

Minutes of General Conference 1918

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ORGANIZATION

The Sixty-fifth General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints convened in the First Church, at Independence, Missouri, on Saturday, April 6, at ten o'clock a. m.

Preceding the conference session the Melchisedec priesthood, and priests under General Conference appointment, met in the lower auditorium by appointment of the First Presidency, at eight o'clock a. m., President F. M. Smith in charge.

President Frederick M. Smith called the conference assembly to order.

Hymn No. 158, "Redeemer of Israel," was sung.

Presiding Patriarch Frederick A. Smith offered prayer.

The President asked who should be appointed to preside over the General Conference.

It was moved and seconded that the First Presidency preside over the General Conference; that they be authorized to make appointments to complete the organization, including time and character of sessions, speakers, presiding officers, etc.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Frederick M. Smith presented the following report, which he read:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

To-day we enter upon the second year of the United States' participation in the great war. As a church we cannot dissociate ourselves from a keen and vital interest in that Na-

tion. The majority of our members are in the United States. We believe this Government was founded for God's purposes. Our great social objective centers geographically near the heart of continental United States. Towards the goal we yearningly look, and faithfully strive. In no church should greater loyalty to the United States be found than among the United States Latter Day Saints. The year has been one of anxiety and feverish activity and happily may it be said that with few exceptions our people are doing their full individual duty towards the Government. With the cause of the allied arms we are closely bound in interest, and for the success of the cause of liberty we should fervently and continually pray. We stand for peace, but not for peace purchased at the sacrifice of principles fundamental to true liberty. We deplore war; but not even our religious belief in peace can justify a refusal to lend our assistance in a gigantic struggle for the fundamentals of democracy. We therefore stand for loyalty to our Government, and for its fullest expression I plead.

A YEAR OF ADVANCEMENT

In the church work the year has been one of steady advancement. In stakes and some of the districts changes are being introduced which already have resulted in improved spirituality; and it must never be forgotten that, however much we may emphasize the social aspects of our religion, however yearningly we look into the future, near or far, to see the walls and towers of modern Zion or ken the industrial activities, the prime object of our organic existence is the erection, maintenance, and constant fortification of a standard of ethics and moral excellence which shall challenge and hold in its illuminating grace the admiration of all peoples. In our material successes lurk potential dangers and it is our spiritual task to keep these dangers other than kinetic. To maintain ethical and spiritual excellence while material successes run apace is not impossible, though difficult. It means close clinging to religious landmarks in our intellectual and social development.

CHANGES INTRODUCED

The year has been one marked by the introduction of changes which have worked towards the advancement of our cause, though the full benefits have not yet been felt; for until complete adjustment is had to any change there is friction likely to develop. But despite this, there has been brought about a closer working understanding among the general officers of the church which promises a facilitation

of administrative affairs, and this cannot but be considered as a distinctly forward move. To promote further this working understanding and to widen the circle of mutual and reciprocal confidence among the officers of the church shall be the continuation of a task to which we have long been devoting ourselves.

CONDITIONS OF LABOR

The Presidency the past year has worked under conditions at times far from advantageous. The one counselor has from physical causes been able to give little attention to the work of the Presidency, as is well known to the church. That he is at this conference time able once more to take his place part of the time in the general councils is highly pleasing to all his confreres and particularly so to the other member of the Presidency. May the Divine will be that he will soon be able to take his full share of the burden.

WORKS OF THE TWELVE

Thus shorthanded, the work of the Presidency has at times been made more difficult by the absence of the chief from his desk. But thanks to the splendid assistance of others called into help, the work has gone on apace.

After the adjournment of last conference, the Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric held councils in Independence, at which were present such members of the Twelve as were at last conference. Following this the various members of the Twelve, acting on suggestions and direction of the Presidency, went into various fields giving official attention to matters demanding it.

Apostles C. A. Butterworth and P. M. Hanson, then in Australia, were in charge of the work there until the latter returned to America, since when the former has remained in charge, directing the affairs of the mission. He reports that though Australia has been hard hit by the great war, yet loyalty and devotion to the church and devotion to its cause has grown, and he is heartened by the young men who are rallying to his and our support. He has visited all parts of the mission but West Australia and New Zealand. On the whole the missionaries there have made a goodly report. For this mission see report in another place, in the report of the second mission conference held December last, and pronounced to be a marked success—"the most profitable gathering ever held" by the church in that country, says Brother Butterworth.

Brother Hanson left Australia in August, and spent one month in New Zealand and two weeks in Hawaii en route to

America, which he reached in time to attend the fall council of the Presidency and Twelve held in November.

Of the death of Apostle James E. Kelley, the Twelve has taken due notice in the resolutions which will doubtless be presented.

Apostle F. M. Sheehy has, in harmony with instructions from the Presidency, devoted his attention largely to study and research into the literature of archæology, but has taken several trips to places needing his official attention in regulating, etc., and has been in frequent consultations with the Presidency and others of the Twelve on various matters coming to the Presidency's office. Under his direction the Far West Stake was organized last spring.

Apostle Peter Anderson, has by ill health been kept close to home; but as his strength permitted he attended near-by district conferences and reunions and assisted Apostle Sheehy in the organization of the Far West Stake, and has been of much assistance to the Presidency in counseling and advising in matters coming to the Presidency's office and others referred by the office to him.

Apostle Gomer T. Griffiths, President of the Twelve, reports having been extremely busy for the year and furthermore reports having been abundantly blessed by the Lord of the harvest; in fact he reports that never has he had richer spiritual experiences in his forty-two years of ministerial service, and reports having been loyally supported by the ministry wherever he has traveled in his efforts to labor among them. But he calls attention to the fact that in many branches the Saints are starving because of the lack of shepherds to properly feed the flock, and holds that the attention of the church must be paid to this matter of providing good executive officers to have charge of branches and districts, and considers this to be one of the chief works of the Joint Council. Under the direction of and in harmony with the First Presidency, Brother Griffiths has traveled and labored diligently throughout the year, going where his services as one of the regulating officers of the church were needed.

Apostle U. W. Greene after the spring council went East and labored through the eastern districts or fields, giving attention to matters coming under his direct observations there, and spending most of the time up until the fall council in the field usually spoken of as the Eastern Mission. Though struggling against some hindering causes he was able to spend a great deal of time in the field while in that part of the country. After the meeting of the fall council, Apostle Greene traveled through the Northwest and West,

familiarizing himself with the needs of the field in that part of the country, though before completing the trip he was called home on the account of serious sickness in the family. But with his work in the field and the various councils which have been held during the year, his attendance at reunions and other places and conferences, he has found his year a very busy one indeed.

After the spring council mentioned above, Apostle J. F. Curtis traveled in what has been known as the Great Lakes Mission, finishing up work which was left unfinished by him the previous year, traveling through Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario, New York, and Pennsylvania, returning by way of Ohio and West Virginia, looking after matters in that field and familiarizing himself with a portion of the general field with which he had no acquaintance previously. After the fall council, in company with Brother Hanson he traveled in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, and then Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, and Idaho, dedicating churches, attending district conferences, settling difficulties, and discharging the general functions of one of his quorum.

Apostle W. M. Aylor, following the spring council, in company with Apostle Gillen, traveled through Iowa, North Dakota and the prairie provinces of Canada, getting acquainted with an entirely new field to him and doing much good in preaching and visiting among the Saints at the various district conferences and reunions. After the fall council, Brother Aylor, in company with Brother Greene, visited the Spokane and Washington countries, going down the Pacific Coast to the California districts and returning by way of Utah and Colorado. On their trip they got in touch with many of the brethren under General Conference appointment and were enabled, by instruction and encouragement, to do much good towards stimulating greater activity and a broader conception of the work. What with attending district conferences, reunions, and presiding over priesthood meetings, and meeting and talking with the various missionaries in groups and locally, Brother Aylor has indeed spent a busy year. He reports this the most active year of his ministerial life and he is much encouraged in his work.

Apostle R. C. Russell has been hindered a great deal during the year by sickness. Just before the close of the spring council until some time in June he was at the Sanitarium; then going to his home he remained there until the reunion season. After that he visited reunions at Erie Beach, Low Banks, and Kirtland. Despite his physical handicap, he traveled considerably through Ohio and other eastern States

and was able to do a great deal of good in church work. He was in attendance at part of the council which was held in the fall, missing some of the earlier sessions. After the close of the fall council Brother Russell remained in and around Independence, attending to such matters as were turned over to him by the First Presidency's office and assisting in the councils and consultations which were frequently held on church matters at the office of the First Presidency. Besides this he was able to attend district conferences at Topeka, Eldorado Springs, Springfield, Holden, and in fact has been able to accomplish a great deal in spite of his handicap. He reports having enjoyed his work and having been greatly blessed therein.

Apostle John W. Rushton has traveled over the western States extensively, including Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, and British Columbia, attending such duties as he found within his province, assisting also in adjusting difficulties in Colorado Springs, and Bisbee, Arizona. His attention has been given to conferences and reunions in various parts of the western country besides preaching and lecturing where opportunities permitted. As secretary of the Quorum of Twelve and responsible for the work in the western part of the country, he has had, of course, to carry on a large amount of correspondence. Brother Rushton, though in attendance at the spring council, was, because of his distance from the office in the fall, not present at the fall council, but he has kept busy in his work as a church officer and has found pleasure therein.

Apostle James A. Gillen after the spring council traveled with Brother Aylor through Iowa, the Dakotas, and in the prairie provinces of Canada, but was recalled from that field by the Presidency to assist in office work, and from that time up to the present he has been engaged as a very industrious assistant in the Presidency's office, helping to care for the voluminous correspondence of the office. He has proven a splendid assistant and his faithfulness and zeal in helping carry the burden of the office are duly appreciated. Besides his work as office assistant to the President he has visited many conferences and reunions in the near-by territory and has made several trips to adjust difficulties in which it was necessary to have the attention of the Presidency's office.

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

Touching the work of the Presiding Bishop it must be said that in the expansion of church work there has developed an interlacing of the detail work of the Presidency and Bishopric that renders the offices quite inseparable in their activ-

ities. The splendid spirit of cooperation manifest by the Presiding Bishopric and the loyal assistance rendered the Presidency by them is valued. By instructions of the President, Bishop McGuire and Bishop Keir have traveled as extensively as their duties would permit; this, for the purpose of getting acquainted with the Saints and their needs in various parts of the country and permitting the Saints to meet these men in whom it is necessary for the Saints to have such unbounded confidence. In thus traveling, the members of the Bishopric have gathered an insight to the work and a knowledge of affairs which cannot but be of great service to them in their department, and of service to other general church officers.

Under the direction of the Presiding Bishopric several industries have been started in the nature of stewardships which make towards the development of the general work, and hold promise of progress toward Zionie conditions. Under their direction also the Holden Home has been opened and is receiving inmates. This is a consolidation of home interests which will be to the interest of the work.

COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD

In mentioning the work of the various members of the apostolic quorum, reference has been made to a fall council. In November the Presidency called the Twelve who were available from their various fields for consultation in the Presidency's office at Independence; and for some days the council was in session discussing matters which pertained to general church affairs and taking such actions as were justified. From this council much benefit was derived and great good was done to the church work. After the council, under the direction of the Presidency, the Twelve went into various fields or assumed various activities. Of this mention was made in setting out in detail the work of the individual members.

Besides this council of the Presidency, Twelve, and Bishopric held in November, there were held at different times during the year councils to which great importance must be attached. Under the direction of the Presidency, at different times during the year, there have been called to Independence the presidents and bishops of the various stakes and these in connection with the Presiding Bishopric of the church have met with the Presidency for the discussion of such affairs and activities in the stakes as touched upon and pertain to the general Zionie development. From these councils there has been great strength of determination gathered and the influence emanating therefrom will be felt eventually in

all parts of the church. The brethren counseling were heartened and strengthened, and of even greater importance has been the resultant unity of action in the various stakes, and a dissemination of the knowledge of details and working plans which has greatly enhanced and fortified the work in the stakes. It is the full intention of the Presidency to have these councils with as great frequency as might be demanded by the needs of the work or as may appear wise.

It would be difficult to say too much for the benefits accruing from the various councils which have been held during the year in the Presidency's office. This movement marks a distinct period in the history of the church, and good reasons appear why it should be encouraged and promoted. It will now be seen that while the Presidency has been short one counselor, and while one has, because of physical disadvantages, been prohibited from doing his work as a member of the Presidency, yet there has been utilized by the President, not two, but a large number of counselors; an opportunity gladly seized by him, grateful indeed that there is accessible such a body of counselors with whom to share the responsibility of making decisions looking towards the promotion of general administrative and executive affairs of the church. Appreciation is herein expressed for the splendid service and assistance given the Presidency in this way by the various brethren.

SCATTERED MEMBERS

We wish to call attention of the conference to the portion of the report of the Church Recorder which states that of the total membership of the church there are 34,500 who are reported as scattered members, or who are reported as not being in branches. Many of these, without doubt, with the proper care can be recovered to the records, but this means that there should be assigned to some officers the task of looking up these scattered ones and reclaiming them. And to this matter the Presidency is quite determined to give careful attention in the hope that we can organize or perfect some plan by which information in regard to these scattered members may be gathered. We are encouraged by the fact that in some places live pastors have given their attention to this matter, and in at least some instances have succeeded in discovering practically all of the scattered members. This gives us hope to believe that with proper attention the statistics now given can be changed, with great benefit to the scattered members and the church.

GRACELAND COLLEGE

The attention of the delegates of the conference is directed to the report from Graceland College, with particular refer-

ence to the work this institution is doing in the way of assisting the Government in its wireless and other work. Notice should be taken of the recommendation of the college president in regard to a new dormitory and a library building. The Presidency urges that some provision be made by this conference for the erection of these new buildings for Graceland College. They are badly needed, particularly the library building, and some way should be devised by the conference to supply these pressing needs of the college. The work of Graceland College as the head of the educational system of the church is becoming splendidly organized, and the efforts of those who have this work in charge are to be commended.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Attention is directed, too, to the report from the Children's Home trustees, particularly that paragraph speaking of the possible use of the home as a clearing house. This is an important matter. For long have we felt that the work of this Children's Home was not being carried on in as scientific a manner as is desirable; and this suggestion by the trustees is timely. Some action or references should be had looking to the carrying out of the plan suggested very briefly by the trustees.

NAUVOO

Attention is also called to the report of the committee on memorial to martyrs, to the suggested need or advisability of locating a man with his family at Nauvoo to take care of the property of the church there, and particularly that property on which in all probability will be located whatever memorial to the Martyrs it is decided to erect. This matter should have the attention of the church.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Adverting to the report of the Library Commission, it may be said that perhaps this commission has been carried long enough to serve the purpose of its creation, viz, to tide over a transitional period. The Presidency believes that our development as an organization has been such as to justify recommending that the church librarian become identified with the librarian of the college; that the college library be made the library of the church in fact, or the chief division thereof, and to the work of the librarian be referred the task of unifying all our library interests. This can be done by the organization of a library force under the direction of the general librarian, and the library at Graceland College can be made the basis or nucleus for all library interests of the church; and, as has been suggested previously, there can

be attached to the general church library such departmental libraries as are made necessary by our church work in its various aspects. This carries with it the question of the erection of the library building at the college to which reference has been made in another part of this report.

CHANGE IN HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

The Presidency also recommends the discharge of the standing committee we have had, known as the committee on revision of church history. There exists a necessity for a reorganization of our historical department, and this is touched upon by a resolution which will reach us from the joint council. The work of revision, if necessary, can be left to such committee as may be appointed by the Presidency and those they will call in consultation thereon without the necessity of carrying this standing committee.

CHURCH ARCHITECT

The Presidency feels that we have reached the point in our church development when we should have a general church architect to whom shall be referred all matter pertaining to church buildings in which the church is generally interested, and to whom might be assigned the task of developing what will, we hope, be eventually a distinctive type of church architecture. This matter has been suggested to others of the brethren. The Presidency asks authority from the conference to so appoint a church architect.

CHURCH PHYSICIAN

It will be remembered that for some years the church has been without a church physician. The President of the church has had this matter under contemplation and advisement for some time, and we present now the name of Doctor G. Leonard Harrington as church physician, and ask ratification. Under the direction of this chief medical officer we should make and maintain decided and distinct efforts to promote the health interests of the church. An important work in preventive medicine should be fostered.

QUORUM WORK

The Presidency has had from time to time reports from various quorums of elders, priests, teachers, and deacons organized in various parts of the country, but these quorums are not keeping up as high a standard of work as is desirable. It is, however, possible that this can be greatly improved by a closer supervision of this work from the First Presidency's office, and this task will be undertaken. To the brethren of the Twelve there must be assigned to a large degree the

task of visiting with these various quorums in different parts of the country with the idea of stimulating, enlivening, teaching, instructing, and other necessary work. Quorum presidents in all parts of the country are urged to keep closely in touch with this office, reporting their difficulties as well as their successes. In the stakes, where the organization is more complete, to the stake presidents must naturally be referred the task of looking after these local quorums more closely, and where they are thus organized with better and larger machinery it is expected that the quorums will attain a higher degree of excellence and set a standard of activities as educational factors in the church, which will go far toward enhancing our spiritual development and welfare.

The Presidency some two years ago urged the reorganization of the Standing High Council with a view to having it more easily convened, without delay and large costs. This was done, and with satisfactory results. On several occasions this council has been convened for the purpose of hearing matters submitted by the Presiding Bishop, on which he desired counsel and advice, an opportunity which the Bishop has gladly seized to share responsibility with this body of advisers to the bishop.

THE BOY MOVEMENT

Because it was felt that there existed a well-defined demand for it, the Presidency, in the course of the conference year, appointed Brother Floyd M. McDowell general director of the boy movement. Brother McDowell has somewhat reluctantly taken up the responsibilities of this task, but we are fortunate indeed in having one of Brother McDowell's training to assume the leadership of this responsible movement. Attached hereto is the report which Brother McDowell has submitted to the Presidency, of the work so far accomplished by him and of what he has in mind. Those interested in the boy movement should note well this report of Brother McDowell to the Presidency:

"IOWA CITY, IOWA, March 10, 1918.

"To President Frederick M. Smith; Dear Brother: When I, in December last, after repeated requests from you, finally consented to assume the responsibility of attempting to work out a plan for centralizing the so-called 'Boy Movement,' I did so because I was supremely anxious that the church do something in a systematic way for the boys, and not because I considered myself qualified to offer at once a solution to the problem. If the task seemed immense to me at that time, it seems doubly so at present, since I have been think-

ing over it. If anything is accomplished it will be due to the hearty and prayerful support of the Saints.

"My time during the winter has been almost completely taken up with my school work and if I seem to have accomplished little this is all the excuse I have to offer. I have secured from Sister Audentia Anderson much of the correspondence of her committee which was appointed at the last General Conference to consider this work. In this material I found many helpful, yet widely divergent, suggestions. I have also reviewed some literature on boys' organizations as time would permit, as well as endeavoring to get in touch personally with capable men who have had experience in working with boys. In addition to this I have been recommended as an assistant scoutmaster and have been put in charge of a local patrol of Iowa City boys. This I believe will result in the best possible experience for me, as the boys are well trained scouts, and the chief scoutmaster one of the ablest boy leaders in the country. Since my name appeared in the church papers I have received many inquiries and a few valuable suggestions from interested Saints throughout the church.

"I have recently submitted to the HERALD a short article setting forth my views as far as they have matured and offering a tentative plan of procedure. In brief the points emphasized were as follows:

"1. That it would be unwise to draw up at present an elaborate constitution for a general organization and proceed to hand it down ready-made to local clubs, irrespective of their particular needs. The more flexible the general organization the better.

"2. That the work of the general director should for a time be limited to collecting information, encouraging local organizations, acting as a sort of clearing house for the experiences of the various groups and imparting such information to those interested.

"3. In order to facilitate this work, each of the local organizations was asked to furnish me with certain definite information in regard to its organization, its constitution, members, etc.

"4. That branches having no organization but desiring to do something should write me, stating their needs and desires and expressing a willingness to cooperate with the general movement as far as possible.

"5. That at least a year should be spent in a united effort to collect information and try out plans and theories, in the hope that we might as a result be better able to devise just that sort of an organization best suited to the purposes and needs of the church.

"6. That wherever we could find a group of boys willing to organize, and a competent leader, a member of the church, we should encourage them to secure the boy scout's literature, and, if thought desirable, join in with that organization, keeping close tab on the results and reporting their experience as suggested above. This, we suggested, was made possible by the very nature of the boy scout organization itself, which intends that each church look after the religious training of its boys, and only provides those activities that encourage a clean, healthy, normal life. I have gone over their literature and I find nothing objectionable in it to my way of thinking.

"7. That local organizations already formed may either join the scouts as suggested or continue their own form of organization for the year, reporting their experiences and making every attempt to find the best.

"8. That some attempt be made to coordinate this movement with one of the auxiliaries of the church so as not to increase the already preponderant number of such organizations.

"These suggestions are based on practically no experience with boy movements, and very little time devoted to serious study of the problem. As a result they may seem very incomplete and immature. They represent, however, the best that I can do at present with the limited time at my disposal. I am ready and anxious for constructive criticism. I am convinced that there are a large number in the church ready to go to work to do something for the boys. Here is an opportunity. Let them not worry so much about not having a general organization of our own at present. Let them see to it rather that capable and dependable leaders are chosen to work with small groups of boys of similar age and interest, and the organization will later take care of itself. Let us all think together, work together, and pray together for the success of the movement, keeping in touch with the 'central office' at all times, and perhaps a year from now we may be able to report to you some more tangible results.

"Respectfully submitted,

"F. M. McDOWELL,

"Acting General Director of the 'Boy Movement.'"

REPORT OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Special attention of the delegates and ex officios of the conference is directed to the report of the coordinating committee. This committee is a joint one appointed by the church and the three auxiliary societies. For some years the Presidency has been of the opinion that in the work of the auxili-

ary societies there has been too strong a tendency toward independence of activities, and even government, and we feel that the report of the coordinating committee, looking to the correction of this evil, is opportune and is worthy of the careful consideration of the conference.

WOMEN'S BUILDING

A building owned by the church was by the Presidency and Bishopric last spring turned over to a committee of the local Woman's Auxiliary for use as a Women's Building. Later the local Woman's Auxiliary having relinquished control thereof, the Presidency appointed a committee to conduct the affairs of that building. The committee is Mrs. Joseph Sturges, Mrs. Joseph Mather, Mrs. Ellis Short, Mrs. Dora Glines, and Mrs. F. M. Smith. Something of the work of that committee is reflected in the following report submitted April 1 to the Presidency:

"We, the members of the Women's Building Committee, have the following report to submit: With the exception of a short time during the coal famine at the holiday season, the building has been open since July, 1917."

"During the summer a knitting class met at the Women's Building and eighty garments were made for the Navy. Millinery, dressmaking, and Spanish classes were held there from September until the close of the Independence Institute at holiday time.

"The building committee has received donations from the following: Brother Zimmermann, four beautiful rugs; Brother William Crick, \$200; Laurel Club, \$150; by rent, \$62; by solicitation, Independence Local, \$54; Northern California District, \$5; Southern California District, one comforter and \$63.50; Chatham District, Canada, \$3; and through special efforts of the committee, \$45. Total amount \$583.50. Expenses for furnishing the building \$412.95, leaving on hand \$171.55.

"As far as limited space would permit, a home has been prepared for girls; a labor exchange has been established; and provision made for a home economics class, under Government supervision; a complete conference directory, also names and addresses of Saints in the stakes; and for the past six weeks warm lunches have been prepared for the school children and others who cared to come."

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH OFFICES

For some years there has existed by appointment of General Conference a committee to provide church offices. For the present, at least, this committee has become unnecessary because of the outcome of another matter referred to the

Presidency and the Bishopric. It will be remembered that the auditors called attention to some accounts which needed adjusting, and by proper action, adjudication or the task of making the adjustments was referred to the Presidency and Bishopric. One such account was that of the former presiding bishop, E. L. Kelley. It is pleasing to report these adjustments made on the basis of details submitted to the Standing High Council and approved by that body. In the settlement the church came into possession of the residence building on the corner of West Lexington Street and North River Boulevard, Independence, Missouri, now known as Bartholomew Hall. Although the General Conference has twice or more times authorized the erection of an office building, under the present prevailing high prices of building materials, it was deemed wise to use Bartholomew Hall for office purposes for the present at least. So with such alterations as are necessary this building is now used for general office purposes, and occupied by the First Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and provisions are being made there for the Church Recorder, and assistant Church Secretary, with meeting place for the Twelve and desk room for its secretary.

The Presidency has striven for a closer working arrangement of the general offices with a view to closer cooperation and to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts and records, and this is a step there towards, and it is hoped to promote a closer working affiliation of still other offices with that of the Presidency.

The committee to provide church office building is now unnecessary and it is recommended that it be discharged.

On the whole the work is distinctly onward. From many quarters come the evidence that the Spirit of the Master is working mightily with the people. Men of the ministry are enthused by the sense of increased power when working whole-heartedly for the general interests. Malcontents there are, conspicuous at times, but under the action of the sifting forces they are becoming more outstanding with consequent diminution of influence. Everywhere are the lines of loyalty and disloyalty being more rigidly and distinctly drawn. Loyalty is the demand of the hour. Loyalty to God, to our Nation, to the church, to each other. May God grant that we measure up to the demand!

FREDERICK M. SMITH,
President.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The President called attention to the printed report of the committee on credentials:

To the Presidency and the General Conference: As your committee on credentials we have carefully examined the credentials furnished us by the Assistant Secretary and hereby report as follows:

AUSTRALIA.

Northern New South Wales, — members, — votes; no credentials.

Southern New South Wales, 570 members, 5 votes; J. W. Davis, E. F. Robertson, F. G. Pitt, G. R. Wells, A. C. Barmore, J. W. Wight, G. T. Griffiths; *2 in excess. Not instructed.*

Southern Queensland, no credential.

Victoria, 451 members, 4 votes; F. G. Pitt, J. W. Davis, E. F. Robertson, Sr. F. G. Pitt, Sr. P. M. Hanson; *1 in excess. Not instructed.*

Perth Branch, no credential.

CANADA

Alberta, 421 members, 4 votes; W. P. Bootman, Daniel Macgregor, William Osler, Clyde C. Walrath.

Chatham, 1,370 members, 13 votes; J. F. Curtis, Richard D. Weaver, Sr. Lyle Weaver, C. M. Clifford, Wilbert Wood, Joseph Yager, John Shields, Theo. Wismer, J. Delmar Hewitt, John R. Grice, William L. Ross, Samuel Brown, Lawrence D. Campbell.

London, 1,066 members, 10 votes; J. F. Curtis, B. H. Doty, J. Shields, J. Yager, R. C. Russell, C. C. Raison, G. C. Tomlinson, sr., A. Blanchard, Rosa Teir. *Alternates:* W. I. Fligg, G. H. Henly, J. C. Mottashed, H. Talbot, Sr. A. Else, A. Else, Sr. Sheldon, Louise Evans; *not instructed.*

Nova Scotia, 43 members, 1 vote; F. J. Ebeling.

Owen Sound, 1,600 members, 16 votes; J. F. Curtis, John Shields, Benson Belrose, D. B. Perkins, W. D. Ellis, S. G. St. John, James A. Morrison, E. M. Orton, Sr. E. M. Orton, Sr. Hannah Leeder, Sr. Sarah M. Shute, N. E. Leeder, jr., Robert Harrison, Ernest Clark, Alex Brown, Chester Smith. *Alternates:* James Gerrie, Sr. Harrison, F. B. Stade, William Stade, Sr. Alex Brown, Aylmer Powell, R. J. Wilcox, Sr. Wilcox, Abbie Snell, Sr. James Morrison, M. K. Brown.

Saskatchewan, 562 members, 5 votes; J. W. Peterson, Thomas J. Jordan, J. Dobson, Sr. T. J. Jordan, J. A. Gillen.

Toronto, 2,098 members, 20 votes; William Place, R. C. Evans, David Pycock, John Gribble, James Pycock, Joseph R. Osborne, Edward Whitworth, Sr. Edward Whitworth, James W. Davis, Sr. James W. Davis,

Thelma Gray, Sr. B. Needham, R. C. Russell, J. F. Curtis, Sr. R. C. Evans, Hyrum Dickhout, John Shields, Joseph Mills, Annie Whittaker, Hazel Lottridge.

Winnipeg, 239 members, 2 votes; E. L. Robertson, Nelson Wilson. *Alternate*: T. J. Jordan.

ENGLAND

Birmingham, 237 members, 2 votes; U. W. Greene, J. W. Rushton. *Not instructed*.

London, 171 members, 1 vote; U. W. Greene, Peter Anderson, John W. Rushton; 2 *in excess*.

Manchester, 655 members, 6 votes; U. W. Greene, Peter Anderson, J. W. Rushton. *Not instructed*.

Sheffield, no credential.

Exeter Branch, no credential.

Plymouth Branch, no credential.

GERMANY, no credential.

HAWAII TERRITORY

Hilo Branch, 38 members, 1 vote; James Davis.

Honolulu Branch, 287 members, 2 votes; Paul M. Hanson, J. W. Davis, G. J. Waller; 1 *in excess*.

NEW ZEALAND

Dunedin Branch, 23 members, 1 vote; P. M. Hanson.

PALESTINE, no credential.

SOCIETY ISLANDS, 1,000 members, 10 votes; J. Charles May, Sr. J. Charles May, Hubert Case, Sr. Hubert Case, John Peterson, Sr. John Peterson, Gomer T. Griffiths, F. G. Pitt, Sr. F. G. Pitt, Alberta Lake.

WALES, no credential.

ALABAMA, Alabama District, no credential.

Mobile, 916 members, 9 votes; A. E. Warr, Sr. A. E. Warr, F. M. Slover, A. G. Miller, W. L. Booker, Jason Booker, Edna Cochran.

ARIZONA

Bisbee Branch, no credential.

Douglas Branch, no credential.

Phoenix Branch, 56 members, 1 vote; James E. Yates.

Sulphur Springs Valley Branch, no credential.

ARKANSAS

Bald Knob Branch, 77 members, 1 vote; J. T. Riley.

Fisher Branch, no credential.

Sugar Creek Branch, no credential.

CALIFORNIA

Northern, 1,698 members, 16 votes; J. W. Rushton, U. W. Greene, W. M. Aylor, H. J. Davison, A. J. Damron, Arthur Allen, A. C. Barmore, G. J. Waller, F. G. Pitt, C. A. Parkin, Edw. Ingham, Sr. C. A. Parkin, Sr. Edw. Ingham, Sr. F. G. Pitt, Sr. C. Waller, Sr. Etta Cooper.

Alternates: Sr. B. Helling, Sr. C. McGee, Sr. McRoberts. Southern, 1,106 members, 11 votes; J. W. Rushton, U. W. Greene, J. F. Curtis, William Aylor, Peter Kaufman, Elizabeth Pickles, V. M. Goodrich, G. E. Harrington, Pearl Pankey, T. W. Williams.

COLORADO

Eastern, 1,051 members, 10 votes; Ammon White, Alice White, M. F. Ralston, Sr. F. G. Pitt, A. E. Bullard, F. D. Bullard, Florence Bullard, F. R. Brown, Sr. Adkins, A. E. Tabor. *Alternates:* Corda McCormick, N. A. Tabor, Emma B. Lewis, Sr. W. T. Bozarth, E. E. Conway. Western, 251 members, 2 votes; William B. Farley, Sr. Minnie Akers. *Alternates:* Amos T. Higdon, Robert Conley.

FLORIDA, no credential.

IDAHO

Southern, 325 members, 3 votes; N. L. Booker, F. W. Brose, Carmelia M. Condit. *Alternates:* L. G. Holloway, J. F. Curtis.

ILLINOIS

Central, 527 members, 5 votes; Earl Mintun, Flora Burton, Amy Bolt, Morgan Jones, Sr. M. R. Shoemaker.

Kewanee, 799 members, 7 votes; E. A. Curtis, Hazel Curtis, W. E. Wakeland, Selena Wakeland, Sr. J. G. Cole, Kitty Pine, Joseph Asay. *Alternates:* Sadie Adams, Hubert Archambault, Florence Holmes.

Nauvoo, 734 members, 7 votes; D. J. Williams, James McKeirnan, C. J. Smith, C. E. Willey, George P. Lambert, H. N. Snively, Sr. D. J. Williams. *Alternates:* Sr. E. A. Lacey, Sr. Esther Ortleb, Sr. Clara Conn, Sr. Anna Adey, Elmer Sherman.

Northeastern, 1,118 members, 11 votes; E. D. Rogers, Beatrice Rogers, J. O. Dutton, W. A. McDowell, D. E. Dowker, Jennie Dowker, William Trowbridge, Blanche Trowbridge, Grace Johnson, R. N. Burwell, Ella Burwell. *Alternates:* F. H. Johnson, Mary G. Johnson, Maggie Warlick, Daisy Faulkner, Rachel Fairbanks, Lajune Howard, Harry Thorne, Sadie Seale, A. M. Colburn, E. O. Byrn, Ethel Williamson.

Southeastern, 1,170 members, 11 votes; Sam Hoover, W. H. Kelley, Sr. W. H. Kelley, F. M. Davis, F. L. Sawley, W. W. Brown, Cora Brown, L. M. Edmonds, Ernest Roberson,

INDIANA, no credential.

IOWA

Des Moines, 1,342 members, 13 votes; O. Salisbury, H. Castings, C. L. Nirk, Milo Burnett, E. G. Beye, Wil-

- liam McBirnie, H. H. Hand, D. T. Williams, C. Malcor, J. O. Salisbury, R. J. Farthing, Frank Russell, Bessy Laughlin. *Alternates*: Sr. McBirnie, J. E. Slocum, George Williamson, Sr. George Williamson, Sr. C. E. McDonald, Sr. C. Malcor, George Hall, Mae Huffaker, Mary Sheets, F. A. Settles, Charlotte Dryden.
- Eastern, 558 members, 5 votes; William Sparling, E. R. Davis, C. G. Dykes, C. A. Beil, Alice Lloyd. *Alternates*: Sr. R. E. Motejl, Anna Lowe, James Houghton, Bert Sartwell, Mary Moser.
- Fremont, 720 members, 7 votes; Emma Hougas, Ruth Knight, Lillie Clark, Sr. M. M. Case, Roy Barber, Earl Pratt, Lester L. Forney. *Alternates*: T. A. Hougas, J. B. Wildermuth, H. N. Pierce, W. E. Haden, M. M. Case, J. W. Dunagan, Sr. J. W. Dunagan, Susie Dunsdon, Gladys Dunsdon.
- Gallands Grove, 1,112 members, 11 votes; C. E. Harpe, J. B. Barrett, J. L. Butterworth, Frank Sheldon, Sr. Frank Sheldon, James Sheldon, Sr. James Sheldon, George I. Hansen, Harry Mann, Sr. Harry Mann. *Alternates*: E. R. Butterworth, Virgil Butterworth, J. B. Wildermuth, Guerit Juergens, Clifford Brown.
- Lamoni Stake, 3,418 members, 34 votes; F. A. Smith, E. A. Smith, J. F. Garver, G. R. Wells, C. I. Carpenter, Peter Muceus, Albert Carmichael, Anna Salyards, F. B. Blair, C. F. Church, John Smith, Vida E. Smith, W. E. Haden, S. A. Burgess, E. D. Moore, G. N. Briggs, Susie Hayer, I. A. Monroe, Sr. O. E. Green, Minnie B. Nicholson, John Weedmark, Callie B. Stebbins, E. B. Morgan, Thomas Williams, Stella Williams, C. E. Burk, William Wilson, F. J. Sharp, Viola Sharp, Samuel Shakespeare, Sr. Samuel Shakespeare, James Robinson, John A. Evans, Sr. John A. Evans.
- Little Sioux, 2,296 members, 22 votes; Amos Berve, Sr. Amos Berve, W. R. Adams, Sr. W. R. Adams, C. S. Kennedy, Sr. C. S. Kennedy, J. W. Lane, Sr. J. W. Lane, E. B. Purcell, Sr. E. B. Purcell, S. B. Kibler, Sr. S. B. Kibler, Gladys Hupp, Robert Kirkwood, Sr. Robert Kirkwood, Cora Kirkwood, Nellie Kennedy, P. J. Zimmerman, Sr. P. J. Zimmerman, Charles S. Van Eaton, Sr. Charles S. Van Eaton, Mary Reeves, Sidney Pitt, sr. *Alternates*: Fred Fry, T. O. Strand, Sr. T. O. Strand, Frank Hill, Sr. Frank Hill, A. E. Lewis, Sr. A. E. Lewis, Charles F. Putnam, Sr. Charles F. Putnam. *1 delegate in excess.*
- Pottawattamie, 1,246 members, 12 votes; B. S. Lambkin, J. A. Hansen, W. T. Spanswick, Sr. W. T. Spanswick,

T. J. Smith, Sr. T. J. Smith, Sr. J. A. Gillen, J. C. Jensen, G. J. Hansen, Sr. G. J. Hansen, G. J. Harding.
Alternates: Nels P. Johnson, Sr. G. J. Harding, H. N. Hansen, C. A. Riley, Sr. C. A. Riley.

KANSAS

Northeastern, 690 members, 6 votes; Sr. Emma Hedrick, Sr. A. P. Crooker, Sr. H. C. Pitsenberger, C. E. Schmid Sr. Samuel Twombly, Ethel Dittmore. *Alternates:* Pearl Schmid, John Cairns, Bertha Dittmore, Moroni Stewart, Roy L. Tilden, Sr. Moroni Stewart.

Northwestern, 334 members, 3 votes; Heman Thompson, Ida Bergier, Clarence Stauber. *Alternates:* Ed Thompson, Sr. A. H. Robins, E. R. Wilcox.

Spring River, 2,154 members, 21 votes; Martha J. Riley, Charles Fry, Will Bath, Lucy Bath, Francis M. Connor, Mattie M. Conner, Sr. J. V. Reed, Roy S. Budd, Sr. R. S. Budd, Alice Jones, John Virgin, A. C. Silvers, Anna M. L. Hayworth, Neil McCallum, Walter Sumner, Grace May Sumner, Charles A. Dooley, Mayme A. Dooley, Bertha Simms, Albert V. Karlstrom, Laura Karlstrom.

Wichita Branch, no credential.

Winfield Branch, no credential.

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

Kentucky and Tennessee, no credential.

LOUISIANA

Eros Branch, 67 members, 1 vote; J. T. Riley.

MAINE

Eastern, no credential.

Western, 602 members, 6 votes; U. W. Greene, H. A. Koehler, Moody P. Eaton, F. J. Ebeling, J. J. Billings, John Sheehy.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts, 1,080 members, 10 votes; Henry C. Smith, Florence E. Fisher, Sylvia C. Baker, Emma Haseltine, Sarah M. Fisher, Edward A. Fox, Rogene Smith, Julia C. Busiel, Leah H. Traver, Laura P. Sears. *Alternates:* Ralph W. Farrell, Hale W. Smith, Edmund H. Fisher, George W. Robley, Josephine Hull, Myron C. Fisher, Ellsworth B. Hull, Edward L. M. Traver, Oakley R. Miller, Lucie H. Sears.

MICHIGAN

Central, 1,900 members, 19 votes; O. J. Hawn, S. T. Pendleton, Harvey Syckle, Margaret Johnson, E. S. White, Esther White, Matthew Umphrey, Martha Umphrey, J. A. Carpenter, Sr. J. A. Carpenter, G. W. Burt, Sr. G. W. Burt, Leroy Knapp, Francis Knapp, Ida Hawn, G. A. Pringle, E. L. Pringle, E. N. Burt, Vina Burt. *Alter-*

notes: Herbert Farrand, Sr. Herbert Farrand, Otto Sommerville, Sr. Otto Sommerville, M. A. Sommerfield, Sr. M. A. Sommerfield, C. C. Rippberger, Sr. C. C. Rippberger, Charles Ballinger, Sr. Charles Ballinger, William Lake, Sr. William Lake.

Eastern, 2,868 members, 28 votes; William M. Grice, James D. Gault, Ralph Harder, Katie Harder, Wm. A. Blair, Viola Blair, Kenneth Green, W. F. Sage, J. A. Grant, Matthew Liston, Eva Liston, Paul Belle Isle, Emline Belle Isle, John R. Grice, Grace McGinnis, Wm. Davis, Richard D. Weaver, Lyle Weaver, John Morehead, Elizabeth Plato, Jennie Hunter, Paul Knapp, Alma Grant, Edward I. Yoder, Pearl Yoder, Herbert McPherson, F. S. Brackenbury, Roy Clark. *Alternates:* Frederick Simkiss, Miron Carr, Frank Bailey, Stella Bailey, Stanley Parrish, Edith Gault, Gilbert Booth, Jennie Booth, Bruce Brown, C. L. Munroe, Wilbert Richards, R. H. Huston, Daniel Westover, Ray Bennett, Hermine Bennett, May Heugle, Nellie Hunter, W. H. Forbes, Jessie Johnson, George Whitford, Vincent D. Schaar, Philip Salominer, Dur M. Taylor, Thomas Miller, Margaret Miller, H. E. C. Muir, Emma Scharr.

Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana, 1,129 members, 11 votes; G. A. Smith, Louise Evans, Ira I. Benham, Clara Fox, C. E. Glidden, Francis Granger, S. W. L. Scott, J. D. Stead, Earnest Blett, S. Stroh, E. K. Evans. Western, 1,344 members, 13 votes; Fannie Nelson, B. H. Doty, F. S. Brackenbury, E. N. Burt, Sr. E. J. Brackenbury, J. Schreur, Lyle Weaver, F. W. Hastings, William Davis, Waldo Kapnick, J. F. Curtis, Roland Kapnick, Nellie Kapnick.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota, 528 members, 5 votes; D. A. Whiting, Birch Whiting, Sr. Birch Whiting, R. E. Murdock, E. H. Bennett. *Alternates:* W. E. Atkinson, W. E. Shakespeare, Sr. R. E. Murdock.

MISSOURI

Clinton, 1,216 members, 12 votes; H. E. Moler, R. T. Walters, Emma Keck, Clara Roberts, J. A. Marsteller, John Davis, J. C. Budd, C. W. Keck, Lucy Silvers, Lee Quick, Sr. A. C. Dempsey, Addie Gouldsmith. *Alternates:* A. C. Dempsey, Bertha Walters, H. Ross Higdon.

Far West Stake, 2,552 members, 25 votes; Thomas Graham, R. Lorensen, William Lewis, George Piepergerdes, William B. Constance, George Mauzey, Ruby Simmons, Frank L. Hinderks, C. C. Nelson, Charles A. Morton, Coleman Snider, S. J. Hines, R. P. Ross, Ruby Hitch,

George W. Bootman, W. P. Pickering, T. A. Ivie, Joseph Powell, J. D. Proffit, D. E. Powell, Jeanette Pugsley, A. D. Goff, J. T. Ford, Sr. E. E. McCormick, Minnie E. Scott. *Alternates:* W. W. Scott, George Cook, A. C. Hinderks, B. J. Dice, L. F. Ferguson, Sr. O. J. Dumfee, George Peterson, J. W. Roberts.

Holden Stake, 1,301 members, 13 votes; Sr. I. M. Ross, Sr. C. L. House, Sr. F. A. McWethy, Frances Kirby, Verdie Gaither, Ethel Dishman, Sr. L. A. Johnson, America Christenson, Earl Thayer, Sr. I. M. Smith, Sr. D. J. Krahl, Sr. William Hutchinson, Cornelius Edger-ton. *Alternates:* Mary Lovell, Kate Hansen, Mary Han-sen, Sr. M. B. Burroughs, Robert Dillon, Georgia Dil-lon, Harriet Redfield, Minnie Harring, Mabel Brendel, Anna Fender, Frances Moler, Walter Johnson, Sr. W. P. Mitchell.

Independence Stake, 3,864, members, 38 votes; Albert H. Knowlton, Sr. A. H. Knowlton, Sr. A. McKim, Louise Geisch, J. Lloyd, W. H. Callin, Sr. W. H. Callin, Sr. E. S. McNichols, Myra Brackenbury, Royal Brocaw, Sr. Royal Brocaw, Sr. Walter W. Smith, Sr. William Madison, Sr. J. F. Curtis, R. B. Trowbridge, Sr. J. A. Koehler, Sr. Walter Curtis, Blanche Needham, Sr. A. Allen, Sr. C. A. Gurwell, Sr. O. O. Tandberg, Sr. Frederick M. Smith, Hattie Savage, N. F. Tower, G. H. Hulmes, Sr. G. H. Hulmes, E. C. Harrington, C. E. Guinand, Sr. Oscar Haden, Mark H. Siegfried, Jacob Hale, J. T. Curtis, Ida Johnson, Lenora Redfield, A. W. Whiting, Sr. J. C. Schwab, Sr. J. W. Adams, Altha Deam. *Al-ternates:* Sr. Jacob Hale, Will Christie, Charles War-ren, T. J. Sheldon, Charles Sappenfield, Sr. T. J. Shel-don, Dora Glines, Sr. J. A. Gardner, Sr. D. F. Winn, Sr. W. W. Twyman, August Landsberg, Sr. August Landsberg, Walter W. Smith, J. August Koehler, Mar-tha Curtis, W. D. Bullard, B. L. McKim, Sr. Mark H. Siegfried, Mamie Geisch Smith, L. M. McFadden, Sr. L. M. McFadden, A. White, I. N. White, Ralph G. Smith, Charles F. Davis, Sr. C. J. Hunt, H. J. Badder, C. A. Gurwell, Sr. Elwyn Davis, Sr. L. E. Hills, Ella White-head, Sr. S. R. Berg, Sr. M. T. Short, F. F. Wipper.

Kansas City Stake, 1,878 members, 18 votes; J. A. Tanner, Seth S. Sandy, Robert Winning, Fred S. Anderson, Sr. J. A. Tanner, May Fouche, Dora Blankenship, Ellis M. Shimel, J. W. Gunsolley, Sr. H. L. Loosemore, M. A. Etzenhouser, Julia Lloyd, Sr. A. Yound, James W. Sto-baugh, George A. Willis, Virginia Hardigan, Mae Lid-dle, John J. Shimel. *Alternates:* Sr. D. H. Blair,

Sarah Hawkins, Amy B. Turner, John E. Davis, Sr. M. A. Etzenhouser, Maude Gunsolley, Margaret Cleveland, C. A. Selbe, Sr. J. A. Harrington, Harvey Sandy, Anna Brooks, Minnie Paxton, Amy Wells, C. D. Jellings, Anna Johnson, Thomas B. Dunn, Harry Paxton, Rose Cox.

Northeastern, 510 members, 5 votes; John Ely, Vernie Ruch, Sr. A. M. Chase, Sr. Vernie Ruch, Frank Lofty. *Alternates*: Carrie Richards, Albert Brooks, Elizabeth Jones.

Saint Louis, 1,230 members, 12 votes; Granville Trowbridge, Sr. G. S. Trowbridge, George F. Barraclough, Robert A. Lloyd, A. H. Daly, Ida Wehrli, Grace Wehrli, Sr. W. L. Wehrli, T. J. Elliott, Mary Volz, R. Archibald. *Alternates*: Alice Bougeret, Bro. Sellers, Charles Dial, Elsie Barraclough.

Southern, 784 members, 7 votes; G. A. Davis, Sr. Merzur Davis, Kate Akridge, Sarah Sparling, Lulu Rowley, H. Sparling, R. T. Walters. *Alternates*: Sister Pinsen, Bro. Pinsen, A. M. D. McGuire.

MONTANA

Eastern, 209 members, 2 votes; A. Frye, Laura Frye. *Alternates*: J. C. Page, B. D. Stratton.

Western, 415 members, 4 votes; H. E. Winegar, Sr. H. E. Winegar, George W. Thorburn, Sr. George W. Thorburn. *Alternates*: Warren Eliason, W. P. Bootman, A. J. Moore, Sr. W. P. Bootman.

NEBRASKA

Central, 383 members, 3 votes; Lulu Butler, N. S. Butler, J. T. Patias, Sr. F. S. Gatenby. *Not instructed. 1 in excess.*

Northeastern, 695 members, 6 votes; Audentia Anderson, Hubert Case, Otis Gardner, Anna Hicks, David Lewis, Carl T. Self. *Alternates*: Mary Marmoy, N. A. Scott, Nellie Grover, Sr. Otis Gardner, Nell Kelley, Vera Eden.

Southern, 900 members, 9 votes; J. A. Dowker, J. R. Croft, H. A. Higgins, Samuel Brollair, Blanche I. Andrews, Edith Trask, C. E. Blodgett, C. H. Porter, Martha Dunlavy. *Alternates*: W. C. Hidy, Bertha Andrews, Sr. Mendenhall, Grover Wall. *Not instructed.*

NEW YORK

New York, 300 members, 3 votes; P. L. Weegar, Sr. P. L. Weegar. *Alternates*: A. E. Stone, James Pycok.

New York and Philadelphia, 1,112 members, 11 votes; Arthur B. Phillips, Archibald D. Angus, John R. Lentell, Wardell Christy, Mary S. Fowler, Lenor Christy,

Glaud R. Kuykendall, Earl V. Wagner, George Potts, Elizabeth Potts, William Nichols. *Alternates*: Katherine M. Nichols, Sr. A. Y. Fry, George Morris, Anna Moertel, Sr. John R. Lentell, Edmond Gleazer, Sr. E. V. Wagner, Sr. Edmond Gleazer.

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota, 492 members, 4 votes; J. E. Wildermuth, Hannah Moffit, Sr. William Sparling, Bertha Graham, Thomas Leitch. *Alternates*: W. E. Shakespeare, J. W. Peterson, William Sparling, Sr. W. E. Shakespeare. Calvin Wagar. *1 delegate in excess. 1 alternate in excess.*

OHIO

Kirtland, 655 members, 6 votes; G. T. Griffiths, J. A. Becker, R. Baldwin, A. R. Manchester, E. Bush, G. W. Krutz, A. B. Klar, Mary Balfour. *2 in excess.*

Northwestern, 214 members, 2 votes; Elmer E. Long, Jesse Harden.

Southern, 1,297 members, 12 votes; J. G. Halb, Arthur Allen, F. J. Ebeling, George E. Burt, Lida M. Bennington, Sarah M. Countryman, E. E. Long, Richard Baldwin, E. D. Finken, J. A. Becker, Jesse Harden.

Youngstown-Sharon, 320 members, 3 votes; Anna Ahlstrom, Vera E. Morgan, Edith Glassford. *Alternates*: Martin Ahlstrom, Richard Baldwin, T. U. Thomas.

OKLAHOMA

Central, 744 members, 7 votes; Sr. Ed Dillon, F. W. Kueffer, Sr. F. W. Kueffer, Sr. Earl D. Bailey, Sr. George Kelley, Sr. O. L. James, Sr. Herbert Scott. *Alternates*: Sr. Gottfried Kueffer, Minnie Page, I. D. Dean, Elmer Brown, Orville James, Helen Logan, Ed. Dillon.

Eastern, 1,190 members, 11 votes; E. A. Erwin, H. R. Harder, J. C. Chrestensen, B. F. Pollard, H. L. Dalby, Dora Dalby, Effie Wallace, Manon Harder, J. A. Burdick, J. S. White, G. C. Smallwood. *Alternates*: J. E. Kelsey, A. M. Powell, W. D. Moore, G. C. Thompson, Cora A. Harder, Ora Dollins.

Western, 550 members, 5 votes; A. J. Oglevie, Edna Oglevie, Lester E. Dyke, Lemuel D. Dyke, A. W. Sanders.

OREGON

Portland, 519 members, 5 votes; J. W. Rushton, U. W. Greene, William Aylor.

Southwestern, no credential.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh, 400 members, 4 votes; Sr. L. F. P. Curry, Sr. Alma Booker, Ida Thomas, Ruth Shank. *Alternates*:

Bertha Shank, James E. Bishop, L. F. P. Curry, Alma Booker. *Not instructed.* *

TEXAS

Central, 504 members, 5 votes; D. S. Palmer, S. W. Simmons, Mattie Williams.

Southwestern, 404 members, 4 votes; E. L. Henson, Fred Hiles, D. S. Palmer, H. H. Davenport.

UTAH

Utah, 759 members, 7 votes; C. N. Headding, L. G. Holoway, Bro. Curtis, Roy Hewes. *Alternates:* Jessie Hewes, Willard Parkes. *Not instructed.*

WASHINGTON

Seattle and British Columbia, 732 members, 7 votes; J. W. Rushton, W. M. Aylor, Swen Swenson, J. M. Terry, Leonard S. Rhodes, C. F. Oliver, U. W. Greene.

Spokane, 451 members, 4 votes; S. S. Smith, Daniel Macgregor, Pearl Reed, Lewis Summers, Robert Newby. *Alternates:* W. F. Yates, Robert McDole, Oscar Case, Sr. Robert McDole, Sr. S. S. Smith. *1 in excess.*

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia, no credential.

Wheeling, 435 members, 4 votes; L. D. Ullom, John F. Martin, L. G. Serig, John Carlisle. *Alternate:* John Oliver. *Not instructed.*

WISCONSIN

Northern, 600 members, 6 votes; Leda Colbert, Marshall Shedd, Leonard Houghton, Leroy Colbert, A. L. Whiteaker, S. E. Livingston.

Southern, 582 members, 5 votes; B. C. Flint, J. O. Dutton, W. A. McDowell, E. A. Townsend, C. C. Hoague, jr. *Alternates:* J. N. Dutton, E. J. Lenox, Lloyd Hadley, W. L. Dennis, L. O. Wildermuth.

The following districts have not instructed their delegates to cast a majority and minority vote in case of division: Southern New South Wales, Victoria, London (Ontario), Birmingham, Manchester, Central Nebraska, Southern Nebraska, Pittsburgh, Utah, Wheeling.

The following districts have appointed an excess of delegates as indicated: London (England) 2, Honolulu Branch 1, Little Sioux 1, North Dakota 1, Kirtland 2. We recommend that these districts be required to meet and determine which names should be dropped and advise the Credential Committee before any of their number can be certified.

The following districts have appointed alternates: London (Ontario), Owen Sound, Winnipeg, Northern California, Eastern Colorado, Western Colorado, Idaho, Kewanee, Nauvoo, Northeastern Illinois, Des Moines, Eastern Iowa, Fre-

mont, Gallands Grove, Little Sioux, Pottawattamie, Northeastern Kansas, Northwestern Kansas, Massachusetts, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Minnesota, Clinton, Far West Stake, Holden Stake, Independence Stake, Kansas City Stake, Northeastern Missouri, Saint Louis, Southern Missouri, Eastern Montana, Western Montana, Northeastern Nebraska, Southern Nebraska, New York, New York and Philadelphia, North Dakota, Youngstown-Sharon, Central Oklahoma, Eastern Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Utah, Spokane, Wheeling, Southern Wisconsin. It will be necessary for the delegates from these districts to meet and decide whose names are to be dropped, and who of their alternates shall be seated to fill the vacancies, and notify the Credentials Committee before their alternates can be certified.

All persons entitled to a seat in the conference shall be required to register with the Credentials Committee and will be furnished with badges, credential cards, programs and copies of reports to the General Conference; this will include all necessary employees, and properly accredited representatives of the press.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SMITH.

F. F. WIPPER.

C. I. CARPENTER.

March 25, 1918.

He instructed the conference, in effect, that delegates should note delegations to which they belong; that delegations should meet and organize by appointing a president and secretary and determine a place of meeting; they should make preparations to make up their votes should yea and nay votes be called.

He called attention to statements in the report of the committee on credentials and read an additional report from that committee:

To the Presidency and the General Conference: Some credentials have been received since our report was printed, of these we submit the following to be added to our report:

Alabama District: 575 members, 5 votes: J. G. Vickrey, J. R. Harper, F. M. Slover, F. A. Rowe, E. C. Shelley. Not instructed.

Sulphur Springs Valley Branch, Arizona: 42 members, 1 vote, Mrs. M. C. Condit, W. H. Mannering, 1 in excess.

Florida District: 559 members, 5 votes; J. W. McKnight,

A. E. Warr, A. D. McCall, C. J. Clark, Bessie Clark. Not instructed.

Wichita, Kansas, Branch: — members, 1 vote; Annettie Reed.

The following changes have been requested by the delegations affected and we recommend their adoption:

Little Sioux District had 1 in excess, drop Sidney Pitt, sr.

North Dakota District: 1 in excess, drop Hannah Moffet and J. E. Wildermuth.

Eastern Michigan District: Drop Kenneth Green, Paul Knapp, Alma Grant, Edward Yoder, and add Edith Gault, Hermine Bennett, Vincent Schaar, and H. E. C. Muir.

Minnesota District: Drop the name of E. H. Bennett and add W. E. Shakespeare.

Southern Wisconsin District: Drop E. A. Townsend and C. C. Hoague, jr., and add Julia N. Dutton and L. O. Wildermuth.

Kirtland District: Drop A. B. Klarr, Mary Balfour.

Southeastern Illinois District: Add Letha Burroughs and Ruth Holman. Correction on credential.

Southern New South Wales District: Drop F. G. Pitt and J. W. Davis.

Add Northern Michigan District: 966 members, 9 votes; C. N. Burtch, Bertha Burtch, A. E. Starks, Tillie Starks, R. D. Davis, Hannah Davis, Elmer Parkes, W. E. Alldread, Ada Alldread.

New York District: Drop P. L. Weegar and Mrs. P. L. Weeger, and add James Pycock and A. E. Stone.

Saint Louis District: Add Mrs. A. H. Daly; name is on credential but accidentally omitted from printed report.

Northeastern Illinois District: Drop William Trowbridge, and Blanche Trowbridge and add Maggie Warlick and Rachel Fairbanks.

North Dakota District: Delegates present wish to add the name of Ferd Hammel, whom they claim was elected as alternate, but whose name does not appear on credential, in place of Hannah Moffet whom they drop as not being present, *Their request is hereby presented for your action.*

Honolulu Branch: Drop J. W. Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER.

For Credentials Committee.

April 6, 1918.

A motion to adopt such reports was followed by an incidental motion that the request of the North Dakota District be granted.

The incidental motion and the motion to adopt were affirmed.

The chair instructed all having statements concerning representation by delegates to appear before the committee on credentials.

REPORTS

The President called attention to printed reports of the Secretary, the Recorder, the Historian, the Presiding Bishop, and Graceland College, and others. He asked that the members of the conference analyze such reports that they be prepared to give intelligent consideration to matters included therein.

Members of delegations were then given opportunity to announce meetings of their delegations.

ORGANIZATION

The President announced the following appointments:

SECRETARIES

Elder R. S. Salyards, sr., church secretary, secretary; R. S. Salyards, jr., assistant church secretary, assistant secretary.

CHORISTERS

A. N. Hoxie, jr., church chorister, chorister, to appoint assistants, including organists.

PRESS COMMITTEE

Elders W. W. Smith and T. W. Williams, press committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Elder W. D. Bullard, chairman of committee on administration to the sick, to nominate assistants.

USHERS

Local deacons to act as ushers and appoint assistants.

STENOGRAPHERS

Stenographers: Sisters B. R. James, R. L. Holman, and E. W. Smith.

The chair adjourned the session at 11.35 a. m. to reconvene at 2 p. m.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, Elder G. T. Griffiths pronounced the benediction.

The conference reconvened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn No. 92 was sung. Elder F. G. Pitt offered prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were approved.

BOUNDARY LINES

The President nominated to constitute a committee on boundary lines of districts, Elders R. S. Salwards, C. I. Carpenter, and P. G. Fairbanks.

The nomination of such committee was approved.

The chair requested that quorums and standing committees submit reports to the conference as soon as practicable.

REPORTS

The President called attention to the following printed reports which were included in the minutes:

SECRETARY

To the First Presidency and the General Conference: The work of this department has been conducted in the face of some difficult circumstances. My appointment to the Far West Stake required the greater portion of my time; and in addition to the demands of the stake work, entrance of the assistant secretary into military service, in the month of September, further hindered performance of the work. However, I gave attention to matters of pressing importance and permitted a certain amount of routine work to remain until conditions would permit full performance of all duties of this office. The Assistant Secretary was discharged from military service about February 1, and is now in position to give the work of this department attention. I have written articles for the press, furnished information required in the usual lines, and otherwise striven to meet the demands.

Railroad rates to General Conference and Conventions may be granted by the Burlington Route from leading points in the States of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, and Ne-

braska, as last year; but no decision can be reached until about March 10, when advices from United States Government authorities in control are expected. In addition to regular clergy reduced rates the usual reductions granted to ministers from the East attending the annual meeting, also to parties traveling together as lay delegates, have been granted. War time conditions, with the policy of discouraging large gatherings, are not favorable to rate concessions. No effort has been spared, however, to secure benefits for our people.

Clergy Credentials.—We know little more than has been published heretofore concerning clergy rates in territory other than the following:

New England and Eastern Canada.—No clergy rates whatever; no local lines grant reductions so far as we have learned.

Trunk Line Territory, New York to Pittsburgh and Buffalo. No clergy bureau maintained by associated lines. The Baltimore and Ohio, the Pennsylvania lines, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and some other roads will grant clergy rates between eastern points and Chicago and Saint Louis. Some roads issue to located pastors only; others to ministers attending General Conference; others trip permits. Applications to passenger departments will determine. As stated heretofore, the true policy is to ask for what is needed.

Central Territory.—Pittsburgh and Buffalo to Chicago and Saint Louis. Some lines will grant to missionaries, some to pastors only.

Western Association Territory.—Issued to ministers in Northern Michigan and South Dakota only, by local roads, to those in charge of congregations. Two lines have granted passes to ministers traveling in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana; see statement under Transcontinental.

Southeastern Territory.—South of Potomac and east of Mississippi Rivers; credentials issued to general and local ministers devoting entire time to church work.

Southwestern Territory.—“Certificate good for travel locally (intrastate) in the States of Texas and Louisiana, and to make interstate trips between Texas and Louisiana.”

Transcontinental Association territory:

The Transcontinental clergy certificate is good only upon lines parties thereto named below and their connections as follows:

(1) Locally and for interstate trips between the following described territory:

Arizona, British Columbia (Great Northern Railway only),

California, Colorado, Idaho, Manitoba (Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways only), Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota (C. B. & Q. R. R. and M. & St. L. R. R. only), Texas (Rio Grande, El Paso & Santa Fe R. R. only), Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Exceptions: Certificates will not be honored, as follows:

(a) Locally between any two points both of which lie east of the territory given in Section 1. (b) For interstate trips via Chicago & North Western Railway, between points in Wyoming and territory east thereof. (c) Between points in Colorado and territory east thereof. (d) Between points in New Mexico south of Rincon to Deming and to El Paso, inclusive, and points east of New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. (e) Between points in Wyoming east and north of and including Cheyenne and points east thereof.

(2) Members of Transcontinental Clergy Bureau who honor clergy certificates locally within the territory described in Section 1, according to their local regulations:

Arizona & New Mexico Railway.

Arizona Eastern Railroad.

Bellingham & Northern Railway.

Bullfrog Goldfield Railroad.

Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railway.

Camas Prairie Railroad.

Chicago and North Western Railway.

Pierre, Rapid City & North Western Railway.

Wyoming & Northwestern Railway.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Chicago, Milwaukee & Saint Paul Railway.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway.

Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway.

Colorado & Southern Railway.

Colorado Midland Railroad.

Colorado, Wyoming & Eastern Railway.

Cripple Creek & Colorado Springs Railroad.

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

El Paso & Southwestern System.

Gallatin Valley Railway.

Great Northern Railway.

Holton Inter-Urban Railway.

Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad.

Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad.

Midland Terminal Railway.

Minneapolis & Saint Louis Railroad.

Nevada Northern Railway.

New Mexico Central Railroad.

Northern Pacific Railway.

Port Townsend Southern Railroad.
 Northwestern Pacific Railroad.
 Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.
 Oregon Short Line Railroad.
 Pacific & Idaho Northern Railway.
 Port Townsend & Puget Sound Railway.
 Puget Sound & Willapa Harbor Railway.
 Rio Grande, El Paso & Santa Fe Railroad.
 Rio Grande Southern Railroad.
 Santa Fe system, viz:
 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.
 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway—Coast Lines.
 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway—Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Lines.
 Seattle, Port Angeles & Western Railway.
 Southern Pacific Company—Pacific System.
 Spokane & Inland Empire Railroad.
 Spokane International Railway.
 Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway.
 Sunset Railroad.
 Tacoma Eastern Railroad.
 Tonopah & Goldfield Railroad.
 Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad.
 Union Pacific Railroad.
 Western Pacific Railroad.

(3) In addition to honoring clergy certificates with clergy tickets for local and interstate trips in the territory named in section 1 above, via the lines named in section 2 above, certificates will also be honored with clergy tickets between the territory named in section 1, via the lines named in section 2, and territory lying east thereof to and including Chicago, Saint Louis, Memphis and New Orleans (see Section 1, Paragraphs a to e) via the following lines *according to their local regulations*:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.
 Beaumont, Sour Lake & Western Railway.
 Big Fork & International Falls Railway.
 Chicago & Alton Railroad.
 Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad.
 Chicago & North Western Railway.
 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.
 Chicago Great Western Railroad.
 Chicago, Milwaukee & Saint Paul Railway.
 Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway.
 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway.
 Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway.
 El Paso & Southwestern System.

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.
Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway.
Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway.
Houston & Texas Central Railroad.
Houston East & West Texas Railway.
Illinois Central Railroad.
Kansas City Southern Railway.
Minneapolis & Rainy River Railway.
*Minneapolis & Saint Louis Railroad.
Minneapolis, Saint Paul & Sault Sainte Marie Railway.
Minnesota & International Railway.
Missouri, Kansas & Texas System.
Missouri, Pacific Railroad.
Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad.
New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Railroad.
Saint Louis-San Francisco Railway.
Texas & New Orleans Railroad.
Texas & Pacific Railway.
Union Pacific Railroad.
Wabash Railroad.
Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad.

*Certificates will be honored by agents of Minneapolis, Saint Paul & Sault Sainte Marie Railway for tickets at Clergy fares to points west of and including Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Nelson, British Columbia.

Transcontinental clergy certificates are not honored by the lines named in preceding table locally in the territory east of that described in Section 1, but only from points on the lines named in Section 3, to points within the territory described in Section 1 above, or vice versa, *according to the local regulations of each line.*

Annual clergy certificates will only be issued to those coming within the requirements of the clergy rules as printed herein, and who reside within the territory west of and including Port Arthur, Chicago, Saint Louis, Memphis, and New Orleans (including the States of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee), and whose duties require them to travel to, from, or within territory described in Section 1.

Exception: Bishops and such other general or national church officers who qualify under rule 1, page 3, but who reside east of the territory described in paragraph above, will not be debarred, on account of residence, from receiving annual certificates, provided their jurisdiction requires them to travel over these lines.

Local railroad and steamship lines in the territories named will at times make special concessions within their own rules.

Rates from such may be obtained by interview or by written application accompanied by certificate of appointment or special letter of indorsement. Assistance will be furnished any so applying, so far as practicable, by this department.

Appointments of 1917.—The General Conference of 1917 made appointments as follows: Patriarchs, 17; high priests, 34; bishops, 7; seventies, 122; elders, 90; priests, 5. The post conference appointed 27; a total of 302.

Business Deferred or Referred.—Minutes of 1912, page 1629; status of a seventy expelled from his quorum: Referred to joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy. Minutes 1916, page 2246; committee on revision of Rules of Order and Debate. Minutes of 1915, page 2022: vacancy in office of Church Physician. Minutes 1915, page 2044: matter affecting officers of branches; referred to committee on Rules of Order and Debate. Minutes of 1915, page 2057: atonement question from Eastern Colorado District; referred to Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy. Minutes 1916, page 2188: Detroit Branch resolution asking amendment of Rules of Representation: referred to committee on Rules of Order. Minutes of 1916, page 2219: Joint Council of Seventy's report on rules governing appointments of seventies. Minutes of 1917, page 2412: Saints' Home on Pacific Coast, referred to Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric. Minutes of 1917, page 2450: committee on coordination of church and auxiliary societies. Minutes of 1917, page 2435: building for General Conference purposes, etc., Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric. Minutes 1917, page 2436: committee on Memorial to Martyrs.

Routine Business, etc.—1. Reports of general officers, quorums, boards, committees, auxiliary organizations, etc., including: The First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, Presidents and Quorums of Seventy, Presiding Bishopric, Order of Bishopric, Order of Evangelists, General High Council, Quorum of High Priests, Mass Quorum of Elders, Chorister, Historian, Recorder, Secretary, Board of Auditors, Board of Publication, Bureau of Publicity, Library Commission, Order of Enoch, Children's Home Trustees, Graceland College Trustees, Graceland College Extension Institute, Sanitarium Trustees; Standing Committees: On American Archæology, as appointed by general authorities; on Bible Normal Book; on Book of Mormon Concordance; on Church History Revision; on Church Offices; Building for General Conference, etc.; on Coordination of Church and Auxiliary work; Joint Committee with Church of Christ; Gospel Literature Commission; on Memorial to Joseph and Hyrum Smith; on Revision of Rules of Order and Debate; on Saints' Homes, Lamoni, Iowa: on So-

cial Purity; on Vacancies in Board of Auditors; on Young People's Church History; Auxiliary organizations: General Sunday School Association; Woman's Auxiliary for Social Service; Zion's Religio-Literary Society.

2. Election of members of the Board of Auditors; of the Children's Home; of Graceland College; and of Sanitarium Board of Trustees.

3. Time Limit on New Business.

4. Time and Place of Adjournment.

5. Sustaining of Officials, Boards, Committees, Orders, Organizations, etc.

6. Appointments of Ministers.

Personnel of Boards, Standing Committees, Trustees, etc.—Board of Auditors: J. F. Garver, Daniel Macgregor, A. H. Knowlton, Charles Fry; Board of Publication: A. Carmichael, F. B. Blair, J. F. Keir, E. A. Blakeslee, B. R. McGuire; Bureau of Publicity: E. A. Smith, J. F. Garver, S. A. Burgess, E. D. Moore; Graceland Extension Institute: Managing Board, F. M. Smith, S. A. Burgess, C. B. Woodstock; Library Commission: E. A. Smith, J. F. Keir, E. D. Moore, S. A. Burgess, Vernon A. Reese; Children's Home Trustees: A. Carmichael, R. J. Lambert, A. J. Yarrington, F. M. McDowell, Srs. M. B. Nicholson, L. L. Resseguie, C. B. Stebbins; Graceland College Trustees: A. Carmichael, J. F. Garver, T. A. Hougas, J. W. Wight, G. R. Wells, G. N. Briggs, C. B. Woodstock; Sanitarium Trustees: W. D. Bullard, G. H. Hulmes, L. H. Haas, J. A. Tanner, C. O. Leeka, B. R. McGuire, M. H. Siegfried; Committees: On American Archæology: F. M. Sheehy; Bible Normal Book: S. A. Burgess, J. A. Gunsolley, F. M. McDowell; Book of Mormon Concordance: Heman C. Smith, H. O. Smith, Duncan Campbell; Church History Revision: E. L. Kelley, M. H. Siegfried, Charles Fry; on Church of Christ: F. M. Smith, E. L. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, B. R. McGuire, M. H. Siegfried, W. W. Smith; on Church Offices: The Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric; on Coordination: J. A. Tanner, D. Macgregor, Sr. F. M. Smith, G. N. Briggs, G. S. Trowbridge; on Memorial to Martyrs: B. R. McGuire, J. F. Keir, M. H. Siegfried, G. P. Lambert; Gospel Literature Commission: R. W. Farrell, Harvey Sandy, E. D. Moore; General Conference Building: Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric; on Revision of Rules of Order: F. M. Smith, F. M. Sheehy, H. O. Smith, J. A. Tanner, E. L. Kelley, A. B. Phillips, T. A. Hougas; on Saints' Homes, Lamoni, Iowa: A. Carmichael, R. J. Lambert, A. J. Yarrington; Social Purity Committee: C. B. Woodstock, R. W. Farrell, J. F. Garver; on Translation: The First Presidency; on Vacancies in the Board of Auditors: F. M. Smith, J. W. Rushton,

H. A. Stebbins; on Young People's Church History: The Board of Publication and Historian.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 1, 1918.

R. S. SALYARDS,
Church Secretary.

RECORDER

To the First Presidency and the General Conference of 1918, Independence, Missouri: 1. In submitting our tabulated report of statistics for the year 1917 we call attention to the following items: Our total membership for 1916 was 82,964, to which there has been added by baptism 3,890, and received by transfers 2,460, making a total gain of 6,350; from which must be deducted our losses of transfers 2,373, expulsions 71, and deaths 610, a total loss of 3,554, which makes a net gain of 3,296, bringing our present membership up to 86,260. There have been 396 ordinations, and 578 marriages, while the reports show 5,649 holding the various orders of the priesthood, and 34,500 as absent from the branches. 1,818 children's blessings were reported.

2. Of the 3,890 baptisms 1,675 or 43 per cent were males, and 2,215 were females; while 1,447 or 37 per cent were under fifteen years of age: 2.7 per cent of our entire membership moved from one branch to another as shown by the transfers; 6.6 per cent hold some order of priesthood; 34 per cent are not in touch with the branches. Our 3,296 net gain represents a 3.8 per cent increase, and the 681 actual loss as shown by the deaths and expulsions means a .07 per cent loss.

3. Our totals might have been much larger but for the fact that no reports were received from the following districts during the year: Southern Queensland, Australia; London, Toronto, and Owen Sound, Ontario; Birmingham, London, and Sheffield, England; Germany; Society Islands; Eastern and Western Wales; Northern Michigan; Independence Stake; Kansas City Stake, Missouri. Since closing our books the Owen Sound District reports have been received; this being a new district, unavoidably delayed their reports until a new record could be made up for them from the records of the Toronto District, which work was done by the secretary of the Toronto District, thus delaying the reports of both districts.

4. We have received 637 statistical reports from branches, 121 of which show no changes.

5. The following new branches have been added to the records: Glenellen, Canada, Saskatchewan District; Hilo, Hawaii; Mobile, Alabama, Mobile District; Winthrop, Arkansas, Eastern Oklahoma District; San Diego and Long Beach, California, Southern District; Fort Collins, Colo-

RECORDER

1917-1918

Countries and States	Totals 1917	Gains		Losses			Net Gain	Net Loss	Totals 1918	Ministers	Ordinations	Marriages	Absentees
		Bap.	Rec.	Rem.	Exp.	Died							
Australia	1625	61	12	11	..	7	55	..	1680	178	16	13	479
Canada	7094	183	78	100	..	18	143	..	7237	457	10	18	2705
Denmark	25	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	22	1	..	..	22
England	1437	22	1	3	..	11	9	..	1446	165	8	3	511
Germany	107	7	..	..	..	..	7	..	114	9	..	..	67
Hawaii	262	37	10	2	..	2	43	..	305	21	7	2	7
Mexico	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
N. Zealand	16	8	..	..	..	1	7	..	23	3	..	..	10
Norway	71	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	69	2	..	..	69
Palestine	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	3	..	..	..
Scotland	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	9	..	..	29
Society Isl's	1785	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1785	..	..	..	..
Sweden	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	63
Switzerland	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	2	..	..	15
Wales	248	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	248	28	..	..	81
Alabama	1410	155	86	28	4	14	195	..	1605	48	1	14	768
Arizona	118	25	6	13	3	5	10	..	128	20	2	1	50
Arkansas	762	118	13	6	5	6	114	..	876	37	5	12	547
California	3119	81	160	97	..	40	104	..	3223	193	9	15	1448
Colorado	1385	79	97	38	1	6	131	..	1516	94	2	10	559
Connecticut	60	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	62	5	..	..	13
Florida	506	42	14	..	..	3	53	..	559	23	1	1	310
Idaho	822	57	44	8	1	2	90	..	912	72	..	6	404
Illinois	4538	172	133	144	3	33	125	..	4663	301	35	27	2022
Indiana	1048	30	29	39	..	8	12	..	1060	45	5	5	358
Iowa	11113	420	454	406	6	110	352	..	11465	695	45	131	4548
Kansas	3408	200	75	101	..	16	158	..	3566	246	11	22	1270
Kentucky	458	2	3	5	..	1	..	1	457	19	..	1	225
Louisiana	69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	2	..	..	22
Maine	1075	61	51	27	..	25	60	..	1135	64	18	6	436
Maryland	127	10	..	2	..	..	8	..	135	11	..	2	18
Mass.	745	31	23	18	..	17	19	..	764	76	3	8	223
Michigan	7892	526	260	314	6	68	398	..	8290	559	61	54	3183
Minnesota	627	48	26	54	4	11	5	..	632	38	6	12	331
Mississippi	384	11	4	..	..	3	12	..	396	18	..	2	133
Missouri	12865	358	279	311	5	62	259	..	13124	986	57	55	4641
Montana	572	42	79	5	..	2	114	..	686	53	9	10	326
Nebraska	2484	182	112	132	4	17	141	..	2625	120	17	16	1457
Nevada	108	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	5	..	..	108
N. Mexico	9	31	..	..	..	..	31	..	40	..	..	..	40
New York	531	37	11	9	..	1	38	..	569	40	1	7	129
No. Dakota	456	23	14	17	..	5	15	..	471	41	1	1	310
Ohio	2572	86	33	56	..	10	53	..	2625	208	16	7	967
Oklahoma	2544	178	196	205	3	27	139	..	2633	191	8	17	1617
Oregon	742	17	5	19	..	6	..	3	739	57	4	9	386
Penn.	1312	156	29	35	11	27	112	..	1424	90	10	21	392
R. Island	363	2	5	7	..	2	..	2	361	30	7	7	78
S. Dakota	219	5	..	1	..	..	4	..	223	5	..	1	205
Tennessee	357	46	9	1	..	3	51	..	408	22	..	1	163

Texas	1360	135	26	32	13	13	103	1463	67	6	22	874
Utah	746	11	5	3	...	...	13	759	42	...	...	484
Virginia	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	2	...	...	34
Washington	1017	75	54	45	2	12	70	1037	86	7	12	458
W. Virginia	907	35	2	10	...	7	20	927	67	3	9	400
Wisconsin	1239	72	22	69	...	3	22	1261	82	5	18	486
Wyoming	66	10	...	...	...	...	10	76	6	...	...	17
U. S.	70169	3571	2359	2257	71	565	3043	673206	4771	355	542	30440
Foreign	12795	319	101	116	...	45	264	513054	878	41	36	4060
Totals 1918	82964	3890	2460	2373	71	610	3307	1186260	5649	396	578	34500

rado, Eastern District; Bayfield, Colorado, Western District; Saint Cloud and Tampa, Florida, unorganized territory; Minidoka, Idaho; New Canton, Illinois; Central District; Rockford, Illinois, Northeastern District; Hibbard, Indiana, Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District; Knoxville, Iowa, Des Moines District; Corea, Maine, Eastern District; Loomis, Michigan, Central District; Brown City, Crosswell, Lexington, Orion, Michigan, Eastern District; Elm Flat, Michigan, Western District; Southampton, Missouri, Saint Louis District; Opheim, Montana, Western District; Omaha South Side, Walthill, Nebraska, Northeastern District; Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Central District; Dallas, Texas, Central District; Palouse, Washington, Spokane District. We have information of the organization of a number of other organizations being effected, which will be placed upon the records as their reports reach us.

6. From the South Islands we have just received the following:

PAPEETE, TAHITI, February 27, 1918.

Elder C. I. Carpenter,
Lamoni, Iowa.

Dear Brother: Your letter of the 1st of November was received, but I must say with disappointment that the records are not all completed. I have worked hard during the year for this report but they could not be completed. I have taken the responsibility all upon myself as I wanted a correct report, and as a consequence cannot report to you this year. Another great difficulty is that our mission conference is held in the month of April, making it impossible to get the reports to you for the General Conference until the following year. However, we trust that that difficulty will be eliminated at the coming mission conference as we are intending to change the time of holding it to the month of December. We will then be able to get a fresh report to you.

We have completed the following records: Makatea, Tikahau, Kaukura, Arutua, Apataki, Niau, Manihi, Takapoto, Takaroa, Raroia, Hoa, and Amanu. The larger por-

tion is now completed, as Tahiti, Tubuai, Hereheretue, Anaa, Taenga, Fakarava, and Rairoa are the only ones remaining. They are nearly all small branches hence not so trying a task. I have traveled much during the year for the completion of the above finished records, and expect to travel during the present year, that I may be able to report correctly to you for the next conference. I trust, Brother Carpenter, you will bear with us as our means of travel here is somewhat different from yours, hence the delay.

With best wishes for the General Conference I am,

Your brother in the gospel,

CLYDE F. ELLIS.

7. We are trying to get the work of our department systematized so as to enable us to handle the increased volume of work which we feel is sure to come to us in the near future. Our work for the year was seriously crippled by the inroads of the military draft, but we have done the best we could to adjust ourselves to the necessary changes, and looking forward to better conditions in the future, we desire to continue our efforts to build up our department.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,
Church Recorder.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 7, 1918.

HISTORIAN

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. The year 1917 will be known in history as one of the most important and anxious of the church's experience. Though not directly concerned, so far as the organization is concerned, yet the great social and economic upheaval which convulsed the world, caused by the terrible world war, affected the church seriously; but through it all the Saints were equal to any people in loyalty, and devotion to truth and country.

2. Sad to say that each side of the conflict had its supporters among our membership; but in America, where the great masses of our people have their citizenship, there was no flinching upon the part of those called to service, or when the call came for material support, though heart-born prayers for universal peace were just as sincere and earnest as ever before.

3. We have tried, in this department, to utilize our time and resources to the best advantage possible, in the accomplishment of the work devolving upon us. We have kept up very well with the routine work, and have traveled some in the interests of our department, though not nearly so

much as might have been profitably done; but as it was deemed to be unwise to give us additional help, the work of preparing manuscript for historical volumes remains practically where it was a year ago.

4. There has been one branch of activity neglected on account of economy of time and means, that would have yielded great returns had we been able to utilize the opportunities offered us, and thus thrown ourselves more directly in contact with leading men and women of historical influence; by accepting the many invitations extended to us to attend and take part in historical assemblies and conferences. The Journal of History has been continued regularly and through this means we in large part, met this demand, and the result has been very encouraging. From the time we entered this work until now, we have received such marked recognition and courtesy from this class of people as to not only be gratifying, but pleasingly surprising to the recipient. Only those who have been forced by added information to correct their literary productions have seemed to be obstinate and displeased, and not all of them, for some have cheerfully stood corrected, seeming to be glad to know the truth.

ORGANIZATION

5. The First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric remain as at last report, with two members in each. The traveling High Council has suffered a loss by the death of James E. Kelley, who died June 4, 1917, thus leaving a vacancy in that quorum.

6. The General Standing High Council has reported no changes.

7. Presidents of Seventy remain as at last report. Upon recommendation of Presidents of Seventy the conference dropped, without prejudice, Francis C. Smith, William R. Smith, Samuel O. Foss, Milton F. Gowell, Thomas J. Sheldon, Frank J. Chatburn, Charles H. Porter, Charles G. Lewis, Benjamin F. Renfroe; and Charles E. Crumley and Edwin J. Goodenough for cause. Provision was also made for the ordination of Robert T. Brown and Edward Curtis.

8. Provision was made for the ordination to the office of high priest of Henry P. W. Keir, Robert N. Burwell, William R. Adams, Daniel J. Williams, David T. Williams, Hiram E. Moler, James F. Mintun, Warren E. Peak, Robert T. Cooper, Arthur E. Starks, James E. Bishop, Elmer O. Clark, Albert W. Craig, Edward Ingham, Edward Rannie, and Hans N. Hansen.

9. Subsequently, at the organization of the Far West Stake the following were ordained high priests, to act in high coun-

cil: Coventry Archibald, Herbert D. Ennis, George W. Best, Paul H. Pugsley, David C. Wilke, Louis A. Keck, Samuel E. Jobe, John E. Hovenga, Benjamin R. Constance, Coleman Snider, and Zenos J. Lewis.

10. The nomination of the following bishops was also approved, Buford J. Scott, Elmer O. Clark, Harl A. Scott, Albert W. Craig, Edward Ingham.

STAKES

11. In harmony with provision made by the General Conference, one stake has been organized, including territory hitherto included in the Far West and Nodaway districts. It was organized June 2, 1917, at Saint Joseph, Missouri. Richard S. Salyards, sr., was approved as president; Buford J. Scott as bishop.

12. The council was organized with the following members; Coventry Archibald, Herbert D. Ennis, George W. Best, Paul H. Pugsley, David C. Wilke, Louis A. Keck, Samuel E. Jobe, Temme T. Hinderks, John E. Hovenga, Benjamin R. Constance, Coleman Snider, and Zenos J. Lewis.

13. The bishop nominated Elmer E. McCormick and Austin M. Dobson as his counselors. Subsequently the president of the stake nominated as his counselors John W. Roberts and Louis A. Keck, who were accordingly ordained.

OTHER STAKES

14. Holden, Independence, Kansas City, and Lamoni Stakes have each continued active organizations, and some of them, especially Independence and Lamoni, have been making special efforts along economic lines, the result of which is being watched with anxious and hopeful expectation.

15. Lamoni has lost one of its presidency by resignation, viz: Edward J. Giles; and one of the council, Charles F. Graham, by death.

COMPETING ORGANIZATIONS

16. There is nothing of special importance to chronicle under this head.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

17. The Sunday School Association, Zion's Religio-Literary Society, and the Woman's Auxiliary have been active and are occupying as helpers indeed.

MISSIONARY WORK

18. Radical changes in policy have been inaugurated in the conduct of the missionary work. Members of the Quorum of Twelve received no special fields of appointment,

but are left to labor where needed under immediate direction of the First Presidency. Former missionary lines were practically wiped out, and the seventy and others are appointed to special fields without reference to said lines. Two hundred and sixty-three received appointments to special fields, including 15 patriarchs 34 high priests, 7 bishops, 117 seventies, 87 elders, and 3 priests. At the post-conference councils twenty more received appointments.

IMPORTANT COUNCILS

19. A series of councils have been held at intervals during the conference year by some of the general and local authorities which are reported to have been very important in results, but as this department has had no official information regarding their purpose or accomplishments, we cannot speak definitely regarding them.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

20. This board controls the publishing interests of the church at Lamoni, Iowa; Independence, Missouri; Porsgrund, Norway; (*Sandhedens Banner* formerly published at Porsgrund, is now issued from Lamoni;) Society Islands; and Australia, and issue the same periodicals as published a year ago, in addition to large quantities of books, pamphlets, and tracts.

21. The second volume of *Young People's History* and the *Concordance of Book of Mormon* have been placed in the hands of the board, awaiting its action in publication.

GRACELAND COLLEGE

22. The workings of this institution can be best determined by reference to its own report.

22½. Last year Albert Carmichael and Gomer R. Wells were each elected to succeed himself on the board of trustees. The terms of Charles B. Woodstock and Thomas A. Hougas will terminate at this conference. Those of John W. Wight, John F. Garver, and George N. Briggs in 1919, and those of Albert Carmichael and Gomer R. Wells in 1920.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

23. The vacancy in the board of control for the Homes at Lamoni, occasioned by the death of Bishop Joseph Roberts, was supplied by the selection of Bishop Carmichael. So the board as now constituted is composed of Albert Carmichael, Richard J. Lambert, and Alvah J. Yarrington.

24. We have no special information of the Homes at Kirtland, Ohio, and Independence, Missouri.

25. Recently an additional home for the aged has been

opened at Holden, Missouri, but as to its conditions we are not informed.

CHILDREN'S HOME

26. This institution is still making a commendable effort to fill the measure of its creation in the church. Trustee Lucy L. Resseguie was chosen to succeed herself; Floyd M. McDowell to succeed Joseph Roberts, and Albert Carmichael to succeed Heman C. Smith. The term of Trustees Callie B. Stebbins and Richard J. Lambert expires at this conference, and those of Minnie B. Nicholson, Alvah J. Yarrington, and Floyd M. McDowell in 1919.

SANITARIUM

27. The resolution of 1916 providing for a change in the manner of appointing trustees for this institution was rescinded and William D. Bullard, George H. Hulmes, Lester H. Haas, Joseph A. Tanner, Clarence O. Leeka, Mark H. Siegfried, and Benjamin R. McGuire were sustained as the board.

28. Of the particulars of the operation of this institution we are not informed.

ORDERS OF ENOCH

29. So far as we are informed, these organizations are confined to the two mentioned in our last report, viz, at Independence, Missouri, and Lamoni, Iowa. No material change is reported.

GENERAL CHURCH LIBRARY COMMISSION

30. This commission is changed by the substitution of Edward D. Moore for Heman C. Smith as representing the general church, and about the usual character of work has been done.

PRESS AND PULPIT

31. The work done against us through these mediums is decreasing gradually, both in volume and effect. We have prepared several articles for the press and corrected many more.

32. We still have other invitations not reached as yet. Some prominent writers and educators are constantly consulting this office regarding proposed publications.

MUSEUM

33. This work is practically at a standstill, nor can much more be done until better facilities are provided. The case used for relics and specimens occupies place in the church library and is in a dilapidated condition, the construction of the case having been very unsatisfactory.

34. The office has insufficient room to accomodate the museum (the filing of documents constantly increasing), and retain sufficient working space.

LOCAL HISTORIANS

35. This class of officers is of great value to the work of the department, and many of them have been faithful and efficient in service.

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN C. SMITH, *Historian.*

PRESIDING BISHOP

To the First Presidency and the General Conference: 1. In submitting the financial report of the church for 1917 we consider the Saints should be commended for the very satisfactory progress made, and we are especially pleased to call attention to the following facts which the report discloses:

2. A reduction in the liabilities of the—

General Bishop's office to December 31, 1917	....\$ 56,059.55
Graceland College to June 30, 1917	..... 20,514.80
Sanitarium to December 31, 1917	..... 8,598.49
Herald Publishing House	..... 19,515.33
Total reduction of	.....\$104,688.17

3. This leaves a present total indebtedness of \$266,886.90 owed by the church and these auxiliary institutions December 31, 1917.

4. It should also be noted that the net assets of the general Bishop's office have increased \$184,449, which is \$128,389.45 more than the liabilities were decreased. This is occasioned by payment of tithes and offering in real estate, and from the natural increase arising from the necessary business transactions of the office, etc.

5. The total amount of the bills payable of the Presiding Bishop's office

December 31, 1916, was	.....\$192,462.98
December 31, 1917, was	..... 136,679.93
March 9, 1918, the amount is	..... 80,306.67

6. At the beginning of the year 1917 we suggested that the Christmas offering could be raised to \$90,000, if each member of the Sunday school would pay at least \$2. We are pleased to say that a universal response by the Sunday schools throughout the country returned up to February 15, 1918, the very satisfactory sum of \$74,676.18. To the untiring and systematic work of Brother A. W. Smith, second

vice president of the General Sunday School Association, no small amount of credit is due for the success of this effort. Besides meeting the general church administration expenses, needs of the missionaries, and supplying the worthy poor, all of which have been augmented by the rising prices, a general policy of repair and improvement of all church holdings has drawn heavily upon the receipts.

7. Noteworthy among these is the renovation of the Kirtland Temple, and protection of the Nauvoo property from the rising waters of the Mississippi River.

8. As heretofore reported in the church papers, the new Holden Home for the Aged, which was contracted for with the concurrence of the Post Conference Council of Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Bishopric, has been opened, Bonheim Home family have taken up their residence there, the Bonheim Place has been renovated and is now occupied as the home of the Independence Sanitarium nurses. The outlay of some of these funds represent permanent investment.

9. Better general church office accommodations, from time to time urged by General Conference resolutions, has been temporarily supplied by securing, with the sanction of the High Council, the former residence of Bishop E. L. Kelley, northeast corner River Boulevard and Lexington Street. Such alterations as required have been made. The Presidency and Bishopric moved into their new quarters March 5, 1918.

10. The Independence Storehouse began business June 18, 1917, under the management of Brethren Bert E. Peterson and Lester H. Haas as stewards. From July 18, 1917, the Lamoni Supply Store has been operated as the Lamoni Storehouse under the management of Brother C. E. Blair. After a careful survey of the situation, a building was erected upon part of the Herald Publishing House block. The college laundry equipment, to which was added laundry and dry cleaning machinery, to equip a laundry suitable to the needs of the territory was placed in the new building, and the Lamoni Laundry was established and began business about January 1, 1918, under the management of Brethren Robert J. Wildey and Arthur E. Stoff as stewards. This enterprise was made necessary because the steam arising from the college laundry became offensive to those living in the Patroness Hall, and the space it occupied was required for other purposes. Besides this the laundry equipment at the Saints' Homes was very inadequate to their needs.

11. We acknowledge the loyal support and splendid coop-

eration of the local bishops and bishop's agents and solicitors, who have so materially contributed to the accomplishments of the year.

12. Pleased with the progress made during the past year, and confident of the continued success of the work, if we all discharge our several duties with an eye single to the glory of God, with you we are anxious to press forward to greater achievement in 1918.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN R. MCGUIRE.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF PRESIDING BISHOP'S
OFFICE AND GENERAL CHURCH INSTITUTIONS
PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE

Assets

Cash	\$ 37,815.35
Bills and accounts receivable	93,595.30
In hands of bishops and agents	50,446.73
Libraries	4,577.56
Stake assets	13,219.49
Real estate and contracts	286,990.84
Homes and fixtures	83,955.52
Sanitarium due church	2,608.60
Miscellaneous	1,448.75

INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM

Assets

Cash	\$ 264.27
Real estate and fixtures	64,375.25
Accounts and bills receivable	8,467.98
Miscellaneous	4,418.67

HERALD OFFICE

Assets

Cash on hand January 31, 1918.....	\$ 3,942.63
Real estate and Fixtures	70,385.53
Merchandise and supplies	39,542.94
Bills and accounts receivable	67,609.96

GRACELAND COLLEGE

Assets

Cash June 30, 1917	\$ 271.41
Accounts and bills receivable	3,618.72
Real estate, buildings, and equipment	79,923.41

Total assets\$917,478.91

PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE

Liabilities

Bills and accounts payable	\$159,485.48
Special funds	9,024.04
Due agents	175.52

INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM

Liabilities

Accounts and bills payable	\$ 6,388.89
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HERALD OFFICE

Liabilities, January 31, 1918

Accounts and bills payable	\$ 11,332.37
Bonds outstanding	38,700.00
Depreciation fund	19,327.73

GRACELAND COLLEGE

Liabilities, July 1, 1917

Accounts and bills payable	\$ 15,952.87
Bonds	6,500.00

Total liabilities	\$266,886.90
Total assets	\$917,478.91
Total liabilities	266,886.90

Present worth (chapel properties not included).....	\$650,592.01
Present worth, December 31, 1916.....	447,073.65

Increase present worth	\$203,518.36
Total liabilities December 31, 1916	371,575.07
Total liabilities December 31, 1917	266,886.90

Reduction in liabilities	\$104,688.17
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PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE

Assets and Liabilities

Accounts receivable	\$ 48,095.79
Bills receivable	45,499.51
Bishops and agents	50,446.73
Cash	37,815.35
Children's Home, open account	308.42
Children's Home assets	16,889.03
Church museum	25.00

Danish Book of Mormon	301.56
Furniture and fixtures	4,648.45
Furniture and fixtures, Holden Home	2,792.25
Holden Stake assets	100.00
Independence Stake assets	2,992.70
Kirtland Home fixtures	1,927.65
Kirtland Hotel fixtures	871.95
Lamoni Stake assets	10,027.79
Law of Christ and Its Fulfillment	136.37
Liberty Bonds	350.00
Library, Presidency's Office	965.37
Library, Presiding Bishop's office	1,911.00
Library, Church	1,652.36
Library, Historian's office	48.83
Merchandise	40.15
Multigraph account	499.22
Pittsburgh, Kirtland, and Ohio Districts, assets	99.00
Real estate	274,788.24
Real estate contracts	12,202.60
Saints' and Liberty Homes, assets	56,326.97
Sanitarium, net worth	71,137.28
Sanitarium, balance due church	2,608.60
Utah automobile	287.25
Total	\$645,795.42

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 22,805.55
Bills payable	136,679.93
Due agents	175.52
Book of Mormon translation fund	213.55
Holden Home account	3,011.00
Memorial fund	334.57
Temple consecration fund	5,464.92

Total

Present worth

Present worth last report

Increase in present worth

RECEIPTS BY PRESIDING BISHOP

Cash on hand January 1, 1917	\$ 2,924.79
Aid returned	256.04
Bishop's office expense returned	29.87
Local bishops and agents	159,494.25
Bonheim	286.22

Children's Home	989.84
Check exchange	251.52
Christmas offering	38,104.20
Church buildings	679.00
College running expense account	15,008.11
Consecrations	33,687.70
Exchange .....	.30
Elders' expense returned	448.32
Elders' families returned	303.90
Presidency's office expense returned	120.59
Furniture and fixtures	80.00
General expense	17.83
Holden Home running account	4,831.06
Interest	2,161.36
Law of Christ and Its Fulfillment	1.45
Loss and gain	2,167.21
Memorial fund	2.45
Postage .....	.04
Real estate sales and rents	33,165.50
Real estate contracts	6,762.72
Recorder's office expense returned	20.00
Saints' and Liberty Homes	3,050.96
Sanitarium	13,018.33
Sarcophagus .....	.60
Special debt fund	3,105.44
The Supply Store	3,726.18
Supplies	7,654.56
Temple consecration fund	3,307.30
Tithes and offerings	56,857.52
Tracts	55.35
Woman's Auxiliary building fund	1.00
Accounts receivable	67,253.33
Bills payable	119,183.19
Bills receivable	18,518.11
Total	\$597,524.14

EXPENDITURES BY PRESIDING BISHOP

Aid, poor, sick, and needy,	\$ 4,716.25
Auditing expense	88.22
Bishop's office expense, rent, postage, wages of help, etc.	6,622.36
Local bishops and agents supplied	16,344.11
Bonheim Place	2,491.61
Book of Mormon Concordance	204.15
Boy movement expense	25.00
Check exchange	251.52

Children's Home	3,973.55
Church buildings	827.91
College running account	17,110.10
Consecration returned	1,192.67
Credentials Committee	6.80
Exchange	6.34
Elders' expense	17,578.03
Elders' families	31,233.43
Presidency office expense	2,763.70
Furniture and fixtures	1,340.83
General expense	2,297.51
Good literature Commission	50.00
Historian's office expense	674.48
Holden Home running account	1,820.06
Holden Home account	110.00
Home dam	90.00
Insurance	27.95
Interest	13,481.39
Kensington Home	13.08
Kirtland Temple	1,265.70
Kirtland Home	1,900.00
Kirtland Hotel	117.64
Liberty Bonds	350.00
Library, Presidency's office	108.54
Library, Bishop's office	485.95
Library, Church	9.50
Library, Commission	100.00
Loss and gain	32,734.96
Multigraph	2.20
Musical Director	71.42
Patriarch's office expense	599.18
Publicity Bureau	5.60
Postage	2.75
Quorum of Twelve expense	65.62
Real estate	89,987.62
Real estate contracts	10,227.16
Recorder's office	1,046.70
Saints' and Liberty Homes	10,922.52
Sanitarium	3,159.80
Secretary's office	174.21
Supply Store	1,330.31
Suspense	2.29
Taxes	5.75
Third Quorum of Seventies	9.89
Tithes and offerings returned	661.39
Tracts	236.01
Utah automobile	432.67
Bills payable	175,226.95

Bills receivable	31,463.45
Accounts receivable	71,661.93
Cash	37,815.35
Total	\$597,524.14

ACCOUNTS WITH LOCAL BISHOPS AND AGENTS

December 31, 1917

Balance due church last report	\$ 35,169.64
Plus British Isles Mission	60.13
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	\$ 35,229.77
Received from Presiding Bishop	\$ 17,609.81
Less correcting entry	450.00
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	\$ 17,159.81
Received from other agents	\$ 10,265.39
Received from tithes, offerings, consecrations, and surplus	304,822.06
Received from miscellaneous	38,867.92
Due agents December 31, 1917	175.52
Total	\$406,520.47

Expenditures

Due agents December 31, 1916	\$ 18.42
Paid Presiding Bishop	159,370.75
Paid elders' families	109,157.90
Paid elders' expenses	13,502.65
Paid aid, poor and needy	14,853.45
Paid other bishops and agents	10,265.39
Miscellaneous	48,905.18
In hands of local bishops and agents December 31, 1917	50,446.73
Total	\$406,520.47

SAINTS' AND LIBERTY HOMES

January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917

Receipts

Cash in hands of committee January 1, 1917.....	\$ 138.81
Board to committee	1,351.15
Offerings to committee	81.50
Bills payable	1,060.00
Bills receivable	25.00

Farm products	538.92
Groceries and provisions	90.56
Fuel	136.27
Live stock	2,821.42
Improvements and farm furnishings	31.00
Interest	41.08
Labor	71.05
Funeral expense	11.50
Miscellaneous	9.25
Offerings to Presiding Bishop	\$ 719.63
Board to Presiding Bishop	2,331.83
From general fund to Presiding Bishop....	8,371.06
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	\$11,422.52
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Total	\$17,830.03

Expenditures

Groceries and provisions	\$ 4,423.00
Light and phone	342.06
Fuel	1,201.29
Labor	2,999.20
Medical expense	320.26
Farm products	2,844.66
Improvements and farm furnishings	1,931.16
Freight and expense	247.49
Bills payable (loans paid)	1,055.00
Interest	193.74
Insurance and taxes	102.90
Office supplies	20.15
Funeral expense	80.00
Live stock	1,011.67
Expense, personal and traveling	32.55
Miscellaneous	43.44
Cash in hands of committee December 31, 1917	981.46
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Total	\$17,830.03

BONHEIM AND KENSINGTON HOMES

January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917

Receipts

From care and board	\$ 307.22
Donations	3.50
Sale of produce, etc.,	59.42
From general fund by Presiding Bishop	2,166.58
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Total	\$2,536.72

Expenditures

Labor	\$ 339.60
Groceries and provisions	1,047.34
Miscellaneous supplies	104.52
Repairs	156.43
Light, gas, and water	184.53
Medical expense	25.30
Mrs. F. A. Rowe, matron	91.22
Miscellaneous expense	167.45
Telephone	31.02
Feed	189.45
Fuel	199.86
Total	\$2,536.72

KIRTLAND HOME

January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917

Receipts

Team work	\$ 247.96
Cattle sold	320.08
Milk and produce sold	551.03
Board	342.00
Offerings to Bishop Becker	2.50
From general fund Presiding Bishop	1,900.00
Total	\$3,363.57

Expenditures

Deficit January 1, 1917	\$ 65.91
Labor	1,200.77
Rent	105.00
Groceries	634.08
Feed	812.16
Coal	241.69
Repairs	152.65
Mrs. J. C. Pace account	41.24
Cash in hand of Mrs. J. C. Pace	26.53
Miscellaneous expense	188.31
	\$3,468.34
Deficit December 31, 1917	\$104.77

CHILDREN'S HOME

January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917

Receipts

Cash in hands of Presiding Bishop December 31, 1916	\$2,175.29
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Cash in hands of committee December 31, 1916.....	552.99
Donations to committee	2,306.27
Donations to Presiding Bishop	989.84
From general fund Presiding Bishop	307.82
Board	162.00
Groceries and provisions sold	35.50
Improvements account	14.50
Farm products sold	35.19
Labor	26.45
Travel expense returned	35.00
Piano and range fund	64.00
Live stock	77.09
Miscellaneous	2.00
Total	\$6,783.94

Expenditures

Coal	\$ 848.01
Medical attention	202.80
Groceries and provisions	1,497.26
Light and water	276.73
Improvements and furnishings	887.82
Repairs	234.42
Farm products	323.36
Labor	1,261.02
Live stock	325.25
Traveling expense	83.57
Piano	90.16
Bills receivable	120.00
Bills payable	250.00
Interest	4.29
Taxes (Sewer)	13.82
Freight	31.57
Office supplies	40.61
Miscellaneous	41.18
Cash in hands of committee December 31, 1917	252.07
Total	\$6,783.94

VACANCIES IN BOARD OF AUDITORS

The committee on vacancies in the Board of Auditors reported:

Two vacancies on the Board of Auditors have occurred this year. The first was caused by the resignation of John F. Garver, who presented it to the First Presidency. Later

Daniel Macgregor requested release from the task in order to carry on meetings in Saint Thomas, Ontario, in which keen interest was manifest. This the Presidency granted. By use of the mail and telegraph wires we got in touch with the other members of the committee, John W. Rushton and Henry A. Stebbins, and by agreement Richard B. Trowbridge and Kearney Kelley were appointed to fill the vacancies.

In this connection it may not be amiss to suggest a consideration of the method of selecting auditors, their work, and the method of filling vacancies. The whole scheme is rather out of joint with present day methods.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. SMITH,
President of Committee.

The report was approved.

BOARD OF AUDITORS

The Board of Auditors reported on accounts of the Presiding Bishop:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Covering Books and Annual Statement of the Presiding Bishop For Year Ending December 31, 1917.

To the First Presidency and General Conference: The statement of assets and liabilities of the Presiding Bishop's office is correct as published. Inventories have been investigated and verified as far as practical.

The accounts and bills receivable included as assets, we believe, are subject to a material depreciation. The notes analyzed are as follows:

Current	\$30,704.23
One year past due	4,512.47
Two or more years past due	10,282.81
Total	\$45,499.51

The accounts receivable we did not analyze. Neither did we have time after being appointed to this board, to verify them by auditor's statements or otherwise. Many of these accounts, however, range from three to eight years old.

We recommend that in the current year special effort be made to collect these past due notes and accounts, or determine whether they are collectable, and the doubtful ones be no longer carried as current assets.

The statement of receipts and expenditures contains a number of inaccuracies due to clerical errors; receipt credited

to one account which properly belonged to another, or disbursements charged to wrong accounts affect some ten or twelve accounts in a minor way. The totals remaining the same, we deem it unnecessary to include in this report the details of such minor errors. The Bishop's final report to be published in the *Herald* will correct them. There are two items of receipts, however, that we wish to call attention to as apt to be misleading. In the receipts the item of \$15,008.11 credited to Graceland College, does not represent donations for that institution, as \$12,963.44 of this amount was the open account of that institution with the Presiding Bishop which was charged off by him to loss and gain. The actual amounts of donation for the college was \$2,051.17. The same is also true of the item credited to the Independence Sanitarium of \$13,018.33 where \$12,467.13 was charged to loss and gain, the actual amount of donation being \$551.20.

Your board wishes to thank the Bishop and his office staff as well as the managers of the various institutions for their cordial reception, and the manifest desire to assist our investigation in every way possible. We are also much gratified to report a spirit of earnest zeal, fervor, and a striving for efficiency in the conduct of these officers.

It occurs to your board, that the prevailing custom of the past, of making an annual audit of the church institutions at one time, just prior to the General Conference, is not a very efficient or satisfactory plan. We think it would be advisable that the work of auditing be done at various times, as may be convenient, during the year, for instance, the accounts of Graceland College at least, should be audited at the close of its fiscal year, instead of waiting some eight months after they have closed their books. To get the best results of an audit, the other accounts should also be worked upon from time to time instead of annually, thereby giving the auditors opportunity to suggest changes and improvements or corrections which could be taken into consideration by the several institutions before the closing of their books.

Brother Roy S. Budd assisted us materially in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

KEARNEY L. KELLEY,

CHARLES FRY,

R. B. TROWBRIDGE,

Board of Auditors.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 5, 1918.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Presiding Bishop was approved.

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GRACELAND COLLEGE .

The printed report of Graceland College was included in the minutes:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:
The attached reports of the president and of the treasurer and business manager of the College were at a formal meeting adopted by the Board of Trustees of Graceland College, and made the report of the board to the General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CARMICHAEL, *Chairman.*

LAMONI, IOWA, February 27, 1918.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT

To the Board of Trustees: 1. Like all other educational institutions in the country, it was fully expected that war conditions prevailing would adversely affect this institution. However, what was our surprise at the opening of the year to have a considerably larger enrollment than last year, and as the work has continued the enrollment in the different departments has increased.

2. Instead, therefore, of the anticipated decrease, there has actually been an increase. The increase has been not only in numbers, but in interest and accomplishment. With very few exceptions the students seem to sense the situation throughout the world and to realize, as never before, the value of time and their responsibilities in the premises.

3. The attendance is twenty-five per cent higher than a year ago, the increase being quite uniform in all the departments.

4. Students are enrolled from twenty-one States, Canada, England, and Hawaii. Lamoni leads with thirty-one per cent of the student body, eleven per cent being from the community surrounding Lamoni, twenty-two per cent coming from other parts of Iowa, while the remaining thirty-six per cent are enrolled from outside of Iowa. Following Iowa the enrollment is as follows: Missouri, Wisconsin, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Idaho, Hawaii, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Canada, New York, North Dakota, Alabama, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Minnesota, Oregon, England.

5. The attendance is very cosmopolitan. In addition to American students, the following are represented: Hawaiian, Japanese, English, Negro, and Indian.

War Conditions

6. Along with the other educational institutions of the country, Graceland has been called upon by the Government

to do her share in meeting the special conditions surrounding us. To do that she has modified her courses in certain particulars, added new departments and new courses, and throughout the year work in all departments and all courses has been so conducted as to assist in every possible way the work of the Government.

Wireless

7. The demand for wireless operators for the Government service is very great and, on the special request of the signal service branch of the Government, our wireless department has been put on a war basis, especially equipped and fitted up to prepare drafted men to become wireless operators on being taken into the Army.

8. The assistance to the Government in this particular respect has been very great and has received special recognition. In four and one half months we have been able to prepare the drafted men of our church to enter the Government service fully equipped for work on an entirely different basis than if they had not taken this course. They are able to do a much more efficient piece of work for the Government and for themselves. Important as is the work of the private in our Army it is fully acknowledged that this war, as never before in the history of the world, is being fought and will be won, not in the trenches or on the battle front, but in the scientific laboratory, around the mathematics table, in the aviation corps, by the wireless operators, and the other many special divisions of the Army, so to the extent to which Graceland can contribute her share of well equipped men for these higher and more important branches of the service, to that extent is she doing her share towards the winning of this war to "make the world safe for democracy."

9. The college is to be congratulated that it has in Mr. Arthur B. Church, the director of the wireless department, a young man of great devotion to the best interests of the church and the college. He has shown great skill and efficiency in his work.

Home Economics

10. The Government early recognized the share that the departments of home economics in our colleges and universities should have in bringing to the attention of the public generally the problems of food conservation. In common with other colleges of the land our department of home economics has been placed at the disposal of the Government and has been used to the very great advantage of our

student body and of the surrounding communities. We were fortunate indeed in having at the head of that department Miss Mabel Knipschild, who had just returned from a year's graduate work in Columbia University, New York, in special preparation for her work here. She brought to the department an ability and an enthusiasm rarely found, thus making it possible for the Government to carry out its plan of educating the public along the lines of food and clothing conservation in a most effective manner.

11. The department has thus been enabled to perform a most efficient piece of work in the present crisis.

Short College Year

12. In response to the call of the Government to release college students, particularly men, as early in the spring as possible, the college authorities submitted to the students a proposition of shortening the college year one month by having sessions six days in the week in place of five and omitting the spring recess at conference time. Although this would deprive the students and the faculty of the benefit of the General Conference sessions, and would mean a curtailment of many college functions of a social and athletic nature, it was almost unanimously approved, there being less than a half dozen dissenting votes.

13. This plan will enable the college to close on May 2 in place of June 1, thus releasing the student body for the month of May, which is, in the middle west, a very important agricultural month. It will also enable us to graduate a class of wireless operators on May 2 and give us the months of May, June, July, and August to conduct a summer session exclusively for the benefit of prospective radio-telegraph operators, thus enabling us to graduate two classes of wireless operators before September 1, in place of one, thereby doubling our output of efficient wireless operators.

Accrediting

14. As was reported to you a year ago, we have received full recognition from the State Departments of Education, both at Des Moines through the State Board of Educational Examiners and at the State University of Iowa through its official examiners. The college department itself and the academy have both been placed on the fully accredited list and the graduates from the department of education in the college who have had the required amount of work in psychology, principles and history of education, and allied subjects are granted State teachers' certificates without examination. These certificates are practically equivalent to life

certificates, as they can be renewed without examination so long as the graduate continues in the teaching profession.

15. Although this accrediting, so far as the granting of the state certificate is concerned, was not accorded us until late in the college year of 1916-17, it was made to apply to the class graduating last June because of the high quality of work being done in the college. Thus our graduates of last year were granted State teachers' certificates, and there will be a considerably larger class to be recommended to the State Department of Education for state certificates at the close of this year.

16. The State is exceedingly glad of the opportunity to avail itself of our equipment in the way of library, laboratory, and teaching ability to prepare efficient teachers. There is no trouble in securing positions for all of our well prepared graduates in education, the calls being in excess of our ability to meet.

Dormitory Facilities

17. We have not been able to meet all the demands made for dormitory accommodations during the present college year. The time will shortly come when some provision will have to be made to meet these requirements. The advantages of college dormitory life are so great, especially when it is sometimes very difficult to secure suitable accommodations in private homes, that our needs must not be overlooked.

Library and Museum Building

18. The most urgent need, however, is for proper library and museum facilities. We have a most efficient library, adequate in every way, with the small yearly additions that should be made, to meet our requirements for many years if it is properly housed and properly cared for, which is not possible under present conditions.

19. What we must have is a library building which will properly house our library and will give us room for our museum and other equipment needed for work in our science courses. We have the beginning of a most excellent museum and historical collection, valuable not only from the standpoint of anthropology, archæology, and history, but, if put in shape so that it is easily available, very valuable for all of our science courses.

20. We are very severely criticized by every official examining board of the State for our inadequate facilities for properly taking care of our library, and it is absolutely impossible to provide suitable facilities in our present building.

21. It is urgently recommended that provision be early

made for a new building, especially designed for library and museum purposes. It is believed that much of the work of construction could be done by student labor, thus giving employment to needy students. The excavation and other preliminary work could well enough be done during vacation when student help could be used very extensively. Such a building would relieve our great congestion in the main building, releasing our present library room for regular class rooms, thus assisting very materially in administration and efficiency.

Zion and Education

22. On invitation of the editors of the *Herald* I prepared an article a few weeks ago on the topic at the head of this paragraph, and among other things said the following:

23. "Zion is to be a land of plenty, a land of wealth, a land where there is to be no misery, no poverty, no hunger, no one without everything his needs and just wants require. To bring this condition about God's spiritual and economic laws must be observed.

24. "It will not satisfy Zion conditions for the few to be spiritual and to be educated, for the few to be in a condition to appreciate and to take advantage of all opportunities. One prospers just in proportion to the prosperity of the average man with whom he is brought in contact. If the masses of the people are poor and ignorant, every individual, every interest, every industry in the community will feel and register the pulling down power of their backwardness as inevitably as the thermometer records the temperature of the air. Every man who through ignorance, lack of training, or by reason of any other hindering cause is producing or earning only half as much as he ought, by his inefficiency is making everybody else in the community poorer. The necessity for education has increased and will continue to increase with the advance in complexity of the processes of civilization. Because of the unparalleled progress in most directions during the past fifty years the need for education has in a generation multiplied many fold."

25. A few weeks later I received a letter from one of our traveling missionaries reading in part as follows:

26. "I read with keen interest your article on education in a recent issue of the *Herald* and I wish our people could sense with deeper interest the importance of education and training for our young people. I cannot see the complete redemption of Zion in any other way than through education as defined by Spencer, 'to prepare for complete living.' Certainly with that thought goes the special help and power that God will bestow upon his worthy people. In my travels as

a missionary there has been constantly before me the sad picture of our young people in matters of education. I believe that fully seventy-five per cent of our people have not an education in the public school beyond the eighth grade."

27. That this report of conditions is not altogether in error seems to be substantiated by reports which I have received from time to time from branch presidents who have written that there are no young people in their branches able to take advantage of Graceland College because they have not been taking advantage of the public school system in their own communities much, if any, beyond the compulsory school age. This condition must be remedied if we are to be in a position to profit from the institutions of higher learning in this country and to be prepared for the work of Zion. A recent writer in the *Herald* said:

28. "Each person is an integral part of the church, and the church can make progress only as its integral parts make progress, and that as each member fails to take advantage of the privilege the church offers him, just that long will the church fail to reach its ideal, and will fail until each person finds his or her place and fills it, and fills it well."

29. Graceland is exerting her ever-widening influence in the way of a solution of this most important problem, and until it is solved our mission will be only partially executed. With the cooperation of the members of the church, the alumni, and ex-students, an enormous influence can be wielded—in fact, with united effort it will be almost invulnerable. If each contributes his fiber to the strand a cable may be woven which will prove strong enough to advance the solution of the problem well on the way.

Faculty and Student Body

30. I have enjoyed no one of the three years I have spent in Graceland more than the one just closing. This is largely due to the almost unparalleled cooperation and unity of purpose on the part of almost every member of the faculty and student body. The world war crisis has its compensations, and one of them has been the serious-mindedness on the part of the young men and women gathered from many parts of the country to further prepare and equip themselves for the work of the future.

31. Almost without exception they have been loyal to the best that is in them, sensing, as never before, the value of time and opportunity. It has been a real pleasure to see the marked development in many of their lives, and there is every possible evidence that there is a very large piece of work ahead for many of them.

Band and Orchestra Department

32. The demand for the organization of a department where our young people could secure proper instruction in band and orchestra instruments was so great that, after consultation with the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric, the college authorities decided to open such a department with the opening of the present college year. The new department has been very enthusiastically received, and with our already well organized vocal, piano, oratory, and public speaking departments it gives us a studio adequate to meet the needs along these lines in a most satisfactory manner. The income from tuition has more than paid for the cost of the department. It was fully expected that this would be true, and our experience has justified our hope.

Lectures, Musicals, etc.

33. To the already quite extensive lecture, musical, and entertainment courses offered for the benefit of the student body and the community, we were able, through the assistance of the general officers of the church and one of the brethren dealing in motion picture machines, to add one of the very best motion picture machines on the market to our equipment. As an accredited institution of higher learning we have had the services of the State University, the State Agricultural College, and the United States Bureau of Economics at Washington, District of Columbia, in the way of providing some of the very finest educational motion pictures and sets of stereopticon slides with prepared manuscripts as a basis for lectures to be given by members of the faculty. These motion pictures and sets of slides shown weekly throughout the year are of great advantage to the institution.

34. Our last addition has been a large assembly Victrola with a very fine selection of records. These are of value not only for the entertainment of the students but for their education as well. The records at times are used in class work to add interest and enthusiasm to the regular exercises.

35. These new inventions—the motion picture machine, the modern type of stereopticon, the talking machine—increase our possibilities greatly, and properly handled are a source of great good to our work.

Outlook

36. The past year has been one of progress, advancement being made along many lines. Yet there is still so much to be done, so many activities and interests to develop, that the end is not in sight. However, with the continued cooperation on the part of the membership of the church and the continued loyal support and unity on the part of the student

body the goal will be reached. The outlook is most encouraging in spite of the great amount yet to be accomplished.

37. As has been our policy in the past, so it will continue to be, not to undertake too much, but to do well whatever is undertaken, believing that the policy of thoroughness and of intensive effort will in the long run spell a progress which would be impossible if the available funds and energy were scattered over too wide a field. This institution has a very definite field of usefulness and it prefers to do its work so well that it will continue to deserve a constantly widening field of opportunity.

38. It is believed that this policy commends itself to all interested in the institution's welfare as well as that of the church at large, and the college, therefore, renews its expression of hope that it may deserve the continued support of its many friends whose cooperation even in a small way will make for big success.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BRIGGS,

President.

February 27, 1918.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER

To the Board of Trustees: 1. I herewith submit my report for the fiscal year July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917, for publication with other reports to General Conference.

2. This report does not give items of all receipts and disbursements, nor the details of all resources and liabilities, and losses and gains; but such report is made out and filed with the Board of Trustees and with the Presiding Bishop after the close of the fiscal year, June 30, at which time the books are closed.

3. A comparison of the expenditures, taking the amounts actually expended from July 1, 1917, to January 31, 1918, and estimating the amounts required from January 31 to June 30, 1918, with the budget allowed for the year July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918, shows the following results:

Items	Budget for 1917-1918			
	Allowed	Used to Jan 1.	Est. for bal. of yr.	Total
Allowances of faculty	\$ 9,000.00	\$4,540.85	\$4,443.15	\$8,984.00
Heating plant, fuel and labor	1,500.00	1,009.54	721.10	1,730.64
Insurance	350.00	220.68	70.00	290.68
Library care	200.00	151.89	60.00	211.89
Books purchased	100.00	10.71	50.00	60.71
Adv., inc. catalog	300.00	200.00	25.00	225.00

Office help	600.00	350.00	250.00	600.00
Light and water	350.00	258.62	203.45	462.07
General expense	400.00	208.58	149.00	357.58
Interest	1,000.00	306.12	391.90	698.02
Indebtedness 1-5	8,162.63	10,006.31		10,006.31
Repairs and up-keep, R. E.	1,200.00	1,320.17	200.00	1,520.17
Repairs and replacing furniture	200.00	50.92	20.00	70.92
Domestic science equipment	500.00	396.10	25.00	421.10
	<u>\$23,862.63</u>	<u>\$19,030.49</u>	<u>\$6,598.60</u>	<u>\$25,639.09</u>

Receipts

Tuition	\$ 7,500.00	\$8,214.00		\$8,214.00
Offerings	1,500.00	593.44	50.00	643.44
Endowments	250.00	152.50	50.00	202.50
	<u>\$9,250.00</u>	<u>\$8,959.94</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$9,059.94</u>

5. An examination of the items which vary from the budget will be of interest. The increase in the cost for operating the heating plant is due to the advance in the cost of coal, and is less than was anticipated. This was a condition that could not have been foreseen a year ago.

6. In light and water, the increase over budget may be due to the fact that in prorating the charges for heat, light, room rent, and board the per cent for light is a little too small; also no direct charge for water is made to students, as is the case for heat, light, room rent, and board.

7. The item of interest is below the budget for the reason that a goodly portion of the debt has been liquidated.

8. The one fifth of the debt has been more than paid by \$1,843.68, the total amount paid to January 31, being \$10,006.31. About \$2,500 has been paid since, up to time of this report, March 1.

9. The amount of tuition received is \$714 more than the estimate, while the receipts from temporary endowment subscriptions are \$856.56 below the estimate, and offerings are \$47.50 below. This showing is probably due to the fact that part of the College Day collection was sent directly to the Presiding Bishop.

10. Taking the budget as a whole, then, not counting the amount paid on indebtedness above the budget allowance, we are below the budget \$67.22, which, it must be conceded, is a good showing, considering the advance in prices of fuel and all lines of material and help.

Budget for 1918-19

11. In presenting the budget for 1918-19 it is deemed best to call special attention to some things. In the allowance for the faculty an increase is asked for, part of which is to provide for one additional teacher, which additional allowance will be more than made up by additional tuition from the added department. The balance is required to meet the needs of the members of the faculty on an allowance basis, due to the great increase in cost of provisions.

12. In library care we are asking for an increase of \$400 so as to be able to provide a librarian whose time may be devoted to the care of the library, rendering it of much more service, and saving to the college very many valuable books lost each year by lack of supervision, which is absolutely impossible under present arrangements. This will also assist in meeting the requirements of the state examiners respecting our library facilities.

13. The items, then, for the ensuing year are as follows:

Allowances for faculty.....	\$11,500.00
Heating plant, fuel and labor.....	1,800.00
Insurance	300.00
Library care	600.00
New books	100.00
Advertising (including catalogue)	300.00
Office help	600.00
Light and water	450.00
General expense	400.00
Interest	600.00
One fifth indebtedness	8,162.63
Repairs and upkeep on real estate	1,200.00
Repairing and replacing furniture	300.00
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	\$26,312.63
Less: Tuition receipts	\$8,500.00
Offerings	500.00
Endowments	200.00
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	\$ 9,200.00
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	\$17,112.63

Indebtedness

14. On January 31 the total indebtedness is shown to be \$25,135.08, of which amount \$7,100 is in gold bonds drawing 5 per cent interest and payable in 1920; \$9,223.49 represents amounts received from the church, and not expected to be

repaid; about \$1,200 more is in the nature of bequests, or practically that, and will not have to be paid. The balance, \$7,611.59, represents notes payable not due, none of which are drawing more than 5 per cent and some of them no interest, and personal current accounts that can be paid at any time. It will appear from this that substantial progress has been made in complying with the Lord's injunction, "The college debt should be paid."

Scholarships

15. Agreeably to the action of the last General Conference setting aside a part of the annual College Day collection as might be advisable as a fund to be loaned to students to assist in their educational expenses, scholarships have been awarded to eighteen students amounting to \$1,022.70.

16. Zion's Religio-Literary Society sets aside annually \$400.00 to be used for the same purpose, and there is available at present several hundred dollars in the hands of the treasurer of that society. Nine students this year have availed themselves of this help, borrowing \$426.

17. The General Sunday School Association also placed in the hands of the college treasurer several years ago a small fund of five or six hundred dollars which is being used in the same way.

18. All these funds are serving a good purpose and should be perpetuated. Their help is much appreciated.

Student Self-Help

19. About twenty-five young men and young women are employed, some working for full board, and some for less, to do the work of the college hotel, caring for the dairy, firing the furnace, caring for the buildings, library, gardening, etc. Something over two hundred dollars a month is thus earned by these young people to assist them to an education, many of whom would be deprived of this privilege but for this help. An allowance of fifteen cents an hour is made them for their services, being an increase over former allowances to correspond to the advance in the price of board.

Hotel

20. Owing to the advance in the price of foodstuffs, the price of board was increased to \$3.50 a week and room, light, and heat to \$1.25, making the total \$4.75. The price for those rooming at the farm was advanced to \$4.50. At these prices it is doubtful whether the hotel is on a paying basis; it is hoped, however, that it will show when the books are closed June 30, that it has not run behind to a serious

extent. Every effort is being made to keep the cost of operating down to the minimum. We are doing our utmost to cooperate with the Government in food and fuel conservation, and it is a matter of sincere gratification to find that the students and members of the faculty boarding at the hotel are in full sympathy with the management in this effort.

Gardening and Canning

21. A greater effort was put forth the past season to raise vegetables for canning and for immediate use on our tables. Something like three thousand quarts of beets, tomatoes, beans, and apples were thus preserved for winter use. Stahl canning and drying outfits were purchased for this purpose. It is hoped that very much more will be done the coming season, as weather conditions were not favorable for truck gardening last season.

Farm

22. The closing of the farm accounts June 30, brought a pleasant surprise in that a gain of over \$1,600 was shown. This was due quite largely to the unprecedented advance in grain, live stock, and in fact, all farm products and property. It is the intention to build up the soil as rapidly as possible by crop rotation and fertilizing. It was pretty well run down when we acquired possession.

23. Quite a lot of fruit trees have been planted, but many have died, due partly to a lack of care, and partly to being planted in the wrong kind of soil. The coming season we shall have a man giving a large part of his time to gardening and caring for the orchard, which will, doubtless, bring better results.

Laundry

24. The laundry has been discontinued and removed, the Lamoni Steam Laundry taking over such of the equipment as they could make use of. As a result of this removal the insurance rate on Patroness Hall has been lowered a little more than one half.

Improvements

25. A number of substantial improvements have been made about the college premises.

26. A concrete chimney for the heating plant has been erected at a cost of \$750. Specifications for this work were sent to a Chicago firm which does this sort of work in all parts of the United States and in foreign lands, and their bid was \$1,390; so that we figure a saving on this of \$640, and believe we have something that will last a long time,

while iron smokestacks had to be renewed every three or four years.

27. In order to make room for our radio department, home economics, and chemical laboratory, the basement halls were plastered, board floors placed in two rooms, the walls of one room lathed and plastered, and a new concrete floor laid in the main basement hall.

28. A new hardwood floor was laid in the kitchen of Patroness Hall. Two rooms were provided for taking care of vegetables and other things, one to keep supplies from freezing, and one to keep supplies by freezing. These are built of concrete, covered by reinforced concrete roof and about eight inches of soil, attached to the north side of Patroness Hall at the west end.

29. It is contemplated this coming summer to provide new quarters for the shop, building on a second story to the boiler house, raising the present roof, and building a reinforced concrete floor for the second story, to partially relieve the congested condition in the main building, using the present shop room for laboratory purposes.

30. We expect also to provide an outside bake oven for the hotel, as the baking of seventy-five or more loaves of bread a day in an ordinary hotel range such as we have is next to a physical impossibility. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GUNSOLLEY,

Treasurer and Business Manager.

It was moved that the items included in the budget of this report, also the items on page 41 under the head of dormitory facilities, library, and museum buildings, be referred to the standing appropriations committee—the Order of Bishops—for consideration and report.

The motion prevailed.

SAINTS' HOMES

To the First Presidency and the General Conference: 1. The Saints' Homes for the aged at Lamoni, Iowa, have, during the year 1917, been filled to their capacity. Until the new home at Holden was opened, we had many applications for admission which could not be granted for want of room; these were turned over to the Presiding Bishop, who now passes on applications for admission.

2. Five deaths have occurred at the homes in Lamoni during the year, two at Liberty and three at the Saints' Home. There are in the two homes 52 inmates, 18 men and 34 women.

3. The management has been in the hands of the Lamoni Stake Bishopric: A. Carmichael, R. J. Lambert, and A. J. Yarrington. A. J. Yarrington has occupied as business manager, under the advice and counsel of Bishop Carmichael and Counselor R. J. Lambert. Sister Alice P. Dancer had continued as matron at the Saints' Home and Sister J. T. Williams as matron at Liberty Home.

4. The woven wire fence on the railway right of way referred to in our last report has been completed and the farm is now entirely inclosed with woven wire fence. Our cross fences are yet of barbed wire, and as rebuilding becomes necessary, should be replaced with woven wire.

5. The improvements to the property during the year are: The erection of an additional silo, purchased second hand at a favorable price and moved to the home farm; the painting of the tool house erected last year, the hay barn, and the two silos.

6. The high-class dairy herd started two years ago is developing finely and should be a substantial source of income to the home. An examination of our accounts shows the fact that butter and milk are higher than at any year since the establishment of the home, yet our expenditures have been the lowest for these items, and except for extremely dry pasture last fall this department would undoubtedly have shown a nice profit. We have on hand a fine lot of young heifers to replace our older cows, for which there is a ready market, and a number of valuable males eligible to register, ready for sale. The farm has produced a car load of hogs which are now on feed for the spring market.

7. The building of the steam laundry in Lamoni has solved our laundry problems, and the opening of the new home at Holden has afforded relief from being unable to care for worthy ones for lack of room.

8. The following is the financial report for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. YARRINGTON, *Manager.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, JANUARY 1, 1918

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1917	\$ 138.81
Board	1,351.15
Bishop B. R. McGuire	8,325.00
Offerings	81.50
Bills payable	1,060.00
Bills receivable	25.00

Farm products	538.92
Groceries and provisions	13.27
Fuel	136.27
Live stock	2,821.42
Improvements and farm furnishings	31.00
Interest	41.08
Labor	71.05
Funeral expense	11.50
Miscellaneous	9.25
Total	\$14,732.51

Expenditures

Groceries and provisions	\$1,723.00
Electricity and telephone	342.06
Fuel	931.96
Labor	2,999.20
Medical service and drugs	292.07
Farm products	2,844.66
Improvements and farm furnishings	1,931.16
Freight and express	247.49
Bills payable	955.00
Interest	193.74
Insurance and taxes	102.90
Office supplies	20.15
Funeral expense	80.00
Live stock	1,011.67
Expense—personal and traveling	32.55
Miscellaneous	43.44
Cash on hand December 31, 1917	981.46
Total	\$14,732.51

SANITARIUM

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting: 1. The personnel of the Board as sustained by the last General Conference has not been changed. J. A. Tanner has acted as president; L. H. Haas as secretary; and George H. Hulmes as treasurer. M. A. Etzenhouser acted as manager until July 1, 1917, when L. Stover succeeded him.

2. In June a class of three girls was graduated and appropriate commencement exercises were held at the Stone Church.

3. On the recommendation of Doctor G. L. Harrington, the Public Health Department was discontinued.

4. Since October 1 the superintendent of nurses, Miss Sarah E. Rogers, has been in Detroit, Michigan, taking post gradu-

ate work in nursing, and additional work in hospital management. She expects to return about April 1. In her absence the work has been done by Miss Laura E. Mann.

5. Because of the increase in the prices of material and provisions used at the Sanitarium it was found necessary to increase the rates. Rooms that were formerly \$10 are now \$12.50 per week; and those that were \$20 are now \$25. The charge for the operating room remains the same.

6. The staff of under-graduate nurses has been increased to twenty-two.

7. Below we give a statement from the patient's register:

	1917
Number of patients admitted	669
Number of patient days	8,784
Average number of days for each patient	13
Number of patients dismissed	635
Number of patients died	35
Number of patients L. D. S. members	303
Number of patients not members	366
Number of patients paid from the church	90
Number of minor operations	187
Number of major operations	170

9. At the meeting held March 5 the Board adopted the following budget and approved the following financial report of the year's business, as submitted by the manager.

Expense

(Below we give a suggestive budget for the Independence Sanitarium from January 1, 1918, to December 31, 1918.)

Improvements	\$1,000.00
Lights	500.00
Gas	400.00
Laundry	1,600.00
General expense	400.00
Nurses' salary	2,500.00
Administrative	3,000.00
Discounts to doctors, nurses, help, etc.	900.00
Interest	120.00
Repairs	500.00
Labor, kitchen, and dining room	1,000.00
Provisions	7,000.00
Operating room, drugs, and dressings	3,000.00
Special rate to church	3,000.00
Water	600.00
Fuel	1,600.00
Rent for nurses' home	300.00
Telephones	150.00

Depreciation on buildings	600.00
Depreciation on furniture and fixtures	769.00
Premium on insurance	1,000.00
Total	\$29,939.00

(Below we give a suggestive budget for the receipts for the Independence Sanitarium from January 1, 1918 to December 31, 1918.)

Wards	\$ 7,000.00
Private rooms	13,000.00
X ray	2,200.00
Drugs and dressings	2,000.00
Operating room	2,800.00
Cows	530.00
Chickens	170.00
Donations	500.00
Board, Special meals, etc.	850.00
Laboratory fees	700.00

Total	\$29,750.00
Special nursing	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$30,750.00

Assets and Liabilities

Current assets:

Cash	\$ 264.27
Notes receivable	739.97
Accounts receivable	7,728.01
Medical and surgical supplies	2,407.28
Groceries on hand	523.43
Donations due from Bishop McGuire	546.20

Total current assets \$12,209.16

Fixed assets:

Real estate	\$ 8,269.11
Building less 2 per cent depreciation	43,869.06
Improvements to building	3,233.20
Furniture and fixtures (depreciation of 1 per cent \$858.86.)	7,699.78
X ray equipment	1,994.10

Total fixed assets \$65,351.50

Expense Accounts in Suspense

Office supplies on hand	\$ 96.01
Cow feed on hand	6.00

Fuel on hand	80.00
Unexpired insurance	19.70

Total suspense	\$ 201.71
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Total assets	\$77,762.37
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Liabilities

Notes payable	\$ 5,150.00
Accounts payable	1,134.65
Accounts of patients paid in advance	104.24

Total current assets	\$ 6,388.89
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Net worth December 31, 1916	\$57,505.99
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Gain from operation	695.08
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Donations during the year	800.05
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Debt to church canceled by courtesy of Bishop	
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B. R. McGuire	12,372.36
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Net worth December 31, 1917	\$71,373.48
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	\$77,762.37
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Loss and Gain Statement for the Year Ending
December 31, 1917

Credits

Receipts from steam bath	\$ 2.50
Profit on live stock account	24.25
Receipts from X ray department	1,904.97
Profit on chickens	164.80
Drugs and dressings	1,971.49
Cash discounts	48.67
Garden	4.00
Interest	2.85
Laboratory	226.55
Public health department	36.98
Operating room	2,600.00
Private rooms	11,782.36
Wards	6,257.04
Board and meals	887.60
Special nursing	1,043.53
Individual accounts	34.72
Total credits	\$26,992.31

Debits

Expense nurse home	\$ 20.20
Office expense	194.67

Administrative salaries	2,750.27
Administrative general expense sundries	167.44
Medical and surgical expense	2,897.94
Groceries	5,036.50
Cows	30.21
Fuel	1,301.10
Care of patients, salaries	1,899.11
Miscellaneous on patients' accounts	3.43
Discounts to nurses and doctors	898.18
Gas	386.72
Nurses' home rent	175.00
Interest	120.83
Light	467.41
Lawyers' fees	28.58
Laundry	1,528.55
Repairs	390.94
Steward's department labor	824.52
Meat	620.54
Butter and eggs	647.57
Special rates	2,660.05
Telephones	144.66
Water	561.30
Helpful relief	242.65
Insurance	229.08
Furniture and fixtures	315.63
Total debits	\$26,297.23
Gain from operations	695.08
Donations	253.85
Donations, Bishop McGuire's office	546.20
Debt to church canceled by courtesy of B. R. McGuire	12,372.36
Total	\$13,867.49

11. We sincerely appreciate the patronage of the membership of the church and also extend our thanks for the donations which have been made.

12. We take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation to the Presiding Bishopric for their liberality in liquidating the account of \$12,372.36 against the Sanitarium.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. HAAS, *Secretary of the Board.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 6, 1918.

The financial budget on page 53 of the printed report was referred to the Order of Bishops for consideration and report.

CHILDREN'S HOME

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. During the calendar year 1917 the Children's Home trustees have conducted the home the entire time.

2. Brother and Sister Joseph Goode retired from the positions of superintendent and matron May 1, and they were succeeded by Brother and Sister J. J. Boswell, from the Walnut Park Branch at Independence, Missouri, who completed the work for the year, although the health of Sister Boswell indicated that a change would likely be necessary, in order to avoid a breakdown.

3. The enrollment for the year has been quite varied, having been as low as eighteen and as high as thirty-five children, ranging in age from two months to almost sixteen years.

4. No less than one dozen homes of Saints have been opened to receive a child from the home for adoption or its practical equivalent, while others have been removed by those who placed them in the home, the circumstances which necessitated placing them in our custody having changed.

5. There is a disposition among the people of the church to place children in the home for the purpose of keeping families of children intact. The trustees have been of the opinion that the home can be of greatest usefulness to the church by acting as a sort of clearing house, receiving the orphaned or neglected children as their fully empowered guardians, and placing them by adoption into Latter Day Saint homes that will properly protect and develop them. This policy will likely be adhered to more closely as the demand for room in the home shall increase.

6. The Board of Trustees as at present constituted and organized is: A. Carmichael, president; R. J. Lambert, secretary; A. J. Yarrington, treasurer; Callie B. Stebbins, Lucy L. Resseguie, Minnie B. Nicholson, Floyd M. McDowell.

7. The terms of Callie B. Stebbins and R. J. Lambert expire at this conference of 1918, and it will be necessary to elect their successors for the term of three years each.

8. The finances of the home are made to appear in the report of the treasurer hereto appended.

R. J. LAMBERT, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer to the Board, January 1, 1918.

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1917	\$ 552.99
Donations	2,306.27
Bishop B. R. McGuire	3,050.00

Board	162.00
Groceries and provisions	35.50
Improvements and furnishings	14.50
Farm products	35.19
Labor	26.45
Traveling expense	35.00
Piano fund	26.00
Range fund	38.00
Live stock	77.09
Miscellaneous	2.00
Total	\$6,360.99

Expenditures

Groceries and provisions	\$1,497.26
Electricity and water	276.73
Medical service and drugs	164.24
Improvements and furnishings	887.82
Fuel	468.62
Repairs	234.42
Farm products	323.36
Labor	1,261.02
Live stock	325.25
Traveling expense	83.57
Piano	90.16
Bills receivable	120.00
Bills payable	250.00
Interest	4.29
Sewer taxes	13.82
Freight and express	31.57
Office supplies	40.61
Miscellaneous	36.18
Cash on hand December 31, 1917	252.07
Total	\$6,360.99

ORDER OF EVANGELISTS

To the First Presidency and the General Conference: 1. Since last reporting to you, one year ago, we have had fifteen men out of our twenty-seven on our list under conference appointment; they have done what they could under existing circumstances. The work of this order does not seem to be fully understood as yet, which has made it impossible for us to push our work to any extent, but they have stood ready to do whatever they could when called upon or the opportunity offered. Several of them have labored in a local way, accomplishing what they could according to their limited

opportunities. A number of them, as heretofore, have not been very active because of increasing years.

2. Up to the time of this reporting, seventeen of the order have reported the following work done: 1,397 sermons, 44 baptisms, 85 confirmations, 19 ordinations, 92 children blessed, and 930 patriarchal blessings given. Only 474 visits have been reported, which have been made in an official way, which does not represent the real amount of labor of this character that has been done. Considerable of the work done by these men cannot be shown in figures very well, having a spiritual character that cannot be recorded altogether in figures.

3. We anxiously hope that the time will come when the work of these men will be better understood and the effort put forth can be productive of greater good than at the present time. There has been no change in the order during the year. Very respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMITH, *President*.
H. O. SMITH, *Secretary*.

March 5, 1918.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

To the First Presidency and General Conference: We herewith submit our report for the Herald Publishing House. We cannot include that of the Ensign Publishing House, nor that of the Standard Publishing House, as we have had no report from them.

March 13, 1918.

A. CARMICHAEL, *Manager*.

STATEMENT OF THE HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE

Year ending January 31, 1918.

Cash on hand, February 1, 1917	\$ 2,336.42
Cash rec'd from February 1, 1917 to February 1, 1918	84,188.67
Total	\$ 86,525.09
Cash expended from February 1, 1917, to February 1, 1918	\$ 82,582.46
Cash on hand February 1, 1918	\$ 3,942.63
Resources	
Cash on hand	\$ 3,942.63
Real estate	37,673.37
Type, tools, fixtures	32,712.16
Merchandise	30,008.71

Supplies	9,534.23
Bills receivable	55,984.62
Accounts receivable	11,325.34
Liberty Bonds	300.00
Total	\$181,481.06

Liabilities

Bills payable	\$ 7,486.63
Bonds outstanding	38,700.00
Accounts payable	3,845.74
Depreciating fund	19,327.73
Total	\$ 69,360.10
Present worth February 1, 1918	\$112,120.96
Present worth February 1, 1917	\$113,887.41

Net loss\$ 1,766.45

In explanation of the apparent loss on the business of the year as shown above, we desire to state that this occurs by having to pay a damage suit which amounted to \$3,942.72 and also cancelling a charge against the office of the Presiding Bishopric of \$7,196.03, otherwise we would have shown a gain of \$9,372.30.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. Organization: Shortly after the adjournment of General Conference last year the library commission met and organized for the year's activities. Owing to the sickness of Chairman Elbert A. Smith, E. D. Moore was elected temporary chairman. Bishop J. F. Keir was continued as treasurer, and the undersigned was appointed secretary. S. A. Burgess and Edward D. Moore were chosen publicity editors and also purchasing committee. Sister Estella Wight was retained as general church librarian. At this organization meeting the members pledged themselves to an unremitting effort during the year, to arouse and maintain a greater interest in library work throughout the church and auxiliaries.

2. Accomplishment: We have endeavored to get in touch with, and arouse to activity, every district and stake library representative whose name and address we have been able to obtain. The publicity committee has rendered effective service through frequent announcements in the church papers. Four general letters have been sent out to district library board members, encouraging them to activity, instructing them as to their duties, and emphasizing the possibilities and

responsibilities of library work; a paper on library work to be read at reunions and conventions was given wide circulation; and a suggested library program for local Religio societies was widely advertised and mailed to all local library boards interested enough to make request. Numerous inquiries have been received from district and local boards and given careful attention. We feel that progress has been made in the work of this department, but there is much room for improvement, as evidenced by the following brief summary of the year's work: Corresponded with 80 districts; received response from 57; and 30 made annual report. Of the thirty district boards making report, eight had not organized and ten had received no report from any of the local boards under their jurisdiction.

3. Suggestion. Where the board members live in different parts of the district and do not meet at district conference or conventions, it is quite a problem for them to organize and outline their work. As a result, many boards have not taken this initial step and library work in such districts is at a standstill. In other districts, after the boards have succeeded in organizing and arranging their work, the subsequent inactivity of one or two board members has blocked the wheels of progress. To make matters worse, it happens that in certain districts the elections in connection with district conference and the Sunday school and Religio conventions are held at different times of the year, thus causing frequent changes in the personnel of the boards and in the offices of chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Every such readjustment requires time and delays the operations of the board. As a result of the foregoing conditions, there is a growing demand for a greater centralization of library authority and responsibility. As one person usually does the work of the board, it is suggested that it be arranged so that he may go ahead with the work and not be handicapped and delayed by being required to obtain the cooperation and approval of the two other members. Especially does there appear to be a crying need for some such an arrangement in outlying districts where active workers are few and far between. It is possible that the stakes and better equipped districts may be satisfied with the present arrangement, but it is not working successfully in by far the majority of districts. The greater question is, "How can one person be elected or appointed so as to represent the three organizations now represented on the boards?" We leave this question with you, feeling that in the multitude of counsel there will be found wisdom sufficient to improve the present method of conducting library work.

4. The Library Mission. The Lord has said in latter-day revelation, "Become acquainted with all good books," and "Seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom." Reading exerts a powerful influence for good or evil upon human thought and conduct. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The great mission of the church is to save mankind from evil. So the best way for the church and auxiliaries to prevent unprofitable and harmful reading is by supplying good books and encouraging and promoting the reading of them.

5. As a church we have a peculiar and distinctive message to bear to the world—the unchangeable and everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. It is said that the missionary spirit is the life of the church. "Let him who is warned, warn his neighbor." This may be done by the "spoken word" and by the "written word." Is there not, then, a need and room for library work in the church. Surely, the collection and distribution of the mental and spiritual food preserved in "all good books" is a service of inestimable value to mankind, and no district or branch of the church can afford, through any action or inaction on its part, to deprive its members and others of the benefits of library work.

VERNON A. REESE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER LIBRARY COMMISSION

February 28, 1917 to February 28, 1918

Receipts

Balance on hand last report	\$ 7.75
From Heman C. Smith	12.80
From Religio Society	50.00
From Benjamin R. McGuire, for church	100.00
From Sunday School Association	50.00
From E. H. Fisher, former secretary	4.50
Total	\$225.06

Expenditures

S. A. Burgess, of purchasing committee deposit for books	\$ 20.00
V. A. Reese, supplies	63.75
Herald Publishing House	8.90
Estella Wight, librarian, salary	52.00
Louise Evans, expense, for 1916	5.61
Total	\$150.26
Balance on hand	\$ 74.80

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. KEIR.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

I hereby make the following report concerning the general church library for the year just past. Since my last report, March 3, 1917, to present date the following books have been acquired by purchase or donation:

Journal of History (two bound volumes); *Saints' Herald* (two bound volumes); *Autumn Leaves* (two bound volumes); *People's Bible Encyclopædia* (1 volume) by Charles R. Barnes; *Poetical Works of Walter Scott*; *Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens; *Whittier's Poems*; *Longfellow's Poems*; *England and America* (two volumes), by Mary A. M. Marks; *Bryant's Poems*; *The Weavers*, by Gilbert Parker; *Two Years in Peru* (two volumes), by Thomas J. Hutchinson; *The Four Gospels in African Dialect*; *Through America*, by W. G. Marshall; *The Mound Builders*, by J. P. McLean; *American Antiquities*, by Josiah Priest; *Third Party Movements Since Civil War*, by Fred E. Haynes; *The Latter Day Saints*, a study of the Mormons, by Kaufmann; *Report of Board of Control of State Institutions*; *The Church Enchained*, by William A. R. Goodwin; *Incidents of Travel in Central America and Yucatan* (two volumes), by John L. Stevens; *Hill's Practical Reference Library* (four volumes); *Presbyterians*, by Reverend George P. Hays; *Who's Who in America* (volume nine); *The Quakers of Iowa*, by Louis Thomas Jones; *United States Coast and Geodetic Survey*; *The Occult World*, by A. P. Sinnett; *Christ's Object Lessons*, by Ellen G. White; *Statute Law Making in Iowa*, by Benjamin F. Shambaugh; *Iowa Year Book of Agriculture*; *Census of Iowa, 1915*; *Expense Report, State of Iowa*; *Marches of the Dragons in Mississippi Valley*, by Louis Pelzer; *Lynn Vital Records, Massachusetts*; *The Mormon Problem*, by C. P. Lyford; *The Democratic Text Book*; *Mississippi Valley in British Politics* (2 volumes), by C. W. Alvord; *Rules of Order and Debate*; *Manual of Useful Information*; *Items of Interest (Manual)*; *The Crusaders*; *Jean Ingelow* (poetical works); *Child's History of England*, by Charles Dickens; *the Reconciler of the Bible*; *Questions Asked by Protestants*.

A total of 55 volumes accessioned during the year, making a total number of all volumes accessioned 2,242. There are a few books on hand not yet accessioned. Nothing in the way of furniture has been added this year.

As the library is the property of the general church, the librarian believes that its benefits should not be localized, but that it should be developed to such an extent as to meet the needs of many, and especially missionaries out in the field. She therefore respectfully makes the following suggestions and recommendations:

First: That the missionaries be requested by the General Library Commission to send in a list of names of the books which they think would be especially helpful (and in some cases absolutely necessary) to the missionary in public discussions, debates, and in replying to questions which he is required to meet. The missionary cannot carry all the books he needs for all such occasions, and they are often not easily obtainable. With a view then to their special needs, let the board select from these lists and purchase the books as fast as practicable.

Second: The librarian believes that the general library should contain books setting forth properly the beliefs and creeds of the various denominations, for the same purpose as above mentioned. These in addition to the large number of books we already have against our church.

Third: When such books are purchased, a printed list should be made and sent out to each missionary, and arrangements made whereby any book may be sent upon his request, free of charge except for postage each way.

Fourth: That some of the incomplete files of old magazines and papers be disposed of, since many of them are of little use except to take up space and require time to be cared for.

Fifth: That a time limit be decided upon within which a borrower should return a book.

ESTELLA WIGHT, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF S. A. BURGESS OF PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Received from James F. Keir, treasurer\$20.00

Expenditures

A. H. Clark for Priest's American Antiquities	\$ 3.71
A. H. Clark, for The Mound-Builders	2.50
Stamps to A. H. Clark for postage .....	.19
H. C. Smith, 2 volumes Stephen's Ancient America	3.00
H. C. Smith for C. P. Lyford's The Mormon Problem60
Total	\$10.00
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Balance on hand	\$10.00

Attention was called to recommendations in the President's report concerning the library.

It was moved that the matters referred to be referred to the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, with power to act. The motion was adopted.

GOSPEL LITERATURE COMMISSION

To the Religio and Sunday School Conventions: 1. It is not possible to make a report that will convey an adequate statement of the amount of work done by the General Commission this year. This has been a year of organization. Hundreds of local boards have been organized in branches, and thousands and thousands of pieces of church literature have been distributed; one branch placed over 100,000 *Stepping Stones*. This work was done by the Brooklyn Branch, and Brother Christy writes:

2. "In the last two years we also distributed 60,000 other pieces of literature." Australia, under the leadership of Sister Blanche Flood, should be credited with 16,000.

3. When the present members of the commission consented to take charge of the work for the past year, they knew that many serious obstacles would stand in the way, not the least being lack of time in which to do the work; justice; but the members feel glad now that they did what they could, and are assured that a good foundation has been laid, on which to build during the coming years.

4. Owing to the fact that members of the district and local boards are elected, as well as those of the general commission, organization has moved only as fast as district conventions and conferences convened. Even yet there are many districts and hundreds of branches which have not carried out the instruction of their church to organize local literature boards. A few branches are not willing to act in unity with the main body, and have either ignored or egotistically turned down requests to organize local boards. Yet nearly every person to whom we have written has caught the spirit of the work and responded with favor and enthusiasm.

5. This work of placing the printed gospel message into the hands of men and women outside the kingdom of God is second only in importance to preaching the gospel, and the commission believes that some person or persons should be appointed who could devote undivided attention to the interests of church literature distribution. The commission has cooperated with the advertising manager of the Board of Publication and we feel confident that many sales of church literature have been effected. That department is now in a position to help fully cooperate with local boards, and urges that they be representative and businesslike, so that their work may be of greater service to each community in which they serve.

6. We see a bright future for this work and urge that it be continued, and believe that the next report will contain full credit for the work done during the past year, only about

one tenth of the reports being in at the time of this writing.

7. The personnel of the commission is as follows: H. Sandy, member for the Religio; R. W. Farrell, for the Sunday school; E. D. Moore, for the church. The undersigned has acted as superintendent of the commission, having charge of the direct correspondence with the districts and some locals. A good card index has been arranged and the work can easily be taken up by anyone. Harvey Sandy had supervision of the four stakes in Missouri, while E. D. Moore looked after Lamon Stake. We have all corresponded considerably and have been distributing a leaflet of instructions concerning details of the work, gotten out by us during the year. Some of these are still available for those interested.

R. W. FARRELL, *For the Commission.*

SOCIAL PURITY BOARD

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. Another conference year closes and the necessity of reporting forces home the fact that time is passing rapidly, carrying in its passage whatever of opportunity for service the year may have held. As individuals and as a board we have sensed keenly conditions and needs of the hour which have called for action. Some work of a general nature has been performed, but each member has been loaded to the breaking point with immediate and imperative duties which have made unremitting demands upon time and energy.

2. Under these conditions a full measure of service has been impossible. This must not longer be true of the men whom you select. The work undertaken by the Purity Board must be done—but it will require time, consideration, and prayerful effort from an individual or a board who will have time for connected study and research as a basis for a sound and logical campaign under the inspiration of the gospel. There must be an effective organization and setting in operation of the forces of intelligence and righteousness which have ever been the Master's weapons against evil.

3. We can report such activity as our limited time permitted. Advice has been gladly given in response to letters of inquiry as to means and measures for local work. Books and pamphlets have been sent out where there seemed an opportunity for them to do good. We have gladly given our cooperation in local efforts to promote the physical and spiritual well-being of our young people. Clean Life Clubs are to be encouraged; with proper organization and supervision they will help to accomplish the desired end. However, the inspiration for such a movement must come through the spirit of the gospel, rather than to be introduced among our people as a provision from the world.

4. For the coming year we offer the following recommendations: a. The imperative demands of the time for conservation of vitality and virtue must be met by an intelligent, systematic campaign against all forms of vice and those forces of unrighteousness, wherever found, which tend to undermine the health and spiritual strength and vigor of our membership. The policy must be a constructive one, making provision for and encouraging every logical expression of the normal, invigorating, happy activities of youth.

b. As a centralized agency for accomplishing this task, some one or more persons must be found who can and will take the time and make the effort to qualify for acceptable leadership. Activity must not be impulsive or hasty—yet the situation demands action. Preparation will require time and means and talent, plus humility in the service of God and humanity.

c. The day demands specialization. It is a crime to ask men or women, already overburdened with immediate and imperative duties, to assume an additional task which calls for technical knowledge and effort in a specialized field. If three members are again elected on the Purity Board it should be definitely understood that one of the number, or another whom the board in concurrence with the general church authorities should designate, should immediately prepare for active leadership in a forceful, though consistently conservative, campaign.

d. A book is needed embodying in clear and concise form the essentials of pure and clean living, sex instruction, personal health, sanitation, diet, and simple directions for the prevention of disease and the care of the sick. This should be written with the Word of Wisdom as a foundation, and having as a motive the perfecting of a people, strong in body and mind, who shall be ready to meet the Savior when he comes.

e. Other literature should be prepared and judiciously distributed to meet specific needs, of which the conditions in our army camps at present is a good type. This will call for a technical knowledge of conditions and of necessary precautions only obtained by specialized preparation.

f. Some one should be prepared to present the philosophy of clean and pure living in strong lectures and in a vigorous personal campaign, organizing the forces of good against "every appearance of evil." Other men and women who have specially prepared should be given an opportunity to serve in a similar manner, under a judicious and conservative appointment. Mere zeal and ambition must not be mis-

taken for real ability to successfully present a solution to the problems centering about the sex life.

g. An effort should be made to coordinate all work of a similar nature now being attempted or done by the Woman's Auxiliary, the new boy movement, the temperance department of the Religio, and the Purity Board.

CHARLES B. WOODSTOCK.

R. W. FARRELL.

March 1, 1918.

REVISION OF CHURCH HISTORY

President F. M. Smith, Independence, Missouri, Dear Brother: 1. The Committee on the revision of church history, consisting of M. H. Siegfried, Charles Fry, and the undersigned, has not been passed any work the past year to examine.

2. Early in February, the present year, I took the matter up with the Historian, Heman C. Smith, and he advised me that: "All that has been written so far, has already passed the committee, so there is nothing more at present for them to examine." Our report is in records of last conference.

E. L. KELLEY.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, 821 North Gilbert Street, March 2, 1918.

It was moved that the recommendation in the President's report, that this committee be discharged, be adopted. The motion prevailed.

MEMORIAL TO MARTYRS

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. At the last conference this committee was reconstituted in harmony with a suggestion in the report of the Presidency. In June, 1917, the new committee, Bishops Benjamin R. McGuire, James F. Keir, Mark H. Siegfried, and George P. Lambert met at Nauvoo and observed conditions surrounding the property belonging to the church, known as the Joseph Smith Homestead, the Mansion House, and the Nauvoo House. The matter was presented to the Standing High Council June 18, 1917, and that body gave their approval to the expenditure of a maximum sum of \$5,000 to properly protect the property.

2. It was decided to strengthen the retaining wall in front of block 145 by riprap. The execution of this work was cheerfully undertaken by Bishop George P. Lambert, a member of the committee. He reports that it was successfully done at a cost of \$297.25. The city of Nauvoo

donated the stone. This gift we acknowledge with thanks.

3. Owing to the stage of water maintained by the Power Company, the basement of the Nauvoo House has from three to four feet of water in it. It was thought the best way to remedy this and make the place habitable was to fill the basement. This work has been provided for, but to date circumstances have prevented its accomplishment. As soon as possible this will be done.

4. The committee has also had under advisement the placing of an iron fence around the half block on which are located the graves of the Martyrs. This work has been deferred because of the prevailing high prices of the necessary material.

5. It is believed by the committee that something should be done toward the preservation of the old homestead and the permanent care of the grounds of all three properties. If it could be arranged to locate there some well-informed man and his wife, the place could be made a depot for the sale and distribution of our church literature, etc. These parties could also act as caretakers. By such use of this historical property a number and class of people, not otherwise reached, would be brought in touch with the church.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. R. MCGUIRE,

JAMES F. KEIR,

M. H. SIEGFRIED,

GEORGE P. LAMBERT,

Committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HISTORY

To the First Presidency and the General Conference: Since our last report the manuscript for the second volume has received the finishing editorial work, is now in the hands of the printer, and some of it in type. Much of the printing will be done by the time the conference adjourns, and be ready for distribution sometime during the summer. The office is now taking orders for it at the same price as volume 1, viz: one dollar.

A. CARMICHAEL,

For the Board of Publication.

HEMAN C. SMITH, *Historian.*

BOOK OF MORMON CONCORDANCE

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. Soon after the adjournment of the last annual conference the committee met at the office of the Historian, Lamoni, Iowa, and pushed the work as fast as was consistent with

necessary accuracy, in order to get it completed within the time specified in our last report.

2. Elder Campbell, of the committee, feeling that his physical strength would not sustain the effort to complete the work, withdrew, and the other members continued the work unto completion and turned it over to the Presidency and Board of Publication, as instructed, with the following statement:

"LAMONI, IOWA, July 2, 1917.

"To the First Presidency and Board of Publication: 3. Having at last practically finished our task of preparing a concordance to the Book of Mormon we, as instructed by the General Conference, present the manuscript to you, hoping and praying that it may prove to be a blessing to the lovers of that sacred volume.

4. "The task has been a long and trying one; and while we think it is as near perfect as we could expect to make it, we are conscious that with the many dangers of error we have failed to avoid them all. We hope therefore that criticisms will be tempered with charity.

5. "If the proof reading can be done from the book itself, some errors may be eliminated, and if it can be arranged for one of our committee to assist in the proof reading, it would be an additional safeguard.

6. "Elder Duncan Campbell of our committee has not been with us since the last conference, but his former service and his valuable suggestions during our last session have been almost indispensable.

7. "Our work being now practically finished we ask to be released as a committee.

"Respectfully submitted,

"HEMAN C. SMITH,

"HYRUM O. SMITH,

"DUNCAN CAMPBELL.

"Committee."

BIBLE NORMAL BOOK

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. This committee was appointed at the General Conference of 1914 upon the request of the auxiliaries. Very early after their appointment Elder J. W. Peterson advised the committee that he desired to submit manuscript. He submitted from time to time different partial drafts, and evidently has spent considerable time in preparation and research. He informs us that at the conference of 1916 he notified two of the committee that he had the manuscript practically completed, and that it was turned over to two members of the committee in

the late summer or fall of that year, they made such examinations as their time permitted, but owing to the serious illness and prior to that the absence of one member, they were unable to hold a meeting of the committee prior to the conference of 1917.

2. The committee then arranged a meeting early in August, prepared to take final action. In doing so, they reexamined their authority, and purpose for which they were appointed, and also directed inquiries to the superintendent of the normal work in regard to demand, to the general superintendent of the Sunday school and to the general manager of the Herald Publishing House.

3. The superintendent of normal work stated that he had received but fifteen requests in three years, and he recommended that we utilize the course as now outlined, publishing additional leaflets of correction where deemed advisable. He kindly sent copy of the texts used in the Bible normal work for our examination.

4. This raised directly the issue of the demand, which was submitted at once to the general superintendent and general secretary of the Sunday School Association, the general manager of the publishing house, and to Brother Peterson. By return mail Brother Peterson requested the return of his manuscript. Our further correspondence leads us to believe that this was under some misunderstanding of our letter and its purposes, as in January he offered immediately the return of his manuscript, so as to secure a final report to this conference, but unfortunately it was not then possible to give it attention.

5. In the meantime he has suggested that he submit the manuscript to a subcommittee, consisting of a member of the Quorum of Twelve, but we did not feel that we had the authority to make such an appointment. As we understand from the correspondence, it was his opinion that the substance of the book and questions of doctrine should be passed upon by members of the three quorums and not by others or those not belonging to any of these quorums.

6. Two members of the committee gave immediate attention to the texts now being used, but do not consider that they meet our needs. The number of corrections necessary would be quite numerous.

7. There remains then the question of demand, though it is quite probable and certain that if such a book were published the demand would be very much larger than is indicated above, as it would be used almost exclusively for Bible normal work.

8. Before publication, such a book should be given criti-

cal consideration in regard to doctrine, historical facts, construction, and arrangement. Certainly the author should be consulted in regard to any and all changes, but it appears vital that the work be made as satisfactory as is possible. The committee would, therefore, respectfully suggest, that:

9. The matter be referred to determine the question of demand and if the demand warrants, as we trust it does, that the manuscript be submitted to the First Presidency to consider its availability, and upon receiving their approval, the work should be pushed to see that a suitable book in the near future is published. Respectfully submitted.

S. A. BURGESS, *Chairman for the committee.*

March 4, 1918.

INSPIRED TRANSLATION—TEACHERS' EDITION

To the First Presidency and General Conference: The work of the "Teachers' Edition" of the Inspired Translation is steadily being pushed to completion. The work done now includes the New Testament and about one half of the Old Testament. A committee, appointed by the Board of Publication to review the manuscript for the New Testament, has finished this work and reported favorably, excepting a few changes, and recommends publication of the same.

A. CARMICHAEL,

For the Committee.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

1. The stewardship intrusted to the association by the 1917 convention and conference has a twofold aspect: spiritual and temporal. In the temporal, we can report a fair showing. Starting the year with \$2,800.76 in cash and notes, we have paid all authorized expenses and close with a present net worth in cash and notes of \$5,855.65, making a gain of \$3,054.89. The terms of the stewardship require that all funds on hand over and above \$600 on December 31 shall be paid to the Presiding Bishop as a surplus. To honor this we have issued the necessary order on our treasurer for \$5,255.65; but he, after consultation with the bishop, believes it is wise to postpone the completion of the transaction until the meeting of the executive council and convention, at which time some modifications of the terms of the stewardship in this particular will be proposed by the bishop, who believes the present terms are prejudicial to the best interests of the association.

2. We are not sure that the spiritual side of our stewardship makes as definite a showing. It is easier to manage a business profitably than to produce enthusiastic, consecrated

officers and teachers who are determined to be efficient workers with the children and youth of the church. Dollars can be manipulated, but consecration is a quality of mind and agency. There is a way to touch the heart, fire the imagination, and create vision in all who need it, but it requires a larger use of printer's ink, the mails, and more office help.

3. We started a service survey some three years ago with a view to locating and classifying auxiliary workers having special talents, ability, and experience. The purpose was to meet a present and near future demand for field workers, writers of teachers' and officers' helps, designers of lesson materials, such as blackboard illustrations, maps, pictures, and handwork for cradle roll, beginner, and primary departments. We need more people who are capable of helping to further improve our course of graded lessons and make it the very best our church can produce. This survey has not been completed, no progress having been made for two years, for want of office help to carry it through.

4. Last year the superintendent asked the executive council to grant authority to assemble our most available talent, the lessons committee, at an expense of about two hundred dollars, to coordinate the five grades of the lessons course, making it sufficiently permanent to justify the expense of getting out teachers' helps, maps, illustrations, etc., all of which are too costly to buy for mere temporary use. Our editors have been working apart, with no opportunity for coordination. The council did not want to spend the money. Over his protest, they voted to make the superintendent editor in chief of the lessons, upon the theory that he seemed to understand what was needed to put the course in proper shape; and therefore was competent to do the actual work. We submit that a superintendent of public construction must know what ought to be done and must recognize capable workmen, but that does not make him a carpenter, joiner, plasterer, metal worker, plumber, or electrician. My coworkers did not realize that the work involved the services of a stenographer all the time, which of course would have cost more than two hundred dollars. They did, however, authorize me to secure temporary help when crowded. This we have been unable to secure, except to a limited degree. We have been unable to touch that particular work.

5. Considering that over one third of the baptisms into the church are of persons under the age of fifteen, the church is vitally concerned in the matter of a systematic course of lessons on the faith of the church, to put in the hands of parents and teachers. It is a great trust—the spiritual phase of our stewardship and, in our estimation, the largest phase. If, after that has been developed to the fullest practicable extent,

there remains a surplus in dollars, well and good. *But this should be regarded as the secondary and not the primary purpose of our stewardship.*

6. In many respects our workers have been marking time. We come this year with some honest doubts that our present district machinery of organization is practical. For example: The last three years we have been trying to secure through district superintendents a complete list of local superintendents with addresses. This is called for by general church as well as our own association officers, and the Government asks for information on same. Simple as it seems, we have failed; there are always several hundred names short. The lowest delinquency was 14 per cent of district superintendents that failed to respond. This year it is 22 per cent. It was lowest when we kept closest to the typewriter with follow-up letters. This is just one item. We might mention others. The Library Commission secretary wrote to 80 district board officers, of which 37 per cent failed to report. Of those who reported, 26 per cent had not organized and 33 per cent had no reports from local boards. Our general cradle roll superintendent says that 32 per cent of district superintendents failed to report. The Gospel Literature Commission reports that 90 per cent of district officers were delinquent. Delinquency of this kind is responsible for this report being delayed to First Presidency.

7. Out of all this discouraging condition there arises one common, definite conviction that we have not seen in reports of other years, and that is: *We must have simpler administration.* It calls for one-man leadership, no matter how many advisers we may give him. It calls for greater centralization of responsibility. In this respect we are hoping that our coordinating committee may be able to give us practical relief.

8. We now have 83 districts, 7 of which are first grade according to standard of excellence. The number of schools reported is 786, a loss of 9 over last year. Contrasted to this is a reported total membership of 44,396, which is a gain of 4,372. Some of our weak schools disorganized and the members were placed on a home class basis. We prefer a live home class to a school half dead, without officers to properly man it. We ask missionaries and all others to consider this before organizing. Total membership now includes those enrolled on cradle roll and home class records. Formerly secretaries were not all reporting it that way. Some of the increase is due to that. The number of teachers reported is 3,902. For April-June quarter, 1918, we printed 45,100 *Quarterlies*.

9. The heads of all departments have done faithful work. My first assistant, Daniel Macgregor, was given the care of appointing field workers and oversight of institute programs at conventions and reunions, and has done good work, considering the constant demand made of him as missionary. At least 35 field workers were appointed, 13 of which were already working as district superintendents. We have received 9 reports. Very few have had time and means to plan and carry out any definite work. Our second assistant, A. W. Smith, cooperating with the Presiding Bishop, went over the top with the greatest Christmas offering we ever had, over \$73,000.00, which he modestly affirms was due not so much to personal efforts, as to "the wonderful cooperation and devotion of the schools and the blessing of God." He dealt directly with local superintendents and not through the regular district organization, an important point in the secret of success. We are asking self this question: "If direct contact is best for special campaigns, why not best for the regular work of general officers?"

GOMER R. WELLS, *Superintendent.*

LAMONI, IOWA, March 13, 1918.

ZION'S RELIGIO-LITERARY SOCIETY

To the First Presidency and General Conference: 1. We are glad to be able to report that we believe the Religio Society has made some progress during the last year. We started the year with a definite aim of trying to make the Religio more profitable to the church in holding the interest of the young folks in church matters, and also in training them to greater usefulness in church work.

2. With this end in view we recommended to the General Religio Convention the appointment of a general field worker to devote his whole time to the work, which suggestion was approved, subject to concurrence of the joint council of the church. On conferring with the joint council, suggestion was made that more would doubtless be accomplished if a number of workers were particularly requested to do field work for the Religio than if one should devote his whole time to the work. Based on this suggestion, various members of the Quorum of Twelve furnished a list of those in their missions of the previous year whom they thought would be in position to render us the assistance needed.

3. We wrote to all of the forty-three whose names and addresses were submitted, sending them a somewhat lengthy suggestion of the plan we felt would be most advantageous to follow in doing field work, and asking them to cooperate with us. A majority of those addressed answered, although

some of those answering expressed the opinion that they would not be able to put forth a very great effort for the benefit of the society. All, however, were encouraged to do the very best they could in helping us to accomplish the ends sought. A recent request for reports resulted in replies from fifteen, only a few of whom had been able to do any systematic or extensive work.

4. This confirms us in the opinion that while district or regional workers, devoting such time as they might be able, would be of much assistance to the Religio, we really need some one devoting his whole time to the work, to visit districts and assist the district and local workers with suggestions and explanations so as to make their work more effective.

5. I have personally been able to visit sixteen districts other than the Saint Louis District, during the course of the year, most of these visits being on Sunday. The visits have been profitable in giving me a better vision of the work, outside of any profit they might have been to the districts.

6. We have encouraged throughout the year, with the general, district, and local workers, that the Religio work be made more of a departmental work, each officer being made responsible for the carrying out of the work under the charge of his particular department, and we feel sure that if this system is carried out, it will result profitably.

7. Most of the general officers have been active in their various departments, but we do not feel that a detailed report would be profitable here, as same may be obtained in the printed reports of the Religio Society.

8. Particular attention has been given throughout the year to the encouragement of the program work and the social work, feeling that these departments are perhaps the most attractive features of the Religio work with the young people, whose interest in the church and its work we are trying to arouse and keep.

9. It has become apparent to us that the result would be greatly to the benefit of the Religio Society if the sanction of the church was publicly placed upon the work of the society, as we have found in some districts that the impression, which we are sure is erroneous, has obtained that the Religio Society did not have the entire approval of the parent body. This has made the work somewhat difficult in those places.

10. We wish to accomplish whatever work the church may feel can profitably be handled by our society, and shall always work to that end.

Respectfully,

G. S. TROWBRIDGE,

President.

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, March 7, 1918.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

To the First Presidency and the General Conference: 1. In submitting report it is with the feeling that the year has been one of profit and great activity in all branches of our work, resulting in some progress and solid growth. Many new locals have taken up our work and better district organizations have been effected.

2. It has been our desire to be able to report at this time that an organizer has been appointed over each district in the church, that the work might be carried on according to the new constitution. But so far the list is incomplete. Forty-six organizers have been appointed over as many districts and many of them have entered heartily into their work and carried out our plans. Some are just learning their work, and some have been but recently appointed. In another year greater progress will be made. The Woman's Auxiliary work is entirely new in many places and progress is slow.

YEAR BOOK

3. Work on the new Year Book was begun some time ago, and is progressing nicely. It was decided to prepare a supplement to the present Year Book, giving all necessary changes and advanced ideas, but using the policies of the present Year Book as a basis for our work the coming two years.

4. This decision was reached after long discussion, and after hearing the opinion of absent as well as present members of the executive committee, for many reasons, chief among them the reduction in cost. We expect to have the outline and plans for the book prepared and ready to submit at the convention.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

5. Our member of the coordinating committee has written her suggestions to the other members of the committee and has submitted them to our executive committee. They seem fair and reasonable. We feel sure that she will care for our interests, in her outline of departmental work and ideas of close cooperation with other church departments, and enlarged vision of federating all the woman's activities within the church under the Woman's Auxiliary.

EDUCATIONAL LINES

6. We feel we have made great strides in educational lines this year. The contributions to our column seem to indicate a greater vision and higher spirituality on the part of our women. Our column in the *Saints' Herald* has been very ably edited by Sister Audentia Anderson, with Sister Alice

Mae Burgess as assistant for *Autumn Leaves*. In all about seventy-six contributions have appeared, besides reports and notices, announcements of various character, eleven of them from the General President, twelve from other officers and supervisors, and fifty-two were original articles contributed by women not officers of the society. Besides this, eighteen contributions came from brethren, about half of these being in connection with the boys' organization of the church.

7. The column for the Young Woman's Department in *Autumn Leaves*, cared for by Sister Burgess, has been in most efficient hands. Many good things have appeared there all through the year's work, and Sister Corless has also done splendid work in *Glad Tidings*. We would urge that the brethren feel free to use our column when they desire to help with the work. We shall be glad to have their suggestions.

HISTORICAL

8. The work of the historian has been a little hindered by the change of constitution of last year, it being necessary to appoint the organizer for each district before progress could be made. Sister B. C. Smith, our historian, had it well in hand when she was taken ill. She expected to finish up all work on the history up to the conference of 1917, and had asked then to turn the work over to her successor.

DEPARTMENTAL

9. The work of our several bureaus have been in competent hands this year. Sister Dora Glines for the Educational Bureau has gathered about her splendid specialists in all lines of the work, and shows clear understanding, great courage, and a large vision.

10. Sister Lydia Wight for the Child Welfare Bureau has done her best for the work, but being obliged to spend her days in the schoolroom this year she has not had the time to give the work that she should have had.

11. Sister Helen Smith, of the Relief and Service Bureau, has given us some splendid things in writing, and her hand can be seen, too, in directing the work in many places.

12. Sister Alice Mae Burgess, of the Young Woman's Bureau, has moved out along new lines, and at the close of the year we feel that the young women of the church have a splendid adviser and helper in Sister Burgess.

OUR HONORARY PRESIDENT

13. The work of the honorary president deserves special mention. Her advice has been sought and followed on all issues that have come before the executive committee, keeping in touch with the general president by continued corres-

pondence, having submitted to her all new moves in advance for counsel. She has answered many letters, counseled with all who asked advice, and sought in every way to further the work. Besides this she has served for the Woman's Auxiliary on the coordinating committee.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14. Regular meetings of the executive committee have been held, nineteen in all, except in the month of August, at which policies have been discussed and many hours spent in executive session and special committee work. The meetings have all been well attended, each member has taken a keen interest, and has given conscientious service.

REUNION WORK

15. Our reunion work this year was in charge of our second vice president, Mrs. William Madison, who reports furnishing material for programs for Woman's Auxiliary meetings at fifteen reunions, and attending one herself, at Calumet, Oklahoma, in the interest of the work. She is already preparing for next year's work so as to be ready to handle it on a broader scale than before.

CORRESPONDENCE

16. The correspondence has been very heavy, due to the fact that the constitution and other things were changed at the last convention, and the changes have brought many queries, while, in order to get our organizers appointed it has been necessary to write to the men in charge of the work in each district, and follow up this correspondence. All of our department supervisors and secretary have attended to a large correspondence also.

PERSONAL FIELD WORK

17. At the beginning of the year's work, all of our general executive committee were by motion made general field workers, with power to introduce the work and organize it, under the direction of the president. As a result we have organized the work in nine districts and stakes: Little Sioux, Far West, Eastern Iowa, Northeastern Kansas, Central California, Southern California, Northern California, Central Michigan, and London. The work in four districts being done by the general president, three by Sister Glines, and one by the women of the district.

18. Our general executive committee represented the work personally at nine reunions, four of them were attended by the president, the rest by others of the committee. In all much personal work has been done by the committee and more especially by the president, who has introduced the work

at thirty-one different places, besides having charge of and carrying on the work of the Kansas City Stake. Six locals in Michigan, seven in Illinois, three in Kansas, nine in Missouri, three in Iowa, one in Indiana, have been visited by her. The traveling expenses incurred have been met by the locals.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

19. Among the many splendid things accomplished this year I want to speak of the work done by Sister Glines in California in the summer. Her intelligent presentation of the work there has brought about excellent results for our work, and the organization of all California as far as districts are concerned is truly praiseworthy.

20. Also some very splendid work was done in the London District by Sister Louise Evans, of Michigan, resulting in a new understanding of the work there and the organization of that district.

21. The work in the Holden Stake, particularly the Oriole work in charge of Sister Krahl, also is to be commended. Many others might be mentioned whose work has been splendid and important, and it means much to us at this time to have splendid, true women coming to the front and taking up the work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

22. We may report the work in the foreign missions as advancing nicely. Several letters have come in from across the water, and have been promptly answered, giving all the help possible.

FINANCIAL

23. Sister Sheehy, our Treasurer, reports:

Balance on hand February 12, 1917:

General Fund	\$125.18
Children's Home	24.40

Total	\$149.58
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Received to date February 15, 1918.

General fund	\$345.63
Children's Home	450.93
Old Folk's Home	10.00
Year Book fund	8.10
Oriole Fund	42.00

Total	\$856.66
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Total receipts to date. \$1,006.24.

Expenditures

General running expenses	\$376.00
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Children's Home	475.00
Old Folk's Home	10.00
Oriole fund	9.45
Year Book fund	3.45
Total	\$873.90
Balance on hand February 15, 1918,	132.34

SECRETARIAL

24. The present enrollment is estimated at 3,376. The change in constitution and the appointing of organizers have delayed the report of many districts. Educational classes, 64; Home and child welfare, 34; Relief and service, 132; Oriole circles, 71; Young women's, 5; Total, 236.

25. This probably constitutes a small part of our work. Personal letters might have helped get the reports in from many places, had we the time.

CHILDREN'S HOME

26. The report from the trustees of the Children's Home informs us of the activity of the different societies of women in Lamoni in mending and making over garments for the children of the home. Some help has also been given by societies in other parts of the church, all of which was needed and is gratefully acknowledged. Not so much partly worn clothing has been donated this year as in other years, and their supply is getting low and all donations will be acceptable. Clothing should be sent clean and not too much work to warrant the expense of making it over.

27. The Woman's Auxiliary work is advancing satisfactorily with the help we have had. Oh, for workers to send out into the field to answer the calls coming from all over the church, many of which we are unable to answer. The women need what we have to offer, and are eager to grasp and quick to see the wonderful possibilities for service through this auxiliary of the church, and we are encouraged by the support being given our movement by the men of the church, and we might well wish for more help from them.

28. May God's directing power be over the conference, and in all the work of those in charge, is the prayer of,

Your coworker,

MRS. LULA M. SANDY, *President.*

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, February 28, 1918.

COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

The committee appointed in 1917 to consider and
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report upon a method of closer coordination of the departments of church work reported:

To the Presidency, General Conference and Auxiliary Conventions: Greeting: The members of the Coordinating Committee appointed in compliance with the resolution of the General Conference and General Conventions of the Sunday School Association, Zion's Religio Literary Society, and in conformity with the instruction contained therein, selected Elder F. M. Smith to be the fifth member of said Committee.

The work of the committee throughout the year has been conducted mainly by correspondence which led up to meetings held just previous to the making of this report, at which the following recommendations were formulated:

First. That while the Sunday School, Religio Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Board of Publication, Colledge, various Homes, and the Sanitarium have been auxiliary unto the church in their efforts, their work has become of such importance and magnitude that they should henceforth be officially recognized as departments of the church work under the following heads:

1. The Sunday School, primarily concerned with religious instruction.

2. The Religio, primarily interested in social and recreational development.

3. The Woman's Auxiliary, primarily having to do with the interests of the women of the church.

4. The Department of Eduaction, having to do with the work of Graceland College, concerning itself with collegiate and academic education of the grade belonging to a fully standardized institution of higher learning.

5. The Department of Publication, having to do with the publication of all the literature of the church and its various departments.

6. The Department of Remedial and Corrective Agencies, having to do with the work of the Sanitarium, the various Homes, etc.

Second. (a) That the directing heads of the several departments of church work be hereafter apointed by nomination from the Presidency of the church, approved by the General Conference, insofar as their appointment may not already be provided for in articles of incorporation under which they may be working.

(b) That hereafter the subordinate officers of the various departments be appointed by nomination from the Coordinating Committee, hereinafter provided for, approved by the various departmental groups of the General Conference.

(It is understood that officers of the various departments

for the current year will be elected in the regular manner. The officers elected as directing heads of each department to be subject to the approval of the Presidency of the Church, provided the recommendations contained in this report are adopted by the General Conference and Conventions of the various auxiliaries. Also pending the full organization of the Department of Remedial and Corrective Agencies, it is herein recognized that the Presiding Bishop is in fact the head of such department and should be so considered until farther definite provision is made.)

Third. That the annual conventions of the several departmental groups of the church work shall hereafter confine themselves to such time, following the opening of the General Conference, as shall be assigned them by those having in charge the work of preparing the program for the General Conference.

Fourth. That the directing heads of the several departments of church work shall hereafter make their reports to the Presidency of the Church at such time as shall be determined by said Presidency, including therein such reports of subordinate officers as may be deemed necessary.

Fifth. That the question of financing of the several departments of the church work and of determining whether or not their financial interests shall be under the direct supervision of a bishop, be referred to the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.

Sixth. We recognize that the above provides for a mere beginning of a full coordination of the interests of the church and its auxiliaries, and that while concerning many of the activities of the church there would be no difference of opinions to where they would properly function, concerning others there would be a question. The main consideration in these doubtful cases, however, would not be where they might be placed, but that they should be definitely placed somewhere. It is therefore recommended that a permanent coordinating committee, consisting of the President of the Church and the heads of the six departments hereinabove provided for be constituted to decide where legitimate activities of the church and its auxiliaries might function to the best advantage of the body as a whole, and for the determination of such other details as may arise from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. SMITH, *Chairman.*

GEORGE N. BRIGGS, *for the Church.*

DANIEL MACGREGOR, *for the Sunday School.*

G. S. TROWBRIDGE, *for the Religio.*

MRS. F. M. SMITH, *for the Woman's Auxiliary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 1, 1918.

It was moved to adopt the report.

A time limit of fifteen minutes for discussion was moved. An amendment to read seven minutes was followed by a substitute to read five minutes. The substitute was adopted.

A motion to consider the report by paragraphs was lost. The motion to adopt the report prevailed.

Brother Marion Keir offered his services to act as page for the present session of the conference and was so appointed by the chair.

ASSISTANT CHORISTERS

Brother Frederick M. Smith, President of 1918 General Conference; Dear Brother: In the absence of Brother Albert N. Hoxie, general church chorister, we are going ahead and assuming the burden of caring for the music work of the conference.

As organist of the conference we appoint Brother Robert Miller, organist of the Independence Branch.

There are a number of visiting brethren and sisters who are gifted with directing, accompanying, or singing ability. It is the intention of Brother Miller and ourselves to call upon some of these for service as occasion and opportunity demand.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. BELL,
ARTHUR H. MILLS,

Assistant General Choristers.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 6th, 1918.

The chair stated that the appointments named in the report would be approved unless objected to.

AUSTRALASIAN MISSION

A report from the Australasian Mission was read:

The General Conference, Assembled, Greeting: In compliance with General Conference resolution, No. 687, I tender the report of the second Australasian mission conference, which convened December 25-29, 1917, at Leichhardt, New South Wales, under the presidency of Apostle C. A. Butterworth, assisted by Seventy W. J. Haworth and Bishop G. Lewis.

In the opening prayer service at 8 a. m., Christmas morning, the voice of the Lord was heard, commending the Saints

for their sacrificial spirit, promising to reveal his mind and will further as the conference proceeded; and this beautiful, seasonable, peaceful influence prevailed throughout the whole of the conference—the saints being reluctant to have the season terminate.

The spiritual and educational was well catered for, and some very fine addresses were given: Elders A. W. Ferrett, H. Peisker, and Evangelist J. T. Gresty introducing, "Sources of spiritual power"; Elders E. H. Davies, G. H. Parker, and G. W. Stewart, "The value of a plan in church work"; while, to the priesthood, High Priest J. H. N. Jones disseminated fine thoughts on "Elements of success in pastoral work"; and Seventy W. J. Haworth presented excellent sermon food on "The psychology of preparation and presentation," as well as reading a beautiful article to the men and boys of the church upon "Social purity"; Apostle C. A. Butterworth using a chart for lectures on the "Glories" that caused deep interest with all.

The auxiliary department of the work had time allotted and High Priest J. H. N. Jones conducted a normal work conference; C. A. Dickenson, a home class conference, and Seventy W. J. Haworth, a literature conference. Delegates were present from the various districts of the Woman's Auxiliary and a mission Woman's Auxiliary was organized with Sister Dade Smith as president, Sister Ruth Henriechs as vice president, Sister Addie Flood as secretary and Sister G. H. Parker recommended as editor of the Woman's Department in the *Gospel Standard*. Addresses were delivered on the auxiliary departments: Brother W. J. Swain for the Sunday school; Brother C. A. Dickenson for the Religio and Sister Addie Cuthbert for the Woman's Auxiliary.

The statistics for the various portions of the mission are as follows: Southern New South Wales District, 625 members; Victoria District, 478; Northern New South Wales, 428; Southern Queensland, 165; Perth Branch, Western Australia, 40; Dunedin Branch, New Zealand, 18; Kalgoorlie Branch, Western Australia, 17; total for mission, 1771.

In harmony with General Conference resolution of April 7, 1916, the mission recommends "That the Board of Publication for the *Gospel Standard* be Bishop G. Lewis, Apostle C. A. Butterworth, and Seventy W. J. Haworth."

Bishop Lewis's report carried a credit balance of £489, 16s, 8d. The First Quorum of Elders of the Australasian Mission reported their summarized labors as follows: Preached 742 times, presided 702 times, administered sacrament 210 times, administered to sick 383 times, Baptized 23, confirmed 32, children blessed 41, official visits made 325,

tracts distributed 5,381. Meetings attended: Preaching 922, prayer 475, business 87, priesthood 86, branch officers' council 27, quorum 10, Sunday school 239, Religio 735.

The First Quorum of Priests preached 175 times, presided 339 times, assisted to preside 186, administered sacrament 141, baptized 7, official visits made 143, tracts distributed 2,443, discussions held 5. Meetings attended: preaching 885, sacrament 353, business 107, priesthood 109, quorum 10, Religio 362, Sunday school 706, branch officers' council 10.

The mission appointees were busy throughout the year and reports compiled with the mission president gave the following statistics: Preached 883 times, services attended 1,225, baptized 58, confirmed 57, ordained 13, children blessed 51, patriarchal blessings given 11, debates 1, new openings 14.

The mission officers remain unchanged and all the conference appointees will be stationed as last year, with the exception that Elder A. V. Robinson, who has again entered the field, will go to New Zealand to labor with Seventy H. W. Savage and Elder Clarence Willard Butterworth enters the field.

The preaching was of a very high order, Bishop Lewis instructing the Saints in matters temporal, that will assuredly produce good results in the season ahead; High Priest J. H. N. Jones favoring us with one of his best efforts in dealing with "Israel—ancient and modern"; and Seventy W. J. Haworth enthusing each to advance in the divine life, treating his subject from a psychological point of view and using the blackboard freely.

The spirit of unity prevailed throughout the conference, and the general verdict was "the best conference held in Australia," so that the Saints are looking forward to obeying the command, "Come up higher," and expect to see advancement spiritually as well as numerically in the future.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion,

Respectfully submitted,

W. HENRY GAMMIDGE.

Secretary Australasian Mission.

HAMILTON WEST, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, January 4, 1918.

HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

The joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric reported concerning the historical department:

To the General Conference: The joint council of First Presidency, Twelve, and Bishopric, submits the following for action:

The joint council, while appreciating the able services of the Church Historian during his long incumbency, recognize that the demands on that department have increased to such an extent that in our judgment it is advisable to recommend to the General Conference a change in this department.

Therefore, be it resolved that we approve of the selection of a church historian and two assistants; and further, that the appointments of these historians be left to the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

FREDERICK M. SMITH, *President of Council*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 6, 1918.

A motion to adopt was followed by action deferring consideration until Monday, the 8th inst.

BOARD OF AUDITORS—HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Board of Auditors reported on the Herald Publishing House accounts:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Covering the Herald Publishing House

For Year Ending January 31, 1918

To the First Presidency and General Conference: The statement of cash transactions and the balance sheet or statement of resources and liabilities of the above institution as submitted, are correct in accordance with the books. Also the bookkeeping was systematically and accurately done.

These comments and suggestions occur to us.

Fixed Assets

Real Estate, Type, Tools, and Fixtures. Since January 31, 1912, there has been no depreciation actually credited to these accounts on the books of the institution, and the amounts, therefore, that show in the asset column, viz \$37,673.37 and \$32,712.16 respectively, are substantially the value as determined at that date plus the additions by purchase since that time. There of course appears in the liabilities column an item designated as a "Depreciation fund," amounting to \$19,327.73, which is not a *fund* at all but merely a depreciation reserve account. It represents amounts that have from year to year been charged to loss and gain accounts and therefore, in a sense, against operating cost. These amounts have been credited to this depreciation reserve account but never actually credited *out* of the asset account.

Your board recommends the asset accounts themselves be reduced on the books of the institution by the amount of the depreciation reserve. We further recommend that here-

after the prevailing custom be followed, namely, to credit depreciation each year and charge to the equipment account any new purchases. This would have the effect of eliminating from the annual statement the "Depreciation fund" and reduce the fixed assets as follows: Real estate from \$37,673.37 to \$34,474.13, and type, tools, etc., from \$32,712.16 to \$16,583.67.

Bills Receivable

Of the notes receivable we find that \$2,528.47 was due in 1917 and unpaid to date of audit, March 20, 1918. \$372.73 represents notes due in the year 1916, and \$220 of the amount was due in the year 1914 or previous. Your board recommends that *special* efforts be made during the current year (1918) to collect these long past due notes and if it is found that they are not collectable then they should no longer be carried on the books as assets but should either be transferred to a suspense ledger or be charged off to loss and gain.

Accounts Receivable

These analyze as follows:

Current accounts	\$ 9,081.29
1916 accounts	1,166.20
1915 and older	1,077.85
Total	\$11,325.34

Many of these old accounts are for so-called "book contracts" or books sold and delivered to be paid for in installments. We notice some of these dating back to the year 1910 on which \$1.00 was paid on a \$6 to \$10 purchase and nothing paid since. We recommend that a special extra effort also be made to collect these during the year and if not successful, all accounts more than two years past due be transferred to a suspense ledger and be no longer carried as assets.

Respectfully submitted,

KEARNEY L. KELLEY,
CHARLES FRY,
R. B. TROWBRIDGE,

Board of Auditors.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 5, 1918.

It was moved that the report be adopted and its provisions carried out.

A substitute was moved: That the report be adopted and the recommendations referred to the Board of Publication. The substitute was adopted.

BOARD OF AUDITORS—GRACELAND COLLEGE

The Board of Auditors reported on Graceland College accounts:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Covering Books and Annual Statements of Graceland College
For Year Ending June 30, 1917.

To the First Presidency and General Conference: Owing to the lateness of our appointment, we did not have time to make a detailed or item audit of these books even if that was considered necessary. The book-keeping is systematically done and we did sufficient checking to prove the accuracy of the work.

The cash account was audited in full as to disbursements and found correct.

The balance sheet or statement of assets and liabilities is in accordance with the books of the institution and we believe from close investigation, is correct. It is difficult, of course, eight months after the close of the fiscal year to check inventories absolutely. Proper depreciation was credited against all fixed asset accounts subject to depreciation.

The books show total operating expenses including depreciation:

Losses from bad accounts, etc., during the year.....	\$28,757.99
Total revenue from tuitions, hotel, etc.....	20,331.69
Leaving a net deficit from operations.....	\$ 8,466.30

Additional receipts were as follows:

Offerings	\$12,832.02
Endowments	398.00
Bishop McGuire	3,391.67

Total\$16,621.69

These additional receipts make up the deficit for the year and produce the gain in net assets as shown on college statement of \$8,155.39.

The books have not been kept in a way to permit comparing expenditures and revenue with the budget adopted for the year 1916-1917, without taking considerable time to reclassify.

We recommend for this institution a new simplified chart of accounts based on the classifications shown in the budget that is annually presented and approved. If the departmental analysis now provided for is desired by the trustees or managers, it also can be accomplished, but as a subsidiary record. We regret that the time at our disposal was not sufficient to permit reclassification and a more detailed report of the period covered by the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

KEARNEY L. KELLEY,
CHARLES FRY,
R. B. TROWBRIDGE,

Board of Auditors.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 5, 1918.

The report was adopted, the recommendations referred to the Board of College Trustees.

BOARD OF AUDITORS—ENSIGN PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Board of Auditors reported on the Ensign Publishing House:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

On the Ensign Publishing House, Independence, Missouri,

For Year Ending January 31, 1918.

To the First Presidency and General Conference: We have carefully checked the books and accounts of the Ensign Publishing House and find them correct and in excellent condition. Notwithstanding the vast improvement of the plant during the year, they have shown a nice gain and their assets are remarkably free from bad accounts. They have charged off depreciation, in fact, in many cases, even more than we think is necessary. This, however, only tends to make their standing more stable.

Respectfully submitted,

KEARNEY L. KELLEY,
CHARLES FRY,
R. B. TROWBRIDGE,

Board of Auditors.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 5, 1918.

The report was adopted.

BOARD OF AUDITORS—SANITARIUM

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

On Independence Sanitarium

For Year Ending December 31, 1917.

To the First Presidency and General Conference: We beg leave to report as follows on the financial condition of the Independence Sanitarium. In the main, the statement submitted by the business manager, through the Board of Trustees, represents the financial condition of the institution. There are, however, numerous inaccuracies and minor errors due to a lack of proper methods, the items of which we do

not deem necessary to report herein, but which will be submitted to the Board of Trustees with necessary suggestions and recommendations for their correction and improvement.

The bills and accounts receivable are in very bad shape and analyze about as follows: Accounts, 1917, \$3,750.11; accounts, 1916, \$739.73; accounts, 1915 and older, \$3,188.17.

Of the last class we believe the entire amount is practically worthless. Of the \$739.97 bills receivable shown as assets only about \$200 have any value—the larger part of the balance having already been in the hands of an attorney and been turned back as noncollectable.

We recommend that the matter of weeding out these accounts be given immediate attention and that those proving worthless be eliminated from the assets of this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

KEARNEY L. KELLEY,

CHARLES FRY,

R. B. TROWBRIDGE,

Board of Auditors.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 5, 1918.

The report was approved, the recommendations referred to the Sanitarium Board of Trustees.

BOARD OF AUDITORS—SAINTS' AND CHILDREN'S HOMES

The Board of Auditors reported on Saints' and Children's Homes at Lamoni, Iowa:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Covering the Saints' and Liberty Homes and Children's Home for Year Ending December 31, 1917,
at Lamoni, Iowa

To the Presidency and General Conference: The treasurers' reports of the Saints' and Liberty Homes and the Children's Home accurately set forth the receipts and expenditures for the year, of their institutions.

They have not a complete set of double entry books, a defect, however, which those in charge are already taking steps to remedy as soon as possible. The result of this lack of books in part is that the Saints' Home has obligations in the form of notes payable to the amount of \$4,547.49 which shows nowhere on any church books except in memorandum form.

The Children's Home also hold notes for money loaned to the amount of \$745.00, constituting assets which are not included in either the Bishop's assets or Home inventory. The attention of the Presiding Bishops has been called to these

facts and without doubt, the matter will be duly remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

KEARNEY L. KELLEY,
CHARLES FRY,
R. B. TROWBRIDGE,
Board of Auditors.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 5, 1918.

The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials presented an additional report:

To the Presidency and the General Conference: We recommend the following changes as requested by the delegates affected:

Australia, Victoria District: Drop E. F. Robertson.

Iowa, Fremont District: Drop Lester Forney and Mrs. M. M. Case; add M. M. Case and J. B. Wildermuth. Des Moines District: Drop C. L. Nirk, E. G. Beye, H. H. Hand, and J. O. Salisbury; add F. A. Settles, Mae Huffaker, Charlotte Dryden, and Mrs. C. Malcor.

Illinois, Nauvoo District: Drop James McKiernan and add Ethel Lacey.

Missouri, Clinton District: Drop C. W. Keck and add A. C. Dempsey. Saint Louis District: Drop R. Archibald and add Alice Bourgeret. Northeastern District: Drop Mrs. A. M. Chase and add Carrie Richards. Independence Stake: Drop Blanche Needham and A. H. Knowlton and add W. W. Smith and Mrs. Jacob Hale.

Kansas, Northeastern District: Drop Mrs. Samuel Twombly and add John Cairns.

Massachusetts: Drop Sylvia C. Baker, Emma Haseltine, Ed Fox, Julia C. Busiel, and Laura P. Sears; add Hale W. Smith, E. H. Fisher, G. W. Robley, M. C. Fisher, and E. L. M. Traver.

West Virginia, Wheeling District: Correct report to read *instructed*.

England, London District: Drop Peter Anderson and J. W. Rushton.

Colorado, Eastern District: Drop A. E. Bullard and A. E. Tabor; add Sister W. T. Bozarth and Mrs. E. E. Conway.

New York, New York and Philadelphia District: Drop William Nichols and George Potts; add Sister A. Y. Fry and Mrs. J. R. Lentell.

Nebraska, Southern District: Drop C. H. Porter and Blanche I. Andrews; add Mate Mendenhall and W. C. Hidy.

Illinois, Central District: The delegates from this district desire to drop the name of Amy Bolt and add name of Edward Nowack, though he was not elected as an alternate by the district. Their request is presented for your action.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,
For the Committee.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 6, 1918.

The report, except that portion which referred to the Central Illinois District, was adopted.

INDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO PRESIDENT WILSON

The following was moved and seconded:

That this conference indorse the report of President Frederick M. Smith and that that portion of the report relating to the United States Government be telegraphed to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

The motion was approved with but one dissenting vote.

The secretary telegraphed the following statement to President Wilson:

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of United States, Washington, District of Columbia; Dear Mr. President: At the opening session of the General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the following resolution was adopted.

"That this conference indorse the report of President Frederick M. Smith and that that portion of the report relating to the United States Government be telegraphed to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States."

The portion referred to is as follows, and which I take great pleasure in communicating to you:

"To-day we enter upon the second year of the United States participation in the great war. As a church we cannot dissociate ourselves from a keen and vital interest in that Nation. The majority of our members are in the United States. We believe this Government was founded for God's purposes. Our great social objective centers geographically near the heart of continental United States. Towards the goal we yearningly look, and faithfully strive. In no church should greater loyalty to the United States be found than among the United States Latter Day Saints. The year has been one of anxious and feverish activity and happily

may it be said that, with few exceptions, our people are doing their full individual duty towards the Government. With the cause of the allied arms we are closely bound in interest, and for the success of the cause of liberty we should fervently and continuously pray. We stand for peace, but not for peace purchased at the sacrifice of principles fundamental to true liberty. We deplore war; but not even our religious belief in peace can justify a refusal to lend our assistance in a gigantic struggle for the fundamentals of democracy. We therefore stand for loyalty to our Government, and for its fullest expression I plead."

RICHARD S. SALYARDS, SR.,
General Church Secretary.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 6, 1918.

POSTMASTER

The chair announced appointment of Brother Vernon W. Lee as postmaster to the conference.

The Secretary asked that secretaries of all quorums of the Melchisedec priesthood present alphabetical lists of their members present, to be followed by lists of new arrivals, to complete the list of ex officio members, that the body be prepared to take yea and nay votes should such be called.

The chair adjourned the session at 3.45 p. m.

PROGRAM

The chair stated that programs had been printed which included all appointments of social, preaching, auxiliary, and other services, for distribution among the members of the conference. The services of every day and at all places under jurisdiction of the conference were named in such program.

ADMINISTRATOR TO SICK

Elder W. D. Bullard, chairman, reported the following named as members of the committee on administration to the sick: Elders J. W. Metcalf, L. W. Fike, Duncan Calder, H. E. Winegar, Coleman Snider, Alma Booker, and L. G. Holloway.

PRESS COMMITTEE

The press committee announced issue of a daily mimeograph bulletin to contain report of General Conference business for the press, copies to be furnished delegates for use of their home newspapers if desired.

Hymn No. 53 was sung; Elder W. A. McDowell pronounced the benediction.

At 8 p. m. the upper and lower auditoriums were placed at the disposal of the young people. Organized classes of the Independence Religio Society furnished a program of addresses and music and held a reception for the visiting young people. The gathering was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

SERVICES

Upper auditorium: 8 a. m. sacrament meeting, Elders W. W. Smith and J. A. Koehler in charge; 9.30 a. m. Sunday school, Superintendent C. F. Davis in charge; at 11 a. m. preaching by President F. M. Smith, subject "Review and outlook"; 2.30 p. m. preaching by Elder W. W. Smith, subject, "Zionist spiritual problems"; 7.30 p. m. preaching by President E. A. Smith, subject, "I will have a tried people."

Lower auditorium: Sacrament service, Elders D. J. Krahl, B. J. Scott, and G. E. Harrington in charge; 11 a. m. preaching by U. W. Greene, Method in foreign missions"; 2.30 p. m. preaching by Elder R. C. Russell, "The significance of baptism"; 7.30 p. m. Elder Richard Baldwin, "Building of right character."

Second Independence Branch: Sacrament service in charge of R. S. Salyards and J. W. Roberts; Sunday school in charge of local superintendent; 11 a. m. preaching by J. J. Cornish, "When the Lord shall bring again Zion"; 2.30 p. m. preaching by G. T.

Griffiths, "To the law and the testimony"; 7.30 p. m. preaching by O. J. Hawn.

Enoch Hill: Sacrament service, W. H. Deam and W. D. Bullard in charge; Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching by Peter Anderson, "Gifts and callings of God"; 2.30 p. m. preaching by C. J. Hunt, "The law of temporalities"; 7.30 p. m. preaching by M. C. Fisher.

Walnut Park: Sacrament service, A. H. Parsons and A. H. Mills in charge; Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching by F. A. Russell, "Winning the world back to God"; 2.30 p. m. preaching by W. M. Aylor, "What lack I yet?"; 7.30 p. m. preaching by J. F. Curtis, "The mission of the Book of Mormon."

Central Church: Sacrament, J. A. Tanner and T. J. Elliott in charge; Sunday school; 11 a. m. preaching by J. A. Gillen, "Second advent of Jesus"; 2.30 p. m., "I will bless my people," by F. A. Smith; 7.30 p. m. by P. M. Hanson, "The Godhead."

Park Avenue: Scandinavian meeting—addresses by Peter Muceus and Swen Swenson.

Church of Christ building, 7.30 p. m. by R. L. Fulk.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

At 8 a. m. Elder Israel A. Smith addressed the assembly of the priesthood, meeting in the lower auditorium, on the "Legal aspects of stewardships and trusts."

At 9 a. m. prayer meeting, upper auditorium, Elders F. G. Pitt and J. W. Wight in charge.

The members of the conference choir held a prayer meeting in the lower auditorium at the same hour, Brethren A. H. Mills, E. C. Bell, and R. A. Harder in charge.

At 10.30 a. m. the Woman's Auxiliary held its first session in the lower auditorium.

At 10.45 a. m. preaching in the upper auditorium by Elder M. H. Siegfried, subject, "Zion's temporal

problems." He was assisted by Elder G. N. Briggs.

Business session convened at 2 p. m. President F. M. Smith called the assembly to order.

Hymn No. 97 was sung; prayer was offered by Elder J. W. Wight.

The minutes were approved.

HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

The matter deferred by the session of the 6th inst., the report of the joint council on the historical department, was read.

It was moved that the matter be taken up. The motion prevailed.

Elder Heman C. Smith, Church Historian, now present, made a statement.

President Frederick M. Smith also made a statement.

The question was discussed under the original motion to adopt the report.

It was then moved that the matter be referred to the joint council that they might consult the Historian concerning the matter involved.

After further discussion the motion to refer prevailed.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials presented an additional report:

To the Presidency and the General Conference: Upon satisfactory evidence furnished us, we recommend the following changes:

Alabama District should read, *instructed*.

London, Ontario, District, should read *instructed*.

Utah District should read *instructed*. Drop C. N. Heading; add Jessie Hewes.

Western Montana District: Drop Sister G. W. Thorburn; add W. P. Bootman.

Gallands Grove District: Drop James O. Sheldon and George I. Hansen; add J. B. Wildermuth and Guërit Juergens.

Pottawattamie District: Drop Sister T. J. Smith; add Nels P. Johnson.

Missouri, Far West Stake: Drop R. Lorenson, George Piepergerdes, F. L. Hinderks, R. P. Ross, G. W. Bootman, and A. D. Goff; add W. W. Scott, George Cook, B. J. Dice, Sister O. J. Dunfee, J. W. Roberts, and George Peterson.

Des Moines District: Drop Milo Burnett and H. Castings; add J. O. Salisbury and Sister McBirnie.

Northeastern Nebraska: Drop David Lewis, Otis Gardner; add Nell Kelley and Verna Eden.

Southern Nebraska: Drop J. R. Croft; add Blanche I. Andrews.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,
For the Committee.

April 8, 1918.

The report was adopted.

JOINT LECTURE BOARD

To the General Conference, Independence, Missouri; Greeting: At the recent General Convention of the Religio, the matter of making the Lecture Board, heretofore under the direction of the Religio, a joint board was referred to the executive committee.

The executive committee decided to invite or request the General Conference, Woman's Auxiliary, General Sunday School Association and Board of Trustees of Graceland College to each appoint a member to sit on this board with one to be appointed by the Religio.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. STOBAUGH,
Secretary.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 8, 1918.

It was moved that the matter be referred to the general committee on coordination. The motion was adopted.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The following report from a committee on consultation with representatives of the Church of Christ was read:

During the dark and cloudy day that followed the disruption of the church, at the death of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, and the apostasy of the leading elders of the church at Nauvoo, Illinois, there were many attempts made by the disappointed Saints to find safe ground, and the true light. Several of these, seeking to find the better way, united to

form the nucleus of the reorganization of the church. One of these groups of old-time Saints, which was striving to honor the law revealed in the restoration of the gospel, was located in Woodford County, Illinois. As early as 1856 these Woodford County Saints sought to unite their efforts with those forming the Reorganization. Elders Granville Hedrick and Jedediah Owen, who had been elders in the old church, were sent to represent them, and were accepted and given the right hand of fellowship by the conference of the brethren of the Reorganization. No definite union, however, was formed, and the Woodford County Saints continued their work alone, gathering to themselves other elders who had received their ordination from the church, before the death of Joseph Smith, among them being Zebulun Adams, David Judy, John E. Page, and Adna C. Haldeman.

About 1867 these with others removed to Independence, Missouri, and organized, or rather continued the branch organized by these brethren in Woodford County, Illinois. Elder Granville Hedrick was the presiding elder until his death. Subsequently the branch has been presided over by elders who received their authority through ordination, from these older elders and their successors; and have always maintained an honorable name and place among men, and have held their priesthood in righteousness before God.

At various times since 1856 efforts have been made by the eldership of the Church of Christ and of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to form a working basis of harmony between them.

During the Annual General Conference of April, 1885, held at Independence, Missouri, a committee consisting of Elders W. W. Blair, Stephen Maloney, and I. A. Rogers of the Reorganized Church, were appointed to confer with a committee consisting of Elders Richard Hill, George P. Frisbey, and George Hedrick of the Church of Christ. A free exchange of views held by both organizations was had and a friendly discussion of the differences existing between them conducted.

In 1897 overtures were again made by the elders of the Church of Christ, and a joint committee composed of Elders Richard Hill, John R. Haldeman, George P. Frisbey, George D. Cole, and James A. Hedrick of the Church of Christ; and Elders Joseph Smith, Alexander H. Smith, Roderick May, George E. Harrington, and William H. Garrett of the Reorganized Church. This group of men conferred from January 16 to 20, reaching a number of points of agreement.

Again in 1900 another joint committee, composed of Elders George P. Frisbey, Abraham L. Hartley, Richard Hill, Alma Owen, George D. Cole, and John R. Haldeman of the

Church of Christ; and Elders Alexander H. Smith, Edmund L. Kelley, Heman C. Smith, Joseph Luff, Roderick May, and Richard S. Salyards of the Reorganized Church conferred from March 6 to 11. They reaffirmed the agreements of the former committee with slight alterations and amendments, and adopted a further series of agreements, and adjourned; no permanent mutual working basis was then established; but a much better understanding of the grounds held by each organization, was gained.

During the latter part of the year 1917, a desire was expressed by the Church of Christ for further conference upon the question of a working basis of harmony, and accordingly, on December 30, 1917, a joint committee, composed of Elders George D. Cole, Clarence L. Wheaton, and James M. Hartley, of the Church of Christ and Elders Francis M. Sheehy, Walter W. Smith, and Mark H. Siegfried, of the Reorganized Church, met. There were also present, by invitation of the elders of the Church of Christ, Eslie Stafford, Thomas J. Sheldon, and Israel A. Smith, the latter acting as secretary of the meeting. The former articles of agreement were adopted with slight alterations and amendments. The whole ground of differences was reviewed in a spirit of candor and brotherly solicitude for the welfare and progress of Zion. Adjournment was taken to January 27, 1918, when additional articles of agreement, and a plan for submitting these articles for the approval of the two organizations at the April General Conferences was adopted.

We most respectfully submit the following articles of agreement adopted by the joint committee, and recommend that they be adopted as the working basis of harmony between the two organizations:

AGREEMENTS OF WORKING HARMONY

1. Agreed, that we believe in the restoration of the gospel, and the angel's message through Joseph the Seer.
2. Agreed, that so far as the fundamental principles of the gospel of Christ are concerned, both organizations believe the same, as per copies of the epitome attached.
3. Agreed, that the Book of Mormon is a divine record, and the redemption of Zion must be by purchase.
4. Agreed, that we indorse the revelations contained in the 1835 edition of Doctrine and Covenants.
5. Agreed, that we indorse the revelation found in the letter from Joseph Smith, the Seer, to W. W. Phelps concerning the "one mighty and strong," dated November 27, 1832.
6. Agreed, that we indorse the articles on Marriage and of

Governments and Laws in General, in the 1835 edition of Doctrine and Covenants.

7. Agreed, that we believe that there are individuals in the different factions who hold the priesthood.

8. Agreed, that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, any one of which is an elder, there the Church exists.

9. Agreed, that an organization is necessary and such an organization as the number of members, and the will of God enables them to attain to.

10. Agreed, that wherever a branch exists the power of church extension exists also to its fullest extent, when acting in harmony with the law.

11. Agreed, that any man holding the priesthood, and possessing the proper qualifications, may be chosen by the church; by acting in accordance with the law to act in any specific position.

12. Agreed, that faith and righteousness and the call of God are the chief essentials for the possession of the Melchisedec priesthood.

13. Agreed, that in the opinion of this council, in order to accomplish the work of the Lord committed to his people, it is necessary for them to unite in one organization, in harmony with the law of God.

14. Agreed, that the city of Zion will be built at Independence, Missouri, and that the Saints of God will gather there.

15. Agreed, that the principle of consecration is necessary to the establishment of Zion.

16. Agreed, that the law of Christ requires that every man be made a steward, and that none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God, whether officer or member, and that all shall be equal in temporal things, and that not grudgingly, in order to be united according to the law of the celestial kingdom; and that the time has fully come to apply this law in Zion; and that we will labor together to see that it is enforced as soon as possible.

17. Agreed, that we believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and the restoration of the "Ten Lost Tribes."

18. Agreed, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and the earth will be restored to its paradisaical glory.

19. Agreed, that the question of who the one "mighty and strong" is, whether Christ or man, be left an open question until further revelation from God shall definitely determine who it is.

20. Agreed, that the doctrine of baptism for the dead (by proxy) be not taught as a part of the faith and doctrine of the Church, unless commanded by a revelation accepted by the church.

21. Agreed, that what is known as the "King Follet sermon" and the book of Abraham be not accepted as the basis for doctrine.

22. Agreed, that the branch of the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot, which was presided over by Elder Granville Hedrick and his successors, shall be continued, and that no change be made in the custody of the Temple Lot.

23. Agreed, that all other minor points of difference in belief and practice, that may exist between the officers and members of the two organizations, be left to the elders for settlement as they assemble in council from time to time.

24. Agreed, that whereas the Church of Christ, and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints consist of members who have been baptized by men holding authority, conferred by ordination under the hands of the servants of God, called during the ministry of Joseph Smith, who have remained true to the original faith of the church, organized April 6, 1830, and, whereas, both organizations stand for and maintain the same fundamental doctrine and practice, and have the same purpose and ideal in their church government and work; therefore, be it mutually agreed, that each recognize the standing of the other as representing Christ, the Master, and the priesthood of each as legally constituted, and the administration of each as equally binding before God, when done in accordance with the law.

Resolved, that these articles of agreement be submitted to the General Conferences of both organizations, which are to be held April 6, 1918, at Independence, Missouri, for approval as the working basis of harmony between the Church of Christ, and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

FREDERICK M. SMITH, *Chairman.*
WALTER W. SMITH, *Secretary.*
For the Committee.

APRIL 6, 1918.

The report was adopted with but one dissenting vote.

TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Northeastern Kansas District presented the following:

Resolved, that we, the Northeastern Kansas District, hereby petition General Conference to enact a law whereby the branch clerks can transfer the membership of a recorded non-resident to the branch where he has for one year taken up his residence, and that the names of those unlocatable shall

be transferable after one year's absence, to the general church record.

WILLIAM TWOMBLY,
District Secretary.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, February 2, 1918.

It was moved to refer to the joint council of Presidency and Twelve.

A substitute was moved: To refer to the Church Recorder.

The substitute was lost; the motion to refer prevailed.

GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1919

The following from the Lamoni Branch and the Lamoni Stake were presented:

To the First Presidency and General Conference: At a regular business meeting of the Lamoni Branch held March 5, 1918, the following motion was adopted:

"That in harmony with the action of the Lamoni Stake conference we invite the General Conference to hold its next session at Lamoni."

The matter is hereby submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully,
C. I. CARPENTER,

Secretary of Lamoni Branch.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 14, 1918.

To the First Presidency and General Conference: At the recent conference of the Lamoni Stake held February 2, 1918, the following motion was adopted:

"That this stake invite the General Conference to hold its next session at Lamoni, Iowa."

It is hereby submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully,
C. I. CARPENTER,

Secretary of Lamoni Stake.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 14, 1918.

It was moved that when this conference adjourns it do so to meet at Lamoni, Iowa.

Moved to amend to add the words: "In 1919."

The chair stated that the question would be divided—the place to be decided upon first.

Kirtland, Ohio, was also placed in nomination.

Moved to refer to the Presidency, Twelve, and Pre-

siding Bishopric for consideration and report to this conference.

After discussion the previous question was ordered on the question of place. The motion to refer was lost.

The vote for Lamoni was 297, and for Kirtland 65, and Lamoni was declared the choice of the conference.

It was moved that when this conference adjourns it do so to meet April 6, 1919.

Moved to amend to read 1920.

Moved to postpone consideration until the closing session of the conference.

After discussion the previous question was ordered.

The motion to postpone was lost; the amendment was lost; the original motion to meet April 6, 1919, was adopted.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUILDING

The following was moved:

Resolved, that the time has come when a building of suitable size should be erected for the convenience of the annual gatherings of the church.

During the discussion the chair adjourned the session at 4.10 p. m.

Announcements were made, hymn No. 158 was sung. Patriarch F. A. Smith pronounced the benediction.

Preaching services were held at 7.30 p. m.: upper auditorium, by S. A. Burgess, subject, "The sacrament of marriage"; lower auditorium, by Elder A. B. Phillips, subject, "The dangers of dogmatism"; Second Independence, by E. E. Long, subject, "Who represents God?"; Enoch Hill, by F. J. Ebeling, "Complete consecration"; Walnut Park, by Russell Archibald, "The mind which is in Christ Jesus"; Central Church, Kansas City, by Elder A. H. Par-

sons, "Practical Christianity"; Scandinavian meeting, address by H. N. Hansen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

President F. M. Smith addressed the assembly of the priesthood in the lower auditorium at 8 a. m.

At 9 a. m. prayer meeting, Elders W. M. Grice and Amos Berve in charge.

At 10.45 a. m. preaching by Elder J. A. Koehler, subject, "Spiritualized industry."

At the same hour, lower auditorium, meeting of Woman's Auxiliary.

Regular business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn No. 156 was sung, Elder R. C. Russell offered prayer.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference: We recommend the following changes as requested by the delegations named:

Holden Stake: Drop Sister I. M. Ross, Verdie Gaither, Ethel Dishman, and Earl Thayer; add Mary Lovell, Georgia Dillon, Frances Moler, and Walter Johnson.

Independence Stake: Drop Jacob Hale; add Mrs. Will Christie.

Little Sioux District: Drop W. R. Adams, and Mrs. W. R. Adams; add C. F. Putnam, and Mrs. C. F. Putnam.

Western Colorado District: Drop Minnie Akers; add Amos T. Higdon.

Kewanee District: Drop Sister J. G. Cole; add H. J. Archambault.

Northeastern Missouri: Drop Frank Lofty; reinstate Mrs. A. M. Chase.

Central Nebraska District: Drop J. Patras.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,

For the Committee.

April 9, 1918.

The report was adopted.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUILDING

The chair stated that the matter pending at adjournment of the previous session—the resolution to provide for a General Conference building—was before the body.

It was moved that the matter be referred to the Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops for consideration and report to the next General Conference.

After discussion the previous question was ordered. The motion to refer was adopted.

ORDER OF BISHOPS; SANITARIUM, COLLEGE, AND
LIBRARY BUILDING

The Order of Bishops presented the following report on matters referred to it by the session of the previous day.

To the General Conference: At this morning's session the Order of Bishops considered the budgets for the Sanitarium and Graceland College and wish to report that they approve the same.

Consideration was also given to the question of dormitory and library building for Graceland College and the following action was taken:

Resolved, that we recommend to the General Conference that the question of building a dormitory and library building for Graceland College be deferred for the present, and that the matter be referred to an architect for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications and an estimate of the probable cost, to be submitted to the next General Conference, having in view the development of a general plan for buildings for our educational institution.

Respectfully,

J. A. BECKER, *Secretary.*

A motion to adopt prevailed.

ITEMS IN PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was moved that matters referred to in the President's report requiring action be taken up. The motion prevailed.

ARCHITECT

The paragraph referring to a church architect was read.

It was moved that the Presidency be authorized to appoint a church architect.

The question was discussed. Questions were answered by the President.

The previous question was ordered. The motion to authorize appointment was adopted.

SITES AND BUILDINGS

It was moved: "That it is the sense of this body that no church edifice should be erected by any branch without first conferring with the Presiding Bishop and the church architect."

Moved that the resolution be amended to read: "That no church site be chosen, or edifice erected," etc.

After discussion the previous question was ordered. The amendment and the original motion as amended were adopted.

CHURCH PHYSICIAN

The paragraph in the President's report referring to a church physician was read.

It was moved that the nomination of Doctor G. L. Harrington as church physician be approved.

Being called for, Doctor Harrington made a statement in which he expressed willingness to accept the position.

The previous question was ordered. A motion to approve prevailed.

BOY MOVEMENT

The President called attention to the paragraph in his report concerning nomination of Elder F. M. McDowell to be placed in charge of the boy movement.

A motion to ratify the nomination prevailed.

It was moved that the placing of the boy movement in its proper department be referred to the committee on coordination. The motion prevailed.

CHURCH OFFICES

The chairman read the clause in his report referring to church offices and suggested that the standing committee on church offices be discharged.

A motion to discharge the committee prevailed.

PRESIDING PRIESTS, TEACHERS, AND DEACONS

The following was moved and seconded:

Section 161, chapter 14, of the book of Rules of Order and Debate, page 100, provides that "the officers of the church recognized by these meetings [referring to branch business meetings] as having a right to preside are: A presiding elder," "a priest or priests," "teacher or teachers," "a deacon or deacons," etc.

This gives rise to the order in the church of the choosing by the branches of presiding priest, teacher, and deacon, which thing seems not otherwise provided in the law.

Inasmuch as this matter gives rise to confusion among the Saints and inasmuch as this matter with all the rest of the Book of Rules is under consideration,

Resolved, that section 161, chapter 14, of the Book of Rules, be suspended until such time as the revision of the Book of Rules be completed.

Also that section 6, chapter 1, relating to permanent officers of branches be so interpreted as not to compel the election of presiding priest, teacher, or deacon.

WALTER W. SMITH.

T. W. WILLIAMS.

The question was discussed, when it was moved that it be referred to the committee on revision of Rules and Order and Debate.

Further discussion followed. The following was moved as an incidental motion: "That during the remainder of the discussion of this and other questions coming before this conference we place a time limit of ten minutes upon all speeches, except as may be otherwise provided."

An amendment to strike out the words, "and other

questions coming before this conference," was moved.

Following discussion the chair adjourned the session at 4.20 p. m.

Appointments were announced; hymn number 258 was sung; Presiding Patriarch Frederick A. Smith pronounced the benediction.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

At 8 p. m. the Woman's Auxiliary presented the following program to a large and deeply interested audience in the upper auditorium.

Song and Prayer.

Anthem

Choir.

Woman's Place in the World

T. W. Williams, California.

Young Ladies' Chorus

The Awakened Woman

Mrs. Audentia Anderson, Omaha, Nebraska.

Vocal Solo

Mrs. Israel Smith, Independence, Missouri.

In the lower auditorium at the same hour preaching by Elder A. E. Warr, subject, "Saintly Discipline"; Second Independence: S. A. Burgess, "The sacrament of marriage"; Enoch Hill: R. T. Cooper, "The brethren of Christ"; Walnut Park: J. R. Grice, "The gospel of Jesus Christ in its relation to the human problem"; Central Church: Carl T. Self, "Relation of a saint to God"; Church of Christ: T. W. Williams.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

At 8 a. m. President F. M. Smith addressed the assembly of the priesthood in the lower auditorium.

At 9 a. m. prayer meeting, Elders G. E. Harrington and R. M. Young in charge.

At 10.45 a. m. preaching by Elder George N. Briggs, subject, "Zion and education."

The business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn number 179 was sung; prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Gillen.

The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Committee on credentials reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference: We recommend the following changes:

Des Moines District: Drop Sister McBirnie; add E. G. Beye.

Pittsburgh District: Drop Mrs. L. F. P. Curry; add Mrs. B. E. Shank.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,

For the Committee.

The report was adopted.

PRESIDING PRIESTS, TEACHERS, AND DEACONS

The chair stated that the question pending at adjournment at the previous session would be taken up.

The record of proceedings was read.

The previous question was ordered on the incidental question—the time limit.

The amendment prevailed, also the time limit as amended.

The motion to refer to the committee on Rules of Order was then discussed. The previous question was ordered; the motion to refer to the committee on Rules of Order was lost. The motion to adopt prevailed by vote of 296 to 165.

MEETING OF AGRICULTURISTS

The following was read:

About forty-five brethren and sisters attended the farmers meeting in the basement last evening, at which considerable enthusiasm was manifested. A temporary organization was

effected and a committee appointed to draft plan for a permanent organization.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 4.30 p. m., April 10, in
W. S. MACRAE,
Secretary.

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HIGH PRIESTS

The First Presidency reported nominations for ordination as high priests.

To the General Conference: The First Presidency, after approval by the Presidency and Twelve in joint council, and the Quorum of High Priests, recommends the following names for ordination to the office of High Priest: William A. Blair, Detroit, Michigan; Ralph A. Harder, Flint, Michigan; James Gault, Detroit, Michigan; David E. Dowker, Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK M. SMITH.

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It was moved that the nominations be approved and the ordinations provided for.

Elders Blair, Gault, and Dowker signified acceptance. Elder Harder asked time for consideration

The names of those accepting were separately approved.

TIME LIMIT ON NEW BUSINESS

The chair stated that a time limit for the introduction of new business should be named. On motion the naming of a time limit was referred to the First Presidency.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

The President called attention to the Third Liberty Loan. He stated that in answer to request of those having charge he had suggested the following named speakers on the Liberty Loan to fill appointments at various places in Jackson County, Missouri, on Friday, April 12:

A. C. Barmore,
 W. W. Smith,
 Russell Archibald,
 R. T. Cooper,
 George N. Briggs,
 R. S. Salyards,
 B. S. Lambkin,
 A. Carmichael,
 Augustine Dwyer,
 D. Macgregor,
 Orman Salisbury,
 Glaud Kuykendall,
 U. W. Greene,

R. C. Russell,
 T. J. Jordan,
 Carl T. Self,
 James W. Davis,
 Gilbert J. Waller,
 E. F. Robertson,
 T. W. Williams,
 Hubert Case,
 D. T. Williams,
 J. F. Curtis,
 D. J. Williams,
 J. W. Rushton.

The chair adjourned the session at 4 p. m.

A telegram announced that in harmony with arrangements made with the president of the conference Mr. Homer Hall, a leading representative of the Red Cross, would address the conference on the work of the Red Cross at the close of the business session of Saturday the 13th inst.

Notices were read, hymn No. 51 was sung; Elder G. T. Griffiths pronounced the benediction.

GRACELAND COLLEGE

At 7.30 p. m. the session was devoted to the interests of Graceland College, President G. N. Briggs in charge. The following program was rendered:

Invocation

Music

Oration, "Peace,"

Ronald Carmichael, Lamoni, Iowa.

Music

Oration, "America and the World War,"

David Hopkins, Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Music

Oration, "The German Tragedy,"

Mark Tapscott, Lamoni, Iowa.

Music

Oration, "Woodrow Wilson, the Man of the Hour,"

Clifford Kelley, Independence, Missouri.

Music

Decision of Judges

Benediction

The judges of the oratorical contest were Sister Charlotte Dryden, of the department of Public Speaking of the Iowa State College of Agriculture, and Brethren Daniel Macgregor and Augustine Dwyer. The decision was: First, David Hopkins; second, Clifford Kelley; third, Ronald Carmichael; fourth, Mark Tapscott.

At the same hour in the lower auditorium a sermon was delivered by Elder J. J. Cornish; Second Independence: James W. Davis, "Raising the standard"; Enoch Hill: H. A. Higgins, "Man in the making"; Walnut Park: Orman Salisbury, "The unfinished work"; Central Church: J. E. Bishop, "Singleness of purpose in achievement"; Church of Christ: T. W. Williams.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

At 8 a. m. President F. M. Smith and Presiding Bishop B. R. McGuire addressed the assembly of the priesthood in the lower auditorium.

At 9 a. m. regular prayer service in upper auditorium, Elders R. S. Salyards and D. J. Krahl in charge.

At 10.45 a. m. upper auditorium, sermon by Bishop B. R. McGuire, subject, "The gathering."

Conference business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 179 was sung; prayer was offered by Elder U. W. Greene.

The minutes were amended and approved.

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

The following communication was read:

MR. RICHARD S. SALYARDS, SR., INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

My Dear Sir:

The President asks me to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of April 6th, and to thank you for your courtesy

in sending it. He directs me to tell you and all those concerned that he deeply appreciates your patriotic assurances.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. TUMULTY,

Secretary to the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, April 8, 1918.

FIRST SEVENTY

The First Quorum of Seventy reported.

To the General Conference: To date we have held two regular sessions, and three joint sessions of all seventies. There has been in attendance at the General Conference thirty-six of the brethren of the First Seventy. Their names are: Arthur Allen, W. P. Bootman, R. Baldwin, Alma Booker, N. L. Booker, E. A. Curtis, H. Case, J. J. Cornish, D. E. Dowker, J. A. Dowker, B. H. Doty, R. Etzenhouser, R. L. Fulk, J. F. Grimes, L. Houghton, L. E. Hills, L. G. Holloway, J. G. Halb, George Jenkins, E. E. Long, J. R. Lentell, J. C. May, J. C. McConnaughy, O. W. Okerlind, S. T. Pendleton, G. W. Robley, S. S. Smith, J. F. Sheehy, J. E. Vanderwood, C. E. Willey, Birch Whiting, A. L. Whitaker, J. B. Wildermuth, J. E. Wildermuth, L. O. Wildermuth, and J. E. Yates.

Since last reporting to General Conference one year ago there has been thirteen removed from the quorum, namely, F. M. Cooper and James McKiernan who were superannuated, and H. N. Hansen, J. F. Mintun, W. E. Peak, Edward Rannie, and D. E. Dowker who were placed in the High Priests Quorum, and S. O. Foss, B. F. Renfroe, Francis C. Smith, William R. Smith, Fred B. Farr, and Oscar Case who were released. There has been ordained into the quorum the following brethren, R. T. Brown, E. A. Curtis, and B. H. Doty, making our present number 58.

All members of the quorum have reported except five. Those failing to report were Alvin R. Ellis, Otto Fetting, J. F. Petre, W. J. Haworth, and G. M. Shippy. The reports in hand show the following labor performed: sermons 7,938, times in charge 2,239, assisted in presiding 664, other services attended 3,284, total number of services 12,869 baptisms 596, confirmations 483, assisted to confirm 139, ordained 45, assisted to ordain 40, children blessed 242, assisted in blessing 43, administrations to the sick 2,921, assisted in administering 193, marriages 42, branches organized 1, Sunday schools organized 11, Religios organized 4, new openings 78, discussions 2, pastoral visits 2,073, member of court 7, administered sacrament 91.

Five of the quorum acted as district president and five as branch president the past year.

S. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

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GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The General Sunday School Association reported:

To the First Presidency and General Conference: The association held its twenty-seventh Annual Convention here April 4 and 5. In each of its eight sessions a progressive spirit was in evidence. Of business transacted, the following should be reported:

1. Hereafter the following will be recognized as having ex officio right of voice and vote in district or stake as well as in General Conventions: The First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, Presiding Bishopric, quorums of seventies, high priests, Order of Bishops, Order of Evangelists, all General Conference appointees in General Conventions and all elders of district or stake in conventions of the same.

2. The report of the coordinating committee was presented and indorsed.

3. The First Presidency, having been requested to nominate, presented three names for superintendent which also had the approval of the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric. The election of officers resulted as follows: For superintendent, Gomer R. Wells; first assistant superintendent, Daniel Macgregor; second assistant superintendent, A. W. Smith; secretary, E. D. Moore; treasurer, M. H. Siegfried; Home Department superintendent, Mrs. J. C. Schwab; Cradle Roll superintendent, Mrs. H. B. Roberts; member of Library Commission, S. A. Burgess; member of Social Purity Board, R. W. Farrell; member of Gospel Literature Commission, R. W. Farrell; historian, Miss Nellie M. Anderson; revising committee, A. Carmichael, G. N. Briggs, J. W. Wight.

By joint action of Religio and Sunday school executives, L. F. P. Curry was reelected normal superintendent and E. F. Yerrington assistant; by similar action, the work previously done by organized class superintendent was for the coming year lodged with the vice president of Religio Society, T. W. Williams, and the matter of extension superintendent of Home Department work is yet to be considered by the president of Religio, superintendent of Sunday School Association, and the Home Department superintendents of the same, with power to act.

4. The convention favors a uniform blank for collecting and reporting the Christmas offering. This was referred

to the executive council and Presiding Bishopric with power to act.

5. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that members of the Sunday school who are addicted to the tobacco habit should not be elected for officers and teachers if other material is available."

6. According to resolution, all "local and district executives, reunion institute workers and field workers, laboring in connection with the Sunday School Association, be and are hereby directed to confer and advise with the general normal superintendent in the preparation of their educational programs, in order that, consistent with local needs, the fundamental training required by the workers of this auxiliary may be uniformly presented."

7. By resolution, the lessons committee was discontinued, and "the executive council be authorized and directed to secure the services of the best available talent for doing whatever professional work is necessary in our lessons course."

8. It was decided that hereafter the general church auditors shall be employed to audit the accounts of the General Sunday School Association, thus discontinuing our own board of auditors.

9. The former rule concerning holding of mass conventions was rescinded and the following adopted in its place: "Any district or stake association may dispense with the delegate system in providing for representation in its conventions." The chair ruled that it would be necessary for delegates to be sent instructed on this matter and that a standing rule might then be adopted, subject to such alterations as future conventions might wish to make. This ruling was not questioned.

10. The Religio Society, through its executive committee, invited the association to appoint a member on the Lecture Board. This was referred to the Sunday school executive council with power to act. It will be considered soon.

11. After consulting with the Presiding Bishopric, our treasurer has turned over to the church a surplus of \$2,300. In regard to the stewardship created last convention, it is expected that the new movement toward fuller coordination may possibly affect the temporal side of the stewardship, and hence the terms of the resolution are being held more or less in abeyance, upon the advice of the Presiding Bishopric.

12. It was resolved to have a convention Christmas offering. This was enthusiastically received and resulted in the

sum of \$102.49 being turned over to the Presiding Bishopric.

Respectfully submitted,
GOMER R. WELLS, *Superintendent.*

ZION'S RELIGIO-LITERARY SOCIETY

Zion's Religio-Literary Society reported:

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting: The twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Religio Society was held April 2 and 3 with large attendance at all sessions.

Among many matters acted upon we mention the following points of interest:

1. The report of the coordinating committee was adopted in full by a large majority.

2. Constitution amended by fixing age at which members may vote at eight years or over; sections referring to expulsions and appeals thrown out; duties of district, stake, and local secretaries more specifically outlined so as to make the recording of newly organized locals by the general secretary more prompt and easy.

3. The President stated that the second vice president should be the one who had been appointed in charge of the boy movement whereupon F. M. McDowell, of Lamoni, was elected second vice president. Other officers elected were: G. S. Trowbridge, Saint Louis, president; Thomas W. Williams, Los Angeles, first vice president; James W. Stobaugh, Kansas City, secretary; Robert A. Lloyd, Saint Louis, treasurer; William F. Sage, Detroit, Home Department superintendent; Harvey Sandy, Kansas City, member Gospel Literature Commission; J. W. Gunsolley, Kansas City, superintendent of Temperance Department; Vernon A. Reese, Chicago, member of Library Commission, and Charles B. Woodstock, Lamoni, member of Social Purity Board.

4. In conjunction with the executive council of the Sunday School Association, the executive committee appointed L. F. P. Curry as normal superintendent with E. F. Yerrington, assistant. T. W. Williams was placed in charge of the organized class work.

5. The matter of arranging for the Lecture Board, heretofore under the direction of the Religio, a joint board was referred to the executive committee with power to act. That body has requested the General Sunday School Association, General Conference, Woman's Auxiliary, and Board of Trustees of Graceland College to appoint a member to sit with Religio member.

6. The enrollment of the society at present is 18,311.

7. Among other appropriations, \$250 were set aside by the convention for use of the field workers.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. STOBAUGH, *Secretary*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 11, 1918.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS—JAMES E. KELLEY

The Quorum of Twelve presented the following report:

To the President and Delegates Assembled in Conference, Greeting: I am instructed by the Quorum of Twelve to present to your honorable body a copy of the preambles and resolution adopted by the quorum in the death of Brother James E. Kelley.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. RUSHTON, *Secretary*.

"It is with deep regret that once again the sorrowful duty of recording the demise of one of the members of this quorum has occurred in the death of Brother James E. Kelley. This sad event transpired June 4, 1917, at Las Vegas, New Mexico; thus closing the long and heroic struggle which our brother had waged for several years against overwhelming odds.

"Brother Kelley had been associated with the quorum a little over four years, having been called through Joseph Smith April 14, 1913; and during this time by his genial disposition, and sincere devotion to his duty, which many times inflicted upon himself additional suffering yet was always borne with courage and cheerfulness, he won the confidence and affection of us all.

"His winning disposition was supplemented by talents of exceptional quality which, altogether, secured for him a place in the affections of the people among whom he labored and added to the traditional value of a name long since enshrined in the annals of our church history.

"Resolved, therefore, That while we reverently submit to the dispensation of divine Providence which leaves his place vacant in the quorum, we express our profoundest sorrow because of his death, and record our deepest sympathy with the bereaved wife, family, and friends; and humbly pray that Almighty God will graciously bestow the comfort and peace which he has promised the grief-stricken and lonely."

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The report was adopted.

LATTER DAY SAINT SALES ASSOCIATION

The following was reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference: During conference the Latter Day Saint Traveling Salesman's Association has held two interesting meetings.

We believe the field for accomplishing good in our line of work is broad, and finding the number of traveling salesmen in the church is comparatively few, we have changed the name of our organization to the Latter Day Saint Sales Association, and extend membership to all church members in good standing who are engaged in sales work.

We hope to accomplish much good the coming year.

O. SALISBURY, *President.*

C. SKINNER, *Secretary.*

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PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chair read a communication from the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce:

To the Officers and Members, Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Independence, Missouri, Gentlemen: Philadelphia, through its Chamber of Commerce, extends to your conference a most cordial invitation to hold its 1920 conference in Philadelphia, known throughout the world as "The City of Brotherly Love."

We know that you will receive from its citizens the warmest kind of a welcome and by a hospitality that has no peer.

Philadelphia has many great advantages and places of interest which makes it an ideal convention city.

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ERNEST T. TRIGG, *President,*

N. B. KELLEY, *Secretary.*

April 2, 1918.

It was moved that it be referred to the Presidency to secure such further information as may be necessary, to report to next General Conference. The motion was adopted.

TIME LIMIT—NEW BUSINESS

The Presidency fixed the time limit for introduction of new business at 2.30 p. m., Friday, the 12th inst.

The chair requested that all reports and other items of business be reported as soon as practicable.

BOARD OF AUDITORS

It was moved that the present Board of Auditors be discontinued, and that the Presidency be authorized to appoint two standing auditors to audit all church accounts.

Moved to amend, to read "one auditor."

Moved to amend the amendment to read: "One or more auditors."

A substitute was moved: "That we dispense with the present system of auditing and authorize the Presidency to appoint one or more auditors to audit the church accounts." The substitute was adopted.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The Presiding Bishop nominated the present members of the Board of Publication, with the exception of M. H. Siegfried for E. A. Blakeslee, to constitute the Board of Publication: Albert Carmichael, F. B. Blair, J. F. Keir, M. H. Siegfried, B. R. McGuire. The nominations were approved.

GRACELAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Elders T. A. Hougas and C. B. Woodstock were elected to succeed themselves as members of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College.

SANITARIUM TRUSTEES

The present Board of Sanitarium Trustees was sustained.

BIBLE NORMAL BOOK

The committee on Bible normal book was sustained.

Attention was called to the printed report of the committee, containing statement and recommendation. Moved that the recommendation in the report be adopted. The motion prevailed.

It was further moved that the determination of demand for such a book be referred to the Department of Publication. The motion was adopted.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Committee on Church of Christ was sustained.

MEMORIAL TO MARTYRS

On motion, the committee was sustained and the recommendation in its report approved.

RULES OF ORDER AND DEBATE

The committee on Rules of Order and Debate was sustained.

SAINTS' HOMES—LAMONI, IOWA

The committee on Saints' Homes, Lamoni, Iowa, was sustained.

GOSPEL LITERATURE COMMISSION

The Gospel Literature Commission, consisting of Elders R. W. Farrell, Harvey Sandy, and E. D. Moore, was sustained.

BOOK OF MORMON CONCORDANCE

The committee on Book of Mormon concordance, having reported their work completed, it was moved that they be honorably released, with an expression of appreciation of their services. The motion prevailed.

SOCIAL PURITY BOARD

Moved that Doctor G. L. Harrington be elected chairman of said board.

Moved to refer to the Committee on Coordination.

Moved to amend to read: "After the election of a chairman."

A substitute was moved: "That the matter be referred to the Committee on Coordination, but that the present board be sustained until action is taken by the Coordination Committee." The motion prevailed.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HISTORY

Having completed its work, the committee on Young People's History was discontinued with a vote of thanks for services rendered.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

The Secretary called the roll of ex-officio members of General Conference present, the list being made up from the register of the committee on credentials.

The First Presidency: F. M. Smith, E. A. Smith.

Quorum of Twelve: G. T. Griffiths, Peter Anderson, F. M. Sheehy, U. W. Greene, J. W. Rushton, J. F. Curtis, R. C. Russell, W. M. Aylor, P. M. Hanson, J. A. Gillen.

Presidents of Seventy: T. C. Kelley, J. Arthur Davis, A. B. Phillips, E. E. Long, J. T. Riley.

First Seventy: Arthur Allen, Richard Baldwin, Alma Booker, W. P. Bootman, Hubert Case, J. J. Cornish, E. A. Curtis, B. H. Doty, J. A. Dowker, R. Etzenhouser, R. L. Fulk, J. F. Grimes, J. G. Halb, L. E. Hills, L. G. Holloway, Leonard Houghton, George Jenkins, H. A. Koehler, J. R. Lentell, J. C. McConnaughy, J. Charles May, O. W. Okerlind, S. T. Pendleton, G. W. Robley, J. F. Sheehy, S. S. Smith, J. E. Vanderwood, B. W. Whiting, A. L. Whittaker, J. B. Wildermuth, J. E. Wildermuth, L. O. Wildermuth, C. E. Willey, J. E. Yates, N. L. Booker.

Second Seventy: William Anderson, A. C. Barmore, J. A. Bronson, C. H. Burr, A. M. Chase, John Davis, E. A. Erwin, Levi Gamet, Frederick Gregory, O. J. Hawn, A. J. Layland, Daniel Macgregor, W. H. Mannering, J. W. Metcalf, Peter Muceus, J. W. Peterson, James Pycock, F. A. Russell, F. L. Sawley, Columbus Scott, N. V. Sheldon, A. C. Silvers, S. W. Simmons, F. M. Slover, W. A. Smith, Henry Sparling, J. D. Stead, J. M. Stubbart, Swen Swenson, G. W. Thorburn, D. E. Tucker, R. T. Walters, L. G. Wood.

Third Seventy: Joseph Arber, Wardell Christy, J. W.

Davis, R. D. Davis, J. O. Dutton, J. R. Grice, W. E. Haden, C. E. Harpe, Alvin Knisley, D. S. Palmer, J. W. Paxton, H. N. Pierce, Lee Quick, E. F. Robertson, W. P. Robinson, W. E. Shakespeare, J. W. Smith.

Presiding Bishopric: B. R. McGuire, J. F. Keir.

Bishops: J. A. Becker, F. B. Blair, Richard Bullard, Albert Carmichael, R. C. Evans, M. C. Fisher, C. J. Hunt, E. L. Kelley, G. P. Lambert, C. A. Parkin, B. J. Scott, Ellis Short, M. H. Siegfried, John Zimmermann.

Order of Evangelists: F. A. Smith, A. D. Angus, William Lewis, W. A. McDowell, F. G. Pitt, H. O. Smith, I. M. Smith, I. N. White, J. W. Wight, Ammon White, John Shields.

General High Council: Charles Fry, J. A. Grant, W. O. Hands, G. H. Hulmes, D. J. Krahl, R. J. Lambert, C. O. Leeka, W. W. Smith, J. A. Tanner, Samuel Twombly.

Quorum of High Priests: Russell Archibald, G. F. Barraclough, Amos Berve, J. E. Bishop, G. W. Blair, M. H. Bond, G. N. Briggs, W. D. Bullard, R. E. Burgess, S. A. Burgess, R. N. Burwell, J. B. Carmichael, J. C. Chrestensen, A. V. Clossen, J. M. Cockerton, F. A. Cool, R. T. Cooper, P. N. Craig, C. F. Davis, W. H. Deam, B. J. Dice, D. E. Dowker, F. J. Ebeling, T. J. Elliott, M. A. Etzenhouser, R. W. Farrell, E. E. Fender, J. T. Ford, Charles Fry, C. A. Gaither, J. F. Garver, H. W. Gould, C. G. Gould, J. A. Grant, W. M. Grice, H. N. Hansen, J. A. Hansen, G. E. Harrington, G. L. Harrington, J. A. Harrington, William Hartnell, L. W. Hayes, F. G. Hedrick, E. L. Hensen, H. A. Higgins, T. A. Hougas, D. E. Hough, John Hovenga, T. A. Ivie, J. E. Johnson, T. J. Jordan, S. B. Kibler, G. H. Knowlton, J. A. Koehler, B. S. Lambkin, J. W. Layton, Joseph Luff, W. S. Macrae, A. R. Manchester, A. H. Mills, H. R. Mills, H. E. Moler, A. J. Moore, Alexander McCallum, J. R. McClain, F. M. McDowell, F. A. McWethy, William Newton, E. N. Palmer, A. H. Parsons, W. E. Peak, P. H. Pugsley, Edward Rannie, Orman Salisbury, J. W. Roberts, R. S. Salyards, J. J. Schimmel, Harvey Sandy, S. S. Sandy, C. F. Scarcliff, C. A. Selbe, C. T. Self, G. A. Smith, H. C. Smith, I. A. Smith, Coleman Snider, William Sparling, A. E. Starks, A. E. Stone, Leonard Stover, T. U. Thomas, Edward Tucker, John Tucker, G. J. Waller, G. R. Wells, Alfred White, D. C. White, T. W. Williams, W. H. Williamson, Robert Winning, J. O. Worden, D. J. Williams, D. T. Williams, W. W. Smith, E. A. Davis.

Superannuated not in quorums: F. M. Cooper, C. J. Spurlock.

Elders: M. Ahlstrom, H. J. Archambault, E. L. Barraclough, F. S. Brackenbury, J. W. A. Bailey, G. E. Burt, J. B. Barrett, P. R. Burton, W. Bath, E. D. Bailey, W. J. Brewer,

M. Burnett, T. J. Butler, G. G. Buell, D. Brenizer, J. P. Bierlein, G. F. Bullard, E. D. Bullard, W. A. Blair, J. J. Billings, C. N. Burtch, R. S. Budd, S. Broliar, H. J. Bootman, T. N. Berry, F. G. Christie, C. I. Carpenter, J. D. Carlisle, L. Colbert, E. Curry, T. W. Curtis, W. Clow, H. Castings, E. P. Cook, D. Calder, M. M. Case, W. W. Chrestensen, E. E. Corthell, A. R. Daniel, J. A. Daer, A. H. Daly, E. R. Davis, A. J. Damron, E. Downey, E. Dillon, F. A. Evans, C. Edmunds, E. K. Evans, J. Ely, J. J. Emmett, L. W. Fike, P. G. Fairbanks, B. C. Flint, W. B. Farley, E. H. Fisher, E. Ford, C. P. Faul, H. J. Friend, S. H. Fields, F. A. Fry, L. F. Ferguson, E. E. Gilbert, J. D. Gault, E. J. Gleaser, A. E. Gratz, W. Glauner, C. E. Guinand, D. Gray, W. H. Gunn, F. S. Gatenby, H. R. Higdon, E. B. Hull, R. A. Harder, J. Harden, A. T. Higdon, W. H. Hutchinson, F. W. Hastings, W. G. Hamann, J. R. Harper, L. W. Hayes, G. W. Hancock, H. W. Hatty, G. Hicklin, C. L. House, F. A. Hawley, S. J. Hines, E. E. Haskins, C. C. Hoague, B. C. Harder, F. Izatt, A. V. Karlstrom, G. R. Kuykendall, W. H. Kelley, G. R. Ketchum, A. Lloyd, E. W. Lloyd, C. C. Lambkin, M. W. Liston, C. G. Lewis, J. D. Lewis, D. W. Lewis, T. Leitch, D. L. Lewis, E. J. Lenox, H. L. Loosmore, T. C. Lentell, S. J. Madden, G. W. Mauzey, R. O. Mann, J. W. McKnight, F. Moser, jr., J. F. Martin, B. L. McKim, A. C. Martin, E. E. McCormick, C. A. Morton, C. Malcor, N. L. Mortimore, A. E. McCord, A. Morgan, E. Miller, R. A. McDole, G. E. Meisenheimer, R. W. Munro, H. E. Merryman, J. S. Meyer, E. D. Moore, J. A. Marstellar, L. M. McFadden, T. Newton, J. M. Nunley, C. A. Nolan, C. C. Nelson, D. R. Perkins, W. P. Pickering, H. C. Powell, C. W. Prettyman, E. N. Palmer, F. Pritchett, C. F. Putnam, J. Powell, T. S. Rutledge, W. J. Reese, M. M. Quick, F. A. Rowe, C. C. Raison, J. Raisbeck, W. B. Richards, I. M. Ross, R. K. Ross, E. D. Rogers, M. F. Ralston, C. Resch, W. T. Rushton, C. J. Smith, J. W. Stobaugh, E. E. Stonger, H. W. Smith, J. D. Shower, S. Stroh, G. O. Sellers, H. S. Salisbury, S. G. St. John, M. R. Shoemaker, L. A. Serig, H. D. Simpson, G. H. Shearer, L. P. Summers, H. N. Snively, R. O. Self, J. E. Smith, W. O. Skinner, T. J. Sheldon, J. P. Sappenfield, E. Short, jr., H. L. Smith, W. E. Stoff, H. C. Smith, M. Shaw, H. B. Sterrett, A. Smith, S. H. Simmons, E. C. Shelley, J. J. Teeter, G. S. Trowbridge, E. L. Traver, H. B. Thompson, J. A. Teeters, L. D. Ullom, J. G. Vickery, F. F. Whipper, A. E. Warr, R. Whiting, G. W. Wilcox, N. Wilson, H. E. Winegar, J. T. Whitehead, J. Wahlstrom, F. C. Warnky, J. A. Wilson, E. Whitworth, T. Williams, J. F. Weston, W. Wilson, J. Wild S. Wood, J. H. Yager, R. M. Young, W. T. Yates, A. J. Yarrington, J. Zahnd.

The chair adjourned the session at 4. p. m. The usual notices were read, hymn No. 223 was sung, benediction by J. W. Rushton.

At 8.15 p. m. the General Conference choir rendered the oratorio, "Elijah," under direction of Brother A. N. Hoxie, jr., church chorister.

Other appointments at same hour: Preaching, Lower Auditorium by J. J. Cornish; Second Independence Church by Elder C. O. Leeka, subject: "Husbanding my stewardship." At Enoch Hill by Elder James Pycock; Walnut Park by Elder G. J. Waller, subject: "The part of the business man in building up Zion"; Central Kansas City Church by Elder Glaud Kuykendall; Church of Christ by John Davis.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

At 8.00 a. m. President F. M. Smith addressed the priesthood.

At 9.00 a. m. prayer service in charge of Elders B. J. Scott and J. C. Foss.

At 10.45 a. m. preaching by Elder Daniel Macgregor, upper auditorium, subject: "Marvelous Work and a Wonder."

The business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn No. 130 was sung; President E. A. Smith offered prayer.

The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference: We recommend the following change:

Little Sioux District: Drop J. W. Lane; reinstate, Mrs. W. R. Adams.

Respectfully submitted,
C. I. CARPENTER,
For the Committee.

April 12, 1918.

The report was adopted.

HIGH PRIEST

The following was read:

To the General Conference in Business Session Assembled: After consideration of my recommendation to the office of high priest, I have decided to accept the responsibility, subject to your action.

In looking back over my life, I recall having been spoken to a number of times, being told to prepare for greater responsibilities. So heeding the promptings of the Spirit, I am accepting this with the hope that I may continue to the best of my ability to labor where God designs I should.

Your servant,

RALPH A. HARDER.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1918.

The nomination was approved, the ordination provided for.

Reports were read from quorums named:

HIGH PRIESTS

To the General Conference: Members in quorum, 238; number reporting, 193; (no reports received from England); pastors, 36; missionaries, 30; local laborers, 128; patriarchs, 22; bishops, 13; standing high council, 11; stake presidents, 4; counselors to stake presidents, 4; stake high council members, 45; bishop's counselors, 11; bishop's agents, 27; district presidents, 37; branch presidents, 69; Sunday school officers and teachers, 73; Religio officers and teachers, 51.

Recapitulation of work performed by members reporting: Miscellaneous meetings attended, 18,845; total meetings attended, 35,873; times presiding, 6,721; sermons preached, 16,145; baptisms, 779; confirmations, 717; ordinations, 188; administrations, 11,738; marriages, 214; children blessed, 531; branches organized and assisted, 15; Sunday schools organized, 3; Religios organized, 3; served on elder's courts, 30;

served on bishop's courts, 27; served on stake high council, 269; served on standing high council, 30.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. TANNER, *President.*

T. J. ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

April 10, 1918.

SECOND SEVENTY

To the General Conference, Assembled, Greeting: To date the Second-Seventy has held two meetings, and four joint meetings with the First and Third Quorums.

Forty-four members have reported labor done as follows: Sermons preached, 5,803; times in charge of services, 1,398; times assisted in presiding, 609; other services attended, 2,909; total number of services attended, 10,719; baptized, 374; confirmed, 329; assisted to confirm, 74; ordained, 42; assisted to ordain, 12; children blessed, 206; assisted in blessing children, 36; administered to sick, 2,160; assisted in administration, 165; marriages solemnized, 34; new openings effected, 49; discussions held, 3; pastoral visits, 232; acted as member of court, 2; administered sacrament, 70.

Since last report the quorum has lost by ordination to the office of high priest, J. W. Roberts, leaving the total-enrollment forty-seven.

Thirty-five of our members are in attendance at this conference, viz.: William Anderson, A. C. Barmore, J. A. Bronson, C. H. Burr, A. M. Chase, John Davis, E. A. Erwin, Levi Gamet, Fred Gregory, O. J. Hawn, A. J. Layland, Daniel Macgregor, W. H. Mannering, J. W. Metcalf, Peter Muceus, J. W. Peterson, A. B. Phillips, James Pycock, J. T. Riley, F. A. Russell, F. L. Sawley, C. Scott, N. V. Sheldon, A. C. Silvers, S. W. Simmons, F. M. Slover, W. A. Smith, Henry Sparling, J. D. Stead, J. M. Stubbart, Swen Swenson, G. W. Thorburn, D. E. Tucker, R. T. Walters, L. G. Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SILVERS, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1918.

THIRD SEVENTY

To the General Conference: The Third Quorum of Seventy have held three meetings during the present session, and have also met with the First and Second Quorums of Seventy in joint session three times.

It is noted that deep interest is taken in all matters coming before us, and the Spirit of unity prevails in our gatherings.

There are twenty-one members have reported, eighteen of whom are in attendance at the Conference. One of our

members, Elder W. P. Robinson, is at present taking treatment in the Sanitarium, and Elder Rees Jenkins who has been stationed in Jerusalem, Palestine, has been reported captured by the Turks.

Our summarized report of labor for the past year is as follows: Sermons preached, 2,764; number of times in charge, 1,069; number of times assisted, 157; other services attended, 1,802; total number of services attended, 5,052; number baptized, 239; confirmed, 187; assisted to confirm, 110; ordained, 21, assisted to ordain, 9; children blessed, 128; assisted in blessing, 24; administered to, 1,380 sick; assisted in 175 administrations; marriages solemnized, 29; branches organized, 1; new openings made, 26; discussions held, 1; pastoral visits made, 528; acted as member of court, 1; administered sacrament, 43; organized 3 Sunday schools; adjusted 5 cases of difficulty, and submitted 2 cases to court.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1918.

AGRICULTURISTS

The following report was read:

To the General Conference: An organization in the interests of agriculture in the church was effected April 12, with T. A. Hougas, Macedonia, Iowa, as president; F. A. McWithy, Holden, Missouri, first vice president; Floyd M. Lesh, Lamoni, Iowa, second vice president; and W. S. Macrae, secretary-treasurer.

Its general aim is an uplift to the agricultural interests of the church, but no definite plans have been formulated, or lines of work laid out. The exact name of the organization is yet to be determined.

Three sessions have been held in the lower auditorium and good interest shown.

W. S. MACRAE, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 13, 1918.

PICTURE SHOWS

The following was moved:

Resolved, That we consider the practice of attending picture shows offered to the general public in towns and cities as detrimental to spiritual development.

The matter was laid on the table without discussion.

GENERAL FAST

The following was moved and seconded:

Resolved, That it is the desire of this body that the Presidency request a general fast of the church at the beginning of each General Conference.

A motion to refer to the First Presidency prevailed.

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEES

The Order of Bishops reported on nomination:

To the General Conference: The Order of Bishops recommends that Brother R. J. Lambert be sustained as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Home.

Very respectfully,

J. A. BECKER, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1918.

The nomination was approved.

ORDER OF BISHOPS

The Order of Bishops reported concerning the personnel of the Bishopric:

To the General Conference: The Order of Bishops, at their regular meeting on April 11, adopted the following resolution and present the same to you for your consideration.

Whereas, some misunderstanding and confusion has arisen over the statement in Doctrine and Covenants 129: 8, and the conference resolution No. 710, concerning *the personnel* of the Bishopric, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Bishops present at the conference that the term Bishopric as used in Doctrine and Covenants 129: 8, has reference to the men holding the office of bishop under a presiding head and that these should constitute the Order of Bishops.

Sincerely,

J. A. BECKER, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1918.

The motion to adopt was followed by discussion. The previous question was ordered. The motion to adopt prevailed.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

The following was moved and seconded:

Whereas, the Doctrine and Covenants given as a law to govern the church tells us as follows:

“And now, verily I say unto you, concerning the laws of the land, which is constitutional, supporting that principle of things whatsoever I command them, and that law of the land, which is constitutional, supporting that principle of freedom, in maintaining rights and privileges belongs to all mankind and is justifiable before me; therefore, I, the Lord, justifieth you, and your brethren of my church, in befriending that law which is the constitutional law of the land; and as pertaining to the law of man, whatsoever is more or less than these, cometh of evil. I, the Lord God, maketh you free; therefore, ye are free indeed: and the law also maketh you free; nevertheless when the wicked rule the people mourn; wherefore honest men and wise men should be sought for to uphold; othwise whatsoever is less than these, cometh of diligently, and good men and wise men, ye should observe evil.”—Section 95: 2.

And further in section 98, paragraph 10. “Therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another, And for this purpose have I established the constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood.

And, whereas, when members of this church aid and abet organizations or movements such as Marxian Socialism, the I. W. W., or any anarchist organization, they are recreant to the trust imposed upon them by fellowship in this church and are doing cruel injustice to the people of the church whose fealty to the church law above quoted binds them to the maintenance of the law of the land.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now in General Conference assembled, do hereby deprecate all such misrepresentations of our most holy faith and hereby reaffirm our allegiance to the Government and laws of these United States of America.

F. M. SHEEHY.
R. C. RUSSELL.

It was moved to fix a time limit for debate at five minutes. A substitute to provide for ten minutes was moved.

Moved to amend the substitute to read twenty minutes. The question of time was discussed. The previous question was ordered on the time limit. The amendment was lost; the substitute providing for the ten-minute rule was adopted.

A motion to lay the main question on the table was lost.

Following discussion by Elder F. M. Sheehy it was moved to accord the speaker an additional ten minutes at such time as he may claim. Discussion followed; the previous question was ordered on the motion to extend time. The motion was adopted.

Discussion proceeded on the main question.

Following discussion by Elder T. W. Williams, it was moved that he be granted an additional ten minutes when he desires. The motion prevailed.

Following further discussion the chair adjourned the session at 4.25 p. m.

Usual announcements were read. Hymn No. 201 was sung. Elder J. F. Curtis pronounced the benediction.

SANITARIUM

The evening service was devoted to the interests of the Sanitarium, Doctor G. L. Harrington being in charge; the hymn "Onward, Christian soldiers" was sung. Miss Sarah Rogers, superintendent of nurses, led the training school of thirty-five nurses, in blue and white uniforms, followed by the alumni in white.

Doctor Harrington introduced Miss L. Keeley, chief nurse of Red Cross unit No. 28 of Kansas City, who spoke on women nurses in the Red Cross work.

Miss Anna M. Barr, R. N., superintendent of the public health service of Kansas City, spoke of the work of visiting nurses and the open-air schools.

Miss Rogers gave a brief outline of the Sanitarium training school.

Doctor G. L. Harrington called attention to the

great need of nurses, and appealed to the conference delegates to keep this work in mind and to send him names of all those interested in any phase of health work or service.

Elder J. W. Rushton in an address dedicated the Sanitarium service flag.

Piano duet by Myrtle Phillips and Carmen McClain.

Lower auditorium: Woman's Auxiliary, special meeting for women only; Second Independence: preaching by E. F. Robertson, "Our predestined work"; Enoch Hill: L. G. Holloway, "Fellowship with God"; Walnut Park: J. E. Vanderwood, "The might of meekness"; Central Church: J. E. Yates, "Purity and power"; Scandinavian meeting, by Swen Swenson; Church of Christ: R. L. Fulk.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

President F. M. Smith addressed the general assembly of the priesthood in the lower auditorium at 8 a. m.

At 9 a. m. regular prayer meeting, Elders F. F. Whipper and D. E. Dowker in charge.

At 9.15 a. m. a meeting was held in the lower auditorium in the interests of the boy movement, Elder F. M. McDowell in charge.

At 10.45 a. m. a lecture to men was delivered in the upper auditorium by W. A. Wilson, M. D., of Kansas City, Missouri.

At the same hour the Woman's Auxiliary held an informal reception at the high school building for all women of the church present at the conference.

Business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn No. 201 was sung and Presiding Patriarch F. A. Smith offered prayer.

The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference: For the information of the body, we wish to report that we have registered 714 certified members of the conference, 464 of whom are ex-officio and 250 delegates who are not ex-officio.

The following districts are represented by complete delegations: Southern New South Wales, Winnipeg, London, England, Alabama, Western Colorado, Nauvoo, Northeastern Illinois, Des Moines, Fremont, Northwestern Kansas, Minnesota, Holden Stake, Independence Stake, Northeastern Missouri, Saint Louis, Western Montana, Central Nebraska, Northeastern Nebraska, Southern Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Northwestern Ohio, Central Oklahoma, Portland, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, and Southern Wisconsin. Western Oklahoma send credentials but no delegates have appeared. Only a few of the visitors have registered.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,

For the Committee.

The report was adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

The chair stated that the matter pending at adjournment of the previous session was before the assembly.

The following was moved as a substitute for the document under discussion:

Resolved that as citizens of the United States, we hereby reaffirm our belief in and fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and as officers and delegates of this, the sixty-fifth General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, hereby denounce all organizations of any name or character which have expressed opposition to, or sought to hinder the administration of the Government's purposes in the conducting of the present war; and unreservedly express our loyalty to and support of the United States Government in its conducting of the war against the Teutonic allies, humbly praying God's blessing on the allied cause so that complete victory may bring to us an enduring peace, preparing the way for the coming of the kingdom of God.

The previous question was ordered; the substitute was adopted.

BOUNDARY LINES

The committee on boundary lines reported:

To the First Presidency and General Conference: The committee on boundary lines appointed by the conference reports as follows:

Petition of the Eastern Michigan District asking for a division of said district was referred to the committee by the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric with their recommendation of approval. The proposed district to the north to comprise Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Saint Clair Counties; the one to the south to be composed of Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties, with the addition of Livingston, Washtenaw, and Monroe Counties from the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. We recommend this division subject to the approval of the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. We further recommend that the district to the north be known as the Eastern Michigan District and the one to the south to be known as the Detroit District.

In order to officially place the dividing line between the Central Nebraska District and the Southern Nebraska District, as understood by these districts, the committee recommends, subject to ratification by the conferences of the respective districts, that the line be continued from the northwest corner of Lawson County eastward on the Third Standard Parallel North Latitude to the northwest corner of York County, instead of following the Platte River from the western line of Lawson County to the eastern line of Hamilton County as at present.

A committee from the Saskatchewan District request that said district be divided, and we recommend that the request be granted, and that the dividing line be the line between townships numbers twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25); the other boundary lines remaining as at present. We further recommend that these districts be known as the Northern Saskatchewan District and the Southern Saskatchewan District.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. SALYARDS,
P. G. FAIRBANKS,
C. I. CARPENTER,

Committee.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 12, 1918.

A motion to adopt the report prevailed.

MASS QUORUM OF ELDERS

The mass quorum of elders reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference: The mass quorum of elders held their first session on Monday at 9.20 a. m., in the basement of the South Side Church, choosing C. I. Carpenter for chairman. Presidents of stake quorums were selected by him as counselors. The plan regarding program committee, recommended by First Presidency of church, was approved.

In all, six sessions have been held with an average attendance of 65.

The subjects discussed dealt principally with the problems related to the redemption of Zion, such as "Preparation," "Gathering," "Stewardships," etc.

The credential committee registered 226 elders this year. The average number attending our quorum sessions is only 28% of those in attendance at this conference. We hope to see an improvement in this direction.

F. F. WIPPER, *Secretary.*

April 13, 1918.

CONGRESSMAN W. P. BORLAND

At this juncture Congressman W. P. Borland of the Eighth Missouri District was escorted to the platform, and, by invitation of President F. M. Smith, addressed the assembly. His address is inserted.

Mr. President, My Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen: I esteem it a great honor to be called upon to occupy even a few minutes of the time of this important deliberation as your guest to-day. My own heart is with our soldier boys in the field; my work at home, and in Washington, has but one aim to-day and that is the perpetuation of our American institutions and the victory to our boys who have gone so gallantly forth to offer their lives upon the altar of our country.

I know that in whatever assemblage we find ourselves, particularly in a religious assembly, the subject of "Our Boys" is very close to our hearts; it is close to my heart. I am very glad to see this numerous assemblage here in the capital city of our county, in the capital city of our congressional district. I have had the pleasure on frequent occasions of working with your distinguished President, Reverend Frederick M. Smith. I regard it, my friends, as a privilege to

say to you that no man stands higher in my estimation for a clear-cut, transparent, manly character, a man of influence in the community and in the Nation, than Frederick M. Smith of Jackson County, Missouri. Whatever I have had the honor to receive in the way of communications from him, has had my unbounded, complete, and perfect confidence in its reliability and in the fact that it represented the highest type of citizenship and moral attainments in the community. I am glad to find that he represents an element which is aggressive for the good of mankind; he is always on the moral side, on the betterment side of every proposition. He has always felt free to consult with me upon any question of public importance; I have found that his sympathies are broad; they are nation wide and world wide; they extend to our colonial and insular possessions; they have always touched with a healing hand in every enterprise in which they have engaged. I want to renew to him and to you my feelings of the deepest sympathy and cooperation and tender you upon every occasion my own services along lines which I know, in advance, will be for the betterment of humanity.

I want to say to you that I shall in the future, as in the past, take it as a matter of honor and privilege to work in the same harness, side by side, with such distinguished leaders as preside over you to-day, for the great betterment not only of my own district, for we are not narrow in our sympathies, but for the better interests of the United States of America, and for the colonial possessions, which have come under our charge, and for the world which looks to us, to-day, for the leadership of humanity. I thank you.

At 2.40 p. m. President F. M. Smith resigned the chair to President E. A. Smith and retired from the assembly for consultation.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary presented the following report:

To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting: The Woman's Auxiliary has just closed a successful convention. The program was carried out as printed with one or two exceptions. Our speakers were President F. M. Smith, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Miss Charlotte Dryden of Ames, Miss Sarah Pettit of Columbia, Mrs. Audentia Anderson of Omaha, J. W. Rushton and T. W. Williams of California, and Mrs. Lula Sandy of Kansas City. Several meetings held over the appointed time. One extra business session

was called. The attendance at the meetings was the largest in the history of the auxiliary.

The elected officers are: Honorary president, Mrs. Frederick M. Smith; president, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, Holden, Missouri; vice president, Mrs. Fred Koehler, Independence, Missouri; second vice president, Mrs. William Madison, Independence, Missouri; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Gardner, Independence, Missouri; treasurer, Mrs. Edna Esгар, Independence, Missouri; historian, Mrs. Madge Siegfried, Independence, Missouri.

The convention ratified the following nominations made by the elective officers: Editor-in-chief, Mrs. Audentia Anderson, Omaha, Nebraska; superintendent Educational Bureau, Mrs. Dora Glines, Independence, Missouri; superintendent Home and Child Welfare Bureau, Mrs. Lydia Wight, Lamoni, Iowa; superintendent Relief and Service Bureau, Mrs. Helen Silsbee Smith, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; superintendent of Young Woman's Bureau, Mrs. Alice Mae Burgess, Lamoni, Iowa.

The convention recommends for your approval the name of Mrs. Callie B. Stebbins of Lamoni, Iowa, on the Children's Home Board and Mrs. Jennie Studley of Roxbury, Massachusetts, on the Social Purity Board.

It will be of interest to the conference assembled to note the following actions taken by the convention of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The report of the coordinating committee was heartily indorsed and by request of the convention the Presidency of the church placed in nomination their choice for presiding officer for the ensuing year. Their nominee, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, being further ratified by the joint council, was unanimously approved by the convention.

The following resolution was approved: That we heartily indorse the sentiment of the speech made by President F. M. Smith to the women on Monday morning, and that we request the executive committee to take under consideration the printing of the speech in leaflet form.

Another resolution was approved as follows: Because of the lax conditions existent in several of the European nations regarding polygamy and the sacredness of marriage relationship, Be it resolved, that as an international convention of women we favor an amendment to the Constitution of the United States forbidding polygamy.

The executive committee appointed a special committee to draft resolutions expressing our attitude as an organization concerning Red Cross work and war time activities for women. The report of the committee was approved. It reads:

In these days of tragic warfare involving many nations and inflicting unspeakable suffering upon all sections of society, we recognize that the women and children of many of the smaller nations have been especially called to endure bitter privations, sacrifices, and dreadful atrocities. As American women who enjoy the blessings of God in protection from undue hardships, from privations and hunger, with homes still inviolate from ruthless foes, we feel with deep sympathy and concern our true relationship with our suffering sisters in other lands. While we thank God very reverently for his precious blessings to us in this regard, we would not forget the needs or the sorrows of our allied sisters, who have been driven to despair in this horrible struggle marked by death, grief, and ruin.

We have noted with admiration and anxiety, the sublime heroism of our Belgian, Italian, and French women and the noble devotion of our British and colonial sisters. Their splendid loyalty, expressed in deeds of sacrifice and service, stands as a glorious spectacle of ennobled womanhood which all the dark and dreadful history of this war cannot eclipse. Sad as are the events of the past few years, we feel that the awful depths to which the unfortunate women of such countries as Armenia, Serbia, Palestine, and Asia Minor have been plunged, have not been fully sensed. No imagination can picture too fearfully the catalogue of sorrows and indignities to which they have been subjected. We rejoice that our great and powerful Nation has joined with allied democracy to do all possible to stop these organized attacks of conscienceless power (which, in its ruthless march to a sanguinary victory, tramples helpless infancy, maidenly chastity, and womanhood's honor under its iron heel) and, in a united effort for a righteous cause would make the world safe for peace, industry, and the homes of the future.

Be it resolved, therefore, That we, the women of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, represented in the convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, hereby express to the President and Executive of the United States, our unreserved support of the Administration's policies in this crisis, and do pledge ourselves to earnestly do all within our power to secure the final triumph for which we hope and work and pray.

And be it further resolved: That we, the Woman's Auxiliary, show our profound sympathy with the sufferers of Armenia, sending them greetings and good cheer in this dark period of their history, by forwarding for their relief the sum of \$132.35 (collected from those in attendance at the convention), care of Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer.

The above action was taken with the approval of the Presiding Bishop.

The important feature which promises a greater forward movement this year, tending toward closer coordination with the other departments of the church, is the adoption of the report of the coordinating committee. The convention as a whole has been satisfactory.

MRS. D. J. KRAHL, *President*.

MRS. J. A. GARDNER, *Secretary*.

ADDITIONAL REPORT

Since the announcement was made concerning the amount contributed by the women for the Armenian relief course, the conference has voluntarily added \$122.85 to that amount, making the total \$255.20.

MRS. GARDNER.

A motion to approve the report, including its nominations, prevailed.

It was further moved that the sentiments expressed in the report concerning polygamy and the marriage relationship, also the Red Cross work and war activities for women, and concerning the sufferings and indignities inflicted upon Armenia, Belgium, Palestine, and other countries, the support of the United States Government in its policies in the present crisis, be approved as the sentiment of this body. The motion was adopted.

Action was taken providing that the secretaries of the conference forward copies of this action to the secretaries of the British and Australian mission conferences.

HIGH PRIESTS

The Presidency reported a nomination for ordination to the office of high priest:

To the Conference: The selection having been approved by the Quorum of High Priests and the joint council of First Presidency and Twelve, the Presidency recommends Arthur Allen for ordination to the office of high priest.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK M. SMITH.

April 13, 1918.

A motion to approve the nomination prevailed, following a statement of acceptance by Elder Allen.

The chair adjourned the session at 3 p. m. Usual announcements were made, a stanza of hymn No. 31 was sung; benediction by Elder G. T. Griffiths.

At 4 p. m. Mr. Homer Hall of Saint Louis, Missouri, addressed the assembly on the general work of the Red Cross Society.

At 8.15 p. m. the General Conference choir again presented the oratorio, "Elijah" under the direction of Elder A. N. Hoxie, church chorister.

At 7.30 p. m. preaching at Second Independence Church by Elder B. S. Lambkin; subject, "The necessity of forgiving"; at Enoch Hill by Elder J. J. Cornish; at Walnut Park by Elder A. C. Barmore; at the Church of Christ by Elder R. L. Fulk; Scandinavian meeting, address by Elder Swen Swenson.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

ORDINATIONS

At 8. a. m. prayer meeting in the upper auditorium in charge of Elders G. T. Griffiths and A. E. Stone. At this service the brethren named were ordained by elders named as follows:

Office of high priest: D. E. Dowker, by G. T. Griffiths, F. M. Smith, and J. W. Rushton; W. A. Blair, by J. W. Rushton, F. M. Smith, and G. T. Griffiths.

Two brethren wearing the uniform of the United States Army, from Camp Funston, Kansas; were ordained: Harvey E. Gold, to the office of elder, and Alma V. Lockling, to the office of teacher, by F. M. Smith, G. T. Griffiths, and J. W. Rushton.

At 9.30 a. m. the regular session of the First Independence Sunday school was held with Superintendent C. F. Davis and assistants in charge.

Other services for the day were as follows:

Upper auditorium: 11 a. m. preaching by Elder F. M. McDowell, subject, "Youth and the Church"; at 2.30 p. m. preaching by Brother Augustine Dwyer,

subject, "Church Decorum"; at 7.30 p. m. a patriotic service, Elder W. W. Smith in charge. Elder A. N. Hoxie, jr., church chorister, songmaster at League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, lead the singing, by choir and audience, of songs used by the soldiers and sailors of the United States Army and Navy. At this service President Frederick M. Smith delivered a patriotic address, which is inserted.

ADDRESS—F. M. SMITH

[Address by President F. M. Smith at General Conference, April 14. It is planned to include this address in the official minutes of the 1918 conference.]

Contemplation of the great world war has always been accompanied by a depression of spirit. The awful uncertainty of it all, the rapidly changing picture which the conflict presents, nations dissolving over night, new nations being added to the list, the battle front changing almost continuously, keeps one in a constant state of agitation as to what is to happen next. Through all there has been upon me a burden of depression which seems to say, "The worst has not yet been reached." And, while I have been called "pessimistic" and chided for speaking particularly to our soldiers about the probable long duration of the war, I cannot but feel that it is far better for our boys to go to the front appreciating the enormity of the task we are undertaking rather than to think they are going for a play spell.

On the train from El Paso a few days ago I fell into conversation with a sergeant from Camp Cody, at Deming, and he seemed to think that it was very doubtful if the boys then at Deming would see France, and if they did they probably would be taken on a warship, or on a transport; they would see beautiful France behind the lines and perhaps get a glimpse of the coat-tails of the fleeing Germans as they hustled back to Berlin, and that was all.

"Why," said he, "I don't imagine that a German is an eight-story man; I believe every man that is clad in khaki is good for six of them."

I replied: "I don't want to underestimate the ability or the splendid fighting qualities of the American soldier, but I also do not want these boys to underestimate the magnificent military machine that the Germans have been forty years in building, or the splendid qualities of the soldiers of life-long training." And I ventured the prediction that not until we

have three men in the allied forces for every man wearing the uniform of the central powers will we ever whip them. They have all the advantage of position; they have every advantage of the long years of training. I believe this war will not end until all our resources in man power, woman power, and wealth are thrown into the conflict. To do this the Nation must be awakened to the fact that we are in war and in one of the most devastating and destructive wars the world has ever seen.

Our boys are going to the front. Why? It may be safe to say that nine out of ten go to the front because this country is calling, and they go in response to the call of their country. But not yet, in my opinion, in the hearts of our great American Army has been awakened the ideal for which we are fighting. The men at Washington see it, and no man in the wide world has a clearer vision of the ideals for which this country stands than the magnificent man who is in the chair as our chief executive, President Wilson. I pay tribute to-night not only to him as President of the United States, but as one of the greatest statesmen the world has produced! We do not fully realize that America is at war, or just what it means to be at war, because we have not yet been hard hit; and hard hit we will be, if I mistake not the signs of the times. It may be that we need the new birth that will come from being hard against the sore realities of war. As a country at large there has not yet been developed the patriotism we should have in fighting for the ideals that are before the country. But it will come! Latent in the heart of every American is a patriotism unexceeded in any other country, but it is latent in too many instances. It must be aroused and that patriotism must burn not only beneath the khaki coat, but in the heart of every woman and every man in civilian pursuits.

As a Nation we have gone to war several times for selfish and altruistic reasons, but never before have we gone to war for so high an ideal as is that which is directing and guiding our statesmen to-day. Even the statesmen of Great Britain, who are perhaps as world statesmen and politicians unexcelled in intelligence and acumen, have been startlingly pleased and exalted by the fact that this Nation, one of the richest and one of the most powerful nations of the world, has entered the war purely for an ideal. And it has become a bond of friendship between the English-speaking nations that will forever wipe out the bitterness that may have existed as a hang over from the Revolutionary period. Never again will the great English-speaking nations of the world call each other enemies, let us hope.

We have not time to-night to go into details of this great conflict that we might like, but we wish to speak briefly of some of the leading characteristics or ideals of a few of the nations who are fighting together for the same cause. We cannot neglect Belgium, for as one of the most active industrial nations of the world, it has for years occupied a position unique among nations because of its helplessness and its small size; but for all that, it has developed a people whose industries are unexcelled in the world. The magnificent spectacle of that little nation throwing all of its man power before the great war machine rolling ruthlessly over western Europe, and holding it in check, though it meant the sacrifice of its citizens by the thousands, until the allies could make preparation to stop the onward march of that machine, will never in its splendor be surpassed as a military spectacle, and will always challenge the admiration of those who read of it.

Great Britain has been the mother of nations; her jurisprudence has gone around the world, and everywhere the flag of Britain waves it is recognized that in the administration of her laws there is a quickness of justice meted out which challenges the admiration of all law students and those who love justice. One of the great characteristics of the British Nation is the excellence and quickness of its jurisprudence. Our own Nation, so far as its laws are concerned, has much for which to thank Great Britain. With perhaps one or two exceptions our State laws are based on the British jurisprudence. She has taught us our law and even yet we are behind her in the excellence of her great law when seeking for justice.

Italy we might call the mother of religions or the mother of churches. Whatever we might have to say of the great Catholic religion, which has its home in Rome, we must recognize that because of the universality of that church and its religion, and the large number of churches which have sprung from her either as a protest against her in a religious way, or having been fostered by her, we do look back when reading history to Italy as the mother of churches, though in this thought we do not lose sight of Judea and the Christian religion which sprang therefrom, nor yet lose sight of the fact that in the Roman Empire Christianity found shelter in its early days. Besides this for Italy as a nation it must be said that everywhere Italy's flag is seen flying, people recognize that beneath its protecting folds, the world has had a development in art and literature that in excellence is surpassed nowhere in the world. In the history of art, in all its ramifications, in painting, architecture, sculpture, we are inevitably led back to Rome and to Italy.

France, it may be said, stands as one of the most persistent proponents of liberty and her national motto to-day is shouted as the battle cry of thousands and thousands of soldiers, stimulating them in their struggles, fighting to the last drop of blood, even though against overwhelming numbers. There is no finer national motto than that of France, "Liberty, equality, and fraternity."

Of America it can be said that in the expansion and development of international law she has been always the earnest advocate of wider freedom and national liberty. While America has not been recognized in the past as being an European power or having influence in the affairs of Europe, or perhaps in the world; yet, if anyone will examine the history of international law, he will see that on practically every point which has to do with the freedom of the sea, the free exchange of commerce, the widest expanse of liberty, America has always stood as a factor which could not be denied in her demands for higher international liberty, always a keen advocate of the great underlying principles of international law which have so ruthlessly been swept aside by the Teutonic Nations, but which will be eventually reestablished in greater power than ever before. America, then, stands forth with an ideal freer from selfishness than any other nation. And that is as it should be. One of the youngest and most powerful of nations, we cannot but expect that in erecting her ideals she shall pass on beyond the ideals of the nations from which she sprang.

Thus there are allied in the mighty struggles against the great devastating ruthless hordes of Huns the nations holding aloft the highest ideals of civilization.

What a bond of fraternity, what a cause for which to fight and upon which to ask the blessings of God!

I may be permitted to speak somewhat about our own interest as a church in this great conflict. We cannot go into it deeply, but we can to some extent.

Our work in England as a church, so far as proselyting is concerned, is practically at an end. We can do nothing, we can hope to do nothing more than to care for the little remnants of branches or local congregations which may be left there. The "Man Power" bill which recently passed Parliament, is calling to the colors all the British subjects under fifty-one years of age, without any class exemption. That means that everyone holding the priesthood will be called to the colors, no matter what his priesthood or how important his work in the church may be. It will, therefore, leave the care of the branches to older men, and we may be compelled, in order to care for them, to send some of our own men who

have volunteered to go or who may be called upon to do the work. Our English brethren have gone to the front; many of them have bled; many have left their bodies in France or Flanders; some have come back disabled for life, unable to resume its activities, yet have come back with an enhanced opinion of religion, with closer devotion to God, with a deeper sense of what his work means on this earth.

In Canada we have a repetition thereof. While it is true that Canada has not been as hard hit as Great Britain, yet it is true that responding to a large degree to the same ideal that is held up before our people to-day, the splendid manhood of Canada has flocked to the colors until practically all of their perfect manhood have gone to the colors, under certain ages. Conscription is in effect there; they will, doubtless, have to raise the age limit as they have done in Great Britain. There are hundreds of our people from Canada at the front; and let it be said that these Canadian soldiers are fighting with a zeal and idealism that makes them among the finest soldiers on that front.

The same is true of Australia; from all over Australia come reports to my table, of branches that are being hard hit because of young men going to the front; and while they have been fighting local conscription, there has been in effect a social conscription which practically compels every young man of military age to go to the colors and volunteer. That same thing is in effect to a certain extent in America and there are many young men volunteering to go to the colors because they are feeling the effects of the social conscription which is at work, and which will increase as far as its pressure is concerned, until every man able to be at the front who cannot give a good reason for not being there, is going to be kept busy the rest of his life explaining why he was not with the colors.

So far as the church in America is concerned our boys are going to the front, we see no reason why they should not, but see many reasons why they should.

Let me repeat what I have said before in your hearing; as a religious denomination there is no church organization in the wide world which has better, sounder, and deeper-lying reasons for protecting this Nation and giving our Nation our deep and full-hearted support than this church, because to no other church is assigned that peculiar belief that the divine, overruling, great Intelligence, has directed the national affairs from the time independence from Great Britain was declared; and believing as we do in the divine instigation of her institutions, that God is directing her statesmen in international affairs, then we can do no other thing than

say, "When my country needs me, needs my services, here am I. Here it is." And, hence, I can grasp the hand of every one of our young men going to the front, either by drafting or enlistment, and feel that in bidding him "Godspeed," I am but pronouncing a blessing on one who has gone to the front to fight for me, my home, and yours; for whether we realize it or not, the institutions of this country are jeopardized by the success of the central powers to-day. Take a look at the war map of Europe to-day and then learn what has been figured out in advance by the Teutonic forces as to what they should accomplish along certain lines and what should be their ultimate objectives; and you will be startled to know that they have gained at least three fourths of the objectives they started out to accomplish; and if they are defeated, or do not accomplish the conquering of the other fourth, it will only be because this Nation has come to the rescue and thrown all her resources into the balance.

Now, while I approach it with a little hesitancy, I cannot but say something about how our work has been affected in Germany itself. We have had no reports from the branches in Germany for some time; naturally we could not get them! But very early in the war we had reports from the small congregation at Hanover, in effect that out of six men who hold the priesthood four of them had been either killed or permanently disabled and the other two were at the front; and so it goes with nearly every branch from which we have had word. And when I think about our people fighting under the German colors, there comes to me a sanctification of our cause that does not come when I think of our own boys alone; and I cannot help but believe that because of the idealism of this Nation, because of the inevitable success of the flag which has never yet been pulled down, because of the high standard of the international liberty that we are fighting for, the day will come when the Germans themselves will salute our flag in all earnestness, in all seriousness, and with reverence, as being the emblem of one of the most highly actuated and purest-spirited nations in the world. And when that time comes, the Stars and Stripes will be recognized as a world flag in influence and in the principles for which it stands.

Do we owe allegiance, then, to our country? Answer it! For the time is coming, if it is not here, when every man and woman and child in this country will have to answer to what degree he owes allegiance to this country and give an active response to the answer. We must not be found short even one per cent in our sympathy with the allied governments as they are organized to-day, but with the principles

for which they are fighting we must be one hundred per cent pure for liberty and the ideal which has been erected by this Nation and which is being fought for by her and her splendid allies. God grant that when the time comes for our church people to give that answer, it will be that which we will be proud of, and it will be that we are under His protection and direction fighting for the ultimate glory of His cause.

Respectfully, in gospel fellowship,

FREDERICK M. SMITH.

The utterances of the speaker were frequently applauded. The audience was deeply stirred by the spirit of patriotic enthusiasm. At the conclusion of President Smith's address Elder T. W. Williams offered the prayer of dedication of the service flag to be displayed at the general church offices.

Lower auditorium, 11 a. m., preaching by Bishop E. L. Kelley, subject, "Full acceptance"; at 2.30 p. m. preaching by Elder U. W. Greene, subject "Latter-day conflicts from the watch-tower of ancient and modern prophecy"; at 7.30 p. m. preaching by Bishop Carmichael on "The Order of Enoch."

Second Independence Church preaching at 11 a. m. by Elder R. S. Salyards, subject, "Significance of stake organization"; at 2.30 p. m. by Bishop B. J. Scott, subject, "The promises of God runneth sure"; at 7.30 p. m. preaching by Elder T. C. Kelley, subject, "Sowing and reaping."

Enoch Hill, at 11 a. m., preaching by Elder James Pycock, "Our present opportunities"; 2.30 p. m., D. J. Williams, "Power of example"; 7.30 p. m., Fred Gregory; Walnut Park: 11 a. m., J. F. Keir, "The church and the poor"; 2.30 p. m., D. J. Krahl, "Rural problems, with some suggestions"; 7.30 p. m., J. A. Tanner, "The church and its delinquents"; Central Church: 11 a. m., T. W. Williams, "Zion, her beautiful garments"; 2.30 p. m., T. J. Elliott, "Kulture"; 7.30 p. m., Hubert Case, "The new field for missionary work"; Church of Christ: 7.30 p. m., J. J. Cor-

nish; Liberty Street Mission: 11 a. m. by Rolly Fox; 7.30 p. m. by Samuel Twombly; at Bennington Heights, by Joseph Arber, "He that is least."

MONDAY, APRIL 15

President F. M. Smith and Bishop B. R. McGuire addressed the assembly of the priesthood, at 8 a. m., in the lower auditorium.

The regular prayer meeting was held in the upper auditorium at 9 a. m., Elders H. H. Robinson and Hiram Dickout in charge.

Preaching at 10.45 a. m. by Elder J. F. Curtis.

Business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in charge.

Hymn No. 97 was sung; prayer by Elder G. T. Griffiths.

The minutes were approved.

ADMINISTRATION TO SICK

The committee appointed on administration to the sick reported:

To the General Conference: The committee on administration to the sick report that those to whom we have been called and those who have called upon us for administration comprise a larger number than usual. The total administered to is 162. In many cases great relief has been realized.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BULLARD, *Chairman.*

April 15, 1918.

Other reports were read:

ORDER OF EVANGELISTS

To the General Conference, Greeting: The order has held five sessions in which we have considered matters pertaining to our work, unity and peace prevailing. We also held one joint session with the Quorum of Twelve, and one with the Presidency and Twelve.

There have been eleven of our members present, viz, F. A. Smith, Isaac M. Smith, I. N. White, Ammon White, J. W.

Wight, W. A. McDowell, A. D. Angus, J. Shields, William Lewis, F. G. Pitt, and H. O. Smith.

FREDERICK A. SMITH, *President*.

H. O. SMITH, *Secretary*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 15, 1918.

LIBERTY BOND

To the General Conference: Through the action of the First and Second Quorums of Seventy appropriations of \$25 each were made for the purchase of a Liberty Bond, which is to be turned over to the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

Respectfully, in gospel fellowship,

S. S. SMITH, *Secretary First Quorum*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 15, 1918.

ORDER OF BISHOPS

To the General Conference: The Order of Bishops convened April 6 and has held in all nine sessions.

Sixteen bishops out of our enrollment of nineteen have been present with an average attendance of 92 per cent. Of the three absent, one is in Australia, one in England, and the third has been detained from coming to conference owing to sickness.

Eleven bishops have attended all the sessions. Three missed but one session each, having been called upon for service in other departments during the time of our session.

Seven counselors met with us to whom the order has extended the courtesy of voice in all our meetings.

In addition to the consideration of the matters referred to the order by the conference, action upon which has already been reported, we have devoted considerable time to the discussion of the questions of stewardships, inheritances, and the gathering.

Great earnestness and devotion to our work has been manifest by each member present. As a result of our deliberations we are arriving at a clearer conception of our duties, and with a desire to be fully qualified to perform the responsible work entrusted to us we are determined to continue our preparations by personal effort to be supplemented by the directing influence of the Spirit of the Lord.

Very truly,

J. A. BECKER, *Secretary*.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 15, 1918.

HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

The joint council reported on the matter referred to it by the session of the 6th inst:

To the General Conference: We are instructed by the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, to whom was referred by the conference the matter pertaining to the reorganization of the Historian's office, to report the following action:

"Moved that we instruct the secretaries to report to the conference that we have met with the Historian, and that we reaffirm our previous resolution."

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SMITH,

Secretary Presidency.

JAMES A. GILLEN,

Assistant Secretary Twelve.

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A motion to adopt was followed by a substitute: That Brother Heman C. Smith be sustained as historian and that the joint council be authorized to appoint an assistant historian. Discussion followed. The previous question was ordered. The substitute was lost; the motion to adopt prevailed.

PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

The Presidents of Seventy reported:

To the General Conference; Greeting: The Council of Seven Presidents of Seventy have held ten sessions to date. They also met in joint council with the Presidency and Twelve once, and with the three quorums of seventy five times.

There are two vacancies in the council. To fill one of those vacancies, the name of James W. Davis has been selected.

The following elders have been selected to be ordained to the office of seventy: S. G. St. John, P. R. Burton, J. D. Carlisle, Hale W. Smith, Thomas W. Curtis, Lyman W. Fike, Edward J. Gleazer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. LONG, *Secretary Council.*

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It was moved to adopt the report and approve the recommendations.

The chair stated that the names would be considered separately.

The brethren named stated their willingness to accept, and by separate motions were approved.

HIGH PRIESTS

The First Presidency reported the following:

To the General Conference: The following names having been approved by the joint council and the High Priests Quorum for ordination to office of high priest the Presidency present them for consideration and approval of the conference: George H. Parker (Australia), Elwyn R. Davis, Charles E. Jones, Jesse Hardin.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. SMITH, *for the Presidency.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 15, 1918.

A motion to approve the nominations was followed by statements recommending Elders G. H. Parker and Charles E. Jones, absent. Elders E. R. Davis and Jesse Hardin expressed willingness to accept. The names were voted upon separately and approved.

EVANGELICAL MINISTERS

The Quorum of Twelve reported:

To the Presidency and General Conference; Greeting: I am authorized by the Quorum of Twelve to present to your honorable body for consideration and approval the following recommendations for ordination to the office of patriarch: George W. Burt, Richard Baldwin.

These recommendations have been approved by the First Presidency also.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. RUSHTON, *Secretary.*

It was moved to approve the nominations. Elder G. W. Burt, not present, was recommended by a number of brethren. Elder Richard Baldwin expressed willingness to accept. The names were voted upon separately and approved.

SUSTAINED

The following named were sustained by unanimous vote of the conference: Frederick M. Smith as president of the high priesthood and prophet, seer,

and revelator to the church; Elbert A. Smith as counselor to the president of the church; the Quorum of Twelve; the Presidents of Seventy; the First, Second, and Third Quorums of Seventy; The Presiding Bishopric; the Order of Bishops; the Presiding Patriarch and Order of Evangelists; the Standing High Council; the Quorum of High Priests; the Eldership; the Aaronic Priesthood; the Chorister, the Recorder, the Secretary, the several departments of church work.

HIGH PRIESTS QUORUM

Elder J. A. Tanner, president of the Quorum of High Priests, stated that the Quorum of High Priests had approved the selection of Elder W. S. Macrae as counselor to the president of that quorum, vice Elder V. M. Goodrich, resigned. The nomination was approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments were read as follows:

To the General Conference; Greeting: I am instructed by the joint council to present to you for your consideration and approval the following lists of appointments made for the conference year 1918 and 1919.

It will be noticed that many are referred to the Post Conference Council. This does not imply discredit to those so listed, but is in order to give opportunity to make deliberate adjustments to supply needs which must be investigated.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the joint council,

JOHN W. RUSHTON.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 15, 1918.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE JOINT COUNCIL OF FIRST PRESIDENCY AND THE QUORUM OF TWELVE

EVANGELICAL MINISTERS

1. Angus, Archibald D., New York District.
2. Carlisle, Joshua, Central Nebraska District.
3. Davis, James, Eastern Michigan District.
4. Gresty, J. T., New South Wales, Australia.
5. Lewis, William, Kansas City Stake.
6. McDowell, W. A., Far West Stake.

7. Pitt, Frederick G., Toronto District.
 tricts.
9. Smith, Hyrum O., Spring River District.
10. Smith, Isaac M., Holden Stake.
11. White, Ammon, Western Colorado District.
12. White, Isaac N., Independence Stake.
13. Wight, John W., Lamoni Stake.

BISHOPS

1. Becker, J. A., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
2. Blair, Fred B., Kansas City Stake.
3. Bullard, Richard, Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
4. Evans, Richard C., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
5. Kelley, E. L., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
6. May, Roderick, British Mission.
7. Lewis, George, Australia.

HIGH PRIESTS

1. Berve, Amos, Little Sioux District, (Local).
2. Bishop, James E., New York District. L.
3. Burt, George W., Central Michigan District. L.
4. Chrestensen, J. C., Eastern Oklahoma District. L.
5. Closson, A. V., Southern Missouri District. L.
6. Cook, Marcus H., Southwestern Oregon District. L.
7. Cool, Fred A., Holden Stake, Warrensburg objective. L.
8. Davis, Evan A., Holden Stake. (Missionary).
9. Davidson, Holmes J., Northern California District, Stockton objective. L.
10. Deam, William H., Independence Stake, Enoch Hill objective. L.
11. Ebeling, Francis J., Southern Ohio District. L.
12. Elliott, Thomas J., Kansas City Stake. L.
13. Etzenhouser, Merrill A., Kansas City Stake, Chelsea Park objective. L.
14. Farrell, Ralph W., Massachusetts District, Providence objective. L.
15. Fry, Charles, Spring River District. L.
16. Garrett, William H., Southern California District, Long Beach objective. L.
17. Grice, William M., London District. L.
18. Harrington, George E., Northeastern Kansas District. L.
19. Hawkins, Charles W., Northern California District. L.
20. Henson, E. L., Southwestern Texas District. L.

21. Jones, J. H. N., Victoria District, Australia, Melbourne objective. L.
22. Jones, Thomas, Wales and Southwestern England. L.
23. Jordan, T. J., Saskatchewan District, Canada. L.
24. Knowlton, George H., Northern Maine District. M.
25. Lambkin, B. S., Pottawattamie District. L.
26. McClain, J. R., Kentucky and Tennessee District. L.
27. Macrae, W. S., Holden Stake, Knobnoster objective. L.
28. Mills Arthur H., Southern California District, San Bernardino objective. L.
29. Miller, C. Ed., Hawaiian Territory, Honolulu objective. L.
30. Mintun, J. Frank, Northwestern Ohio District, Toledo objective. L.
31. Moler, H. E., Clinton District. L.
32. Osler, William, Alberta District. L.
33. Parson, A. H., Independence Stake, Walnut Park objective. L.
34. Peak, W. E., Kewanee District. L.
35. Rannie, Edward, Central Oklahoma District. L.
36. Sparling, William, Eastern Iowa District. L.
37. Starks, Arthur E., Northern Michigan District, Boyne City objective. L.
38. Stone, A. E., Pittsburgh District. L.
39. Sutton, J. R., Eastern Colorado District. L.
40. Terry, John M., British Columbia and Seattle District, Seattle objective. L.
41. Thomas, T. U., Youngstown and Sharon District, Youngstown objective. L.
42. Twombly, Samuel, Far West Stake. L.
43. Williams, D. T., Des Moines District, Des Moines objective. L.
44. Williams, D. J., Nauvoo District, Burlington objective. L.

SEVENTIES

1. Allen, Arthur, Nauvoo District, Nauvoo objective. L.
2. Anderson, William, Northeastern Kansas District. M.
3. Arber, Joseph, Des Moines District, M.
4. Baker, A. M., Saint Louis District. M.
5. Baldwin, Richard, Kirtland District. L.
6. Barmore, A. C., Western Oklahoma District and Panhandle of Texas. M.
7. Booker, Aima, Pittsburgh District. M.
8. Booker, N. L., Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho. M.
9. Bootman, William P., Alberta District. M.
10. Bronson, Jott A., Eastern Montana District. M.
11. Brown, R. T., Society Islands. M.
12. Burt, Ernest N., Western Michigan District. M.

13. Case, Hubert, Lamoni Stake. M.
14. Chrestensen, Alva H., Society Islands. M.
15. Condit, S. D., Referred to Post Conference Council.
16. Cornish, John J., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
17. Curtis, E. A., Kewanee District. M.
18. Davis, Robert D., Northern Michigan District. M.
19. Davis, William, Western Michigan District. M.
20. Davis, James W., Toronto District, Hamilton objective. L.
21. Davis, John, Northeastern Missouri District. M.
22. Davis, J. Arthur, Referred to Post Conference Council.
23. Doty, Byron H., London District, Canada. M.
24. Dowker, David E., Southern California District, Los Angeles objective. L.
25. Dowker, J. A., Southern Nebraska District. M.
26. Dutton, Jasper O., Northeastern Illinois District. L.
27. Ellis, Clyde, Society Islands. (In charge.) M.
28. Ellis, William D., Owen Sound District. M.
29. Erwin, E. A., Arkansas and Louisiana. M.
30. Etzenhouser, Rudolph, Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
31. Fulk, R. L., Central Illinois District. M.
32. Gamet, Levi, Central Nebraska District. M.
33. Gregory, Fred, Alberta District. M.
34. Greenwood, William H., British Mission. M.
35. Grice, John R., Eastern Michigan District. M.
36. Grimes, J. F., Eastern Oklahoma District. M.
37. Haden, W. E., Lamoni Stake. M.
38. Halb, Jacob G., Southern Ohio District. M.
39. Harpe, Charles E., Gallands Grove District. M.
40. Hawm, O. J., Central Michigan District. M.
41. Haworth, Walter J., Australia. M.
42. Higdon, Amos T., Western Colorado District. L.
43. Hills, L. E., Holden Stake, Lexington objective. L.
44. Holloway, Leonard G., Utah District. L.
45. Houghton, Leonard, Northern Wisconsin District. M.
46. Jenkins, George, Kansas City Stake. M.
47. Knisley, Alvin, Referred to Post Conference Council.
48. Koehler, H. A., Northern Maine. M.
49. Layland, A. J., New Mexico. M.
50. Lentell, J. R., New York and Philadelphia District, Scranton objective. L.
51. Long, Elmer E., Northwestern Ohio District. M.
52. Macgregor, Daniel, Lamoni Stake. M.
53. Mannering, W. H., Referred to Post Conference Council.
54. McConley, Myron A., Hawaiian Territory. M.

55. McConnaughy, J. C., Pittsburgh District. M.
56. May, J. Charles, Eastern Colorado District. M.
57. Metcalf, J. W., Southwestern Texas District. M.
58. Mortimer, J. L., Owen Sound District. M.
59. Moore, L. C., Southern Indiana District. M.
60. Okerlind, O. W., Far West Stake. M.
61. Palmer, D. S., Central Texas District. M.
62. Parker, J. L., Southern Nebraska District, Lincoln objective. L.
63. Paxton, J. W., Saint Louis District. M.
64. Pendleton, S. D., Central Michigan District. M.
65. Peterson, John W., Saskatchewan District, Canada. M.
66. Phillips, A. B., New York and Philadelphia District, First Philadelphia Branch objective. L.
67. Pierce, H. N., South Dakota. M.
68. Quick, Lee, Spring River District and Kansas counties of Clinton District. M.
69. Reiste, S. M., Nevada. M.
70. Riley, J. T., Arkansas and Louisiana. M.
71. Robley, George W., New York District and East Connecticut. M.
72. Robertson, E. F., Eastern Colorado District. M.
73. Sade, O. E., Eastern Colorado District. M.
74. St. John, S. G., London District, Canada. M.
75. Savage, Hinman W., New Zealand. M.
76. Sawley, F. L., Southern Indiana District. M.
77. Self, Walter M., Central Nebraska District. M.
78. Shakespeare, W. E., Minnesota District. M.
79. Sheehy, John F., Eastern Maine District. M.
80. Silvers, A. C., Spring River District, Nowata objective. L.
81. Simmons, S. W., Central Texas District. M.
82. Slover, F. M., Southeastern Illinois District. M.
83. Smith, S. S., Spokane District. L.
84. Smith, W. A., Pottawattamie District. M.
85. Smith, Joseph W., Western Nebraska and Black Hills. M.
86. Smith, James M., Central Oklahoma District. M.
87. Stead, J. D., Northwestern Canada. M.
88. Stubbart, J. M., Referred to Post Conference Council.
89. Swenson, Swen, Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
90. Thorburn, George, Western Montana District. M.
91. Tomlinson, G. C., Owen Sound District. M.
92. Vanderwood, J. E., Western Oklahoma District and Panhandle of Texas. M.
93. Weaver, Richard D., Chatham District. M.
94. Whiteaker, A. L., Northern Wisconsin District. M.

95. Whiting, Burch, Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
96. Wildermuth, L. O., Southern Wisconsin District. M.
97. Wildermuth, J. E., North Dakota District. M.
98. Wildermuth, J. B., Fremont District. M.
99. Yates, J. E., Holden Stake. M.

ELDERS

1. Bailey, J. W., Holden Stake. L.
2. Barrett, J. B., Gallands Grove District. L.
3. Bath, William, Spring River District. M.
4. Brackenbury, F. S., Eastern Michigan District. M.
5. Brooner, W. A., Northern California District. M.
6. Budd, Roy S., Far West Stake, Cameron objective. L.
7. Burton, P. R., Central Illinois District. M.
8. Burt, George E., Southern Ohio District. M.
9. Butterworth, C. W., Australia. M.
10. Carlile, J. D., Wheeling District. M.
11. Chapman, Nephi T., Southern California District. M.
12. Cook, Philip, Oklahoma. M.
13. Corbett, A. J., New South Wales, Sydney objective. L.
14. Curtis, Thomas W., Northwestern Kansas District. M.
15. Davies, Edwin H., South Australia, Adelaide objective. L.
16. Davis, Elwyn R., Eastern Iowa District. L.
17. Ely, John, Northeast Missouri District. M.
18. Fields, S. H., Florida District. M.
19. Fike, Lyman W., Northern Wisconsin District. M.
20. Fligg, William I., Eastern Michigan District, Port Huron objective. L.
21. Flint, B. C., Southern Wisconsin District. L.
22. Gray, Sidney N., Spring River District. M.
23. Gleazer, Edmund J., New York and Philadelphia District. M.
24. Goodman, John C., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. M.
25. Hall, Abel, British Mission, Leeds and Bradford. L.
26. Hardin, Jesse N., Northwestern Ohio District. L.
27. Heading, N. C., Utah District. M.
- 27½. Higdon, A. T., Western Colorado District. L.
28. Hull, E. B., Massachusetts District, Attleboro objective. L.
29. Jones, Charles E., Portland, Oregon District. L.
30. Karlstrom, Albert V., Spring River District. M.
31. Kelley, W. H., Southeastern Illinois District. L.
32. Kuykendall, Gland R., New York and Philadelphia District, Second Philadelphia Branch objective. L.
33. Lenox, E. J., Southern Wisconsin District. M.
34. Liston, M. W., Eastern Michigan District, Flint. M.

35. Loving, Albert L., Victoria District, Australia. M.
36. McCord, Arch E., Far West Stake. M.
37. McFadden, L. M., Kentucky and Tennessee District. M.
38. McKnight, J. W., Florida District. M.
39. McMullen, I. L., British Columbia and Seattle District. M.
40. Martin, A. C., Southwestern Oregon District. M.
41. Miller, A. G., North Carolina and South Carolina. M.
42. Newby, Robert, Spokane District. M.
43. Neville, William C., Kirtland District. M.
44. Newton, Thomas, Virginias. M.
45. Nunley, J. M., Virginias. M.
46. Parkes, Willard M., Utah District. M.
47. Patterson, William, Northern New South Wales District, Australia. M.
48. Peisker, Edwin A. H., Queensland District, Australia. M.
49. Pement, Philemon, Toronto District, Ottawa. M.
50. Prettyman, C. W., Western Nebraska and Black Hills. M.
51. Pouuhua, James, Hawaiian Territory. M.
52. Reed, Perl Percy, Spokane District. M.
53. Robinson, A. V., New Zealand. M.
54. Rowe, Fred A., Alabama District. M.
55. Shelley, E. C., North Carolina and South Carolina. M.
56. Shower, J. D., Northwestern Kansas District. M.
57. Smith, Charles J., Little Sioux District. M.
58. Smith, Hale W., Massachusetts District. M.
59. Vaughan, Wilfred John, Northern New South Wales District, Australia. M.
60. Velt, Harold I., Victoria District, Australia. M.
61. Warr, Albert E., Des Moines District. M.
62. Wilson, J. A., Toronto District. M.
63. Wilson, Nelson, Winnipeg District. L.
64. Wilson, Newman N., Eastern Maine District. M.
65. Winegar, H. E., Southern Missouri District. M.
66. Wixom, George H., Southern California District. M.
67. Wood, Wilbert, Chatham District. M.
68. Yager, J. H., Chatham District. M.

PRIESTS

1. Clifford, Cornelius N., Chatham District. M.
2. Logston, David B., Northwestern Ohio District. M.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Walters, R. T., S., Referred to Post Conference Council.
2. Condit, S. D., S., Referred to Post Conference Council.
3. Kelley, Thomas C., S., Southeastern Mission in charge.
4. Muccus, Peter, S., Referred to Post Conference Council.
5. Page, J. C., S., Referred to Post Conference Council.

6. Scott, Columbus, S., Superannuated.
7. Scott, S. W. L., S., Referred to Post Conference Council.
8. Stubbart, J. M., S., Referred to Post Conference Council.
9. Tucker, D. E., S., Referred to Post Conference Council.
10. Turpen, M. M., H. P., Referred to Post Conference Council.
11. Williams, T. W., H. P., Referred to Post Conference Council.
12. Burtch, C. N., E., Referred to Post Conference Council.
13. McKim, B. L., E., Referred to Post Conference Council.
14. Slye, R. F., E., Referred to Post Conference Council.
15. Martin, John, E., Referred to Post Conference Council.
16. Clark, T. L., E., Referred to Post Conference Council.
17. Finken, E. D., P., Referred to Post Conference Council.

The following list of appointees is supplementary to the one presented to the General Conference and represents the work of the joint council in post conference session.

Corbin, C. J., listed among the elders, should be changed to read A. J. Corbett.

Higdon, A. T., was listed among the seventies by mistake. Should be classified among the elders.

Evangelical Minister:

Barkus, J. W., Queensland District, Australia.

High Priests:

1. Goodrich, V. M., Southern California District. M.
2. Moore, A. J., Western Montana District. L.
3. Turpen, M. M., Lamoni Stake. L.

Seventies:

1. Davis, J. Arthur, Southwestern Kansas (Unorganized Territory). M.
2. Knisley, Alvin, Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming. M.
3. Mantering, W. H., Arizona. M.
4. Muceus, Peter, Wisconsin State. M.
5. Page, J. C., Saskatchewan District. M.
6. Pycock, James, Massachusetts District. M.
7. Russell, Frank A., Southwestern Kansas (Unorganized Territory). M.
8. Scott, Columbus, Superannuated.
9. Scott, S. W. L., Kirtland District, Temple objective. M.
10. Sparling, Henry, Southeastern Illinois District. M.
11. Tucker, D. E., Southern Ohio District. L.
12. Walters, R. T., Southern Missouri District. M.
13. Willey, C. E., Nauvoo District. M.
14. Christy, Wardell, Northeastern Illinois District, Chicago objective. M.

Elders:

1. Chrestensen, W. W., Clinton District. M.
2. Clark, Thomas L., Eastern Michigan District. M.
3. McKim, B. L., Utah District. M.
4. Martin, J. F., Eastern Colorado District, Colorado Springs objective. M.
5. Orton, Ernest M., Northern Michigan District. M.
6. Spicer, B. F., Central Texas District. L.

Priest:

1. Finken, E. D., Wheeling District. M.
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 27, 1918.

Elder J. W. Rushton, secretary of the Twelve, stated that the list of appointments was incomplete; that additions and corrections would be made by the post conference council.

A motion to approve the appointments, subject to corrections by the joint council, was adopted.

Announcements were read and at 4.20 p. m. the conference adjourned to meet according to previous resolution.

Hymn No. 51 was sung; Presiding Patriarch Frederick A. Smith pronounced the closing benediction.

At 8 p. m. Elder F. M. Sheehy delivered an illustrated lecture on the subject of "The Book of Mormon in the light of American archæology."

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

ORDINATIONS

Following adjournment of the conference an ordination service was held in the upper auditorium of the church at 8 a. m., President F. M. Smith in charge.

Hymn No. 34 was sung; Elder P. M. Hanson offered prayer.

The brethren named were ordained to offices designated, by President F. M. Smith and members of the Quorum of Twelve, as follows: Richard Baldwin, evangelical minister, by G. T. Griffiths and F. M.

Smith; Doctor G. L. Harrington, as Church Physician, by F. M. Smith and G. T. Griffiths. To the office of high priest: Jesse M. Hardin, by J. W. Rushton and P. M. Hanson; Ralph A. Harder, by P. M. Hanson and J. W. Rushton; E. R. Davis, by J. A. Gillen and J. F. Curtis; Arthur Allen, by J. F. Curtis and J. A. Gillen. To the office of seventy: P. R. Burton, by U. W. Greene and W. M. Aylor; L. W. Fike, by W. M. Aylor and U. W. Greene; T. W. Curtis, by J. F. Curtis and G. T. Griffiths; J. D. Carlisle, by P. M. Hanson and J. A. Gillen; H. W. Smith, by J. A. Gillen and P. M. Hanson; James W. Davis, president of seventy, by G. T. Griffiths and J. F. Curtis.

Hymn No. 187 was sung; benediction by J. W. Rushton.

Joint councils were held following the conference by the Presidency, Twelve, Seventy, and the Order of Bishops, at which important questions involving general church interests were considered.

FREDERICK M. SMITH,

ELBERT A. SMITH,

Presidents.

RICHARD S. SALYARDS,

Secretary.

R. S. SALYARDS, JR.,

Assistant Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS BY POST CONFERENCE COUNCIL

Burtch, C. N., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. M.

Barkus, John W., Queensland District, Australia. E. M.

Chrestensen, W. W., Clinton District. M.

Clark, Thomas L., Eastern Michigan District. M.

Davis, J. Arthur, Southwestern Kansas (Unorganized Territory). M.

Finken, E. D., priest, Wheeling District. M.

Knisley, Alvin, Western Nebraska and Wyoming. M.

Martin, John F., Eastern Colorado District, Colorado Springs objective. M.

Moore, A. J., Western Montana District. L.
Mannering, W. H., Arizona. M.
Muceus, Peter, Wisconsin. M.
Orton, Ernest M., Northern Michigan District. M.
Pycock, James, Massachusetts District. M.
Page, J. C., Saskatchewan District. M.
Russell, F. A., Southwestern Kansas (Unorganized Territory).
M.
Sparling, Henry, Southeastern Illinois District. M.
Scott, S. W. L., Kirtland District, Kirtland Temple objective.
M.
Spicer, B. F., Central Texas District. L.
Turpen, M. M., Lamoni Stake. L.
Tucker, D. E., Southern Ohio District. L.
Walters, R. T., Southern Missouri District. M.
Wiley, C. E., Nauvoo District. M.
FREDERICK M. SMITH, *President of Council.*
JOHN W. RUSHTON, *Secretary of Twelve.*
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