 personal 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.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

Mabel Carlile, School of Music

At present we are witnessing an unprecedented interest in the study of music as a cultural subject. Time was when music was a luxury available only to the wealthy, but the talking machine and radio have released it from the opera

house and symphony hall and spread it over the country for all to enjoy. One cannot escape music; it is in the church, the theater, the political meeting, the eating houses, and at all social gatherings. Consequently it has become a necessary part of any school or college curriculum to furnish opportunity for both the musical and unmusical student to participate in musical activities either as a performer or a listener. If music can engender an interest which will lead to participation, expression, and interpretation, we have a real educational power in the life of any individual.

Since leading educators and sociologists are agreed upon the important place that music must take in the well-rounded education of the individual, our present concern at Graceland is to furnish the best means and methods for bringing about these desired results.

At present Graceland maintains four teachers in the music school: Mabel Carlile, instructor in public school music, academic music studies, and choral activities; Jessie Mae Norris, piano and harmony; Doris Gieselman, voice; and Joseph Anthony, band and orchestral instruments. To the student especially interested in music is offered graduate courses in piano, voice, band and orchestral instruments, and public school music. The latter is a fully standardized three-year course under the state department. The work is fully accredited and gives its graduates a state teacher's certificate in music.

As extra-curricular activities, Graceland maintains several musical organizations of a high standard. The Oratorio Society is organized to reach all who are interested in choral singing. It is the largest regular choir in the State of Iowa and also maintains a high choral standard. During the year members participate in standard anthems, secular choruses, and the oratorio "Elijah." Comparable to the Oratorio Society is the Graceland Orchestra, which is equally valuable in the field of instrumental music. The orchestra is steadily increasing in numbers and ability to handle artistically difficult compositions. In connection with orchestral work, notice should be taken of the splendid work accomplished in the public schools of Lamoni through their affiliation with the music school at Graceland. At present Mr. Anthony is instructing about one hundred children on some band or orchestral instrument. He maintains two bands, two large orchestras, and one mandolin club in the public school. Music lovers are visioning an active future for Lamoni and Graceland in the instrumental field. The director is now planning an orchestral festival, to be given in the spring, which will unite all these forces.

Keen interest has been developed at Graceland in an an-

nual music contest between the four literary societies. This contest involves both vocal and instrumental numbers and has awakened a wide interest in music among the students. It has been very gratifying to note the high caliber of the numbers produced in this contest and to see a true artistic ideal among our students. We feel that the department has reached the many as well as the musical few. At present about eighty per cent of Graceland's students are actively interested in some musical organization.

FORENSICS

Forest Roberts, Director of Forensics

The forensic work the last year has been conducted upon the usual basis. Every student is a member of one of the four literary societies constituting the Athenian Federation.

The students gain literary credit and development through participation in society programs and inter-society contests. It is gratifying to note the large number of participants in the contest activities. The major contests are declamatory, debate, oratorical, short-story, and extemporaneous speaking. The last year some forty college students tried out in the extemporaneous speaking contest. This is quite typical of the general student participation.

The past year the Athenian Council has added a music contest to the list of society activities. Thus far it has proved highly successful and bids fair to become a permanent annual affair.

The decrease in academy membership has forced us to drop the inter-society academy debates. The other contests are still open to the academy students, however, so they still have ample opportunity for forensic development.

DRAMATIC ACTIVITIES

Ruth Fisher, Director of Dramatics

Since the Greeks first began to put their national traditions and ideals into their great dramas, the play has been a real force in the lives of all cultivated peoples. In all ages of the world it has been a most potent factor for good or evil, depending largely upon the taste of the audience of the time.

During the past few years there has been more participation throughout the United States in amateur dramatics than ever before. Even before the war had drawn its thousands of men and women from regular life, there were indications of a wide spreading of dramatic interest. At the present time, hundreds of public schools have flourishing dramatic clubs. Almost every college and university in this country has established a department of dramatic art. There are

some ten thousand acting groups connected with churches. About twelve years ago, the "Little Theater" movement was begun and grew slowly for years. When the World War was over, it swept with a rush all over the country.

The Dramatic Club at Graceland College is known as the "College Players," the object of the club being to encourage the development and appreciation of dramatic art. Any college student successfully meeting the requirements is eligible for membership. Rigid try-outs are held at the beginning of the school year.

With the enlarged program of plays on account of the use of the Coliseum and the growing interest in dramatics among the college students and community, the selection of plays for public performance is of even more importance than ever before. The players aim to present a well-balanced program of the *best plays* during the year. The public taste of the community should be elevated rather than catered to.

Perhaps the most outstanding performance of the players this year was "Outward bound," by Sutton Vane. This is a drama of the after life and is an original and impressive picture of a company of the dead on a ship bound to the other world.

There is a need for the educational use of the noblest drama and intelligent training of the dramatic instinct. President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard has said, "The theater holds a trust second in importance to no other for the education of American youth and, therefore, for the intellectual and moral welfare of the country." The drama is a great educational force. It used to be said that the mission of the stage was merely to amuse, but its function does not stop there. It attempts to inspire to larger living and to educate by giving men and women through stage interpretation a deeper and more intimate understanding of life. There is throughout the country more and more demand for the clean, wholesome play that not only amuses and entertains but inspires and instructs.

It is necessary that the College Players select only the best plays—plays that have some literary value, real characters, and plays with good moral standards. Many hours a day for several weeks are used in learning and repeating lines and in analyzing and growing into a character. If these lines are silly and trivial, if the character is weak and mawkish, untrue to life, so much time is worse than wasted for both the actor and for the public. The spoken, acted drama is a translation of a dead book play into life itself. To imagine oneself in the character of the person in a play, to live the life of another, think his thoughts, feel his emotions,

should make one better, more sympathetic, more kind to his fellows the rest of his life; should lead to greater success in college, in business, and more power in the professions. For is not much of the secret of full living to know and love your fellow man?

In casting the plays, it is necessary to use discretion. For instance, if a student is easily influenced, it is better to give him a part in a play that will help him to bring out the best that is in him rather than one that will do him harm. It is best to improve if possible those who are engaged in the presentation of the play, but at least be on the safe side and spoil no one.

There is no better way to hold the young people of the church than through the dramatic club. It will help them use their spare time to the best advantage. Some one has well said, "What we earn while we work, we put into our pockets, but what we spend during our leisure time we put into our character." The dramatic club is one of the best means for securing supervised recreation. Where there are groups of young people who have little interest in church activities, it is possible to transform them into active units by the organization of a dramatic club. The possibilities of such a club are manifold. Not only does the club serve as a great educational influence in developing artistic tastes along literary lines, but, under wise supervision, becomes the medium to direct the emotion of youth toward spiritual ends.

SYSTEM OF GRADING AND STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION

J. C. Bergman, Registrar

The grades and the number of grade points given for each semester hour of a certain grade are as follows:

- A Excellent, superior, which earns four points.
- B Very good, above average, which earns three points.
- C Average, which earns two points.
- D Fair, slightly below average, which earns 1 point.
- E Poor, barely passing, which earns no points.
- F Failing.
- Inc. Incomplete.
- Con. Condition.

In a three-hour course, for example, if the grade for a semester is B, the student is credited with nine grade points; if the following semester his grade is C, he receives but six grade points, or a total of fifteen for the year in the one course.

For graduation from any department of Graceland College, an average of 1.5 grade points for each semester-hour

is required; e. g., in a sixty hour—a regular Junior College—course ninety points must be earned before a student can be graduated.

Enrollment for Current Year

A comparative study of the college enrollment on October 15, 1924, and October 15, 1925, shows as follows:

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Special	Total
1924	95	80	22	9	206
1925	92	72	30	6	200

or a total loss in the college proper of six students. A report of the status of the enrollment in 18 Iowa colleges for the years above mentioned shows a relative decrease in seven of the colleges. Hence Graceland is not the only college that has felt the stress of the times and consequently a decrease in the enrollment.

The enrollment for the current year to date February 24, 1926, is 257 as compared to 336 at the same time last year. The current enrollment is divided as follows:

Juniors	30
Sophomores	75
Freshmen	92
Total in college	197
Academy I	6
Academy II	8
Academy III and IV	13
Total	27
Religious Education	5
Special students	10
Studio	18
Grand Total	257

ATHLETICS

A. R. Gilbert, Director of Physical Education

Our intercollegiate athletic teams for the year seem to have been a little below standard. Our football record was good, although we won but one game and tied one, losing the remainder. The team we won from (Chillicothe Business College) won the championship of the Missouri State Con-

ference, and the team we tied lost only one game during the season, to Missouri Wesleyan College. Scores were, in almost every instance, close, and without exception we left behind us a record for clean playing and good sportsmanship that cannot but reflect favorably upon the college. Our basket ball record has been poor from the standpoint of games won. The sport is young in the college, this being but the second year of competition. We have endeavored to play only high grade teams however, and have been able to give some high class teams a real battle—notably our game with Central College in which we played three extra periods to lose to them by one point. Track prospects for the year, along with tennis, are only fair. Our competition, on the whole, has been with schools superior to us in equipment, number of students, and experience. We have curtailed the practice time on varsity athletics for the reason that most of the boys are working in the industrial department, and if we should practice the amount of time that a college usually does it would detract enough from scholastic activities to prove a serious handicap.

Intramural competition has been carried on in the following activities: Playground ball, volley ball, basket ball, and, during the spring, in tennis and track and field. Almost all the physically fit students have participated in this program with benefit to themselves. We consider the intramural department one of the most important in our entire physical education program. It is possible that more competition in individual and small group activities will help out in our administrative difficulties.

In our physical training instruction, we have attempted to give instruction in the fundamentals of recreational games, besides making the classes recreational and constructive in order to meet the needs of student life. The plan is to make the training in fundamentals function in intramural competition. In this we have succeeded quite well, raising the standard of individual and team play, and giving a number of students an incentive to play by reason of their increased ability. The work of quite a number of students has made it necessary for them to be excused from instructional work.

The gymnasium has made it possible for us more adequately to take care of the needs of the students in physical education, and has also been the means of establishing pleasant relations with many of the other colleges, notably, Park College, of Parkville, Missouri. The business men of the town have met one evening each week for games and physical exercise. During the basket ball season they discontinued, but now that the season is about ended, the business men plan to come out again until the end of the school year.

DORMITORY LIFE

Roy A. Cheville, Dean of Herald Hall

The college has consistently followed the policy of maintaining dormitories for housing its students. It is believed that this community life under sponsorship is most conducive to wholesome relationships, good academic habits, and beneficial adjustments to the college life. Nonresident students are required to live in the dormitories unless excused by special permission. In reality the home life of the students centers around the residence halls of the college.

At present four dormitories are maintained. Marietta Hall cares for about 30 men and Patroness for about 45 girls; the upper floor of the new building erected in 1920 has been continued as a residence hall for girls; and the Herald building continues as a men's dormitory. This last building is separate from the campus and maintains a community life in some respects apart from the other dormitories. Increased dormitory facilities are needed, especially for the women students.

Each of the halls is in charge of a dean, or supervisor, who works in conjunction with the general administration. Under these a reasonable regulation of hours, discipline, and plan of conduct is maintained to insure the best interests of the individual and the harmony of the general life. This supervision is also extended to the non-dormitory students, and only homes of good repute are allowed to house them.

Each dormitory, under the sponsorship of the dean, manages their collective affairs of social and expression activities. For this purpose house organizations are effected. Plays, choruses, receptions, etc., have been provided by the several dormitories during the year. The contacts of this phase of the college life are some of its most valuable contributions in the making of personality. The student who omits this side loses much of the spirit and meaning of Graceland.

The past year has proved one of the most successful years in promoting a wholesome, congenial home life among the student body. Better reception rooms or parlors are a present need.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

H. H. Gold, Director of Extension

This department is being maintained for the convenience of those who find it difficult or impossible to attend school but who are interested in preparing themselves for better service and who feel that pursuing systematic courses of study is one of the best ways of making such preparation.

The following is a report for the year ending March 1, 1926:

Academic Courses	Enrollment	Number of students completing the course since March 1, 1925
Algebra I	4	2
Algebra II	2	
Bookkeeping	2	1
Ancient History	5	
Commercial Arithmetic	2	1
Composition and Rhetoric	7	2
Grammar	8	1
Medieval and Modern History	7	3
History of Education	10	3
Public Speaking	2	1
Psychology	5	2
Principles of Education	3	2
Recreational Leadership	80	8
Sociology	5	2
Totals	142	28

Religious Normal Training

	Enrollment	Certificates issued during year
Section I	248	10
Section II	89	15
Section III	75	6
Section IV	37	6
Section V	13	1
Totals	462	38

During the year we have issued diplomas for the completion of all five sections of the Religious Normal Training Course to the following:

- Guy M. Smith, Denver, Colorado.
- Rose Page, Independence, Missouri.
- Mrs. Jennie M. Parker, Joplin, Missouri.
- Elva T. Sturges, Phoenix, Arizona.

TEACHER TRAINING

Eva Lewers, Department of Teacher Training

The Department of Teacher Training is making a most rapid and progressive growth, as the following data will confirm. Definite information was not available relative to all our graduates, but the following is indicative:

1923-24 Placement

Number enrolled	42
Number placed (recorded)	28
Number teaching in high school	14
Number teaching in grades	14
Salary range for all reported	\$85-\$166.66
Average salary	\$133.41

Teachers contracted in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, South Dakota.

Eight enrolled in the following schools: Ames, Harvard, Kansas University, Illinois University, Iowa University.

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 reenrolled 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 Normal School.

Observation and practice-teaching requirements are afforded through cooperation with local rural schools, Lamoni public schools, and Graceland Academy. The academy provides teaching opportunity for practically all teachers enrolled in high school methods. Our third-year teachers manage the physical education classes in the local high school.

The college is especially gratified with the large number of student-teachers who have returned to their Alma Mater for advanced work. The acceptance of our certificates in a number of other States is a factor that speaks for the high standard of work accomplished in this department.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

N. Ray Carmichael, Business Manager

Over one hundred and twenty young men and women, among whom are students from Palestine, Australia, the West Indies, England, and Canada, and from Maine to California, have been given opportunity to help meet the expenses of their education by assignments in the Industrial Department.

These young people have been employed by the college and in homes and business houses of Lamoni, as stenographers, office assistants, bookstore clerks, laboratory assistants, nurses, physical training assistants, teaching assistants, gardeners, canning-plant assistants, janitors, hall girls, rug mill operators, motion picture operators, night watchmen, cooks, and commissary supervisors, kitchen and dining-room help, clerks, housekeepers, firemen, plumbers, steam-system repair men, general repair men, laundry men, farm and dairy help, and many other pieces of work which are assigned for short periods.

Every year there is an increasing demand for work by those who have not sufficient money to pay all of their expenses. The problem of assigning work to so many young people and in jobs all of which carry a great deal of responsibility is greater every year. The problem of assigning work to those who most need it is one that requires careful consideration. Every year there are those who insist that they must have help who really can get assistance from parents or relatives.

In Graceland there is no social distinction between those who must work and those who have the money to pay all of their expenses; in fact, many outstanding students in scholarship and student activities are those who are earning a greater part of their board and room.

Our advice to young people who are seeking employment in the Industrial Department is to work and save every penny possible before they come to Graceland. Many young people who have been out of school for several years come to realize that they need more preparation in order to be of greater service to the church and their fellow men. Immediately they turn to Graceland and, many times without money, ask to be enrolled for full class work and to secure employment that will pay all expenses. The experience of those who have conducted the Industrial Department at Graceland and of all schools with similar projects, is that young people cannot do their maximum amount and quality of class work if they are employed more than three hours a day.

The largest number of applications for work ever received came in during the summer of nineteen twenty-five. Definite assignments were made and the applicants notified during August. However, when school opened, many who had been assigned jobs did not come, and as a result the college has been handicapped for help for the greater part of the year. And, too, during the school year, many students who are working get money from home or from friends, and about the middle of the year a number ask to be relieved of their work in order that they may give more time to their studies.

Without exception these requests have been granted, although it works a hardship to the college.

The possibility for student assistants on the college farm has increased fifty per cent this last year, and the farm has had a very successful year. We are looking forward to the time when the farm activities may be increased materially and its operation made profitable and at the same time offer added opportunity for work.

Articles of Incorporation Amended

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 20, 1925, called in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, the following amendment was unanimously adopted:

"Amend sentence one of Article 14 by striking out the words 'said Reorganized Church in trust'; and in lieu thereof insert: 'the said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of Graceland College.' And further amend sentence one, Article 14, by striking out the words 'made to this institution by conveying directly to said church, for the use and benefit of Graceland College' and in lieu thereof insert: 'Conveyed to this institution by conveying directly to the said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of Graceland College.'

"Amend sentence 2, Article 14, by striking out 'Bishop of Reorganized Church aforementioned, who is the trustee in trust of all real property of this association' and in lieu thereof insert the following: 'Chairman of the said Board of Trustees in and foresaid board,' so that the Article when amended, shall read: 'Article 14. All real property of this association shall be held by the said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of Graceland College; and donations, gifts, and bequests of real property may be conveyed to this institution by conveying directly to the said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of Graceland College. All deeds or other instruments of writing affecting title to real estate must be executed by the chairman of the said Board of Trustees in and foresaid board and must be countersigned by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and previously authorized by said board.'"

Article 14 as heretofore read as follows:

ARTICLE 14.—All real property of this association shall be held by said Reorganized Church in trust; and donations, gifts and bequests of real property may be made to this institution by conveying directly to said church, "for the use and benefit of Graceland College." All deeds or other instruments of writing affecting title to real estate must be executed by the Bishop of the Reorganized Church aforementioned, who is the trustee in trust of all real property of

this association, and must be countersigned by the secretary of the Board of Trustees, and previously authorized by said board.

As amended it now reads:

ARTICLE 14.—All real property of this association shall be held by the said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of Graceland College; and donations, gifts, and bequests of real property may be conveyed to this institution by conveying directly to the said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of Graceland College. All deeds or other instruments of writing affecting title to real estate must be executed by the chairman of the said Board of Trustees in and foresaid board and must be countersigned by the secretary of the Board of Trustees and previously authorized by said board.

By vote of the board, this action is to be reported to General Conference with recommendation for its approval.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On November 19, 1925, A. Max Carmichael tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees. The resignation was accepted. In conformity with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, the board elected John F. Garver to fill the vacancy thus created.

The term of Albert Carmichael and Walter E. Hayer expires on April 25, 1926, and the vacancy created by the resignation of A. Max Carmichael should be filled at the 1926 session of General Conference.

THE FUTURE

Ten years ago in my first annual report to you, made after six months of service, I said: "It is beyond the power of most men to make the educative process by which one learns the ropes of any new occupation an interesting story to anyone except the learner. I, at least, will not attempt it. The greater part of this first half year of service has been devoted to a survey of the general work of the college and a preliminary study of its possibilities. The work has been intensely interesting, but the relating of the process would be a tedious one.

"Suffice it to say that it brings out more clearly than ever before the work of my predecessors in office, the almost unequalled devotion of the members of the faculty, the loyalty of the alumni and ex-students of Graceland, the devoted interest of the great body of the membership of this church, the continued financial and moral support of the citizens of Lamoni and vicinity, and the high quality of life which Graceland offers the successive generations of young men and women.

"The opportunity which the position of president of Graceland College affords is rare, and I take this opportunity, in my first official report, of pledging my most earnest efforts to realize, with your cooperation and that of the church at large, all the promise that lies before us.

"Leaving my duties with the United States Bureau of Education at the end of August, I entered upon my term of office with the beginning of the present school year; and the most cordial reception by your board, the citizens of Lamoni, the members of the faculty, and the student body has completed the pleasure which has been felt in the honor of the appointment. It is difficult to see how a more efficient and friendly spirit could have been anticipated."

The cooperation and helpfulness on the part of all interested has been continued in ever-increasing measure until, as indicated by the endowment campaign, it has reached into almost every home of the church. This can but augur well for the future not only of the college but of every forward-looking feature of the church program.

I have been very happy in my college associations. With a faculty of devoted and well-prepared men and women consecrated to the interests of the church and with the heartiest cooperation on the part of the people of Lamoni and the Saints generally, I vision an ever-increasing program of usefulness for the college.

Respectfully submitted,
G. N. BRIGGS, *President.*

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Board of Trustees, Graceland College; Brethren: Herewith is presented the annual statistical report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, containing itemized statements of inventories, assets, and liabilities, profits and losses, presented and submitted by Brother J. A. Gunsolley, who discontinued his activities as treasurer of the college, June 30, 1925, because of his call as patriarch to serve in Far West and Lamoni Stakes with Graceland College as his objective.

We are submitting a statement comparing the expenditures with the budget for 1925-26, also the new budget for 1926-27.

Frederick M. Smith, President, Independence, Missouri; Dear Brother: In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the books and records of Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, and herewith submit statements showing the results of our examination.

Yours truly,
AUDITING DEPARTMENT,
By M.

BALANCE SHEET GRACELAND COLLEGE JUNE 30, 1925

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 1,208.30	
Certificates of deposit		46.23	
Lamoni coliseum stock		1,100.00	
Memorial fund, 1923		3.72	
Accounts receivable:			
Faculty and miscellaneous	\$ 11,788.18		
Students	14,540.76		26,328.94
Notes receivable			11,522.26
Scholarships			20,358.75
Campus team			368.50
Real estate			281,389.68
Railroad switch			2,227.75
Machinery, furniture, and equipment ..			35,024.11
Accrued interest			1,145.68
Unexpired insurance			1,173.73
			<u>\$381,897.65</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable:			
Trade and faculty	\$ 9,671.46		
Acacia	12.71		
Students credit accounts	952.68		
Lyceum committee	67.96		
Industrial deposits	255.00	\$ 10,959.81	
Nellie Martin's Music Class fund			47.87
L. D. S. pin fund			110.28
Gymnasium equipment fund			327.09
College flag fund			46.23
Scholarship funds:			
General	14,429.71		
Sunday school	300.00		
Religio	2,228.35		16,958.06
Notes payable			12,921.25
Real estate contract			1,299.00
Interest accrued on notes payable ...			154.76
Reserves:			
Depreciation of buildings			74,419.21
Depreciation of farm machinery			298.55
Depreciation of furniture, equipment ..			3,706.57
Bad and doubtful accounts			8,000.00
Bad and doubtful notes			6,500.00
Net worth, June 30, 1924	194,424.85		
Adjustments	12,903.41		
Net income for the year	38,820.71		
Net worth, June 30, 1925			<u>\$381,897.65</u>

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT GRACELAND COLLEGE FOR
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

INCOME

Tuition		\$ 39,812.69	
Bookstore sales		7,702.33	
Garden		353.27	
Rugs		2,182.37	
Laundry		224.93	
Physical training		2,617.74	
Incidental fees		1,227.84	
Farm products		3,143.35	
Commissary		34,324.58	
Room rent		9,073.07	
Offerings:			
College day collections	\$ 18,953.16		
Gymnasium	45,438.23		
Miscellaneous	3,636.71	68,028.10	
Key deposits retained		32.75	
Interest received		2,756.73	
Total income received during the year			\$171,479.75

EXPENSE

Departments		\$ 41,543.15	
Dean of men		7.15	
Advertising		518.78	
Bookstore purchases and expense ..		7,578.94	
Miscellaneous office expense		1,131.51	
Office salaries		1,101.99	
Library		752.25	
Literary		243.29	
Rug factory		3,414.55	
Radio		303.45	
Real estate repairs and upkeep		10,431.98	
Lights		1,354.77	
Water		1,131.59	
Night watchman		446.60	
Insurance		550.45	
Heat		6,026.74	
Hospital		227.32	
Laundry		223.55	
Garden		912.68	
Farm		6,655.59	
Commissary provisions and expense ..		28,286.58	
Interest expense		1,423.86	
Bad debts		8,000.00	
Bad notes		6,500.00	
Depreciation:			
Buildings	\$ 2,167.55		
Farm machinery and equipment ...	175.75		
Furniture and equipment	1,549.97	3,892.27	
Total expense for the year			\$132,659.04
Income over expense for the year ended June 30, 1925			<u>\$38,820.71</u>

Tabulation of Expenditures Compared with Budget 1925-26

ITEMS	Budget	Used	Bal. Req. Estimate	Over	Under
Allowances	\$30,000.00	\$19,237.19	\$10,665.99	\$	\$ 96.82
Extension department	1,000.00	705.46	268.80		25.74
Heat, plant, fuel, labor	6,200.00	4,036.16	2,020.00		143.84
Library upkeep and repair	1,200.00	575.18	624.82		
Library accessions ...	300.00	237.00	63.00		
Advertising in church papers, catalogs, etc.	800.00	213.32	595.00	8.32	
Office help	1,200.00	773.87	519.00	97.87	
Light	1,500.00	986.48	513.52		
Water	700.00	293.24	586.48	179.72	
General Expense	1,000.00	956.02	150.00	106.02	
Repairs, upkeep, and improvements	3,500.00	1,404.24	2,195.76		
Notes payable	6,500.00	1,071.25	1,400.00		4,028.75
Students in training..	3,000.00	1,800.00	1,200.00		
Laboratory equipment	1,000.00	429.79	570.21		
Guss residence, ½ pay- ment	650.00		650.00		
Farm improvement ...	500.00		500.00		
Income					
		Estimated	Actual		Under
Tuition		\$35,000.00	\$28,176.59		
Scholarships		3,500.00	4,768.50		
		\$31,500.00	\$23,408.09		
Offerings		3,000.00	3,000.00		
		\$34,500.00	\$26,408.09		\$8,091.91

NOTES ON BUDGET 1926-27

The items in the 1926-27 budget have been determined after a careful analysis of the business of the current fiscal year and a conservative estimate of the anticipated income and expenditures for the coming year.

Every item has been set out as the minimum requirement; a reduction will necessitate a lowering of the standard of quality and efficiency of the institution. Our college has been a pioneer in the field of two- and three-year institutions, and our recognition will be jeopardized by not qualifying to the standards already set. This budget is submitted after careful consideration of the general business conditions and respecting the financial demands that will be made on the treasury of the church.

The increased office work made necessary by the systematic attempts to collect old accounts, and much more detailed work with scholarships, and many other office necessities increase the item of office help \$300 above that of last year.

It has been necessary to increase the items of water \$150, and heating plant \$300, because of the addition of the gymnasium to the building equipment.

Notes payable have been reduced materially during the past year, and this item of the budget has been reduced accordingly.

This year it will be necessary to renew the typewriter equipment. The exchange of machines every three years has proven to be the most satisfactory and least expensive method of maintaining the typewriter equipment. This will involve an expenditure of \$310.

The item of estimated income has been reduced \$3,000 from that of last year in view of the fact that the income of 1925-26 was \$8,091.91 below the estimate.

The budget for 1926-27 is \$2,640 less than that of 1925-26. This reduction has been made possible by reducing the item of notes payable.

The income from the endowment fund will reduce the deficit by a large per cent, and the necessary appropriation will be reduced accordingly.

BUDGET FOR 1926-27

Allowances	\$30,000.00
Extension department	1,000.00
Heating plant, fuel, labor	6,500.00
Library upkeep and repair	1,200.00
Library accessions	300.00
Advertising in church papers, catalogues, etc.	750.00
Office help	1,500.00
Light	1,500.00
Water	850.00
General expense	1,000.00
Repair and upkeep and improvement ...	3,500.00
Notes payable	2,850.00
Laboratory equipment	1,000.00
Students in training	3,000.00
Guss residence, one-half payment	650.00
Farm improvement	500.00
Typewriters	310.00
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	\$56,410.00

Estimated Receipts

Tuition	\$32,000.00
Offering	3,000.00
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	\$35,000.00
Less Scholarships	3,500.00
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Total	\$31,500.00
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Deficit	\$24,910.00

N. RAY CARMICHAEL, *Treasurer.*

LAMONI, IOWA, March 10, 1926.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings: Reports to the Department of Statistics from the entire field, exclusive of Society Islands and Australia, show the following changes in the membership record of the church during the year 1925:

Gain

Baptism	3,181
Restored	276
Total	3,457

Loss

Death	798
Expelled	36
Unknown	1,243
Correction	6
Total	2,083

Net Gain

Net enrollment December 31, 1924	98,092
Net enrollment December 31, 1925	99,466

From Elder R. J. Farthing we have received complete report of church membership in the Society Islands, of date December 31, 1924, showing net enrollment to be 1,254. If, then, we assume an enrollment of 2,500 for Australia, the net enrollment of 99,466 would be classified viz:

With branches in districts	59,124
Nonresident in districts	9,028
With branches in unorganized field	618
Nonresident in unorganized field	1,045
Stakes	14,420
Foreign, exclusive of Society Islands and Australia	2,560
Old branches	8,917

In many instances we have prepared lists of names shown as members of old branches and sent such lists to the secretaries of the districts where the branches were located. Very few of the persons named have been located, and the results as a whole have been of such a nature that we feel the proper thing would be to carry these names to the Unknown account. For the past six years we have done our utmost to prevail upon branch secretaries to so adjust their records as to re-

tain only the names of those known to be living in the vicinity of their respective branches. The effort thus far has resulted in 12,069 names being carried to the Unknown, of which 1,035 have been restored. But many branches are yet carrying names with no knowledge of the whereabouts of the person.

The total number of baptisms for 1920-1925 is 23,452, an average of 3,908 annually. From this it will be seen that the year 1925, with its 3,181 baptisms, fell 727 below the annual average for the past six years.

During the year 1925, we have received reports of the organization of 14 branches in the United States and Canada. During the same period, 14 branches have been reported disorganized. This leaves a total of 653 branches in United States and Canada. The latest report we have had from the British Isles shows 24 branches in that mission. We are not advised as to the number in Australia nor the Society Islands. Besides the branches mentioned, there are a few in various parts of Europe; but we are able to report neither the exact number nor the location.

The records of the church membership are complete only so far as reports are received from those whose duty it is to send them. Both the local and general ministry need to exercise greater care and promptness in filing reports. The minister who officiates in baptism, blessing, ordination, etc., should promptly forward all necessary items for record. Be very careful about reporting deaths and marriages. *Do not leave your work to be reported by another.* Remember all items for the church record should be sent direct to this department, which in turn issues all certificates of baptisms, blessing, and ordination to the persons concerned. Incident to this matter of reporting, we submit the following from a letter from one of our live branch secretaries:

"Many times items are not sent in, and I don't hear of them otherwise. After hearing, and then having to write for them (and some are very slow in answering) makes delay all around. I wish our ministers would report promptly, but so many don't. Am obliged to question them often."

If reports reach us promptly, we are able to keep work up so that available information can be secured without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS,
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, May 8. F. A. RUSSELL.

Handwritten: amended Assembly

CHURCH SECRETARY

The detail and general functions of this department have been given due attention along lines reported heretofore. I have also been engaged in literary and research work assigned by the First Presidency.

The following outline of conference business is submitted for information:

1. Appointments of 1925. The General Conference of 1925 confirmed a list of 103 missionary and 83 local appointments, including 6 superannuated. With the addition to the published list, of the First Presidency, the Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, Presiding Patriarch, other general officers and stake appointees, with 14 appointed during the year, the total reported or published is 226. Of these 1 resigned.

2. Business Deferred and Referred. By the session of 1922: on Representation, Minutes, page 3279; on Calling and Ordaining, page 3284; on Religious Education, 3288; to provide for representation of the Seventy on Joint Council, 3288. From the session of 1923: Rules of Representation, Minutes, pages 3446, 3493; Revision of General Conference Resolutions, pages 3467, 3480; on Elective Offices, page 3491. Session of 1925: Basis of Representation in Stakes, Districts, and Branches, page 3850; Rules of Representation, general, page 3854; Committee on Oklahoma Districts, pages 3858, 3859; Reorganization of Seventy, page 3882.

3. Routine Business, etc. Reports of general officers, quorums, boards, committees, departments, organizations, etc., including: The First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, Presidents and Quorums of Seventy, Presiding Bishopric, Order of Bishops, Order of Evangelists, General High Council, Quorum of High Priests, Mass Quorum of Elders, Architect, Auditor, Chorister, Historian, Librarian, Physician, Secretary, Statistician, Board of Publication, Board of Radio Broadcasting, Board of Sanitarium Trustees, Children's Home Trustees, Graphic Arts Bureau, Order of Enoch, Social Service Bureau. Committees: on Appropriations, on Archaeology, on Auditorium; on Book of Rules and Court Procedure; on Church of Christ; on General Conference Resolutions. Departments: of Education, Graceland College; of Music; of Publicity; of Recreation and Expression; of Sunday School; of Women's Work.

4. Time Limit on New Business. Time of Adjournment. Sustaining of Officers, Boards, Committees, Departments, etc.

5. Personnel of Boards, Committees, Officers, etc.: Board of Publication, F. M. Smith, R. S. Budd, M. H. Siegfried, F. B. Blair, R. R. Redfield. Committees: on Appropriations,

F. M. McDowell

F. M. Smith, ~~E. A. Smith~~, J. F. Curtis, R. S. Budd, and Order of Bishops; on Auditorium: F. M. Smith, F. M. McDowell, J. A. Gillen, P. M. Hanson, Albert Carmichael, J. A. Becker, H. C. Smith; on Book of Rules and Court Procedure: F. M. Smith, H. O. Smith, J. A. Tanner, E. L. Kelley, A. B. Phillips, T. A. Hougas; subcommittee, F. M. Smith, S. A. Burgess, J. A. Becker, I. A. Smith, R. T. Cooper; on Church of Christ: F. M. Smith, ~~B. R. McGuire~~, I. A. Smith, ~~E. L. Kelley~~, W. W. Smith, M. H. Siegfried; on General Conference Resolutions, F. M. McDowell, F. H. Edwards, ~~E. B. Long~~, S. A. Burgess, R. S. Salyards; on Rules of Representation, F. M. Smith, J. A. Gillen, M. H. Siegfried, R. S. Salyards; Children's Home Trustees, A. Carmichael, A. J. Yarrington, Minnie B. Nicholson, C. B. Hartshorn, Ida Etzenhouser, Martha A. Young, Callie B. Stebbins, Graceland College Trustees, A. Carmichael, W. E. Hayer, ~~A. M. Carmichael~~, F. M. McDowell, ~~Vida E. Smith~~, Blanche Edwards, G. N. Briggs. Consulting Board on Lesson Material, S. A. Burgess, F. M. McDowell, Eunice Winn Smith, ~~A. M. Carmichael~~, Blanche Edwards. Sanitarium Trustees, ex officio, the First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, and Church Physician. Radio Broadcasting Board: A. B. Church, E. A. Smith, J. A. Gillen, J. A. Becker, J. A. Gardner, F. M. McDowell, P. N. Craig.

R. S. SALYARDS, *Church Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 31, 1926.

ORDER OF EVANGELISTS

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings: During the past year the Order of Evangelists has gained one by ordination, Brother J. A. Gunsolley, and lost one by death, Brother I. N. White, leaving our number twenty-nine. Of these, six are over eighty years old, and eight are between seventy and eighty years old. Five have been on the sick list for the whole year.

There are eighteen under appointment, and four of these have been among the sick ones, leaving but fourteen in active service, and some of these have been hindered by sickness themselves or in their families, but have done all they could.

Some of those who are not under general appointment have done a good work locally in the vicinity where they are living.

All the work done by these men cannot be shown in figures, and while the following report is not perfect (some have not kept all the items that others have) it will show that this Order has not been idle, but has sought to do what

God has required at their hands as best they could under the conditions they have found surrounding them.

Sermons, 1,864; in charge of meetings, 796; assisted in charge, 428; other meetings attended, 1,720; total meetings attended, 4,423; baptisms, 37; confirmations, 66; ordinations, 8; children blessed, 83; sick administered, 1,669; marriages performed, 16; patriarchal blessings, 988; pastoral visits, 1,706; sacrament administered, 58; served on elder's court, 2; new openings, 2.

The reunion work generally occupies the most of the time of the active men of this Order from June to September with heavy strenuous work and close application, and as there are but few of them who are able to do this kind of work it of necessity requires an extra effort on their part.

The reports from these men show that they have enjoyed a very goodly portion of the divine Spirit in their labors among the people wherever they have been. And they have sought to strengthen the faith of the people and comfort them in their efforts to serve the Master.

Ever praying for the peace and prosperity of the people of God and his work, we remain,

Very respectfully,

FREDERICK A. SMITH, *President.*

H. O. SMITH, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, February 11, 1926.

CHURCH HISTORIAN

First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting: The Board of Publication at the close of last General Conference discontinued the *Journal of History* to take effect the end of the calendar year. As copy is turned in three months in advance, this affected only the October issue, and but little time was allowed for arranging copy for that issue. Because of its being the last number, we had to use material in a way to close the current articles, and so a great many really timely articles, and possibly of more importance than those used, were excluded.

We endeavored at a late date to prepare a general index for the whole eighteen volumes. It is not as exhaustive as we would like to have it because limited by space. But we hope it will make all of these volumes more useful by permitting ready reference.

There have been a great many questions on church history from many different sources, within and without the church, that have taken considerable time for research.

A particular task is the preparation of an article on the

history of the church in Nauvoo, having special reference to its relation to freemasonry, considering also the early history of the church, events leading up to Nauvoo, and since that time. In this department, H. S. Salisbury, who was formerly connected with the Historical Department of the church and who has made a special study of the history of northwestern Illinois, and who is a descendant of Catherine Salisbury, as well as a member of the church, is especially interested and has given some valuable suggestions; as has also John A. Gardner, of the Publicity Department, and Bishop Mark H. Siegfried, whose early home was in Hancock County. This appears to be an excellent opportunity if fairly met.

We have assisted in trying to secure data concerning the various branches of our church in Independence and Kansas City, and to assist those desiring information for discussion of pertinent questions in the *Saints' Herald*.

Another task has been to secure the names of those from Independence who paid the supreme sacrifice in the World War, or were former soldiers in that contest, who are buried in the cemeteries of Independence. It really is surprisingly difficult to secure desired information on any of these points.

We feel keenly the responsibility of examining old manuscripts and the collection of books in various libraries of the country, dealing especially with the history of the church. To meet opposition, it is necessary that we should be informed as to the nature of past criticism.

We have secured the manuscript of the fifth volume of Church History prepared by Heman C. Smith, completed by his son, Heman Hale Smith, and have done some work in preparation for its possible publication.

Because of the shortage of funds of the General Library, we purchased through this department six copies of each of the eight books recommended by Doctor Floyd M. McDowell of the First Presidency. We also have had the *Herald* and *Journal of History* bound so as to supply a complete file for this office of the latter, and of the former beginning with volume five. Earlier volumes are kept in the vault.

Also, when the library was moved to this building the files of complete and incomplete volumes of unbound *Heralds*, *Ensigns*, *Autumn Leaves*, *Historical Journals*, etc., were left in the other building on Bowen Street. When this department was moved, these were hauled over and dumped in a great heap in the cellar. During the past summer we secured necessary assistance and have had the *Heralds*, *Autumn Leaves*, and *Journals of History* re-sorted and placed in order.

For that reason we mention also the gifts of old *Heralds*

from Mrs. Ruby Faunce, of Nebraska City, Elder A. M. Chase, and James F. Keir.

One of the gravest problems of this department is the difficulty in every field of securing accurate statements of work done, as missionary work, pastoral work, or in behalf of the departments; and even in the department of the general work of the church, there is difficulty in securing adequate data for historical purposes. When a request comes for a sketch of the history of some branch of the church, we find it nearly always very difficult to secure data of when the first organization was made, when the Sunday school was organized, and even when church edifices were secured. If a start could be made even now, by having matters of special interest or importance reported to this department, it would meet this problem for the future.

Last year we called attention to the Historian's report of 1910, and the action of conference requesting each of the several quorums and all other departments to present a yearly report.

Of district and local historians, a few are doing excellent work, and these are among those who are ordinarily the most busy with other matters.

Much yet remains to be done, but the year that is past has been especially fruitful in increasing our information of the history of the church and permitting access to old publications and writing. It has also been one of increased activity in research on special problems, some of which have been forwarded from the office of the Presidency. Some have come from our recognized ministers in the field, and many of them originated from our own protest against manners in which the history of the church has been handled.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. BURGESS.

CHURCH LIBRARIAN

First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings: The past conference year should be considered in two sections. Prior to June 30 a number of new books were purchased for the children and young people, including high school. These books have been very freely used, have been out eighteen to twenty times each in the last eight or nine months. This has been an excellent investment, but it should be maintained, as books wear out.

We also ordered before June 30, through the Historical Department, six copies of each of the eight books recommended by President McDowell. On these we have made

earnest effort to increase circulation, by talking to a number of missionaries personally, have sent them anywhere upon request, have even sent them to Canada and to the islands, Yet they have hardly averaged each volume being taken out once.

Another thing that was done prior to June 30 was to check all of the books in the main library, make out slips of authors, titles, classification numbers, and present location. This was done for the reason that the books have never been properly arranged. Books on the same subject are quite widely scattered. Also, very few of the books seem to be completely accessioned. They should be accessioned as to author, title, and books on scientific subjects at least, to subject matter.

The books in the basement were also listed in like manner. But the work of proper accession has not yet been done. Also the books in the vault, where have been placed old church publications and other old books, have been card indexed but not accessioned into the general library.

The budget for the current fiscal year was greatly reduced for both departments. This put an end to any hopes of purchasing further volumes and of maintaining the library. We did order, however, six copies each of Geddes, The United Order Among the Mormons, and Ericksen's Mormon Group Life. These books were purchased at the direction of President F. M. Smith, and were intended especially for the use of members of the Quorum of Twelve and the Order of Bishops. Unfortunately Ericksen's book was reported to be out of print, so we only secured one copy. The use of these books has also been very limited.

The reduced budget has prevented replacements, and even more seriously has stopped the work of having the books properly accessioned. The books in the basement have never been properly accessioned. There are many other volumes in other portions of the building which have also never been properly accessioned. In fact it seems rare to find a book which has as yet been properly accessioned. Unless the work started last year can be completed soon, the work already done will be lost.

In the purchase of the books we have freely consulted. In the handling of the details and daily care and custody of the books, C. I. Carpenter has been in active charge. For the year 1925 he has furnished the following items:

- 714 people borrowed 6,148 books.
- Average per month, 514.
- Largest month, November, 668.
- Smallest month, May, 363.
- Average per week, 118.

Largest week-end, November 30, 174.
Smallest week-end, September 12, 71.
Average per day, 20.
Largest day, November 23, 49.
Smallest day, July 11, 3.
Daily average books out, 250.
New patrons registered, 375.

A further comparison may prove of interest. For the last seven months of 1924, the average per month was 368. The corresponding period 1925 shows an average of 504 taken out, nor does this include some thirty volumes loaned for three months to Spring River Branch. The increase for January and February, 1925, books issued were 1,121; for 1926, 1,503. The number now being used is more than double the average for 1924, and is more than three times that for June, 1924. And the first few days of this month show a further increase.

In addition to these books taken out, the library has been used to an increasing extent for research work by both high school students and those older in years. No record has been kept of the extent of this use, to establish a comparison, but certainly it is manifold as great now as it was a year or two years ago.

In the magazine room there have been no great changes, but *Hygeia* and some magazines of adventure have been added. Every day this room is crowded after school hours.

We have continued the policy of a year ago, placing all rare volumes in the vault under the immediate charge of the Historical Department. We have found valuable books scattered in many different places.

We hope for the time when the library interest may be better consolidated and not only the present library well accessioned, but also information filed in one place of the books in the various department libraries. We made a somewhat hurried survey of the books at the Institute, many of which are of excellent quality, but found that library quite deficient in volumes which should be accessible for the use of their students. We are not informed whether President McDowell has been able to have this independently corrected or not.

Practically nothing has been done with regard to the suggestion made last April in the securing of better magazines. Doctor J. R. Green, President F. M. Smith, and one or two others have made donations of good magazines, but we still hope for the time when this may be handled in a thoroughly organized way,—that is, there will be sufficient available funds for the securing of desired and desirable magazines

and placing them on file promptly. The same is true with regard to the securing of new books.

We have had opportunities to purchase some old publications of great interest to the missionaries, but the purchase would be of duplicates. Being duplicates they would be available for loan or for placing where most needed. But the limited budget has prohibited such investment.

Contributors of books and magazines during the year 1925 is as follows, and we express our sincere appreciation for their generosity:

Frances Anderson, C. A. Gurwell, S. A. Burgess, Nellie Brocaw, The First Presidency, The Laurel Club, R. W. Farrell, Daniel F. Dean, F. H. Criley, O. L. Thompson, R. A. Harder, Mrs. T. G. Neville, J. R. Lambert, Burgess Overcast, J. A. Gardner, C. I. Carpenter, President F. M. Smith, Herald Publishing House, Edward Cronenbold, Doctor J. R. Green, Louise Danforth, Hale W. Smith, Mrs. Hannah Clow, Lois Turner, Mrs. Dahlia Lyons, 1830 B. of M., 1844 D. and C.

The library now certainly fills a daily need with many people, and is proving of steadily increased usefulness. No doubt when all the departments are united under one roof, the efficiency and value of the available volumes will be still further increased at a marked degree.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. BURGESS.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 4 C. I. CARPENTER.

CONSULTING BOARD

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greetings: Our report to the General Conference of April, 1925, contains quite a thorough review of the origin, purposes, work and plans of this board. It would seem hardly necessary therefore to repeat such.

During the year there have been several changes in the work of members of the board, which has made it increasingly difficult for us to have as frequent meetings as heretofore. F. M. McDowell has been asked to locate in Independence in the interests of general church work. Sister Walter W. Smith has been located in Los Angeles, California, during the entire year and has not found it possible to meet with the board.

The conference of 1925 released Brother A. Max Carmichael as general Sunday school superintendent and elected Charles B. Woodstock to fill the vacancy. During the year Brother Carmichael has continued to supervise the editorial work under considerable difficulty. Since September he has been located at Iowa City, Iowa, where he is continuing his

education, consequently his supervision has had to be conducted at long range or by week-end trips to Lamoni where the editors are located. A complete report of Brother Carmichael's work is given below.

To the Consulting Board: I herewith report the progress of the Editorial Committee. We are working on teachers' manuals for religious educational activities at reunions. There are six of these manuals being written as follows:

Beginner, age 3 to 5 years inclusive, written by Sister Verna Brackenbury.

Primary, age 6 to 8 years inclusive, written by Sister Olive Elefson.

Junior, age 9 to 11 years inclusive, written by Sister Ethel Brooner.

Adolescent, age 12 to 18 years inclusive (for girls) written by Sister Tess Morgan. (For boys) written by Brother Eugene Closson.

Junior Teacher's Manual, Brother A. M. Carmichael.

Each of the graded manuals, i. e., the first five mentioned above, will in general be divided into four parts. The first part will contain suggestions for activities on the reunion grounds appropriate to their respective ages and sex. These activities will serve as the background for moral and religious educational experiences. It will contain chapters suggesting play and game experiences, suggestions for stories and biographies from scriptural, ecclesiastical, and secular sources, which may be read or told to the children or read by them; suggestions for sermons and sermon topics; suggestions for pictures—slides and moving pictures—which may be used by themselves or in connection with stories; suggestions for lessons on appreciation; suggestions of plays, dramas, dialogues, etc., which may be conducted on the reunion grounds; suggestions as to hymns, community songs, solos, quartets, choruses, orchestral work, etc., which may be sung and played; suggestions of lessons which endeavor to develop an appreciation of outstanding religious musical selections; suggestions as to means of increasing the devotional life, the prayer and testimonial life of the child while on the reunion ground; suggestions for excursions, both for pleasure and for nature, geographical and historical purposes; suggestions for nature study from moral and religious points of view; suggestions of industrial and manual activities, and such enterprises as the children may engage in while helping to carry on the work of the reunion.

Wherever any of the above activities, as stories, sermons, pictures, dramas, songs, and prayer can be used as a means of moral evaluation, the respective manuals will contain sug-

gestions as to how to do it with reference to their respective ages. Besides the suggestions and inclusion of actual games, stories, dramas, etc., the manuals will contain suggestions as to sources, bibliographies, etc., where other material can be found.

Part II. Will contain suggestive helps for the consideration and discussion of typical moral situations, and problems which arise quite commonly in the life of the child.

Part III. Will contain suggestions to the reunion group leaders as to how to handle typical moral problems that arise on the reunion grounds; they will describe how these problems arise out of ordinary experience, and how they are to be handled.

Part IV. Will contain suggestive programs of different lengths of time, for reunions which can do a little of this work and those which can do intensive work of this sort.

The sixth or general manual follows the same order, describing each experience in general, its moral and religious educational purposes, and the general technique of handling such experiences so as to accomplish the purposes and aims set forth. It will contain suggestions as to the limitations and dangers of each experience from a religious educational point of view.

The graded manuals will in each case tell how the experience is to be used or developed to accomplish these aims and purposes with their respective ages and sex.

Part I of the beginner and primary manuals practically finished; of the junior manual, about half complete; of the two adolescent manuals not over a fourth. Part II of all manuals is nearly complete: Part III, the hardest and most important part of the manuals, has not as yet been touched. Part IV has not been written. Only part II of the general manual has been touched. In all, the two lower age manuals, beginner and primary, are considerably over half done, the junior about one half, the two adolescent manuals about a fourth, the general manual less than a fourth.

The editors of the three lower manuals have been working full time, the editors of the two adolescent manuals have been working about one third time, the editor of the general manual spends about a fourth or less of his time upon the project. So far his work has largely been made up of supervising the others. The remaining portion of the time of the part-time workers is spent in attending school or helping in other departments of the church.

Each manual when finished will contain several hundred pages. They will be replete with suggestions and helps for reunion workers. We are endeavoring to keep in mind that in general we must make our manual helpful to the inexpe-

rienced teacher or leader. Much of the material will be of help to local branches as well. It is a large task but when completed we feel will be an outstanding contribution to the boys and girls of the church. Cordially yours,

A. M. CARMICHAEL, *Supervising Editor.*

LAMONI, IOWA, March 6, 1926.

Brother Carmichael has not mentioned the special experimental work carried on under his supervision at the Onset, Massachusetts, reunion and at other places during the summer. This has however been covered in the report of the Sunday school superintendent.

The board has held three meetings during the year. Of these the September meeting was perhaps the most important. At this meeting the following resolutions affecting the organization and jurisdiction of the board were passed:

"Moved that we recognize F. M. McDowell as chairman of the board and ex officio member by virtue of his membership in the Presidency, that the heads of departments be continued as ex officio members, and that the lay members consist of the following: Mrs. Salyards, Mrs. W. W. Smith, S. A. Burgess, and A. Max Carmichael.

"Moved and seconded that we consider ourselves an advisory board to the heads of departments subject to the supervision of the First Presidency."

"Moved and seconded that we consider our jurisdiction to extend to getting out religious education literature for children and young people and also for adults, not including specific literature for the priesthood but including the normal training course at Graceland College."

At this same meeting the whole problem of securing available editors for the preparation of needed adult quarterlies was referred to F. M. McDowell, C. B. Woodstock, and Blanche Edwards with power to act.

Acting upon this authority this committee has arranged with qualified editors for the preparation of courses in the following subjects:

Church History, Book of Mormon, Life and message of Christ, The social principles of the gospel, Fundamentals of our church philosophy.

In addition to these a number of other subjects have been suggested, and it is hoped to secure a number of additional courses of study which will be available for all departments. Further information in regard to our plans is contained in the report of the general Sunday school superintendent.

On January 1, 1926, Sister R. S. Salyards presented her resignation as member of the board. This resignation has

not yet been formally passed upon by the board but is understood as having already gone into effect.

Although we have not made the progress we had hoped to make, we do feel that the work above described constitutes a real contribution to the carrying out of the church program. We feel convinced that the work of providing suitable material for the progress of religious education is one of the most difficult and most important tasks before this church. If such material of permanent worth is to be provided, a great amount of effort, time, and expenditure will be required. We therefore will appreciate patience and cooperation on the part of each and all.

Pledging our very best to this important task and with assurance that we have no other desire than the successful triumph of the program of the church, we beg to submit this report.

F. M. McDOWELL, *Chairman of Consulting Board.*

CHURCH ARCHITECT

To the First Presidency: This year there are varied activities to report. Until December 1, 1925, I was occupied much of the time with my work as architectural superintendent at the Liberty Memorial at Kansas City, Missouri.

The work on the Independence Auditorium has been carried on throughout the year, bringing the drawings up to the point at which we were ready to begin work as soon as the property was in shape. These drawings are being completed, together with the many details.

A number of other jobs have been carried on this year. The working drawings have been prepared, and a church building started for the branch at Englewood, Missouri. Also working drawings were prepared for the branch at Des Moines, Iowa. An addition is being built at the Independence Sanitarium, which is nearing completion and will provide an additional operating room and two new wards.

Many inquiries regarding new buildings have been received direct from those desiring to build, while others have come through the presiding officers. The procedure for a branch to follow in undertaking a building proposition evidently is not clear in the minds of all. I have put some time on a tentative form which will include a statement from the officers who should report and the statistics which support the recommendations as well as the description of the properties owned and to be built. Our most satisfactory church buildings will result when we are all working together in order.

Respectfully submitted,

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 11. HENRY C. SMITH.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The Board of Publication elected at the last General Conference met on April 22, 1925, for organization. The following officers were elected: President, M. H. Siegfried; vice-president, F. B. Blair; secretary, R. R. Redfield; treasurer and manager, O. W. Parker.

The church publications soon thereafter conveyed the information that the First Presidency were placed in editorial charge of the *Herald*, and Elder John F. Garver was made editor of the *Ensign*, with Elder R. J. Lambert as assistant on both these periodicals. The editorship of *Stepping Stones* and *Zion's Hope* was left unchanged, Estella Wight having charge. President Floyd M. McDowell was elected editor of the *Autumn Leaves*, with Elder F. B. Almond as assistant editor. We think the work of these editors and their assistants very favorably commends itself to the church throughout the world.

At a meeting held May 21, 1925, the question of discontinuing the *Journal of History* was considered and affirmative action was had, of which action the church has also been informed in the various church periodicals.

The subscription list of the *Herald* has grown as of March 1, 1925, to March 1, 1926, from 5,445 to 6,044, and *Autumn Leaves* in the same period from 1,683 to 2,300.

We append the balance sheet of the Standard Publishing House of Australia and the Auditor's Balance Sheet for the Herald Publishing House.

Very respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION,

M. H. SIEGFRIED, *President.*

R. R. REDFIELD, *Secretary.*

On the following two pages will be found the statistical reports of the Herald Publishing House, and the Standard Publishing House of Sydney, Australia.

BALANCE SHEET HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE

JUNE 30, 1925.

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$16,424.66
Accounts Receivable	23,319.86
Notes Receivable	32,594.75
Interest Receivable	1,233.05
Postage Inventory	37.99
Incomplete Merchandise	21,995.88
Merchandise Inventory	15,571.98

Total Current Assets \$111,177.17

FIXED ASSETS

Building	50,583.00
Machinery	35,201.94
Type, Plates, and Cuts	9,782.93
Power Wiring and Tools	2,031.23
Furniture and Fixtures	15,983.87
Auto Truck	292.50

Total Fixed Assets 113,875.47

DEFERRED CHARGES

Unexpired Insurance (Schedule No. 2.) 764.02

\$225,816.66

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 24,556.04
Sick Benefit Fund	3.51
Unexpired Subscriptions	14,895.75

Total Current Liabilities \$ 39,455.30

RESERVES

Uncollectable Notes	\$ 3,933.80
Bad Accounts	1,178.03
Depreciation of Buildings	4,444.98
Machinery	10,501.89
Type, Plates, and Cuts	7,208.43
Furniture and Fixtures	4,802.20
Auto Truck	169.29
Power Wiring and Tools	507.80

Total Reserves 32,746.42

CAPITAL

Present Worth, June 30, 1924	\$151,117.52
Profit for the year ended June 30, 1925	2,497.42

Present Worth, June 30, 1925 153,614.94

\$225,816.66

STANDARD PUBLISHING HOUSE BALANCE SHEET

AS AT JUNE 30, 1925.

ASSETS

Liquid Assets

CASH

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Current at Bank of N. S. W.				274	12	5
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE						
Sales Ledger Balance	920	12	10			
Standard Ledger Balance	102	5	8			
Private Ledger Balance	22					
Less	1,044	18	6			
Reserve for Doubtful Debts	95	16	3			
Total Current Assets				949	2	3
WORKING ASSETS						
Stock				326		2
Work in Process				379	7	8
FIXED ASSETS						
Buildings	301		9			
Less: Depreciation at 2 1-2 per cent	7	10	6	293	10	3
Machinery and Plant	1,648	14	5			
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	492	15		1,155	19	5
FURNITURE	55	4	8			
Less: Depreciation at 10 per cent	5	10	6	49	14	2
FURNISHINGS				7	1	3
LINO METAL STORES				39	13	6
TYPEWRITERS	34	3	3			
Less: Depreciation at 10 per cent on £29 3 3	2	10	9	31	12	6
LANTERNS				6	7	
DEFERRED CHARGES TO OPERATION						
Unexpired Insurance Premium, etc.				24	15	6
Banking Adjustments						5
				<u>4,037</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>

LIABILITIES

Current

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE						
Trade	851	11	3			
Accrued Charges	9	14	7			
Miscellaneous Trust						
Receipts	6	4	2	867	10	
CAPITAL RESERVE				493	2	3
RESERVE FOR EXTENSIONS				262	6	6
NET WORTH						
At last Balance Sheet	2,331	16	7			
Add: Net Profit for year	83	1	2	2,414	17	9
				<u>4,037</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAINTS' CHILDREN'S HOME

For the Year Ending June 30, 1925.

To the First Presidency and the General Conference; Greetings: During this year the board has held the required quarterly meetings, several called meetings, and numerous committee meetings.

The report of the Board to the Iowa Board of Control of State Institutions for the year ending June 30, 1925, includes the following items:

Number of children in the institution at the beginning of the year, 17.

Number of children received for the first time during the year, 1.

Number of children returned from placement during the year who were placed previous to opening of year, 3.

Number of children returned from placement during the year who were placed during the year, 0.

Number of children placed in homes during the year, 4.

Number of children placed in state institutions during the year, 0.

Number of children returned to friends during the year, 5.

Number of children who died in the institutions during the year, 0.

Number of children in the institution under school age, 4.

Number of children in the institution who attended the public schools, 16.

Number of children in the institution who were present during vacation only, 1.

Number of children cared for during the year, 21.

Number of children in the institution at the end of the year, 12.

ADDENDA

Since the time covered by this report, other changes have occurred in the Home, and the board desires to report the conditions as nearly up to date of this conference as possible.

The Social Service Bureau has cooperated with the Home in the investigation of homes offered and in the placing of children, with the result that there are now in the Home only seven children, and these may be provided for elsewhere in the near future.

Since the Home was established in August, 1911, two hundred and fifteen children have been cared for here. Of these, one hundred forty-one have been returned to friends, sixty-one have been placed in homes, 5 have died in the home and one in the State Hospital.

The following table shows the States from which these children have come and the number from each State:

Arizona, 3.	Michigan, 5.
Arkansas, 1.	Minnesota, 6.
California, 3.	Missouri, 68.
Canada, 7.	Montana, 5.
Colorado, 2.	Nebraska, 10.
Illinois, 21.	Ohio, 5.
Iowa, 43.	Oklahoma, 5.
Kansas, 4.	Washington, 4.
Massachusetts, 1.	Wisconsin, 4.

Children have been sent from the Home to private homes in twelve States.

We feel that a good work has been done by the Home. However, highly as we value the work done heretofore for our dependent children, we recognize a growing tendency to provide for children in the States where they become dependent, no State being willing to assume the burden of another. In some States a heavy fine is attached to bringing in a dependent child without permission and compliance with stringent laws. In some States a ten-thousand-dollar bond is required of any organization placing a child from another State, to be forfeited in case the child becomes dependent within a specified time. Iowa has such a law.

Sections eleven (11) and twelve (12) of chapter eighty (80) of the Iowa code on Child Placing Agencies are here quoted:

Section 11. Importation of Children.

"No agency shall bring into the State any child for the purpose of placing him out or procuring his adoption without first obtaining consent of the board of control, and such agency shall conform to the rules of the board, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that it will not knowingly send or bring into the State any child who has a contagious or incurable disease or who is deformed, feeble-minded, or of vicious character; that it will remove any such child, who, in the opinion of the board of control, becomes a menace to the community prior to his adoption or within five years after being brought into the State, or who, in the opinion of the board, has been placed in an unsuitable home; that it will place the child under a written contract approved by the board that the person with whom the child is placed shall be responsible for his proper care and training. Before any child shall be brought or sent into the State for the purpose of placing him in a foster home, the agency so

bringing or sending such child shall first notify the board of control of its intention so to do, which notification shall state the name, age, and personal description of the child and the name and address of the person with whom the child is to be placed, and such other information as may be required by the board. The person bringing or sending the child into the State shall report at least once a year and at such other times as the board shall direct, as to the location and well-being of the child so long as he shall remain within the State and until he shall have reached the age of eighteen or shall have been legally adopted; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit a resident of this State from bringing into the state a child for adoption into his own family. In the case of a breach of said bond, a conclusive presumption shall prevail that the amount of said bond was intended to constitute liquidated damages.

Section 12. Exportation of Children.

“Before any child is taken out or sent out of the State for the purpose of placing him in a foster home, otherwise than by parent or guardian, the person or agency so taking or sending him shall give the board of control such notice and information and procure such consent as is specified in section eleven (11), and thereafter shall report to the board at least once each year, and at such other times as the board shall direct, as to the location and well-being of the child until he shall have reached the age of eighteen years or shall have been legally adopted.”

Because of similar laws in many States, child-placing agencies are adopting the plan of caring for children from a central office rather than from a Home to which the children are brought. Some agencies operate in one State only, while our field includes all of them. The laws of these various States entail a great deal of expense and inconvenience in placing children from other States, and, further, the institutional home has come to be recognized as less desirable than a private home, both from the standpoint of the child's good and of economics, even for purposes of temporary boarding when that is found necessary. In cases where children must be held for a time, they can be boarded near their own homes until arrangements can be made for placing them, and the transfer be made more easily than by bringing them to the Home.

We therefore present for the consideration of the conference the advisability of discontinuing the Children's Home, the work of providing for the dependent children who come under the care of the church to be conducted by the Social

Service Bureau, with such aids as may be found necessary, or otherwise, as the conference may determine.

The members composing the Board of Trustees are as follows:

A. J. Yarrington, President.
Bishop A. Carmichael.
Mrs. Ida Etzenhouser.
Mrs. Minnie B. Nicholson.
Walter E. Hayer, Treasurer.
Clara B. Stebbins, Secretary.

Those whose term of office expires at this time are A. Carmichael and Walter Hayer. Walter Hayer was chosen by the Board to fill out the term of Miss Martha A. Young, who resigned during the year.

Minnie B. Nicholson was one of those whose term expired in 1925. The conference overlooked electing her successor, and she was chosen by the board to succeed herself until the conference could act. Her successor is, therefore, to be elected at this time to fill the remainder of the term expiring in 1928.

Nominations from the Order of the Bishops will therefore be for successors of A. Carmichael and Walter E. Hayer, and from the Women's Department for a woman to succeed Minnie B. Nicholson.

CLARA B. STEBBINS, *Secretary Board of Trustees.*

SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU

The First Presidency, Office; Brethren: We attach hereto the statistical report of the Social Service Bureau for the year 1925. The total number of cases handled was 190. Some of these cases presented several phases of social problems, and some included almost all of the pathological conditions common to social life. There were total health problems of 141, of which 77 were miscellaneous, 13 venereal disease, and 51 mental. There were 20 cases in which the moral was the predominating maladjustment. In 30 cases there was an unfavorable home condition including desertion, neglect, infidelity, etc. Nineteen individuals were admitted to state institutions where they could receive special treatment according to their needs. Twenty-eight dependents, adults, and children, were placed in homes. In only 81 cases was a financial problem presented.

The number of cases presented during 1925 for Independence and immediate vicinity was less than half of the previous year. In attempting to account for this, three solutions present themselves: One is that the social conditions in

Independence are on a higher plane, which may be due to the work of the bureau, or otherwise. One other solution is that the employment conditions were better for 1925; thus financial problems were not so numerous. Again this may be accounted for by the fact that with better coordinated social methods, conditions did not grow into problems as they had previously. The Social Service Bureau is not primarily a relief organization, and its greatest service is measured in the field of prevention rather than in the cure effected. There will always be social problems in Zion, but we hopefully look forward to the time when the only types of problems presented will be those which result from the acts of Providence and which cannot be affected by education and preparedness. This year the bureau provided 354 lectures, all directed in the field of education and prevention. As the cases requiring cure diminish, the time allowed for preventative measures will increase, and, as a result, the cases demanding cure will diminish, and eventually the result should be the elimination of problems growing out of unsocialized conduct.

This year the bureau has been asked to do the investigating for admission to the Homes. In this work we have tried to get in touch with the local and district officers and any other source that could provide information that would enable us to determine how the church could best serve those applying. Also this has been the case with reference to those making application for aid to the Presiding Bishopric. We have pursued the best approved methods in these matters and have first attempted to adjust a problem through the aid and cooperation of relatives, and we have found, with few exceptions, that the relatives prefer to have the first consideration in these cases. We have consulted relatives for two reasons: first, they have the prior right in the adjustment of problems, and, second, they have the prior duty to care for their dependent relatives. We have been much pleased with the cooperation we have received from relatives, and we estimate that the amount of relief received from this source for their dependents is \$6,243 this year. Incidentally the church has been saved whatever amounts have been contributed by the relatives, thus leaving these amounts available for other avenues of service.

The following cases may serve to illustrate the matter:

CASE A

Two children were placed by maternal relatives in the Children's Home at Lamoni, Iowa, where the children have been cared for at church expense for some time. The Social Service Bureau got in touch with paternal relatives and

found they were willing and anxious to make a home for these children. Upon investigation it was found that the paternal grandfather, who was willing to receive the children, owned a farm worth \$50,000, fully equipped. He was not only in a position to make a home for these children, but agreed to give them an education to the extent of sending them to the university if they are able to take advantage of such opportunity. By placing these boys with their grandfather, they will probably participate in his estate later.

These boys might have been retained in the Children's Home for some years before they could be suitably placed. As it is, they have been given a good home with relatives (and we recognize the fact that the tie of blood should always be given first consideration in the placement of children), and their opportunities along educational lines are better than they may have been in the ordinary home. Besides these benefits to the children, the church has been saved the expense of their care.

CASE B

An application was received by the Bishopric from a brother in a distant State asking for admission to the Home for the Aged. The investigation made by the Social Service Bureau disclosed the fact that the children of the applicant were very much opposed to their father entering the Home and were willing and able to provide a home for him. In such cases we feel that the church should do nothing that would make a breach between aged parents and their children, but should use its efforts to strengthen family ties rather than break them. After considering the case carefully, the Social Service Bureau recommended to the Bishopric that the children of the applicant be allowed to care for their father rather than have him admitted to the Home. This suggestion was carried out, the children were satisfied, and the church was saved the expense of caring for the aged brother, who was better provided for than he could have been in the Home.

CASE C

Case C is one in which a serious health problem was presented. A brother wrote the Bishop asking for a monthly allowance, that he might better care for his motherless children. The investigation made by the Social Service Bureau uncovered a serious health problem. The mother of the children had died of an infectious disease. A letter to a local physician brought us the information that the father was in an advanced stage of the same disease, and that one of the children was showing symptoms of the same disorder. The question now arises: Shall the health of the

children be jeopardized by allowing them to remain in such an unfavorable environment? By going into the problem we learned that the children's father had a brother (a non-member of the church) who was worth about \$100,000. We got in touch with this relative and solicited his cooperation in the adjusting of this social problem. With his help and that of other relatives, the children were placed with those related to them, living close enough to the father so that he could occasionally visit them. The more fortunate brother was induced to send the sum of \$20 a month to the children's father, that he might receive the proper care in the home of a friend.

The amount saved to the church by this arrangement is not to be compared with the social benefits accruing to the children through this adjustment of their problem. We may also mention, as a social benefit, that the interest awakened in the hearts of the relatives by the part they played in helping to solve the problem is not without worth—for where a man invests his money there his interest lies.

We might refer to many other cases, but perhaps these will suffice to give some insight into the work of the Social Service Bureau.

The statistical report sets out definitely the various problems presented and the aspects of service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU,

By M. A. ETZENHOUSER, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU

From January 1, 1925, to January 1, 1926.

Number of cases handled exclusive of "employment only" cases		190
Single girls	29	
Single boys	19	
Widows	44	
Widowers	10	
Divorced	3	
Separated	7	
Deserted	9	
Unmarried mothers	3	
Families	66	190
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Out of town cases handled	91	
Independence, Missouri, cases handled	99	190
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Number of persons affected in the 190 social problems handled	479
Number of persons applying for employment only	130
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Total number of persons involved in cases handled	609

PROBLEMS PRESENTED AND SERVICES RENDERED

Employment	
Applications for employment only	130
Families suffering from under-employment	32
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Total employment problems	164
Employment provided	
.....	75
Physical Disorders and Treatment	
Nervous disorders	10
Tuberculosis	11
Epilepsy	1
Senility	5
Other physical disorders	40
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Total persons suffering from physical disorders	77
Treatment provided	
Hospital and dispensary treatment	30
Surgical operations	3
Physical examinations by private physicians	14
Families referred to public health nurse....	10
Nurse provided	1
Dental work provided	2
Glasses provided	3
Tuberculosis patient admitted at Leeds Hospital	1
Tuberculosis patient admitted Mount Vernon Hospital	1
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Total services rendered for those physically ill	65
Venereal Disease	
Suspected venereal disease	5
Diagnosed venereal disease	8
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Total suspected and diagnosed venereal disease	13

Cases of venereal disease treated	8	
Insanity		
Suspected insanity	9	
Diagnosed insanity	6	
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Total cases of suspected and diagnosed insanity		15
Insanity cases treated		
Placed in state asylum	5	
Treated privately	2	
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Total treatment provided		7
Subnormality		
Suspected subnormality	31	
Diagnosed subnormality	5	
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Total suspected and diagnosed cases of subnormality		36
Mental tests given	13	
Sent to home for feeble-minded	1	
Morals		
Suspected juvenile delinquencies (moral)	4	
Acknowledged juvenile delinquencies (moral)	2	
Suspected adult moral delinquencies	11	
Acknowledged adult moral delinquencies	3	
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Total suspected and acknowledged moral delinquencies		20
Sex instruction and morals strengthened.....	20	
Court Cases		
Children brought before the juvenile court ...	10	
Adults brought before other courts	10	
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Total court cases		20
Committed to jail	4	
Committed to state asylum	2	
Committed to home for feeble-minded	2	
Committed to home for delinquent girls	1	
Committed to McCune Home for Boys	5	
Committed to Parental Home for Girls	3	
Committed to County Farm	2	
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Total commitments		19

Released from the McCune Home for Boys	2	
Released from jail	4	
Paroled from state asylum	1	
Released from Parental Home for Girls	1	
Case dismissed by order of the court	1	
Children supervised by order of court	5	
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Total released, paroled, and supervised		14
Delinquents not brought before the court		
Drug addict suspected	2	
Stealing suspected	3	
Stealing acknowledged	2	
Begging	1	
Truancy	4	
Minors violating prohibition law	1	
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Total delinquencies		13
Home Conditions		
Children neglected by parents	7	
Unsanitary homes	7	
Abuse of children	2	
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Total unfavorable home conditions		16
Abuse of children corrected	2	
Neglect of children corrected	7	
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Total correction of bad home conditions		9
Desertion and nonsupport		
Men deserting their families	3	
Women deserting their families	1	
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Total parents deserting families		4
Men forced to support family	1	
School		
Unsatisfactory school records	10	
Children out of school	4	
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Total school problems		14
Children returned to school	4	
School records improved	3	
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Total school problems solved		7
Family mal-adjustments		
Families disrupted by internal troubles		10

Family adjustments made 3

Financial Problems

Families reported as being in need of financial help 81
Financial problems with employers and others 5

Total financial problems 86

Families receiving financial aid (temporary) from Bishop 26
Families receiving regular aid from Bishop 20
Loans made to families by Bishop 8
Families receiving financial help from relatives 16

Total families receiving aid from Bishop and relatives 70

Loans repaid to Bishop 4
Loan denied 1
Application for aid pending 4
Aid discontinued as conditions improved 5
Aid discontinued as applicant uncooperative 1
Aid not recommended 4
Branch assisting family 1
Financial adjustments made with employers 3
Financial adjustment made with Insurance Company 1

Total 24

Homeless Adults and Children

Adults and children in need of homes..... 28
Children given permanent homes with relatives 8
Children given a temporary home 7
Children received in Children's Home, Lamoni, Iowa 2
Adults given permanent homes with relatives 2
Adults given temporary home with relatives 2
Adults admitted in Old Folks Home 3
Adults admitted to State Homes 2
Adults placed in state mental hospital 1
Adult placed in home for feeble-minded 1

Total children and adults provided with homes	28
Applications received for admittance to Children's Home	10
Applications investigated	10
Children placed with relatives	8
Children placed in Children's Home, Lamoni, Iowa	2
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Homes investigated and children placed	20
Transportation	
Charity rates (half fare) granted for dependents by Railroad Companies	7
Widow's Pensions	
Application made for widow's pension	1
Application pending	1
Approximate amount received from relatives and others for dependents	\$6,243.00
Lectures given on Social Problems by M. A. and Ida Etzenhouser	
Lectures given at Young People's Convention, Lamoni, Iowa	24
Lectures given at Reunions in Western States	86
Lectures given in Independence, Religio, Sunday school, Women's Department	70
Lectures given at Institute of Arts and Science	102
Lectures given to Independence Sanitarium nurses	20
Lectures given before Independence Parent-Teachers Meetings	10
Lectures given before Kansas City, Missouri, Parent-Teachers meetings	1
Lectures given before Kansas City, Kansas, Women's Christian Temperance Union	1
Lecture given before Kansas City, Missouri, Athaneum Club	1
Lectures given in Kansas City Stake	3
Lectures given Chelsea Park Branch, Kansas City, Kansas	18
Lectures given at other out of town points	8
Lectures given over the radio	10
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Total lectures given	354

SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU,
By M. A. ETZENHOUSER, *Secretary and Manager.*
By (Mrs.) IDA ETZENHOUSER, *Supervisor.*

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

To the Presidency: In undertaking the work of this department, July 1, 1925, a definite schedule of work was outlined, and after cooperating with the various quorums of the church available, agreement was reached and approval had regarding the work of this department in order to initiate, sustain, and promote such activities as would serve the best interests of the church.

The first large assignment of work to this department was that of organizing the Graceland endowment-stewardship campaign and sustain it until its objective was accomplished. To do this required four months of intensive work and preparation for the fifteen days of actual campaign work. The ministry and membership loyally supported the undertaking, with the result that a total of \$287,770.06 was pledged, and at this date over \$135,000 cash has been paid on the pledges. The enthusiastic support of the ministry is acknowledged with grateful appreciation. The cost of putting on this campaign was less than one and one half per cent of the total amount pledged. The splendid cooperation on the part of the Saints has made this low organization cost possible, which is small contrasted to the 4½ per cent which is the average cost of putting on a large campaign. In the 95 districts and 735 branches and groups of the church in the world over 3,200 workers were organized for this work, and their loyal interest has been rewarded by an overwhelming success. 15,421 pledge cards were received.

The services of this department have been placed at the disposal of the *Herald* and *Autumn Leaves* management for the purpose of increasing the subscription lists. The *Herald* list is now over 6,000, which is higher than it has been in the last two years, and the *Autumn Leaves* list is over 2,350 which is an increase of 50 per cent over the number of subscribers in May, 1925.

Graceland College has availed itself of the services of this department in advertising the college both during the campaign and since. It is hoped by this means to sustain the interest in the college, so that its enrollment may be increased and the institution be made thereby more effective for good.

A consistent effort has been made to increase the number of publicity agents in the branches, and since July 1, 211 have been added, making the total list now 401. This list represents a group of members who are right loyally supporting the interests of the church in getting it well and favorably known as well as distributing the general church literature.

Several pamphlets, folders, and booklets have been printed and distributed free to the membership in the entire church. The departments and quorums have cooperated in this work, and from reports we are assured that much good has been done.

Missionaries have been furnished, free, with several hundred dollars worth of tracts and pamphlets which they have used in missionary work, and it is hoped that the department, next year, may have a larger appropriation by which to place more literature in the hands of the missionaries to help them in their work.

In the past year the Busy Man's tracts have been printed in the Swedish language and are furnished free upon request to the Publicity Department.

The department has been instrumental in placing quite a number of our standard church books, tracts, and periodicals in public libraries, schools, and colleges. Relations between this department and others, as well as with various quorums of the church, have been very satisfactory.

Respectfully,

THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT,

By J. A. GARDNER..

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 23, 1926.

TITLE TO GRACELAND COLLEGE REAL ESTATE

In conformity with the policy of the church authorities to distribute the real estate holdings of our church so that no one man has full control, legally, the Board of Trustees of Graceland College has passed certain resolutions looking towards the transfer of all real estate connected with the college from the Presiding Bishop of the church to the Board of Trustees of said college. This action of the board is found in their report to this conference.

A further reason may be given for this action. In attempting to place the college on an accrediting basis, difficulty would be found in doing this if the title of property is not in the name of the Board of Trustees of the college.

The Articles of Incorporation of the college gives the Board of Trustees the legal right to make this transfer; but the Board of Trustees does not desire to avail themselves of this right, preferring to be governed by action of conference.

UNITED ORDER OF ENOCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 30, 1925

ASSETS

Current:

Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 888.27		
Notes receivable	\$ 2,388.18		
Real estate contracts receivable	15,572.49		
Accounts receivable	368.73		
Real estate for sale			
Summit Addition	\$ 211.62		
Gudgell Park	35,312.14		
Gudgell Park House No. 1	5,201.88		
Commercial property	400.00	41,125.64	\$60,293.31

Fixed assets:

Real estate and buildings reserved			
Summit Addition, real estate		1,692.87	
Commercial property, real estate and buildings		5,925.52	
United Order of Enoch House			
Real estate and buildings	4,959.87		
Less depreciation reserve on buildings	976.80	3,983.07	11,601.46
Furniture and fixtures			
United Order of Enoch House	813.85		
Office of corporation	278.65		
	1,092.50		
Less depreciation reserve	287.09	805.41	805.41

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current:

Notes payable	\$29,691.00		
Accounts payable	206.32	\$29,897.32	

Net Worth

42,802.86

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, June 30, 1925

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 3,624.26	
Accounts receivable	\$13,091.13		
Less reserve for bad debts	1,935.00	11,156.13	
Notes receivable		2,702.39	
Merchandise		1,539.78	\$19,022.56
Live stock		289.46	
Buildings	46,845.98		
Less depreciation allowance	4,057.60	42,788.38	
Furniture and equipment	20,786.94		
Less depreciation allowance	5,087.14	15,699.80	
Real estate		8,234.56	67,012.20
Deferred charges		400.00	400.00
			<u>\$86,434.76</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 4,083.99		
Notes payable	5,200.00	9,283.99	
Profit and loss current year	5,343.37		
Present worth	71,807.40	77,150.77	
			<u>\$86,434.76</u>

THE GRAPHIC ARTS BUREAU

This has been the busiest year the Bureau has experienced since its organization. "*Photographically*" our activities have ranged from taking pictures of babies for the baby clinic to photographing the dead. *In collecting photographs of historical value*, we have obtained negatives made when the dry process was first invented down to films of the activities on the Auditorium site.

HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS

President Frederick M. Smith and President Elbert A. Smith have placed a number of valuable prints in our care. We contemplate making a drive throughout the church to obtain photographs of historical value. If this is not done, many valuable prints and negatives will eventually be lost. We hope the missionaries, branch authorities, and department heads will interest themselves in this matter.

LANTERN SLIDES

We have had many more calls for slides than we could possibly supply with our meager slide library. We have made no effort whatever during the past year to create a demand for slides. The demand is here and is growing. We are simply trying to supply this natural want which exists throughout the church. We have adopted a method of shipping slides which has almost entirely eliminated breakage. Accompanying the sets are typewritten lectures which are designed to be of assistance in using the sets.

SLIDES IN GREATEST DEMAND

It may be of interest to know that the lectures in greatest demand are:

1st. Those dealing with the life of Christ. We had to purchase two additional sets on that subject. Buying these lectures used nearly one half of the appropriation we received from the church last year.

2d. The next set in demand were slides in defense of the Book of Mormon. We should have a half dozen sets to meet the demand.

3d. History of the church.

4th. American history.

5th. Travels.

We have a set in preparation on stewardship, tithes, and offerings, etc., and on the first principles of the gospel and church organization.

We have many of our most popular hymns now on slides, the lettering being done by George F. Weston.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE FUTURE

Developments are taking place in projection apparatus which will make it possible in the near future for our missionaries to use the stereopticon without being burdened with heavy apparatus and glass slides. 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. Mrs. Fanny Pender has been giving splendid service in this department throughout the year and without receiving any remuneration. Without her help the department at times would have been unable to function at all.

OUR ASSETS

We have over fifteen hundred negatives in a fire proof vault. We have a 5 by 7 view camera with two ordinary lenses. Much of the equipment necessary in photography and slide work has been loaned to us by President F. M. Smith. We have also had the use of his 4 by 5 Graflex camera with two high grade lenses. These 4 by 5 lenses have been used with splendid results in making 5 by 7 pictures and were indispensable during the year. We have a good printing box for doing small work. There is a well-arranged dark room, proper lighting equipment, etc. As there is very little overhead expense, the appropriation we have received from the church has not been used in meeting operating costs but for equipment. Carpenters have made several dozen slide and shipping boxes for us, which are in daily use.

A CHURCH ART GALLERY

The Lord gave special instructions to the church in section 48 of Doctrine and Covenants to preserve a history for posterity. With all the facilities at hand to-day for doing photographic work, we should have a photographic history of some of the activities of the church in various parts of the world.

We believe the time has come when we must have pictures and paintings made by artists of ability which may be found worthy to hang in a future church art gallery. There is deposited, in one of the church vaults, oil paintings of Joseph Smith the Martyr and Emma Smith. Surely these

are of priceless historical value. While we have a bust of the late Joseph Smith, yet we think it was a great mistake that an oil painting had not been made of him. There should be a succession of oil paintings made of the church leaders. The Kirtland Temple exterior and interior should be done in oil. There is a dignity and there can be an expression of soul in an oil painting which no other method of illustration has ever approached.

The Publicity Department is making a valuable contribution to the church in having high class photographs made of the church officials.

While primarily the work of the church is to spread the gospel message, yet there are demands made upon us to-day, which, if recognized by us, will meet with the approbation of Zion's posterity.

BUREAU REQUIREMENTS

To save time and mail and express charges, it has become imperative that slide depots be established at Cleveland, in the East, and Denver in the West.

We must have a modern enlarging camera which would make it possible for us to produce many prints of historical and artistic value. These would form a nucleus for a future art gallery. There are in the church vault many books which contain material and illustrations which should be photographed and made into enlargements and also reduced to lantern slides.

The Appropriation Committee, we hope, will give the department an appropriation this year which will permit the bureau to be of greater service to the church. Recognizing the many demands made upon the treasury of the church, we have not been insistent in this matter and have been satisfied with a very insignificant appropriation, but the time has now come when we should be granted sufficient funds to permit the bureau to function properly. The sooner this is done, the sooner will the bureau be on a self-sustaining basis. We make a service charge of twenty-five cents per week for slide sets. This charge can be easily increased and will be a constant source of revenue to the bureau when sufficient sets are available.

Our correspondence is increasing to such an extent that we must have stenographic help from time to time.

OUR AIM

Those in charge of the bureau have always had this objective in view: The development of a department which will be of practical service to the missionary arm of the church. With an adequate appropriation, this objective can be realized.

C. ED. MILLER.

THE INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

During the past year every effort has been made to maintain the high standards of our institution.

Many needed improvements have been made, and the following new equipment purchased for the various departments:

O. B. Room. 2 new tables, stand lamp, and set of instruments.

X-ray Department. Acme International X-ray machine which is greatly appreciated by both physicians and patients. This was a donation given by the Bishops.

Laboratory. Sanborn Metabolism outfit, equipment for blood chemistry, scales, and water distiller.

Kitchen. New dishes and silverware for patients' trays, for which we are greatly indebted to the Laurel Club. Many favorable comments have been heard about the trays now being served from the diet kitchen.

Nursery. Two baby cribs as well as numerous pieces of baby clothing have been given by the Mothers' Club.

Private rooms. The following rooms have been completely refurnished and redecorated, making them very attractive and greatly in demand: 303, Saints of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 206, The Independence Sanitarium Nurses' Alumni. 301, by special contributions.

Painting. Over a year ago we started painting the entire interior of the hospital. This we just completed a few weeks ago.

Grounds. These have been beautified by the planting of various types of shrubbery, and for this we wish to thank Mr. Traxler who took a special interest in this work.

We feel very grateful to the members of the Patroness Society for their contributions of bed linens, curtains, and especially attractive bureau covers and bedside table covers.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends throughout the church for the interest that they have shown in the Sanitarium during the past year.

Statistical Statement for the Year Ending June 30, 1925.

Number of patients in hospital first of year, July 1, 1924	43
Number of patients admitted during the year	1,132
Total number of patients during the year	1,175
Number of patients discharged during the year	1,145

Number remaining in hospital June, 30, 1925	30
Number of days treatment of patients	12,543
Daily average number of patients in Sanitarium	35
Number of L. D. S. patients	465
Number of nonmembers	710
Number of minor operations	292
Number of major operations	271
Number of operations successful	548
Number of deaths during the year	62
Number of L. D. S. doctors	77
Number of nonmember doctors	180
Cost of maintenance per patient per day	\$4.15
Death rate for year, 4 per cent of all patients admitted.	

GENERAL TRIAL BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1925

Accounts payable		\$ 2,656.03
Accounts receivable	\$13,091.13	
Automobile	150.00	
Jackson County Bank	3,538.98	
Buildings	46,845.98	
Cash	85.28	
Depreciation reserve		9,144.74
Drugs and dressings	273.23	
Dry goods	691.55	
Furniture and fixtures	20,636.94	
Insurance	400.00	
Interest		519.59
Library fund		64.27
Live stock	289.46	
Notes payable		5,200.00
Notes receivable	2,702.39	
Present worth		71,807.40
Profit and loss		5,198.12
Profit and loss for month		145.25
Real estate	8,234.56	
Reserve fund for bad debts		1,935.00
Steward's groceries	525.00	
Tag day fund		844.10
X-Ray	50.00	
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	\$97,514.50	\$97,514.50

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

For year ended June 30, 1925.

Administration expense	\$ 4,226.77	
Boiler room	1,998.75	
Dry goods	2,160.00	
Depreciation reserve	2,460.00	
Fuel	1,625.25	
Freight and drayage	286.18	
Gas	921.74	
Health department	812.50	
Housekeeping labor	3,128.71	
Ice	542.50	
Insurance	1,291.21	
Interest	582.00	
Laundry	4,043.97	
Light	993.34	
Professional care of patients	2,124.97	
Repairs and maintenance	1,705.78	
Reserve for bad accounts	2,589.82	
Special rates to alumni	280.71	
Special rates to doctors	203.06	
Special rates to nurses	1,177.25	
Special rates to other help	743.56	
Steward's groceries	7,927.63	
Steward's labor	2,129.00	
Training school maintenance	1,868.00	
Training school salaries	5,008.13	
X-Ray department salaries	1,920.00	
Water	349.49	
Adjustments—accounts receivable	109.73	
Donations		\$ 7,541.38
Electric fan		29.97
Laboratory		2,679.11
Live stock encumbrance and expense		432.29
Metropolitan Insurance Co.		487.45
O. B. room		640.00
Operating room		4,370.94
Rooms, private		19,952.00
Rooms, wards		14,127.03
Rooms, nursery		698.75
Steward's sales		2,167.55
X-Ray department		3,807.70
Budget, 1924		1,588.24
Adjustment, accounts receivable		31.01
Gains for year	5,343.37	
	<u>\$58,553.42</u>	<u>\$58,553.42</u>

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

FINANCIAL REPORT

To the First Presidency Office, Dear Brethren: For our financial report for the fiscal year from July 1, 1924, to June 30, 1925, we refer you to the report of the general church Auditor. We submit an additional report covering our financial activities from July 1, 1925, to February 28, 1926, to enable you to better understand the trend of our finances.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The year has been one of great activity in every department of our work. We have made every effort we could, consistent with what we considered good judgment, to push our department. Of necessity we have had to move with a degree of caution until we had become better acquainted with the needs and responsibilities of the department.

Our duties have required quite a lot of traveling among our people and an explanation of the social program as outlined for us by the conference of 1925. In doing this work, we have been wonderfully blessed. We find the greater part of the Saints not only willing, but anxious, to aid in a practical demonstration of the Zioniac program. The majority of the Saints seem to have caught a bigger and clearer vision than ever before of the immediate need of *doing* something that will help to redeem Zion. The numerous filings of financial statements attest the fact that the members of the church are ready to do when they understand how, and, better still, the liberal bestowment of God's Spirit upon his children is proof unmistakable of his pleasure in their obedience.

We have given attention to the question of the proper holding of church property with the thought always uppermost in mind to organize only those whom we felt sure had a keen realization of their responsibility and who were not only desirous, but competent, to assume such responsibility.

We feel assured that the time is fully ripe for an active effort to be made to organize our people in harmony with the revealments of God to us as found in the constitutional books of our church, i. e.: The Bible, Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants; ever keeping in mind the necessity of fully complying with the laws of our land. No organization of our people can receive the approval of the Master of men with anything less. Every true Latter Day Saint should be a hundred per cent citizen of the country wherein he resides.

Years ago the officers of the church received counsel from the Lord instructing them as follows:

"Let them before God see to it that the temporal means so obtained [through the law of tithing] is truly used for the purposes of the church, and not as a weapon of power in the hands of one man for the oppression of others, or for the purposes of self-aggrandizement by anyone be he whomsoever he may be."—Doctrine and Covenants 114:1. In accord with this instruction, we have steadily set our face toward this end, that we organize our temporal means so as to distribute the use of this "weapon of power" in such a way that "no one man" could, if he wished to, use the power attendant to riches for self-aggrandizement. To this end we have organized several group activities. Among these we may mention The Independence Development Trust Company, and The Lamoni Development Trust Company.

THE INDEPENDENCE DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMPANY

This is an organization of a group of stewards for the handling of a business block in the city of Independence, Missouri, known as the "Battery Block." We have given very careful consideration to this organization, both from a spiritual standpoint and legal standpoint, and we feel that in this trust company we have a form of organization under which we can operate with a feeling of surety as to compliance with both the laws of the church and the laws of the land. In this organization we have placed the entire interest of the Battery Block in the hands of a group of men holding the same as trustees, the church being the beneficiary. The Bishopric are anxious to have similar organizations among our people and will be pleased to furnish copies of the form of this organization upon request.

THE LAMONI DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMPANY

This is another organization under which a group of men selected for their business sagacity and integrity have been set apart as stewards over certain real estate properties situated in the town of Lamoni, Iowa. This order of stewards was made possible through the use of some of the surplus derived from the sale of the Lamoni Electric Plant. In this case Graceland College is made beneficiary. This trust company, like the Independence Trust Company, is operating under the stewardship plan "using the things of this world in the manner designed of God, that the places where they occupy may shine as Zion, the redeemed of the Lord."

THE LAMONI ELECTRIC COMPANY

This is another example of what can be done by a "group stewardship." This company for years operated under the care and supervision of a group of stewards who held this

piece of property in trust for the church. During the last year this group of stewards were confronted with certain conditions which necessitated either the selling of that plant or a very large expenditure of money to enable them to continue successful financially. After careful counsel with the proper church authorities, it was unanimously voted for the group of stewards to sell. From this group activity, the church has realized quite a nice profit. The business has not been fully closed at time of writing this, but we can safely say that the church has realized about \$10,000 as a tithe and about \$100,000 as a surplus.

STAKE ACTIVITIES

Under the program outlined by General Conference, we are expecting the various stakes to take on added activity.

We feel certain that should the stakes be allowed to retain part or all of their surplus fund, that the members of the stake who have a surplus will be prompted to place this surplus, little or much, in the stake treasury. We cannot expect any great success in our building up of Zion unless at the same time we strengthen the stakes of Zion. This strength should be both spiritual and temporal.

RESERVE FUND

From the financial report, it will readily be seen that about all of our reserve funds have been borrowed and used for other church work than that for which it was paid. We are not blaming anyone for this condition of our finances, but we do desire greatly to conduct our finances so as to have reserve funds ready for emergencies which are likely to come. This can be accomplished only by educating the Saints to comply fully with the financial law of our church. The tithe is used primarily for our missionary work, which should be of first importance to us. The fund out of which we may expect to build a "reserve fund" is that of the surplus. Until we have such reserve funds, we cannot work on a sound financial basis. We, therefore, urgently ask that the chief executive authorities of the church provide for the instruction of the priesthood of the church to the intent that they (the priesthood) shall be able to present our social program to the members of the church, urging them to comply with the provisions of the financial law; thus enabling the church to build a foundation on which the gathering may be effective, through the purchasing of lands and the starting of industries, with this surplus paid in by those so having.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Several stewards have been placed upon farms. Those so

placed have been given every advantage to obtain an inheritance provided for in the law of stewardships. It is the intention to place stewards over all of our agricultural land just as fast as it can be done in harmony with the law governing. Every member capable and worthy of having, should, sooner or later, be made a steward over his own property or over that received by the church in the form of consecration.

Very sincerely,

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC,

By A. CARMICHAEL.

MARK H. SIEGFRIED.

J. A. BECKER.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 4.

RADIO DEPARTMENT

BROADCASTING STATION K L D S

Since the last General Conference the 1000-watt church broadcasting station, construction funds for which were subscribed, has been completed and placed in regular operation. A government license to operate on this power was obtained, and the Class B wave length of 440.9 meters, 680 kilo-cycles, was put into use June 20, 1925. All available wave lengths being occupied it was necessary, in order to obtain a Class B wave, to have some station agree to a division of time on the wave already occupied by them. Through negotiations of President Smith and the director of the radio station with the state officials at Jefferson City an agreement was made with W O S, the state marketing bureau's Class B station, and approved by the Government, so that K L D S enjoys the privileges of a Class B wave length during its broadcasting hours. The church is deeply indebted to the Honorable Jewell Mayes, State Secretary of Agriculture, and to Colonel Arthur T. Nelson, commissioner in charge of W O S.

The new station, on the Class B wave length, has been received much better than the old one on the short wave length, on which many other stations also operated. Thousands of people now listen to K L D S regularly, who were unable to receive our programs consistently.

That the church broadcasting station is accomplishing its purposes to some extent at least, is clearly recognized. The volume of correspondence has increased to such a point that an office for the needs of the radio department became imperative, and was provided for. It is unfortunate that office facilities were insufficient for keeping a record of the number of cards and letters, inquiries for church literature, etc. As

many as a thousand cards and letters have been received on a single morning devotional program. Hundreds of requests for sermons and for church literature have been received as a result of the Sunday night doctrinal sermons. A great many sermons have thus been distributed, as well as educational lectures.

A short time ago the radio department sent out circular letters to missionaries and to branch presidents inviting comments, suggestions, and criticisms. Nearly a hundred and fifty answers have been received to date, and with only a very few exceptions, coming from people outside of the range of K L D S, their letters have been most enthusiastic in praise of the church broadcasting station. According to their letters K L D S is:

1. Acquainting many thousands with the Reorganized Church and the restored gospel.
2. Breaking down prejudice everywhere.
3. Making many new openings for direct missionary work.
4. Causing people to actually request evangelistic meetings.
5. Keeping members in closer touch with activities at church headquarters.
6. Enabling isolated members to enjoy our services.
7. Supplementing branch activities.
8. Proving a strong educational factor.
9. Reaching a class of people we have had difficulty in reaching before.

10. Making a welcome for missionaries wherever they go.

11. Providing an economical means of spreading the gospel.

According to these letters from the ministry, K L D S is not broadcasting too often, but rather not enough. A number stressed the importance of a more powerful station than we now have.

RADIO BOARD APPOINTED

On December 29, 1925, at a meeting of the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric, with A. B. Church present, radio questions were considered and it was thought advisable to appoint a Board of Radio Directors, comprised as follows:

1. Member of First Presidency, Elbert A. Smith;
2. Secretary of Quorum of Twelve, F. H. Edwards;
3. Member of Presiding Bishopric, J. A. Becker;
4. Director of the Radio, A. B. Church;
5. Dean of the Institute, F. M. McDowell;
6. Publicity Manager, J. A. Gardner;
7. Musical Director of Zion, Paul N. Craig.

This board was given the authority to determine the general policies of broadcasting, appoint program committee and supervise the activities of the broadcasting station.

AMOUNT OF BROADCASTING FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 1925, TO
APRIL 1, 1926

Following is a table showing the approximate number of regular schedules broadcast by K L D S during the twelve months' period.

Church services (Stone Church)	38
Studio services	172
Educational lectures	85
Musical programs	158
Total	453

Total religious services broadcast	210
Total musical programs (secular)	158
Total educational lectures	85

The above tables do not include special schedules such as banquet programs, oratorios, athletic events, special test programs, etc. Each schedule represents one to three hours, the average being about one and one half hours.

PRESENT WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Since December, 1925, the following weekly schedule has been in effect:

SUNDAY:

- 11.00 A. M. Stone Church services.
- 3.00 P. M. Sacred program by various churches of Independence, and other organizations.
- 6.30 P. M. Radio vesper service.
- 9.15 P. M. Studio service, weekly doctrinal hour.

TUESDAY:

- 6.30 A. M. Morning devotional service.
- 8.00 P. M. Educational lecture. Musical program, classical.
- 11.59 P. M. Weekly midnight program. Popular music.

THURSDAY:

- 8.00 P. M. Educational lecture. Musical program, classical.

FRIDAY:

- 6.30 A. M. Morning devotional service.

SATURDAY:

- 8.00 P. M. Musical program, classical and popular.

It will be noted that each week's broadcasting includes:

- 6 religious services with sermons or sermonets.
- 2 educational lectures.
- 2 classical music programs.
- 2 popular music programs.

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULES CONTEMPLATED

In addition to the present weekly church schedule several new hours are being considered. There is great demand for more morning devotional services. Many people have requested that these programs be broadcast every morning. It is probable that Thursday morning will be added. A Sunday morning service, from 8 to 9 o'clock, is being considered, and popular demand makes it appear advisable to add this schedule. A mid-week "Tuning-in service" was suggested by one of our missionaries who is confident that such a service would reach a class of people that does not have opportunity to tune in the morning devotional services. Since this suggestion was received at the radio office several similar ones have come in, and the 6 to 7 hour each Wednesday evening appears to open up good possibilities.

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

The plans for additional schedules are being made. This increase of schedule is an important and timely matter. Our station should occupy on its wave length just as much as possible, so long as it is performing a recognized public service. With four hundred stations, not yet allowed to operate, trying frantically to obtain a government license, and with six hundred stations already licensed, the Government's problem is at once apparent. It appears certain that eventually only those stations that are permanently licensed must possess certain high qualifications. The station itself must be strictly first class and meet the highest technical requirements. It must be maintained on a basis commensurate with its importance. Its broadcasting must be of such a nature that it is desired by the general public and approved by it.

The matter of program arrangements and preparations is most important. The present plan of a program committee, appointed by the radio board, should be augmented. The musical director in Zion has been a great help in the program work, and the development of musical organizations at this time is of utmost importance.

For the efficient operation of the station during the past year much credit is due our engineer, Brother A. R. Moler. He is consecrated to his work and realizes its possibilities. Credit should also be given the many consecrated musicians and others who, without remuneration, have furnished the

programs broadcast from K L D S. That their service is appreciated by listeners is attested by the thousands of letters of applause which they have sent.

ARTHUR B. CHURCH, *Chairman Radio Board.*
J. A. GARDNER, *Secretary Radio Board.*

REPORT OF WORK DONE DURING YEAR 1925 BY SOCIETY ISLANDS QUORUM OF ELDERS

To the General Conference, Greeting: The following is a summary of work reported by 27 elders:

Sermons 758, presided 717, assisted 441, other services 2,628, total services 4,544, baptized 9, confirmed 32, assisted to confirm 26, ordained 7, assisted to ordain 13, children blessed 60, assisted to bless 30, marriages 9, members of court 7, administered sacrament 109, trouble delivered to court 18, difficulties adjusted 18, visits 36, administered to sick 252, assisted administer 18.

Paia a Metuaaro, Manihi, is president of the quorum.

REPORT OF WORK DONE DURING YEAR 1925 BY SOCIETY ISLANDS QUORUM OF PRIESTS

To the General Conference, Greeting: The following is a summary of work reported by twenty priests:

Sermons 360, presided 371, assisted 277, other services 2,562, total services attended 3,417, baptized 1, priests' visits 117, administered sacrament 124, difficulties adjusted 6, acted as usher 39, assisted poor 5, rang the bell 15.

Mairoto a Pou, Manihi, is president of the quorum.

SUMMARY OF WORK REPORTED BY MEMBERS OF SOCIETY ISLANDS QUORUM OF TEACHERS FOR YEAR 1925

To General Conference, Greeting: Sixteen teachers report as follows:

Sermons preached 170, meetings presided over 320, assisted to preside 246, other meetings attended 1,606, total meetings attended 2,396, teachers' visits 110, difficulties adjusted 25, cases delivered to court 23, assisted meetings as deacon 69, assisted poor 31, prepared sacrament materials 10, rang the bell 25.

REPORT OF SOCIETY ISLANDS QUORUM OF DEACONS,
INCLUDING REPORTS OF SOME UNORGAN-
IZED DEACONS, FOR YEAR 1925

To the General Conference, Greeting: The following is a summary of the reports of fourteen deacons:

Sermons 102, meetings presided over 277, assisted to pre-
side 189, other services attended 1,308, total services attended
2,708, difficulties adjusted 10, deacons' visits 90, assisted meet-
ing as deacon 9, assisted needy 14, prepared materials for
sacrament 78, collected offering 53, rang the bell 675, set
church building in order 133, lit the lamps 137.

Tangi Tumureva a Tefanau, Kaukura, is president of the
quorum.

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