

# Minutes of General Conference 1919

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

The Sixty-sixth General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints convened in the Saints' church, at Lamoni, Iowa, on Sunday, April 6, 1919.

There was no organization of the General Conference on the regular opening day. Services, provided for by the First Presidency, were held as follows:

Upper auditorium. At 8 a. m., sacrament service, in charge of Lamoni Stake authorities.

At 9.30 a. m., regular session of the Lamoni Sunday School, Elder G. W. Blair, superintendent, and assistants in charge. Addresses were delivered by Bishop B. R. McGuire, and Elders G. R. Wells, superintendent, and E. D. Moore, secretary, of the General Sunday School Association.

At 11 a. m., sermon by Elder U. W. Greene, subject "Reaching the Lower Classes of Humanity." He was assisted by Elder R. S. Salyards.

At 3 p. m., memorial address by Elder J. W. Rushton, in memory of members of the church from Graceland College who made the supreme sacrifice in the late European war. Professor G. N. Briggs assisted the speaker. Members of the American Expeditionary Force were present. The General Conference Choir, the Graceland College Glee Club, and the Graceland Orchestra rendered appropriate musical numbers.

At 7.45 p. m., preaching by Elder T. W. Williams, assisted by Elder D. T. Williams.

Lower Auditorium. Services were held as fol-

lows: 11 a. m., preaching by Elder William Fligg, assisted by Elder J. L. Parker; 3 p. m., by Elder R. W. Farrell, assisted by Elder A. C. Silvers; 8 p. m., by Elder G. H. Wixom, assisted by Elder J. W. Davis.

Services at Lamoni Coliseum: 11 a. m., preaching by Elder J. R. Grice, assisted by Elder Hubert Case; 3 p. m., preaching by Elder Lee Quick, assisted by Elder Peter Muceus; 8 p. m., preaching by Elder W. L. Christy, assisted by Elder Hubert Case.

The weather was pleasant, the attendance was large, and the services were greatly enjoyed by the conference people.

Meals were served in the basement of the Lamoni Coliseum.

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

At 7 a. m., prayer meeting by the Conference Choir, Chorister A. N. Hoxie in charge.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The following program of the Woman's Auxiliary occupied the morning hours from 8 a. m. until noon.

"Retrospective and prospective," Mrs. D. J. Krahl, president, Holden, Missouri.

Report of Woman's Building activities.

Business; organization.

General policies of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Frederick M. Smith, honorary president, Independence, Missouri.

General discussion.

"The home," Paul M. Hanson, Independence, Missouri.

#### ORGANIZATION

The General Conference convened in business session at 2 p. m. in the upper auditorium. President Frederick M. Smith called the assembly to order, Hymn No. 158, "Redeemer of Israel," was sung. President Elbert A. Smith offered the opening prayer:

We look to thee, Almighty God of love, believing that we are still the recipients of thy blessing and that the church

is still the object of thy love and direction. So we come to thee with a feeling of assurance and confidence that we will be directed by thy Holy Spirit.

We present before thee this waiting assemblage that shortly will constitute the conference of thy people, and we pray that as it shall be organized and as we shall move forward upon the business that may come before us, that we may do so continuously under the direction of thy Holy Spirit.

We feel that it is an eventful moment and a time that should challenge our prayerful attention—if we have forebodings we pray that they may vanish away as presently we shall see unfolded before us the revelation of thy will and its accomplishment. Wilt thou so direct us, we pray, that we may so deport ourselves in faith and without feelings of partisanship that we may judge carefully all that shall come before us for our consideration.

Bless, we pray, the delegates and the ministry, all those who are burdened with the responsibility of deciding the questions that come before them; may they do so carefully, feeling that they are representing the church and are seeking to safeguard her interests.

Be with us now, we pray, and in every session of this conference, of whatever nature, may we be blessed of thee.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

It was moved and seconded that the First Presidency preside over the General Conference; that they be authorized to determine the character and time of sessions, to appoint speakers and presiding officers, and to make other appointments necessary to complete organization of the conference. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

President F. M. Smith called attention to the following published report of the committee on credentials:

*To the Presidency and the General Conference:* The credential committee has carefully examined the credentials furnished us by the First Presidency's office and hereby reports as follows:

##### AUSTRALIA

Northern New South Wales, 439 members, 4 votes: E. F.

Robertson, G. R. Wells, J. W. Davis, F. G. Pitt.

Southern New South Wales, no credentials.

Southern Queensland, no credentials.

Victoria, 405 members, 4 votes; Mrs. P. M. Hanson, F. G. Pitt, Mrs. F. G. Pitt, A. C. Barmore. *Alternates:* G. R. Wells, J. W. Davis, E. F. Robertson, J. W. Wight. *Not instructed.*

Perth Branch, no credentials.

#### CANADA

Alberta, no credentials.

Chatham, 1,505 members, 15 votes: James H. Tyrrell, Richard D. Weaver, Mrs. Lyle Weaver, John C. Dent, Cornelius M. Clifford, Lawrence D. Campbell, Frederick A. Smith, John Shields, Wilber Wood, Annie Wood, Joseph Yager, George Elgie, William L. Ross, Eulalia Ross, John Taylor. *Alternates:* David Thorpe, Anthony R. Hewitt, Mary E. Hewitt, Dessie Burr, David Snobelin, Lizzie Tyrrell, S. Lamont.

London, 1,016 members, 10 votes: William Grice, James A. Gillen, R. C. Russell, John Shields, J. F. Curtis, G. C. Tomlinson, John McKenzie, Rosa Tier. *Alternates:* John Vasbinder, Cynthia Vasbinder, James Winegarten, Joseph Yager, John Burger, C. C. Raison, Ray Hardy, Margaret Hardy, Charles W. Alford, Jessie Alford, Perry Jonliff, Ethel Jonliff, William Fligg, James Johnson, Mrs. James Johnson, Annie Hackey, Daniel Macgregor, Maggie Macgregor.

Nova Scotia, no credentials.

Northern Saskatchewan, 340 members, 3 votes; J. J. Cornish, Thomas J. Jordan, Daniel Macgregor, J. C. Page. *1 in excess.*

Southern Saskatchewan, no credentials.

Owen Sound, 1,618 members, 16 votes: D. B. Perkins, John Shields, J. L. Mortimer, G. C. Tomlinson, S. G. St. John, W. D. Ellis, James A. Morrison, J. W. Davis, D. W. Cameron, R. Whitehead, P. Piement, Mrs. D. W. Cameron, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. Robert Harrison, Robert Harrison, Sr. McKean. *Alternates:* S. W. Tomlinson, F. G. Pitt, Mrs. J. L. Mortimer, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, Hannah Leader.

Toronto, 2,221 members, 22 votes: F. G. Pitt, G. E. Harrington, J. A. Wilson, Robert Whitehead, J. W. Davis, Inez Davis, Lily Ward, P. Pement, M. Hathaway, Alice McLean, Martin A. Ware, Gertrude Ware, A. Pearl Mortimer, A. F. McLean, James Pycok, S. W. Tomlinson, Floralice Miller, Angus Kennedy, L. Campton, W. D. Bannister, Mrs. P. M. Hanson.

Winnipeg, no credentials.

## ENGLAND

Birmingham, 235 members, 2 votes: U. W. Greene, J. H. Rushton. *Not instructed.*

London, no credentials.

Manchester, no credentials.

Sheffield, no credentials.

Exter Branch, no credentials.

Plymouth Branch, no credentials.

GERMANY, no credentials.

## HAWAII TERRITORY

Hilo Branch, no credentials.

Honolulu Branch, 301 members, 3 votes: C. Edward Miller, G. J. Waller, Paul M. Hanson. *Alternates:* Hiotaro Tsuji, Anna B. Miller, Vera Miller.

NEW ZEALAND, no credentials.

PALESTINE, no credentials.

SOCIETY ISLANDS, no credentials.

WALES, no credentials.

## ALABAMA

Alabama District, 596 members, 5 votes: T. C. Kelley, J. C. Crabb, F. A. Rowe, Mrs. F. A. Rowe, Emma McPherson.

Mobile, 942 members, 9 votes: T. C. Kelley, A. G. Miller, A. D. McCall, Henry Hough, T. J. Booker, F. G. Pitt, Rosa P. Pitt.

## ARIZONA

Phoenix Branch, 58 members, 1 vote: A. True Gray.

Sulphur Springs Valley Branch, no credentials.

ARKANSAS, no credentials.

## CALIFORNIA

Northern California, 1,769 members, 17 votes: G. J. Waller, R. Bullard, W. A. Brooner, J. W. Rushton, A. C. Barmore, H. J. Davison, J. A. Saxe, Chester Young, William Chalmers, Roy Day, J. W. Lea, Mrs. J. W. Lea, Mrs. C. McGee, Mrs. A. J. Young, Julia Crocker, Etta Cooper.

Southern California, no credentials.

## COLORADO

Eastern Colorado, 1,127 members, 11 votes: George F. Bullard, Mary Leah Bullard, James Thomas, Emma Savage, Christian A. Ralston, J. D. Curtis, E. E. Conway, O. E. Sade, A. E. Tabor, N. A. Tabor. *Alternates:* J. Charles May, Fenner D. Bullard, Florence Bullard.

Western Colorado, 254 members, 2 votes: Edna Slick, Amos T. Higdon. *Alternates:* Ammon White, Nettie Farley, Clara Salabar. *Not instructed.*

## FLORIDA

Florida District, 500 members. 5 votes: Martha McCall, T. C. Kelley, A. D. McCall, J. W. McKnight, Fannie Warr,

F. G. Pitt. *Alternates*: Wave McArthur, A. E. Warr, R. Warr. 1 excess.

## IDAHO

Idaho District, 664 members, 6 votes: N. L. Booker, R. C. Chambers, Richard Bullard.

## ILLINOIS

Central, 553 members, 5 votes: Virgil Fulk, Lena Shoemaker, Tilphard Phillips, William Lankford, Clifford Norman. *Alternates*: R. L. Fulk, John Beaver, Mae Burks.

Kewanee, 823 members, 8 votes: Warren E. Peak, E. A. Curtis, Mrs. E. A. Curtis, Kitty Pine, Joseph Asay, H. J. Archambault, Elizabeth Cole, George Sackfield. *Alternates*: Florence Holmes, Edward Pine, Mary E. Gillin, Joseph L. Terry, Will Wakeland, Delma Wakeland, James Norris, Edward Jones.

Northeastern, 1,059 members, 10 votes: R. N. Burwell, J. O. Dutton, Ward Christy, Lenora Christy, Willis A. McDowell, Elizabeth McDowell, Grace Johnson, LaJune Howard, F. M. Cooper, Jennie Cooper. *Alternates*: Maggie Warlick, Fred H. Johnson, Sadie Seale, John A. Daer, Ella Burwell, L. O. Wildermuth, Harry Passman, Lillian Passman, Orin T. Hayer, Vernon A. Reese.

Southeastern, 1,198 members, 11 votes: F. M. Slover, F. L. Sawley, Henry Sparling, Ruth Holman, W. H. Kelley, George Ellis, P. G. McMahan, Dora Lourry, W. W. Brown, Cora Dillon, W. G. Barrett.

## INDIANA

Southern, 517 members, 5 votes: Hazel M. Burwell, Harry W. Burwell, Maude B. Warne, James E. Warne, L. C. Moore.

## IOWA

Des Moines, 1,302 members, 13 votes: H. H. Hand, A. E. Warr, H. Castings, O. Salisbury, C. E. McDonald, R. J. Farthing, Bessy Laughlin, C. Malcor, E. G. Beye, Roy Cheville, William McBirnie, F. M. Mussell, Joseph Arber. *Alternates*: Mrs. C. Malcor, Mrs. William McBirnie, Sarah Rodgers, Mary Sheets, Fred Settles, Hattie Clark.

Eastern, 563 members, 5 votes: William Sparling, E. A. Davis, C. G. Dykes, Victor A. Hall, James Houghton. *Alternates*: I. R. Quitmyer, Mrs. I. R. Quitmyer, John Heide, Mrs. John Heide. *Not instructed*.

Fremont, 679 members, 6 votes: T. A. Hougas, Mrs. T. A. Hougas, F. B. Knight, M. W. Gaylord, Mrs. E. E. Barber, H. N. Pierce. *Alternates*: J. B. Wildermuth, Inez Claiborn, Alta Hougas, A. G. Hougas. *Not instructed*. Gallands Grove, no credentials.

Lamoni Stake, 3,416 members, 34 votes: J. F. Garver A. Carmichael, F. A. Smith, H. C. Smith, G. R. Wells, G. N. Briggs, S. A. Burgess, M. M. Turpen, F. M. Weld, William Johnson, Hubert Case, E. D. Moore, William Stoll, Lonzo Jones, Frank McDonald, Clarence Skinner, C. R. Ballantyne, James Johnson, Joseph Braby, John Watkins, John Weedmark, A. O. White, C. F. Church, A. M. Carmichael, Estella Wight, Lena Graham, Grace Thompson, Martha Young, Nellie Anderson, Amy Vredenburgh, Mae Needham, Ida C. Monroe, Ida Kopp, Myrtle Barker. *Alternates*: J. A. Evans, John J. Jenkins, E. R. Outhouse, R. A. Ballantyne, G. W. Blair, H. C. Burgess, W. E. Prall, Susan Hayer, Mattie Gunsolley, A. E. Nunn, Nellie Prall, Frank Kaestner, Floyd Barker, Mrs. Samuel Bierlein, George E. Snively, A. L. Keen, Roy Derry.

Little Sioux, no credentials.

Nauvoo, 657 members, 6 votes: David J. Williams, James McKiernan, Arthur Allen, George P. Lambert, P. R. Burton, Mrs. D. J. Williams. *Alternates*: Ethel A. Lacey, Bessie A. Smith, H. N. Snively, Mrs. H. N. Snively, Sr. S. J. Gunn, Lilyas Scott.

Pottawattamie, 1,194 members, 11 votes: B. S. Lambkin, O. Salisbury, H. N. Hanson, J. A. Hansen, Mrs. G. J. Hansen, A. J. Davidson; Mrs. B. S. Lambkin, John Salisbury, J. R. Lapworth, Mrs. H. N. Hansen, Mrs. J. R. Lapworth. *Alternates*: G. J. Hansen, P. T. Andersen, Mrs. P. T. Andersen, T. J. Smith, Mrs. T. J. Smith, Ella Klopping, Cora Scott, Alice McKeown.

#### KANSAS

Northeastern, 840 members, 8 votes: Frank G. Hedrick, William Anderson, L. W. Fike, Emma Hedrick, Gilbert Hedrick, Bertha L. Dittmore, Samuel Twombly, Roy L. Tilden. *Alternates*: John Cairns, J. Frank Curtis, Mrs. H. C. Pitsenberger, Arthur Smith, Bettie Twombly.

Northwestern, no credentials.

Spring River, no credentials.

Wichita Branch, no credentials.

Winfield Branch, no credentials.

#### KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

Kentucky and Tennessee District, 500 members, 5 votes: J. R. McClain, T. C. Kelley, R. M. C. Ross, J. T. Overcast, W. L. McClain. *Alternates*: C. L. Ross, E. M. Seaton, Evelyn Gore, Otis Ross, Nellie Overcast.

#### LOUISIANA

Eros Branch, 82 members, 1 vote: J. T. Riley.

## MAINE

Eastern, no credentials.

Western, 518 members, 5 votes: U. W. Greene, H. A. Koehler, J. J. Billings, F. M. Sheehy, G. H. Knowlton, Myron Holman. *1 in excess.*

MASSACHUSETTS, no credentials.

## MICHIGAN

Central, 2,100 members, 21 votes: G. W. Burt, Mrs. G. W. Burt, O. J. Hawn, Ida Hawn, E. S. White, Esther White, S. T. Pendleton, Mrs. S. T. Pendleton, M. A. Summerfield, Mrs. M. A. Summerfield, G. A. Pringle, Mrs. G. A. Pringle, Charles Bellinger, Mrs. Charles Bellinger, Adolph Cataline, Mrs. Adolph Cataline, Matthew Umphrey, Mrs. M. Umphrey, Elsie Janson, Charles Ripberger, Edward Yoder. *Alternates:* E. N. Burt, Mrs. E. N. Burt, Thomas Kier, Mrs. Thomas Kier, G. W. Bailey, Mrs. G. W. Bailey, L. E. Welch, Mrs. L. E. Welch, Willis Schrock, Bertha Schrock.

Detroit, 1,290 members, 12 votes: James D. Gault, Edith Gault, Ray D. Bennett, Hermine Bennett, Matthew W. Liston, Eva Liston, John A. Grant, Addie Grant, William A. Blair, Viola Blair, John R. Grice, Howard W. Harder. *Alternates:* J. Stanley Parrish, Paul Belleisle, Emmaline Belleisle, A. G. Larkey, Vida Larkey, Zella B. Harder, Michael McGrath, Stella McGrath.

Eastern, 2,207 members, 22 votes: William Grice, F. S. Brackenbury, C. C. Whitford, R. H. Huston, Herman Stark, Guy Levitt, Grace McGuinness, George Skinner, Lizzie Plato, Walter Bennett, Otto Fetting, William Fligg, William Rushton, Thomas L. Clark, E. J. Summers, Herman Brooks, Matthew Liston, Mrs. Matthew Liston, Alma Tallman.

Northern, 966 members, 9 votes: A. E. Starks, Sarah M. Starks, E. E. Blackmore, D. G. Burtch, Emma Burtch, E. M. Orton, Maude Orton, C. N. Burtch, Bertha Burtch. *Alternates:* Dick Schruer, Grace Schruer, Esther Blackman, Mary Hogle.

Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana, 1,154 members, 11 votes: Louise Evans, Mrs. Francis Baker, E. K. Evans, G. A. Smith, E. A. Blakeslee, S. W. L. Scott, Archie Whitehead, J. W. McKnight, E. B. Blett, S. Stroh, H. M. Taylor. *Alternates:* S. S. Reed, I. I. Benham, O. H. Storey, J. C. Goodman, C. E. Glidden, Sr. J. Roark, Sr. L. Warren.

Western, no credentials.

## MINNESOTA

Minnesota, 530 members, 5 votes: E. H. Bennett, Marie Bennett, Sr. L. L. Delapp, C. A. Cress, Duane Bennett.



## MISSOURI

Clinton, 1,386 members, 13 votes: H. E. Moler, Lee Quick, Clara Roberts, R. T. Walters, J. A. Marsteller, Marvil Marsteller, A. C. Dempsey, Mrs. A. C. Dempsey, W. W. Chrestensen, A. C. Silvers, Lucy Silvers, Ira W. Roberts, F. A. Hawley. *Alternates*: H. R. Higden, Helen Hawley, Mrs. R. T. Walters, Bertha Walters, W. A. Searpress, Sr. Hayten, Jessie Silvers, A. Lloyd, A. L. Crocker, Mrs. A. L. Crocker, Bert Bailey, Gertie Bailey, Adrain Lowe.

Far West Stake, 2,612 members, 26 votes: L. F. Ferguson, Raymond Jensen, S. J. Sloan, Delpha Piepergerdes, B. R. Constance, George W. Mauzey, S. H. Simmons, Fay Gates, Charles A. Morton, Frank L. Hinderks, J. T. Ford, Mrs. S. J. Hines, R. K. Ross, R. S. Salyards, F. R. Gist, Mrs. W. P. Pickering, Thomas A. Ivie, Joseph W. Powell, Thomas Archibald, Minnie Scott Dobson, Ruby Jackson Hitch, Elmer E. McCormick, J. W. Roberts, Zenos J. Lewis, G. W. Johnston, Scott Daniels. *Alternates*: A. C. Hinderks, Mrs. Elmer E. McCormick, Mrs. Scott Daniels, Mrs. Mary Hopkins, John Hovenga, Mrs. G. W. Best, Mrs. Zenos J. Lewis, Mrs. Roy S. Budd, Mrs. Dana E. Scott, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. W. W. Scott.

Holden Stake, 1,349 members, 13 votes: J. A. Miller, D. J. Krahl, F. A. McWethy, W. S. Macrae, Pearl Redfield, Mrs. Will Anderson, E. A. Davis, America Christensen, Mrs. I. M. Ross, Lola A. Johnson, Fred A. Cool, J. W. A. Bailey, Mrs. I. M. Smith. *Alternates*: Mary Lovell, Mrs. F. A. McWethy, Frances Moler, Walter Johnson, James Williamson, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, James Brendel, C. L. House, Mrs. C. L. House, C. J. Hunt, Carrie J. Danielson, John Davis, J. E. Hall.

Independence Stake, 4,098 members, 40 votes: A. H. Knowlton, Mrs. A. H. Knowlton, Mrs. Emily D. Sheehy, Mrs. Fred Koehler, Mrs. T. W. Curtis, Mrs. Emsley Curtis, E. C. Harrington, Mrs. R. J. Parker, Joseph Luff, Thomas Crick, Mrs. Thomas Crick, H. J. Badder, Mrs. H. J. Badder, I. N. White, F. H. Esgar, Mrs. F. H. Esgar, Dora Glines, Ruth L. Smith, Mrs. M. H. Siegfried, Mrs. H. L. Loosemore, Mrs. Emma Flanders, Blanche Allen Needham, Eunice Winn Smith, Mrs. J. F. Curtis, Bert Peterson, Mrs. Bert Peterson, Mrs. Carl Haynes, Peter Anderson, J. A. Becker, Ella Whitehead, Mrs. Horace Roberts, Mrs. B. R. McGuire, J. A. Koehler, W. H. Kelley, Mrs. W. H. Kelley, J. W. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Schwab, A. H. Parsons, Mrs. W. H. Deam, J. M. Cockerton. *Alternates*: Leonard Stover, Mrs. J. A. Koehler, Eugene Clos-

son, Mrs. A. J. Closson, Paul M. Hanson, Mrs. Paul M. Hanson, W. M. Aylor, Mrs. A. L. Lansberg, F. M. Sheehy, Mrs. J. A. Becker, C. I. Carpenter, Jennie Willis, Roy Roberts, Mrs. A. T. Higdon, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Hattie Savage, Mrs. Theodore Twyman, Mrs. J. B. Rodger, Mrs. Charles Shepherd, Mrs. Joseph Luff, J. W. Rushton, U. W. Greene, R. C. Russell, W. W. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Adams, H. H. Robinson, Mrs. H. H. Robinson, W. A. Smith, O. W. Okerlind, J. F. Keir, B. R. McGuire, R. T. Cooper, W. D. Bullard, Mrs. J. A. Gardner, R. J. Lambert, Edith Troughton, F. A. Rowe, Mrs. J. F. Keir, Mrs. M. A. Etzenhouser, George A. Gould.

Kansas City Stake, 1,921 members, 19 votes: Harvey Sandy, Sr. J. Harrington, George Jenkins, Ellis Shimmel, F. B. Blair, Mrs. F. B. Blair, Laura Freeman, J. W. Gunsolley, Vida Hull, Mae Fouche, C. F. Davis, T. J. Elliott, J. A. Tanner, Robert Winning, Mrs. John Tucker, M. A. Etzenhouser, Sr. M. Massie, Sr. A. Brooks, Mrs. W. O. Hands. *Alternates*: John Tucker, Pearl Peterson, Thomas Newton, Myrtle Gerber, George Bartholemew, Mrs. George Bartholemew, Leo Lewis.

Northeastern, 478 members, 4 votes: Tella Mae Ruch, Vernie Ruch, Benjamin S. Tanner, John Harris.

Saint Louis, 1,350 members, 13 votes: A. H. Daley, Minnie Daley, Mary Volz, A. W. Smith, A. Dejong Smith, Evaline Burgess, Elsie Barraclough, W. R. Lane, G. S. Trowbridge, George Barraclough, J. W. Paxton, A. M. Baker, W. H. Kelley.

Southern, 781 members, 7 votes: H. E. Winegar, G. A. Davis, Mrs. G. A. Davis, A. V. Closson, G. P. Palmer, Francis Bishop, J. F. Cunningham.

#### MONTANA

Eastern, 228 members, 2 votes: Ely Bronson, J. C. Page. *Alternates*: C. D. Constance, Arthur Constance. *Not instructed*.

Western, 420 members, 4 votes: Jerome Wyckoff, G. W. Thorburn, Mrs. G. W. Thorburn, Mrs. W. P. Bootman. *Alternates*: Thomas Reese, Julian Christofferson, Emma Gilbert, Mrs. Harry Leibold.

#### NEBRASKA

Central, 396 members, 3 votes: Mrs. Ella Butler, Mrs. Etta Rutledge, Mrs. Ida Gatenby, Mrs. E. A. Gamet. *Alternates*: W. M. Self, Levi Gamet, F. S. Gatenby, Mrs. Lyda Walesby. *1 in excess*.

Northeastern, 738 members, 8 votes: Nell Kelley, Lorena Leeka, Audentia Anderson, Mrs. A. A. Thieoff, Carl T. Self, B. Case, Dr. W. E. Stoff. *Alternates*: Nellie

Grover, Mrs. A. A. Thieoff, B. M. Anderson, R. W. Scott, Otis Gardener.

Southern, 800 members, 8 votes: H. A. Higgins, J. L. Parker, Mrs. J. L. Parker, Ned C. Calhoun, J. R. Croft, C. H. Porter, Blanche I. Andrews, J. A. Dowker. *Not instructed.*

#### NEW YORK

New York, 350 members, 3 votes: Brother Bliss, James Bishop, A. Angus.

New York and Philadelphia, 1,113 members, 11 votes: Arthur B. Phillips, Calvin H. Rich, G. R. Kuykendall, John R. Lentell, Mrs. J. R. Lentell, Mrs. Calvin H. Rich, George Potts, sr., Mrs. George Potts, sr., Edmund J. Gleazer, John Zimmermann, sr., Eva K. Zimmermann, *Alternates:* William Zimmermann, Albert N. Hoxie, Ray N. Frisbie.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota, 511 Members, 5 votes: Thomas Leitch, N. C. Anderson, Iva Bullis, Mrs. M. J. Spaulding, J. E. Wildermuth. *Alternates:* Warren McElwain, Mrs. H. A. Moffit, W. D. Thompson, Mrs. W. D. Thompson, M. J. Spaulding, W. E. Shakespeare, J. C. Hanson.

#### OHIO

Kirtland, 869 members, 8 votes: A. R. Manchester, Cecil Neville, H. Rhodes, John A. McNeil, Louis Gintz, Mrs. Louis Gintz, C. Romig, Mrs. C. Romig.

Northwestern, 214 members, 2 votes: J. F. Mintun, Jesse Mack Harden.

Southern, no credentials.

Youngstown and Sharon, 276 members, 2 votes: G. T. Griffiths, Richard Baldwin, T. U. Thomas. *1 in excess.*

#### OKLAHOMA

Central, 943 members, 9 votes: Mrs. E. D. Bailey, Mrs. F. W. Kueffer, F. W. Kueffer, Mrs. George A. Kelley, Mrs. E. H. Profitt, E. H. Profitt, Mrs. Iola Kueffer, Mrs. Edward Dillon, Mrs. Belle Robinson James. *Alternates:* Mrs. Edward Rannie, Mrs. Peter Adamson, Mrs. H. K. Rowland, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Myra Bailey, Mrs. Tom Berry, Clarence Faulk.

Eastern, no credentials.

Western, 705 members, 7 votes: Jessie Oglevie, Henry Hershey, Vernon Oglevie, Anna Sanders, Joseph Skinner, Vern Moody, Inez Moldrup. *Alternates:* Delcia Hershey, Leslie Ward, G. E. Crandall.

#### OREGON

Portland, 422 members, 4 votes: C. E. Jones, Ida E. Jones, J. W. Rushton.

Southwestern, no credentials.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg, 423 members, 4 votes: L. F. P. Curry, Anna May Curry, Mrs. Alma Booker, Sister Shank. *Alternates*: A. E. Stone, Alma Booker, James McConnaughy.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Spearfish Branch, no credentials.

#### TEXAS

Central 532 members, 5 votes: Albert J. Banta, Jessie Banta, S. W. Simmons, S. N. Gray, Carrie M. Gray.

Southwestern, 422 members, 4 votes: Mrs. George M. Hiles, E. L. Henson, John Harp, D. S. Palmer.

#### UTAH, no credentials.

#### WASHINGTON

Seattle and British Columbia, 758 members, 7 votes: William Aylor, Richard Hartnell, Mrs. Richard Hartnell, Etta Rhodes, C. Norris Heading.

Spokane, 600 members, 6 votes: J. A. Bronson, Mrs. J. A. Bronson, S. S. Smith, Pearl Reed, Grace Fry, W. F. Yates. *Alternates*: George Leach, Mrs. George Leach, Peter Klaus, Venus Verhei.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia, 400 members, 4 votes: Thomas Newton, J. M. Nunley.

Wheeling, 466 members, 4 votes: John Carlisle, Thomas Mills, Francis Ebeling, John Martin. *Alternate*: Thomas Newton.

#### WISCONSIN

Northern, 651 members, 6 votes: Leroy Colbert, A. L. Whiteaker, L. H. Houghton, Leda Colbert, S. E. Livingston, Ivy Fisher, Homer Fumal, William Dennis, Mabel Dennis, Mrs. S. E. Livingston. *4 in excess*.

Southern, 588 members, 5 votes: George E. Noble, W. A. McDowell, B. C. Flint, L. O. Wildermuth, P. Muceus. *Alternates*: E. J. Lenox, Harold Buseth, J. O. Dutton, Julia N. Dutton.

The following districts have not instructed their delegates to cast a majority and minority vote in case of division: Victoria (Australia), Birmingham (England), Western Colorado, Eastern Iowa, Fremont, Eastern Montana, Northeastern Nebraska, Southern Nebraska.

The following districts have appointed an excess of delegates as indicated: Northern Saskatchewan 1, Florida 1, Western Maine 1, Central Nebraska 1, Youngstown and Sharon 1, Northern Wisconsin 4. 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: Victoria (Australia), Chatham, London (Ontario), Owen Sound, Honolulu Branch (Hawaii), Eastern Colorado, Western Colorado, Florida, Central Illinois, Kewanee, Northeastern Illinois, Des Moines, Eastern Iowa, Fremont, Lamoni Stake, Nauvoo, Pottawattamie, Northwestern Kansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, Central Michigan, Detroit, Northern Michigan, Southern Michigan, and Northern Indiana, Clinton, Far West Stake, Holden Stake, Independence Stake, Kansas City Stake, Eastern Montana, Western Montana, Central Nebraska, New York and Philadelphia, North Dakota, Central Oklahoma, Western Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, 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, and copies of reports to the General Conference and General Conventions; this will include all necessary employees, and properly accredited representatives of the press.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. RUSSELL,  
C. I. CARPENTER,  
H. S. SALISBURY,  
P. G. FAIRBANKS.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 18, 1919.

An additional report from the committee on credentials was read:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* Credentials were received from the following districts and branches too late to be included in the published report, and are submitted herewith:

Hilo Branch, Hawaiian Mission; 1 vote: C. Edward Miller.

Bald Knob Branch, Arkansas; 80 members, 1 vote: E. A. Erwin.

Southern California District: 1,097 members, 10 votes: George H. Wixom, James Farley, Hannah Farley, V. M. Goodrich, Bessie Goodrich, J. W. Rushton, T. W. Williams, Thomas Leitch, A. M. Starke, W. H. Aylor.

Spring River District; 2,260 members, 22 votes: Albert V. Karlstrom, Laura Karlstrom, A. C. Silvers, John C. Virgin,

Charles Fry, Ellis Short, James T. Riley, Martha J. Riley, Mrs. Ellis Short, F. M. Connor, Will Bath, W. W. Chrestensen, Mollie Davis, Lee Quick, Alice Jones, Frank L. Freeman, Hettie Sutherland, Lucy Bath, Mattie M. Connor, Felix E. Bouse, Shelley G. Carrow, Amanda L. Newton.

Massachusetts District; 1,071 members, 10 votes: Ralph W. Farrell, Edward A. Fox, Myron C. Fisher, Alpha N. Baker, Henry C. Smith, Edmund H. Fisher, Ellsworth B. Hull, Edward L. M. Traver, George H. A. Gates, George W. Robley. *Alternates*: Sarah M. Fisher, Leah H. Traver, John D. Sutfill, John F. Sheehy, Josephine Hull, Florence E. Fisher, Sylvia C. Baker, Mabel K. Smith, George F. Robley, Daniel F. Joy. Delegates not instructed.

Southern Ohio District; 1,390 members, 13 votes: G. T. Griffiths, F. J. Ebeling, J. M. Hardin, J. G. Halb, G. E. Burt, Floyd Rockwell, D. J. Hannah, Charles E. Rebert, Mrs. Charles E. Rebert.

Eastern Oklahoma District; 1,223 members, 12 votes: J. C. Chrestensen, J. F. Grimes, Mrs. J. S. White, Doctor H. L. Dalby, Mrs. H. L. Dalby, E. A. Erwin, T. B. Sharp, Mrs. T. B. Sharp, H. R. Harder, G. C. Thompson, J. W. Jackson, Winnie Clinton.

Spearfish Branch, South Dakota; 36 members, 1 vote: D. Donald Plumb.

Utah District; 611 members, 6 votes: L. G. Holloway, B. L. McKim, Frederick A. Smith, Arthur Bogue, Mrs. Arthur Bogue, C. A. Smurthwaite.

Fisher, Arkansas, Branch; 78 members, 1 vote: J. T. Riley. Winnipeg District; 155 members, 1 vote: Nelson Wilson. *Alternate*: E. F. Robertson.

London District, England; 166 members, 1 vote: U. W. Greene and J. W. Rushton, 1 in excess.

Gallands Grove District; 1,089 members, 10 votes: Edward Broad, C. E. Harpe, J. L. Butterworth, J. B. Barrett, Mrs. James Sheldon, J. B. Wildermuth, Dora Wildermuth, Wave Cross, Lulu Crandall, Lillie Marks. *Alternates*: James Pearsall, Bessie Pearsall, F. F. Jackson, Pearl Jackson, Carl Streeter, C. W. Winey, Floy Holcomb, Frank Sheldon, Amanda Sheldon.

Western Michigan District; 1,287 members, 12 votes: John Schreuer, F. S. Brackenbury, H. A. Doty, Roland Kapnick, E. W. Trimmer, Mrs. Lyle Weaver, E. N. Burt, James Davis, William Davis, John E. Bennett, R. D. Davis, F. W. Hastings. *Alternates*: Nellie Kapnick, Waldo Kapnick, Eliza J. Brackenbury, Thomas Hartnell, Mrs. John Schreuer, Mrs. James Davis.

Eastern Maine District; 421 members, 4 votes: W. E. Rogers, N. M. Wilson, David Joy, L. W. Hinkley.

We recommend the following changes requested by the delegations affected:

Winnipeg District: Drop Nelson Wilson; add E. F. Robertson.

Northeastern Kansas District: Drop Bertha L. Dittmore; add Bettie Twombly.

Massachusetts District: Drop Edward H. Fisher; add Mabel K. Smith.

Western Maine District: Drop Myron Holman, excess delegate.

Eastern Colorado: Drop Leah Bullard and O. E. Sade; add Fenner D. Bullard and Florence Bullard.

Southern Wisconsin: Drop B. C. Flint; add Julia N. Dutton.

Central Illinois: Drop William Lankford; add Mae Birks.

Northeastern Illinois District: Drop Elizabeth McDowell and R. N. Burwell; add Lilian Passman and Ella Burwell.

Western Montana District: Drop Jerome Wyckoff; add Mrs. Emma Gilbert.

Lamoni Stake: Drop H. C. Smith, M. M. Turpen, C. R. Ballantyne, Myrtle Barker; add R. A. Ballantyne, G. W. Blair, H. C. Burgess, W. E. Prall.

Central Illinois: Drop Virgie Fulk; add R. L. Fulk.

Northeastern Nebraska District: Drop A. A. Thieoff and Lorena Leeka; add R. W. Scott and B. M. Anderson.

C. I. CARPENTER,

*For Credentials Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 7, 1919.

The two reports were adopted, subject to such corrections as might be necessary.

The chair suggested that as soon as practicable the various delegations should meet and organize and prepare to consider whatever business might come before them should yea and nay votes be called.

#### ORGANIZATION

The Presidency reported the following appointments to complete organization of the conference:

Elder R. S. Salvards, Church Secretary, secretary; Elder P. G. Fairbanks, assistant secretary.

Elder A. N. Hoxie, Church Chorister, in charge of all musical activities and authorized to appoint assistants, including organists, pianists, etc. He appointed P. N. Craig, Matthew Liston, Mrs. Dana E.

Scott, and F. G. Pitt assistant choristers; Miss Amy Vredenburg, Mrs. Pearl Travis, Mrs. F. G. Pitt, Miss Ruth McMullen, Miss Mildred Redfield, accompanists.

In charge of reporting and stenographic work, Brother Howard W. Harder, authorized to select assistants.

Ushering in charge of Brother C. F. Church and local deacons, authorized to appoint assistants from among visiting deacons.

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

#### SEATING OF ASSEMBLY

The assembly was seated in the following order:

The First Presidency, the Quorum of Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, the Order of Evangelists, General High Council, the Bishops, high priests and the secretaries occupied the pulpit platform.

The quorums of seventy, the center section of seats on the floor.

The body of the eldership, the north section of seats.

Members of the Aaronic priesthood under General Conference appointment, at the rear of the eldership.

Delegates, the south section of seats.

Remaining space on the floor and in the gallery was occupied by visitors not members of the conference, such being admitted to the main floor daily at 2.15 p. m.

#### ORDER OF SESSIONS

Eight to nine a. m. General meeting of the Melchisedec priesthood, including members of the Aaronic priesthood under General Conference appointment, at the Lamoni Coliseum.

Nine to ten a. m. Upper auditorium of the church, prayer and testimony meeting.

Ten a. m. to twelve, business meetings and special



programs of the auxiliary organizations as may be determined by them.

Two to four p. m., regular business sessions of the General Conference.

Eight p. m., special programs under the auspices of Graceland College, the Woman's Auxiliary, a missionary program, and others to be announced.

Eight p. m., missionary efforts at Lamoni Coliseum, in charge of Elder Hubert Case, except such special services as may be provided for.

#### MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

President Frederick M. Smith presented his annual message which he read. Because certain portions of the message touched upon the work of the Quorum of Twelve, Elder G. T. Griffiths, president of that quorum, asked that the secretary of the Twelve be permitted to read a document prepared by them. After some discussion this request was granted, and Apostle J. W. Rushton read the document, after President F. M. Smith had yielded the chair to President E. A. Smith. At a later date in the conference the document presented by the Twelve was withdrawn from the minutes, as will be noted elsewhere:

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we met here two years ago we were under the excitement contingent upon the formal entrance of the United States into the great world war, and one year ago our conference was held amid the feverish activities of a nation directed by the strong hand of military discipline. Now we meet amidst the chaos of reconstruction at home and the terror of Bolshevism abroad. The doctrine of discontent is being systematically and energetically propagated, and from its dangers neither the nation nor the church is free.

While the war was being carried on, I made earnest plea not only for loyalty and patriotic devotion, but for earnest preparation for the inevitable period of reconstruction so that as a church, a part of the social organization, we could make the full contribution toward reconstruction and a com-

position of the social troubles that might justly be expected from an analysis of our social doctrines and our organization. But are we fully prepared for that work? I fear not, I fear, too, that as a people we lack the courage of our convictions. We are loud in proclaiming our theology, bold in forensically defending our claims, but weak in the practical application of our religion, and timid in entering upon the practical demonstration of our social economics. We are loud in proclaiming the identity of our organization with that of the Master, but reluctant in furnishing the working confidence necessary for the personnel of official organization to properly function. To lustily and even feelingly sing, "We thank thee, O God, for a prophet to guide us in these latter days," is easy, but to furnish the warm, living flesh and blood of confidence and support to the skeleton of our organization is more than a matter of music. To hail the leader in glad acclaim is somewhat at variance with the process of fettering him for fear he will lead astray.

Despite the disadvantages of the unusual conditions contingent upon a world war, the work has progressed steadily. Statistics show last year to be a record one in increase of numbers, and the financial growth has been such that the church debt is no longer a cause for worry. The progress in spite of the discontent existing in some quarters has been such as to hold earnest promise of rapid progress if the necessary cooperation can be had in all departments. A goal in numbers and local organizations should be fixed and worked towards, as well as one in amount of funds to raise. What may we hope for? What shall be the degree of effective working confidence which shall be developed this year? But whatever the ideals in a material way, not for a moment should we lose sight of the fact that the great objective of the church is spiritual regeneration, moral refinement, social uplift.

#### CHANGE OF METHOD

Two years ago a change in methods was introduced touching the appointment of the Twelve and the missionaries. The old mission fields were abolished, and the Twelve not appointed in charge of fields as individuals, but left free to go at the direction of the Presidency. The line between missionary work and local work was more sharply drawn.

How has the new plan worked? Answers to this question will vary according to the experience of the individual under the new arrangement. With some it has been a failure, with some a success. For the time being, at least, the men under missionary appointment have been left largely to their own initiative. Some have shown little, but have been in-

clined to interfere with local affairs, with consequent trouble. Others have developed initiative with marked success in their work. With some modifications the present plan should be continued.

The training and attitude necessary for success in missionary work are essentially different from those necessary in local work; but between the two there should always be the fullest cooperation in the interests of the work.

The local men are on the whole showing more cooperation and team work than previously, and this holds promise of improved local conditions.

The system of reporting of all departments of church work to the Presidency, is being gradually perfected, and we are thereby keeping in close touch with affairs throughout the world.

#### LEGISLATION

As to legislation necessary this year further than the usual routine business and the various budgets, that of prime importance is to determine the policies at issue between the Presidency and Twelve. Of this more in another place.

#### DEPARTMENTS

The work of the various departments is set out in the various reports submitted.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

To the question of foreign missions I have given much thought, prayer, and meditation, and present herein what light has been given to me thereon, some of which I have presented formally to the Twelve but which is so far unendorsed by them according to our information.

As expeditiously as possible a consistent effort should be made to establish our work permanently in Jerusalem, to become the base for missionary and local church work not only in Palestine but in the near East.

Besides this, the present foreign work should be continued and expanded so far as possible, while preparations should be at once started to open up earnest and vigorous work next year at least in the following places: Basel, Switzerland, with a view to it becoming the base of missionary campaigns into Italy, France, Germany, Scandinavia, and the Balkans; Havana, as the base of work in Cuba; Mexico City, as a base for the Central Latin American countries. Assistance should be sent those laboring in New Zealand, the Society Islands, and Hawaii.

This work of preparation I would briefly outline as follows: Select an adequate number of young men and women, consecrated to foreign mission work. Let them be brought

together for education in the language, customs, history and government of the peoples to whom they are expected to go, and educated in the doctrines of the church. This educational work must needs be intensive, because of our delay in preparation.

#### MEMORIAL TO OUR SOLDIERS

To be in line with the trend of the times, we as a people should make consistent efforts towards the erection of some memorial to those of our number who have been sacrificed in the great world war. A fitting move would be to combine this demand with the demand for more buildings at Graceland College, and erect a building to the memory of the soldiers in which in future years will be carried on educational activities designed to prepare for the best citizenship. And the fund for such memorial should be generous.

#### SELECTION OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

There has grown up the custom of having selections and nominations to fill vacancies in the council of Presidents of Seventy made by the council itself. We are of the opinion that such selections and nominations should come to the General Conference from the First Presidency, after approval is had by the Quorum of Twelve and the Seventy.

#### THE HIGH COUNCIL

Because the present organization of the Standing High Council of the church permits it to do so, that council has held several sessions in the course of the year, and its work has covered a variety of aspects. Some important decisions have been reached by it with which the ministry particularly should acquaint themselves. Reference here is had to those published in the January issue of "One." In the one involving the question of trial of a general officer of the church, a decision has been reached on a question in dispute for many years, and on which it is doubtful a decision could have been reached without inspiration, and that such divine assistance was given the president of the council was a matter of keen satisfaction and pleasure to every member of the council, and doubtless to many others, though the Quorum of Twelve has called it in question.

#### AUDITOR AND ARCHITECT

Last conference the Presidency was authorized to appoint a church auditor or auditors. Acting on this authority, we appointed Brother R. B. Trowbridge, whose report will indicate his activity.

Acting also under authorization, we appointed Brother

Henry C. Smith church architect and we are pleased to report that he has arranged to give all his time to the work of his office.

#### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Some years ago, by one of those spasmodic bits of legislation not infrequently had, an appropriations committee was created. It is the Order of Bishops. To have the committee on appropriations composed only of those of one line of church activities is an error. This committee should be changed so as to include representatives of the spiritual activities.

#### OF THE WORK OF THE TWELVE

The friction between the Presidency and Twelve is of long standing, and antedates my connection with the Presidency. At times it has been painfully apparent, at times it has continued unknown to the church at large. Always it has had to do with the official relations of the two quorums. The issue is clear-cut. I have, let me repeat, striven long and hard to eliminate the friction.

With my knowledge of the long-existing friction and my study of the relations of the two quorums as reflected in the books of the church, and in the light of the generally accepted rules and principles of organization, I see no compromise in the issues as now existing, hence I see no other course open to me but to hand you my resignation, together with a brief and perhaps inadequate presentation of the issues in the form of brief statements of some of the things I have stood for and do stand for.

This will give you an unhampered opportunity to decide the policies and select a leader to whom you can entrust the task of carrying them out. If the work of the church is to be successfully and expeditiously advanced, there are some things to be done, methods to change, yet without violating a single principle for which we have stood, which will with some who confuse methods and principles, and to whom the goal is hazy, brand me as a heretic or a reckless reformer. But the issues are clear and the results vital. Is your leader, your president, to be a real executive or a mere receiver of reports?

I gave myself to the work of the church freely, and have made tremendous efforts to qualify for the office. The seventeen years in the Presidency, four of them as president, are of the best years of a man's life. I have worked zealously. I have no regrets, and have given my services cheerfully. But to continue under the conditions existing the past year particularly is to ask too much.

Crystallizing the principle difference between the two quorums, and stating at the same time our opinion of the relationship of the two quorums, my attitude is that, (not touching the legislative functions of the two quorums; in which they are equal,) in the executive or administrative line the Twelve are in all respects subordinate to, and under the direction of, the Presidency, and this includes missionary as well as local work.

As a concomitant to that, there should be noninterference on the part of the Twelve with organized local work, only as they shall be sent under the direction of the Presidency to "regulate" according to the law.

As a concomitant of the preceding, there must be the development of a force of local officers, high priests, elders, and the Aaronic officers, adequate to carry on the local work when once organized, subject to the supervision of the Presidency and the "regulating" demanded by the unfortunate emergencies we seem unable to escape.

There should be intensified missionary work both in Zion and the regions round about, as well as in foreign fields; The Seventy must speed up in their specific work: and this cries aloud for a definite unified missionary policy towards the goal of which local as well as missionary forces may work.

I am opposed to the old system of dividing the world up into fields, each to be presided over by an apostle. This policy, pursued up to two years ago, has made of the Twelve a body of individualists, without a unified policy either in local or missionary work, and some of our present difficulties are due to this wrong system.

The work of the Twelve is immediately under the direction of the First Presidency, without field appointment as of old, to go as sent, by twos or threes or fours, into foreign and new domestic fields to open up and organize the work, and with frequent change and shifting, till out of their common experience in harmony with the First Presidency, a common unified missionary policy, domestic and foreign, can be developed—something the Quorum of Twelve has not now and has not had in my memory.

The Twelve must, therefore, hold themselves in readiness to do this class of work and make preparations therefor, and carry out this enlarged development of their work, that they may, wherever sent, because of the unified policy of work and theory represent more than their individual selves in their work.

There must be developed a definite foreign missionary policy, with adequate, systematic, scientific, and rational

preparation (education) for its expansion. This for the present will include, as noted elsewhere, the immediate opening up of the Palestine mission and the preparation and education of young men and women for other missions next year and later.

This means that work shall at once begin on more adequate provision of literature in the languages of the countries to which workers shall be sent.

There should be an immediate establishment of a fund for the purchase of large tracts of land in the regions round about needed for the establishment of Zion and in this connection it is well to say there should be a closer supervision by the Presidency over the entire work of the General Bishopric.

There should be an expansion and extension of stewardships, spiritual as well as temporal.

The Zionic developments should be expedited by establishing the center place under the Presidency and Bishopric and by moving the principal place of business to Independence.

There should be erected soon an adequate assembly hall or conference building, and the General Conferences should be held only there.

There should be erected an office building in the near future adequate for general office work.

Graceland College should be expanded in buildings and work, and courses calculated to prepare men for the ministry should be established. And here it is well to lay emphasis on this, that I stand for broader mental culture among the membership, and especially among the ministry. It is time we forever drove from our midst the idea that God's glory lies not in intelligence, or that God cannot use an educated man. We should stand for mental, physical, and spiritual culture. Our salvation lies not in the cultivation of our emotional sides alone, but in the well-balanced culture of mind, body, and spirit. We should stand firmly for higher standards of education as a prerequisite for the work of the ministry.

There must be closer coordination of all the departments of the church, and that coordination can only be brought about by a closer executive supervision of their work by the Presidency. In the past there has been manifested a strong tendency towards independence of departments which has made for inefficiency.

There should be a great expansion of the work of the Sanitarium. The work of that institution is pitifully inadequate for our needs. It needs more buildings, better equipment, larger force of workers, so that community wel-

fare work may be undertaken by it in the interests of health.

More attention must be given by the church to the needs of our young—in recreation, physical and spiritual development.

The work before the church is such that confidence in your officers is demanded. And of no officer is that more true than of your chief executive. It is essential to the success of the church that you have as your leader one in whom that confidence can be placed. And to make it easy for you to select some other in whom you can place this confidence if you have not in the present incumbent I have presented my resignation. Let your president be one in whom your official confidence is implicit. For this I plead, for until you do, the work will not progress as it should and can.

I request, further, that action on the resignation be had after you have determined the question of the issues between the Presidency and the Twelve, and have spoken on the policies I have briefly laid down.

The work of the church is onward. The progress of the past few years has been encouraging. Another two years should see our membership pass the one-hundred-thousand mark. We should not be satisfied that the debt should be wiped out, but another two years should see a half million dollars in the land-purchase fund, and a goodly start toward the temple fund.

Before us lies a great field of opportunity. Are we ready? Have we the courage to approach our ideals, or shall we remain below them?

In the passing from the individualism of the past regime to the cooperation of group activity or socialism of the present, there must be developed a solidarity which arises only from loyalty to the institution and its corps of officers. Centralization of large powers in execution or administration is necessary, but the rights of the people are adequately guarded by the law of common consent, which is the consent of the governed. Unless this solidarity is developed, unless such large powers in administration are given, and unless our society is bonded by such loyalty, our progress is bound to be slow, if any is made at all. We have a great plan of social righteousness, but its establishment demands what we have just mentioned. Have we the courage of our convictions?

FREDERICK M. SMITH.

#### JOINT COUNCIL

It was then moved and seconded that the documents read be presented to a general assembly of



the church to be called by the Presidency of the church at such time and place as may be deemed proper.

Questions were asked the chair as to what constituted a general assembly. Discussion followed. During the discussion a rereading of the latter part of the document of the Twelve was called for, and it was read by Secretary Rushton.

Following the reading, statements were made by President F. M. Smith and by Secretary J. W. Rushton.

Discussion followed on the motion, when the following was moved as a substitute: That the entire matter be referred to the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy.

Lengthy discussion followed on the original motion and on the substitute. The previous question was ordered. The substitute was adopted.

At 5.20 p. m. the chair adjourned the session.

Meetings of delegations and other announcements were made.

The first stanza of hymn No. 80, "How gentle God's command," was sung, and Presiding Patriarch Frederick A. Smith pronounced the benediction.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

At 7.45 p. m., the Woman's Auxiliary program as published was rendered in the upper auditorium:

Anthem.

Prayer.

"Organized girlhood," Mrs. J. A. Gardner, general secretary, Independence, Missouri.

Vocal solo, Nell Atkinson Kelley, Omaha, Nebraska.

"Temple Builders and Oriole Girls," Grace Thompson, general director Oriole Girls, Lamoni, Iowa.

Address, Doctor Floyd M. McDowell, Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa.

At 8 p. m., at the Coliseum, preaching by Elder J. E. Yates, assisted by Elder Hubert Case.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8.

At 8 a. m., session of the Melchisedec priesthood at the Coliseum, President F. M. Smith in charge.

At 9 a. m., regular prayer service in upper auditorium of the church in charge of Elders J. M. Terry and W. A. McDowell.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

From 8 to 9 a. m., lower auditorium, program by Woman's Auxiliary organization:

"Better homes through concerted action," Max Carmichael, Superintendent of Schools, Lamoni, Iowa.

Round table discussion on Home and Child Welfare work, led by Mrs. Lena Graham, Lamoni, Iowa.

Topics: "Value of special Child Welfare Week in your community"; "Experiences and difficulties met by the local organizations in Child Welfare work."

From 10.30 a. m., to noon, upper auditorium, program by Woman's Auxiliary organization:

"Social service work," Mrs. Henry C. Smith, Independence, Missouri.

General discussion.

Exhibit of Child Welfare Panels arranged by the National Child Welfare Association, Mrs. J. A. Gardner.

Regular business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair.

Hymn No. 34 was sung; Elder F. A. Smith offered prayer.

The minutes of the 6th and 7th were approved.

Brethren J. A. Dowker and J. W. Rushton made statements under request of privilege.

## HEMAN C. SMITH

Elder J. W. Rushton offered the following motion, referring to Brother Heman C. Smith, ill at the Sanitarium, which prevailed by unanimous vote by show of hands.

That this assembly in General Conference extend to Brother Heman C. Smith and his family our deepest sympathy in his sickness, and humbly pray that God may hear

our prayer and speedily restore him to his family and to his work.

On motion the secretary of the conference was instructed to transmit the report of this action by wire to Brother Heman C. Smith.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials presented an additional report:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The credential committee wish to recommend the following corrections as requested by the delegations named:

Eastern Colorado District: Add J. Charles May.

Northeastern Illinois District: Drop F. M. Cooper and Jennie Cooper; add J. A. Daer and V. A. Reese.

Lamoni Stake: In list of alternates A. E. Nunn should read Mrs. A. E. Nunn.

Holden Stake: Drop W. S. Macrae, Pearl Redfield, Mrs. William Anderson, Lola Johnson; add Mary Lovell, Mrs. D. J. Krahl, C. J. Hunt, and Carrie Danielson.

Independence Stake: Drop Mrs. A. H. Knowlton, Mrs. T. W. Curtis, Mrs. R. J. Parker, F. H. Esgar, Mrs. F. H. Esgar, Dora Glines, Mrs. J. F. Curtis, Mrs. Carl Haynes, Mrs. W. H. Deam, J. M. Cockerton; add Mrs. J. A. Becker, C. I. Carpenter, Mrs. A. T. Higdon, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Theodore Twyman, Mrs. J. B. Rodger, Walter W. Smith, O. W. Okerlind, W. A. Smith, J. F. Keir.

Central Nebraska District: Drop Ella Butler, Etta Rutledge, Ida Gatenby; add W. M. Self and Levi Gamet.

Northern Wisconsin District: Drop William Dennis, Mabel Dennis, Mrs. S. E. Livingston, Ivy Fisher.

Far West Stake: Drop Raymond Jensen, G. W. Mauzey, Fay Gates, C. A. Morton, Mrs. S. J. Hines, R. K. Ross, F. R. Gist, Thomas Archibald, G. W. Johnston; add A. C. Hinderks, Mrs. E. E. McCormick, Mrs. Scott Daniels, Mary Hopkins, Mrs. Z. J. Lewis, Mrs. R. S. Budd, Mrs. Dana E. Scott, Mary Davis, Mrs. W. W. Scott.

London, England: Drop J. W. Rushton.

New York and Philadelphia District: Drop Mrs. C. H. Rich; add Albert N. Hoxie.

North Dakota District: Drop Mrs. M. J. Spaulding; add W. E. Shakespeare.

Western Michigan District: Drop H. A. Doty; add Eliza J. Brackenbury.

Kansas City Stake: Drop Sr. J. Harrington, Robert Win-

ning, and Sr. M. Massie; add John Tucker, Pearl Peterson, Thomas Newton.

Central Michigan District: Drop Charles Bellinger; add E. N. Burt.

Northern Saskatchewan District: Drop T. J. Jordan, excess delegate.

C. I. CARPENTER,  
*For Credentials Committee.*

The report was adopted.

The chair called attention to printed reports placed in the hands of the conference, which were received and included in the minutes, subject to notations indicated, as follows:

#### SECRETARY

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:* My work as secretary has been limited to some general duties; most of the routine has been done by assistants in the office of the First Presidency. I have given what attention was necessary to matters reaching me and those referred to me by the Presidency. The usual program covered correspondence, furnishing information to public bodies and to our own representatives. The General Conference resolutions have been compiled to date and furnished to the Board of Publication.

The Assistant Secretary, R. S. Salyards, jr., was discharged from military service at Camp Cody, New Mexico, about February 1, 1918, and immediately entered upon his duties in the First Presidency's office; but tuberculosis developed as a result of camp exposure to sandstorms and extreme cold, hence he was unable to continue in office work.

Clergy Credentials.—Beginning January 1, 1919, the United States Railroad Administration made provision for issue of clergy credentials to ministers devoting time to religious work having no other occupation than farming—the clause concerning farming applying only to ministers of churches that do not compensate their ministers by salaries. In harmony with established rule formerly in vogue, General Conference Minutes are filed in the offices of the various clergy bureaus, that the lists of ministers under general appointment published therein may be referred to, such being indorsed to said bureaus. Such general appointees should inclose certificates of appointment in making application, requesting return of the same. Other ministers who may be entitled to the credential must secure certificate of indorsement from the office of the First Presidency, to forward

with their applications. A credential issued by one bureau is good for reduced transportation in the United States from coast to coast. See application blanks for particulars.

Rates to General Conference. With but very few special exceptions no reduced rates have been granted to public gatherings. War conditions, with inadequate returns from railroad earnings, have induced the present policies to decline granting of special rates.

Appointments of 1918.—The General Conference of 1918 made appointments, of the First Presidency 2, of the Quorum of Twelve 11, of the Presiding Bishopric 2, of the evangelical ministers 14, of the other bishops 7, of the high priests 44, of the seventy 99, of the elders 68, of the priests 2, with 17 miscellaneous appointments referred to the Post Conference Council. The Post Conference Council made 41 additional appointments, a total of 307. Changes during the year were: Additional appointments 10, releases 1, transfers to other fields 24.

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 of 1916, page 2246; Committee on Revision of Rules of Order and Debate. Minutes of 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 to Rules of Representation: Referred to committee on Rules of Order. Minutes of 1916, page 2219; joint council of seventies report on rules governing appointment of seventies. Minutes 1917, page 2412; Saints' Home on Pacific Coast: Referred to Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric. Minutes 1917, page 2435; building for General Conference purposes, etc., Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric; also General Conference Minutes 1918, pages 2613-2615: Referred to Presidency, Twelve, and Order of Bishops for report at session of 1919. Minutes of 1918, page 2628: Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Invitation: Referred to Presidency for report.

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 Bishops, Order of Evangelists, General High Council, Quorum of High Priests, Mass Quorum of Elders, Chorister, Historian, Physician, Recorder, Secretary, Auditors, Board of Publication, Bureau of Publicity, Library Commission, Order of Enoch, Chil-

dren's Home Trustees, Graceland College Trustees, Graceland College Extension Institute, Sanitarium Trustees. Standing Committees: American Archæology, as appointed by the Presidency; on Bible Normal Book; Building for General Conferences, 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 Social Purity; Auxiliary organizations: General Sunday School Association; Woman's Auxiliary; Zion's Religio Society.

2. Election of Trustees: of Children's Home; Graceland College; Sanitarium.

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 Publication: B. R. McGuire, A. Carmichael, F. B. Blair, J. F. Keir, M. H. Siegfried. 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. Children's Home Trustees: A. Carmichael, R. J. Lambert, A. J. Yarrington, Jay Barr, 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: B. R. McGuire, W. D. Bullard, G. H. Hulmes, L. H. Haas, J. A. Tanner, C. O. Leeka, M. H. Siegfried. Committees: On Bible Normal Book: S. A. Burgess, J. A. Gunsolley, F. M. McDowell; On Church of Christ: F. M. Smith, E. L. Kelley, F. M. Sheehy, B. R. McGuire, M. H. Siegfried, W. W. Smith; On Coordination: F. M. Smith, and the heads of other departments named in the report of general committee on coordination; 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 Order of Bishops; 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, Mrs. Jennie M. Studley.

R. S. SALYARDS,  
*Church Secretary.*

March 1, 1919.

## RECORDER

*To the First Presidency and General Conference of 1919, Lamoni, Iowa:* We are pleased to submit herewith a tabulated statement of the membership statistics as shown by the reports of branches which have come to us during the year 1918.

Attention is invited to the following items: The total of 1917 was 86,260, to which has been added by baptism 5,195, by transfers received 4,443, and from which has been deducted as losses by transfers issued 4,090, expulsion 118, deaths 865, leaving a net gain of 4,565, and making a present number of 90,825. This shows the largest number of baptisms for any one year since 1890, the next largest being in 1916 when there were 4,907; and the largest net gain during the same period was 1917, when there was a net gain of 4,668.

There have been during the year 554 ordinations, 801 marriages, 1,411 children blessed, and the reports show 36,551 absentees; 5,815 hold the priesthood; of these one third are of the Melchisedec order, one third hold the office of priest of the Aaronic order, and one third are teachers and deacons.

Of the 5,195 baptized 2,275 or 43.8 per cent were males, and 2,920 or 56.2 per cent were females; 2,078 or 40 per cent were under fifteen years of age; 4.6 per cent of our entire membership transferred from one branch to another.

For the purpose of comparison we submit the following figures covering the ten-year period from 1910-1919, a five-year period from 1915 to 1919, and a one-year period for 1918. By reducing these items to a percentage basis a more accurate idea of our progress is conveyed in this tabulation than can be obtained from the aggregate numbers as given in the annual reports.

During the past year Michigan leads the list in the number of baptisms having 981 which represents 10 per cent of their membership; Missouri is second with 884 which is 6 per cent;

| Averages    | 10 years<br>1910-1919 |          | 5 years<br>1915-1919 |          | 1 year<br>1918 |          |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|             | Number                | Per cent | Number               | Per cent | Number         | Per cent |
| Membership  | 74,160                |          | 82,455               |          | 90,825         |          |
| Baptisms    | 3,660                 | 4.9      | 4,252                | 5.1      | 5,195          | 5.6      |
| Received    | 2,425                 | 3.2      | 2,940                | 3.5      | 4,443          | 4.8      |
| Removals    | 2,252                 | 3        | 2,597                | 3.1      | 4,090          | 4.4      |
| Expulsions  | 82                    | .01      | 90                   | .01      | 118            | .1       |
| Deaths      | 603                   | .7       | 659                  | .7       | 865            | .94      |
| Net gain    | 2,991                 | 4        | 3,345                | 4        | 4,565          | 5        |
| Ordinations | 368                   | .4       | 431                  | .5       | 554            | .6       |
| Marriages   | 473                   | .5       | 601                  | .7       | 801            | .8       |
| Absentees   | 29,112                | 38       | 32,919               | 39       | 35,551         | 40       |

## CHURCH RECORDER

1918-1919

| Countries and States | Totals 1918 | Gains |      | Losses |      |      | Net Gain | Net Loss | Totals 1919 | Ministers | Ordinations | Marriages | Absentees |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|------|--------|------|------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                      |             | Bap.  | Rec. | Rem.   | Exp. | Died |          |          |             |           |             |           |           |
| Australia            | 1680        | 106   | 30   | 34     | ..   | 19   | 83       | 1763     | 179         | 7         | 19          | 507       |           |
| Canada               | 7237        | 751   | 338  | 375    | 14   | 97   | 603      | 7840     | 484         | 75        | 95          | 2760      |           |
| Denmark              | 22          | ..    | 1    | ..     | ..   | ..   | 1        | 23       | ..          | ..        | ..          | ..23      |           |
| England              | 1446        | 75    | 12   | 10     | ..   | 13   | 64       | 1510     | 156         | 6         | 8           | 614       |           |
| Germany              | 114         | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 114      | 9           | ..        | ..          | 67        |           |
| Hawaii               | 305         | 38    | ..   | 7      | ..   | ..   | 31       | 336      | 20          | 2         | ..          | 12        |           |
| Mexico               | 2           | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 2        | ..          | ..        | ..          | 2         |           |
| N. Zealand           | 23          | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 23       | 3           | ..        | ..          | 10        |           |
| Norway               | 69          | ..    | 1    | ..     | ..   | ..   | 1        | 70       | 2           | ..        | ..          | 61        |           |
| Palestine            | 16          | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 16       | 3           | ..        | ..          | 16        |           |
| Scotland             | 29          | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 29       | ..          | ..        | ..          | 29        |           |
| Society Isl's        | 1785        | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 1785     | ..          | ..        | ..          | ..        |           |
| Sweden               | 63          | ..    | 2    | ..     | ..   | ..   | 2        | 65       | ..          | ..        | ..          | 65        |           |
| Switzerland          | 15          | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 15       | 2           | ..        | ..          | 15        |           |
| Wales                | 248         | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 248      | 28          | ..        | ..          | 81        |           |
| Alabama              | 1605        | 53    | 19   | 21     | 2    | 16   | 33       | 1638     | 54          | 11        | 19          | 794       |           |
| Arizona              | 128         | 9     | 4    | 5      | ..   | 1    | 7        | 135      | 22          | 1         | ..          | 62        |           |
| Arkansas             | 876         | 35    | 7    | 5      | 5    | 1    | 31       | 907      | 39          | 5         | 3           | 629       |           |
| California           | 3223        | 153   | 163  | 219    | 3    | 66   | 28       | 3251     | 193         | 7         | 33          | 1560      |           |
| Colorado             | 1516        | 170   | 75   | 45     | ..   | 10   | 190      | 1706     | 96          | 13        | 20          | 820       |           |
| Connecticut          | 62          | 2     | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | 2        | 64       | 5           | ..        | ..          | 13        |           |
| Florida              | 559         | 17    | 4    | ..     | ..   | 5    | ..       | 575      | 23          | ..        | 1           | 319       |           |
| Idaho                | 912         | 47    | 42   | 7      | ..   | 4    | 78       | 990      | 71          | 3         | 5           | 427       |           |
| Illinois             | 4663        | 229   | 116  | 140    | 17   | 44   | 144      | 4807     | 309         | 22        | 40          | 2080      |           |
| Indiana              | 1060        | 1     | 6    | 14     | 2    | 6    | ..       | 1045     | 41          | 3         | 2           | 412       |           |
| Iowa                 | 11465       | 216   | 297  | 391    | 7    | 77   | 38       | 11503    | 652         | 35        | 51          | 4663      |           |
| Kansas               | 3566        | 224   | 228  | 291    | 7    | 38   | 116      | 3682     | 253         | 29        | 43          | 1479      |           |
| Kentucky             | 457         | 4     | 2    | 8      | ..   | 4    | ..       | 451      | 16          | ..        | 1           | 225       |           |
| Louisiana            | 69          | 16    | 4    | ..     | ..   | ..   | 20       | 89       | 5           | ..        | 1           | 22        |           |
| Maine                | 1135        | 8     | 1    | 7      | ..   | 9    | ..       | 1128     | 60          | 1         | 3           | 418       |           |
| Maryland             | 135         | 12    | ..   | 4      | ..   | 2    | 6        | 141      | 11          | ..        | 1           | 18        |           |
| Mass.                | 764         | 17    | 24   | 45     | ..   | 13   | ..       | 747      | 73          | 1         | 1           | 238       |           |
| Michigan             | 8290        | 981   | 863  | 716    | 6    | 127  | 995      | 9285     | 649         | 135       | 124         | 3610      |           |
| Minnesota            | 632         | 3     | 7    | 12     | 2    | 3    | ..       | 625      | 38          | ..        | 1           | 322       |           |
| Mississippi          | 396         | 20    | 5    | 2      | ..   | 4    | 19       | 415      | 20          | 1         | 9           | 121       |           |
| Missouri             | 13124       | 884   | 1225 | 865    | 27   | 164  | 1053     | 14177    | 1036        | 96        | 176         | 4648      |           |
| Montana              | 686         | 30    | 25   | 22     | ..   | 4    | 29       | 715      | 60          | 2         | 10          | 351       |           |
| Nebraska             | 2625        | 45    | 35   | 48     | 1    | 14   | 17       | 2642     | 104         | 8         | 8           | 1446      |           |
| Nevada               | 108         | ..    | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..       | 108      | 5           | ..        | ..          | 108       |           |
| N. Mexico            | 40          | ..    | ..   | 3      | ..   | ..   | ..       | 37       | ..          | ..        | ..          | 37        |           |
| New York             | 569         | 33    | 15   | 10     | ..   | 4    | 34       | 603      | 44          | 1         | 2           | 143       |           |
| No. Dakota           | 471         | 62    | 22   | 21     | 1    | 1    | 61       | 532      | 41          | 1         | 2           | 303       |           |
| Ohio                 | 2625        | 174   | 213  | 138    | 9    | 27   | 213      | 2838     | 221         | 27        | 20          | 1032      |           |
| Oklahoma             | 2683        | 220   | 225  | 161    | 1    | 17   | 266      | 2949     | 194         | 8         | 23          | 1847      |           |
| Oregon               | 739         | 59    | 31   | 30     | 1    | 7    | 52       | 791      | 51          | ..        | 12          | 405       |           |
| Penn.                | 1424        | 120   | 112  | 140    | 1    | 20   | 71       | 1495     | 103         | 15        | 10          | 400       |           |
| R. Island            | 361         | 6     | 20   | 7      | ..   | 8    | 11       | 372      | 32          | ..        | 10          | 70        |           |
| S Carolina           | ..          | 1     | ..   | ..     | ..   | ..   | 1        | 1        | ..          | ..        | ..          | 1         |           |



|             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |       |      |      |      |       |
|-------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| S. Dakota   | 223   | 1    | .... | 7    | ..   | ...  | 6    | 217 | 6     | ...  | ...  | 184  |       |
| Tennessee   | 408   | 1    | 1    | 6    | ..   | 1    | .... | 5   | 403   | 23   | ...  | 3    | 163   |
| Texas       | 1463  | 167  | 70   | 106  | 7    | 15   | 109  | ..  | 1572  | 77   | 6    | 19   | 758   |
| Utah        | 759   | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..  | 759   | 42   | .... | .... | 484   |
| Virginia    | 34    | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..  | 34    | .... | .... | .... | 34    |
| Washington  | 1037  | 68   | 72   | 91   | ..   | 7    | 42   | ..  | 1129  | 92   | 6    | 12   | 436   |
| W. Virginia | 927   | 35   | 2    | 8    | ..   | 8    | 21   | ..  | 948   | 67   | 5    | 6    | 623   |
| Wisconsin   | 1261  | 94   | 121  | 68   | ..   | 14   | 133  | ..  | 1394  | 97   | 22   | 7    | 556   |
| Wyoming     | 76    | 8    | 3    | 1    | ..   | ...  | 10   | ..  | 86    | 4    | ...  | ...  | 28    |
| U. S. ....  | 73206 | 4225 | 4059 | 3664 | 104  | 736  | 3846 | 66  | 76986 | 4929 | 464  | 679  | 32289 |
| Foreign     | 13054 | 970  | 384  | 426  | 14   | 129  | 785  | ..  | 13839 | 886  | 90   | 122  | 4262  |
| Totals 1919 | 86260 | 5195 | 4443 | 4090 | 118  | 865  | 4631 | 66  | 90825 | 5815 | 554  | 801  | 36551 |

and Canada third with 751 or 10 per cent. In the matter of net gains Missouri is first with 1,503 or 8.9 per cent; Michigan second with 995 or 12 per cent; Canada third with 603 or 8.3 per cent. It will be noticed in this comparison that Michigan has made the greatest progress.

The territory of the church is more nearly reported up to date this year than has been for years before at this time of the year, but few points being on the delinquent list. They are: Chatham, Ontario; Sheffield, England; Little Sioux, Iowa; and Utah Districts; Germany; and the Society Islands; and the following isolated branches: Jerusalem, Palestine; Dunedin, New Zealand; Bisbee and Sulphur Springs Valley, Arizona; Saint Cloud and Tampa, Florida; Olive and Pleasant View, Nebraska.

The following new branches have been added to the records during the year: CANADA: Alberta District, Oyen and Coutts; Owen Sound District, Spanish and Sandfield; Southern Saskatchewan District, Findlater; Toronto District, Ottawa. IOWA: Eastern District, Waterloo. KANSAS: Spring River District, Arma and Mulberry. MICHIGAN: Central District, West Branch Number 2; Detroit District, Second Detroit, Third Detroit, Fourth Detroit, Pontiac, Otter Lake, Flint Number 2, Highland Park; Northern District, Sault Sainte Marie; Western District, Edgetts. MISSOURI: Holden Stake, Sedalia, East Independence, Marshall, Grandview; Spring River District, Carthage. OHIO: Kirtland District, Alliance and Central New Philadelphia; Northwestern District, Saint Marys. OKLAHOMA: Spring River District, Nowata. PENNSYLVANIA: Pittsburgh District, Duboise, Lock Number 4, Punxutawney. WASHINGTON: Seattle and British Columbia District, Bellingham. WISCONSIN: Northern District, Rock Elm and Black River Falls; Southern District, Readstown; 35 in all.

Nothing has been received during the year from the Society Islands, we suppose on account of conditions incident to the influenza epidemic, nor from Germany or Palestine because of the war situation.

The quality of the work received from our district and branch secretaries is improving in most cases, a few however are still negligent. We hope to make still further improvement in this direction by a persistent campaign of education which we are prepared to launch during the coming year if permitted so to do.

Since our last report was submitted our office quarters have been changed from Lamoni, Iowa, to Independence, Missouri. Some delay and loss of time was necessitated by moving, including preparation of quarters and obtaining necessary equipment with which to handle our work. The influenza epidemic took its turn at our office force causing some loss of time here as well as in other activities. Considering all our handicaps, however, we are pleased with our year's work and are better prepared to handle the work of the coming year than we were at the beginning of the present.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,  
*Church Recorder.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 14, 1919.

#### HISTORIAN

The year 1918, to the great rejoicing of the Latter Day Saints and others interested in liberty and democracy, saw the conclusion of hostilities in the great and destructive war in which the United States had been actively participating for nearly two years. The armistice being signed on November 11, 1918. Final terms of peace have not been fully agreed upon, but it is thought that the enemies of democracy are not in a condition to make further active resistance.

As in the past, this department has tried to actively perform the part assigned it in the development of the work, but, having received no assistance in the office the work of preparing manuscripts for future volumes of history is not materially advanced. The last General Conference referred the reorganization of this department to the joint council of First Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric. This council subsequently reported that it had sustained the present incumbent as historian and appointed Herbert S. Salisbury assistant, but the assistant has not yet associated himself with the active work of this office. He informs us that he is engaged in preparing a brief, or condensed history of the church, but we have not been consulted in regard to the advisability or practicability of this work, nor, are we advised as to what progress has been made, so cannot speak in regard to it.

The much needed and very important work of this department in connection with other associations is still much neg-

lected, in consequence of lack of time and means. Historical authorities generally give us the same courteous and kind consideration that has hitherto marked their conduct. Our travels in the interest of the department have been very limited, but have been effective for good as far as we could engage in it.

#### ORGANIZATION

The First Presidency, the Quorum of Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, and the Standing High Council remain as at last report.

The Presidency of Seventy was strengthened by one addition in the person of James W. Davis who was ordained to that office at the Annual Conference of 1918. This still leaves one vacancy.

Provision was also made for the ordination of seven others to the office of seventy, viz:

S. G. St. John, Philip R. Burton, John D. Carlile, Hale W. Smith, Thomas W. Curtis, Lyman W. Fike, and Edward J. Gleaser.

Provision was made for the release from the Quorum of five, viz: Benjamin F. Renfro, Francis C. Smith, William R. Smith, Frederick B. Farr, and Oscar Case.

The Seventy lost by ordination to High Priests Quorum Arthur Allen; by death Rees Jenkins and Rudolph Etzenhouser.

#### HIGH PRIESTS

Vinton M. Goodrich resigned from the presidency of the quorum and Washington S. Macrae was chosen and ordained to succeed him.

The ordination of nine others to the office of high priest was provided for, viz: William A. Blair, Ralph A. Harder, James Gault, David E. Dowker, Arthur Allen, George H. Parker, Charles E. Jones, Elwyn R. Davis, and Jesse Hardin.

#### BISHOP

Since the conference of 1918 Edward Ingham whose ordination was provided for in 1917 was ordained by President Frederick M. Smith.

#### EVANGELICAL MINISTERS

The conference provided for the ordination of George W. Burt and Richard Baldwin to this office.

#### DISSENSIONS

There has been considerable dissatisfaction manifested with the official administration of the church resulting in a few instances in dissension, but the status of these cases have not yet been determined though some of them are under investigation, hence, there is nothing definite to report.

## STAKES

The five stakes hitherto organized still continue in active operation, but no others have been organized or provided for. The officers of the stakes have held several conferences with the First Presidency of the church and other general officers to consider matters of vital importance to stake administration. Paul Craig resigned from the presidency of Lamoni Stake, and Daniel T. Williams was chosen and ordained to occupy in this presidency.

## COMPETING ORGANIZATIONS

None of these are doing anything of note except the organization with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah. This has lost, by death, its presiding officer in the person of Joseph F. Smith, and has elevated as his successor Heber J. Grant, previously president of the Twelve, and he retained as counselors the counselors of his predecessor, viz: Anthon H. Lund and Charles W. Penrose. Anthon H. Lund was also made president of the Twelve Apostles, and Melvin J. Ballard was selected to fill the vacancy in the Quorum of Twelve. In setting apart these presiding officers this church departed from its former custom and set them apart by the imposition of hands.

## AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

By adoption of the system of coordination at the last conference, the auxiliaries, viz: the Sunday School Association, Zion's Religio, Woman's Auxiliary and other societies lost in a measure their independent existence and became departments of the general church work. They will retain separate organizations, their officers to be appointed as provided for in report of Committee on Coordination, adopted by General Conference of 1918. (See Conference Minutes, pages 2590 to 2592.)

## MISSIONARY WORK

The same policy obtained during the year that obtained the year previous, viz: the Twelve having no special individual appointment, but were directed in their activities by the First Presidency. All ministers in the missionary field were also expected to report directly to the First Presidency. The Presidency has been constantly engaged in this, the local, and other duties pertaining to their calling in the general oversight of the work. President Elbert A. Smith, in order to be in closer touch with the office and with his colleague, removed from Lamoni, Iowa, to Independence, Missouri.

Thirteen evangelical ministers, seven bishops, forty-four high priests, eighty-one of the seventy, sixty-eight elders, and two priests; a total of two hundred and fifteen, received appointment to special fields from the conference.

One evangelical minister, three high priests, thirteen seventy, six elders, and one priest: a total of twenty-four, received appointment subsequently from a joint council in post conference session. Several other appointments and some releases have been made during the year by the authorities in charge.

#### IMPORTANT COUNCILS

Pursuant to their policy of organization the First Presidency have at different times called council of leading officers to consider ways and means. The result has been generally satisfactory to those closely connected with the work done.

#### THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Still controls the publishing interests of the church and the nature of the work is about as in years past.

During the year the second volume of the "Young People's History" has been published and placed upon the market, but the concordance to the Book of Mormon, mentioned a year ago, still remains unpublished.

Bishops Benjamin R. McGuire, Albert Carmichael, Frederick B. Blair, James F. Keir, and Mark H. Siegfried compose the Board of Publication.

#### GRACELAND COLLEGE

This institution has continued its activities with increased patronage. The report of its board will give details.

Thomas A. Hougas and Charles B. Woodstock were each elected to succeed himself on the Board of Trustees. The board now stands as follows: John W. Wight, John F. Garver, and George N. Briggs, with terms terminating with the present conference; Albert Carmichael and Gomer R. Wells, with terms terminating in 1920; and Charles B. Woodstock and Thomas A. Hougas, whose terms terminate in 1921.

#### HOMES FOR THE AGED

These several Homes are conducted by bishops nominated by the Presiding Bishop and are doing a commendable service in providing for the aged, poor, and needy.

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

This institution is filling a demand that it would be difficult to meet without such an institution. It is conducted by a board of seven members, four elected by General Conference nominated by the Order of Bishops, and three nominated by the Woman's Auxiliary and confirmed by the General Conference. The present members are: Albert Carmichael, Richard J. Lambert, Alvah J. Yarrington, Floyd M. McDowell, Callie B. Stebbins, Lucy L. Resseguie, and Minnie B. Nicholson.

The terms of Minnie B. Nicholson, Alvah J. Yarrington and Floyd M. McDowell terminate at this conference; those of Lucy L. Resseguie and Albert Carmichael in 1920, and those of Callie B. Stebbins and Richard J. Lambert in 1921.

#### THE SANITARIUM

The details of the operation of this institution will be presented in the report of its trustees. The last conference sustained as trustees William D. Bullard, George H. Hulmes, Lester H. Haas, Joseph A. Tanner, Clarence O. Leeka, Mark H. Siegfried, and Benjamin R. McGuire.

#### ORDER OF ENOCH

There is no further developments in this department so far as organizations are concerned.

#### GENERAL CHURCH LIBRARY COMMISSION

The President of the church recommended some radical changes in the conduct of this department, including the discharge of the commission and the providing for library interests in another way. This recommendation was, by the conference, referred to a joint council composed of the Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishop with power to act. This council did not report action and the commission and Librarian formerly appointed, have continued to occupy, but this movement has left the affairs of this department in an unsettled condition.

#### PRESS AND PULPIT

We continue to receive favorable consideration from these sources and some very important publications have appeared during the year. Among these might be mentioned a book written and published by Professor E. M. Violette, Professor of History, State Normal School, Kirksville, Missouri; entitled 'History of Missouri.'

In this work Professor Violette devotes one chapter to "The Mormon Troubles in Missouri." The professor was courteous enough to advise with us quite freely and to use much of our literature. Of course, as was very proper, he consulted other authorities, and made his own deductions. Considering the great mass of conflicting testimony and sentiment from which he had to make deductions he has succeeded admirably and produced the best "History of Missouri" with reference to this subject that we have had the privilege of examining.

A series of articles now running through the *Missouri Historical Review* from the pen of Rollin J. Britton of Kansas City, promises to be of great value historically, and like Professor Violette, Mr. Britton is giving us courteous consideration.

Among other historical productions the Missouri Historical Society is publishing and offering for sale a pamphlet on the "Mormon Troubles" from the pen of the Historian of the Church in which we establish from Court Records, and other sources, that the old claim that Porter Rockwell as an agent of Joseph Smith made an assault on the life of Governor Boggs in 1842 is a farce unsupported by evidence.

#### COMMITTEE ON MONUMENT

The committee on monument consisting of Bishop Benjamin R. McGuire, James F. Keir, Mark H. Seigfried, and George P. Lambert was continued. This committee has done some work toward preserving the property, and have located caretakers at Nauvoo in the persons of John W. Layton and wife.

We have other things in course of development which will enable whoever represents the church in this department to place a ban on unreasonable and sensational so-called histories of the church in Missouri. But it will need great care and discretion to meet the situation properly, and must be approached with fairness and just concession.

We have great reason to be satisfied with the general course pursued by the Latter Day Saints in the trying ordeals through which they passed, and that they were in large measure sustained by divine power is evident, yet, we must admit that under great provocation they sometimes acted indiscreetly and without due consideration as instanced by the unwise and hasty statements made in an otherwise patriotic and able oration by Sidney Rigdon, delivered at Far West, Missouri, July 4, 1838. While we justly condemn the vicious and inexcusable extermination proclamation of Governor Lillian W. Boggs, and fully agree with Professor Violette that the "rather extravagant language on the part of Rigdon was hardly sufficient justification for the harsh official order of the Governor," yet we cannot, nor should we wish, to deny that it was a prominent church official that first suggested the possible necessity for a war of extermination.

#### MUSEUM

This remains without material change. Something should be done to provide a proper place for it and then efforts made to enlarge it.

#### LOCAL HISTORIANS

As we have before said some of these officers are very efficient and we know of no better system of gathering necessary information. During the last year, however, we have

had more trouble than ever before in keeping this force up to the standard, and some of the most important places including Independence and Lamoni Stakes are now vacant by resignations.

#### AUDITOR

At the last conference the auditing committee was discontinued and the First Presidency authorized to appoint an auditor. Acting upon this authority the Presidency appointed Richard B. Trowbridge who has been acting in that capacity.

#### ARCHITECT

The Presidency was also authorized to appoint a general Church architect and Brother Henry C. Smith has received appointment to that position.

#### REVISION OF CHURCH HISTORY

Committee on Revision of Church History upon recommendation of the President was discharged without any provision being made for the work hitherto done by said committee.

#### CHURCH PHYSICIAN

This office which has been vacant for several years was renewed and Doctor G. Leonard Harrington elected to occupy.

#### DIRECTOR OF BOY MOVEMENT

This department received attention from the First Presidency during the year 1917 and Floyd M. McDowell was appointed in charge. This was approved by the conference of 1918, and the appointment of Elder McDowell confirmed.

HEMAN C. SMITH.

Attention being called to certain items, this report was received subject to further orders.

#### ASSISTANT HISTORIAN

Attention was called to a clause in a report submitted by the Assistant Historian which referred to his appointment. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Assistant Historian be eliminated from the minutes. The chair ruled that the motion was out of order.

It was moved that the report be received.

A substitute was moved that this report be referred to the Church Historian.

The chair suggested that the report first be re-



ceived. After some discussion the motion to receive was lost.

#### PRESIDING BISHOP

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* The common concern manifested by the Saints in the financial progress of the church in the year 1917, has in face of many hindering causes been maintained with increasing interest in 1918. An analysis of the following summarized report shows that the tithe, offering, and consecration receipts for 1918, exclusive of the Christmas offering, exceeded the 1917 contributions for the same purposes by \$61,714.37. During the year the amount spent to aid the poor and needy ones, beside the amount paid to the various homes and other church institutions was \$6,496.01 more than the amount paid out for this worthy object in 1917. While the statement shows a total indebtedness on December 31, 1918, of \$159,686.19, there has since been paid by

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Presiding Bishop's Office ..... | \$29,068.56 |
| Graceland College .....         | 14,735.62   |
| Herald and Ensign Offices ..... | 39,838.78   |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
| Totaling .....                  | \$83,642.86 |

leaving unpaid March 24, 1919, a total indebtedness of \$76,043.33, with cash, certificates of deposit, and bonds in hands of the Presiding Bishop, local bishops and agents sufficient to wholly satisfy all outstanding obligations when they mature.

The Sunday schools returned a Christmas offering of \$90,807.56 or \$16,130.38 more than in the year 1917. The hearty response of the schools in all parts of the world to the suggestions of Brother Arthur W. Smith, appointed by the General Sunday School Association to supervise this work, is commendable, and reveals what it is possible for the church to accomplish by a united effort. We believe that the raising of the Christmas offering has proven a valuable lesson in team work, increased the interest and gained membership. Now that the special object to which this fund has been applied during the past two years has been accomplished, a few have thought we should slacken our efforts. It should be recognized, however, that freed from debt, the church is under a greater responsibility to carry the gospel of our blessed Lord to those that sit in darkness. Let us then contribute our tithes, offerings, and consecrations, not grudgingly, nor of necessity, nor to the hurt of the work locally, but with a free heart, willingly; that the missionary work

may be performed; the poor and needy supplied, and stewardships established. Should the Bishopric, after mature consideration, propose some one special object for which the offering of 1919 should be used, announcement thereof can be made at a later date. Besides the work of the traveling and local bishops, bishop's agents and solicitors, without which this splendid financial showing could not have been possible, acknowledgement is made of the cooperation of auxiliary societies and ministry generally.

It will be noticed that this report included a statement of the houses of worship owned by the church throughout the world. This record, while not complete owing to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary data, could not have been submitted at this time had it not been for the untiring efforts of Brother Robert T. Cooper, under whose direction the report was made. Heretofore each branch has purchased its fire protection from some local fire insurance company. From information in hand we hope that the Bishopric may be able to formulate a plan for legislation to be enacted at this conference by which it may be made possible for the church to carry fire risk on church buildings, permitting money heretofore spent for fire insurance to form a church extension fund.

The questionnaires mailed to the membership during the year have elicited favorable comment, and the returns to date have made possible the compiling of statistics which will be very necessary and helpful in the development of the Zionie program. In this work we are fortunate in having had the able assistance of Brother J. August Koehler.

The willing contributions of funds for the purchase of lands to establish stewardships is very gratifying. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) has already been so invested. Donations for this purpose to date, however, amount to only \$17,564.29. We are satisfied, now that the war is ended and the requirements of the Government are lessened, this fund will increase apace, as it should be apparent to all that it must, before a great deal in this regard can be accomplished.

In the month of October, arrangements were effected whereby Bishop Mark H. Siegfried, in addition to his duties as manager of the Independence Sanitarium, undertook the active supervision of the work of the Bishopric relating to the Homes. This has made possible a more careful investigation of all applications for admission and it is expected will result in the arranging of the work so as to give better service to those seeking the aid of these institutions without additional expense to the church, and making possible the extension of the field of usefulness of these institutions.

The report of the stewards managing the Independence

and Lamoni Storehouse and Lamoni Steam Laundry show a very satisfactory progress. These establishments are filling a present need and gaining an increasing patronage.

Several requests of the Bishopric to foster similar enterprises in other localities have been received. We have thought best not to encourage such undertakings until experience has proven, not only the value, but also the best method of conducting these endeavors. Many letters have been received and interviews held relative to the gathering. To all such we have felt, and still feel constrained to say: "Let your gathering not be in haste; have all things prepared."

During the year members of the Presiding Bishopric have traveled quite extensively in the interest of the work as occasion required, or opportunity afforded, and have everywhere found an increasing interest manifested to know the temporal law and desire to comply therewith.

Pursuant to resolution of the Order of Bishops with the assistance of the General Church Auditor, Brother R. B. Trowbridge, a uniform Bishops and Bishop's Agent's Ledger has been prepared, and is now in use; also a uniform receipt and report blank by which it will be possible to audit all accounts at the general office. We do not, however, advocate that district and stake auditors be released unless experience shall prove they are unnecessary.

The general church offices, while furnishing temporary relief are inadequate to the present requirements. Brother Henry C. Smith, (Church Architect) is preparing plans to provide additional space. The necessity for this building operation, together with the College Library and General Conference building at Independence to properly meet the growing demands is unquestioned.

There is under consideration a general church budget plan designed to secure a proper application of church funds to such objects and in such proportion as to conserve and advance the work as a whole. It is expected this plan may be perfected in time to receive the approval of this conference.

In order for the church to successfully perform the work which is entrusted to all, we have felt impressed to advocate: "Every member a tithe payer." Past efforts have brought new opportunities. May we all correctly evaluate and properly use them to the blessing of mankind and the glory of our heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. R. MCGUIRE.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 24, 1919.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE REORGANIZED  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS  
PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE:

Assets

Cash on hand December 31, 1918 .....\$25,960.56  
Cash in hands of bishops and agents 53,469.68

|  |    |            |
|--|----|------------|
|  | \$ | 79,430.24  |
| Accounts receivable .....                              |    | 64,739.64  |
| Bills receivable .....                                 |    | 131,082.68 |
| Furniture and fixtures, general office .....           |    | 5,561.89   |
| Furniture and fixtures, Kirtland Hotel .....           |    | 725.21     |
| Furniture and fixtures, Ottawa, Ontario, Mission ..... |    | 344.60     |
| Furniture and fixtures, Kirtland District .....        |    | 99.00      |
| Furniture and fixtures, Utah automobile .....          |    | 258.53     |
| Library, Presidency's office .....                     |    | 1,029.99   |
| Library, Bishop's office .....                         |    | 1,944.50   |
| Library, General (Lamoni) .....                        |    | 1,693.14   |
| Library, Historian's office .....                      |    | 350.40     |

HOMES

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Children's Home, real estate and equipment .....           | 17,226.32 |
| Holden Home, real estate and equipment .....               | 18,221.30 |
| Saints' and Liberty Homes, real estate and equipment ..... | 59,650.00 |

STAKE ASSETS

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Kansas City .....   | 1,172.40     |
| Holden .....  | 1,080.75     |
| Far West .....  | 371.85       |
| Lamoni .....  | 7,938.42     |
| Independence .....  | 1,565.14     |
| Houses of worship .....   | 1,267,482.66 |
| Bonds .....   | 8,781.05     |
| Real estate contracts .....   | 24,252.30    |
| Real estate (set aside to secure funds placed with this office) ..... | \$100,000.00 |
| Real estate, reserved for general church use .....                    | 55,649.74    |
| Real estate for sale .....  | 106,233.40   |
| Sanitarium, balance due church on open account .....                  | 2,893.14     |

INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Cash .....                                | 50.65     |
| Real estate, fixtures and buildings ..... | 66,885.71 |
| Accounts and bills receivable .....       | 9,539.08  |
| Miscellaneous .....                       | 5,380.39  |

## GRACELAND COLLEGE

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Cash, June 30, 1918 .....                   | 1,814.01  |
| Accounts and bills receivable .....         | 6,989.54  |
| Real estate, buildings, and equipment ..... | 74,968.40 |
| Miscellaneous .....                         | 5,284.32  |

## HERALD AND ENSIGN

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash, January 31, 1919 .....        | 7,297.75  |
| Real estate and fixtures .....      | 85,593.49 |
| Merchandise and supplies .....      | 44,754.86 |
| Accounts and bills receivable ..... | 61,083.31 |

Total .....\$2,329,419.31

## CONTRA

## Presiding Bishop's Office; Funds for Special Purpose

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Temple fund .....                                | \$ 5,622.15 |
| Herald Publishing House, depreciation fund ..... | 21,084.37   |
| Sanitarium, due Presiding Bishop .....           | 2,894.14    |

Present worth .....\$2,140,132.46

## Liabilities

|  |           |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Presiding Bishop's office, funds of members (voluntarily placed with this office, subject to call; secured by real estate as above) \$ | 91,768.25 |            |
| Graceland College, bonds, accounts, and bills payable .....  | 14,735.62 |            |
| Herald and Ensign Publishing Houses, accounts and bills payable .....  | 18,851.59 |            |
| Bonds .....  | 28,200.00 |            |
| Independence Sanitarium, bills and accounts payable .....  | 6,130.73  | 159,686.19 |

Total .....\$2,329,419.31

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Liabilities last report .....    | \$ 266,886.90 |
| Liabilities present report ..... | 159,686.19    |

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| Reduction in Liabilities \$                                      | 107,200.71    |
| Present worth last report .....                                  | \$ 650,592.01 |
| 1918, increase present worth .....                               | 264,021.03    |
| Houses of worship (not included in previous annual reports)..... | 1,225,519.42  |

Present worth .....\$2,140,132.46

## RECEIPTS BY PRESIDING BISHOP

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1918 .....                             | \$ 37,815.35 |
| Aid returned .....   | 1,012.68     |
| Bishop's office expense returned .....                         | 98.27        |
| Local bishops and agents .....                                 | 218,934.42   |
| Bonheim Home .....   | 135.00       |
| Book of Mormon Translation Fund .....                          | 5.00         |
| Check exchange .....   | 1,403.67     |
| Children's Home .....  | 825.18       |
| Christmas offerings .....                                      | 71,564.29    |
| Church buildings .....   | 506.48       |
| Land fund consecration .....                                   | 17,569.98    |
| Consecration .....   | 36,314.88    |
| Exchange .....   | 5.45         |
| Elders' expense returned .....                                 | 310.91       |
| Elders' families returned .....                                | 411.77       |
| Presidency office expense .....                                | 60.26        |
| Furniture and fixtures account .....                           | 680.76       |
| General expense returned .....                                 | 38.73        |
| General office expense returned .....                          | 40           |
| General Sunday School Association .....                        | 2,306.00     |
| Graceland College running account (L. G.<br>\$14,847.31) ..... | 17,018.03    |
| Holden Home running account .....                              | 1,674.13     |
| Interest .....   | 3,744.05     |
| Kirtland Home .....  | 305.00       |
| Kirtland Temple .....  | 800.00       |
| Law of Christ and Its Fulfillment .....                        | 1.05         |
| Bonds .....  | 3,831.36     |
| Library, Bishop's office .....                                 | 1.00         |
| Loss and Gain .....  | 375.00       |
| Memorial Fund .....  | 1.00         |
| Postage .....  | 8.63         |
| Quorum of Twelve expense returned .....                        | 2.25         |
| Real estate sales and rent .....                               | 38,981.17    |
| Real estate contracts .....                                    | 6,819.20     |
| Revenue stamps .....   | 7.04         |
| Saints' and Liberty Homes .....                                | 1,388.32     |
| Sanitarium .....   | 322.46       |
| Special debt fund .....  | 929.88       |
| Surplus .....  | 2,480.00     |
| Suspense .....   | 15.66        |
| Temple consecration fund .....                                 | 157.23       |
| Thrift Stamps .....  | 30.82        |
| Time deposit account .....                                     | 10,261.12    |
| Tithes and offerings .....                                     | 53,964.47    |
| Accounts receivable .....                                      | 72,749.29    |
| Bills payable .....  | 50,182.36    |

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|--|---------------|
| Bills receivable .....                         | 62,620.14     |
| Total .....                                    | \$ 718,670.14 |
| EXPENDITURES BY PRESIDING BISHOP               |               |
| Aid .....                                      | \$ 9,132.38   |
| Auditing expense .....                         | 750.49        |
| Bishop's office expense .....                  | 7,846.74      |
| Local bishops' and agents' supplies .....      | 11,636.14     |
| Bonheim .....                                  | 169.77        |
| Check exchange .....                           | 1,403.71      |
| Children's Home .....                          | 5,260.00      |
| Christmas offerings .....                      | 343.67        |
| Church buildings .....                         | 1,402.20      |
| Choir movement .....                           | 2.30          |
| Credentials Committee .....                    | 9.07          |
| Exchange .....                                 | 210.83        |
| Elders' expense .....                          | 26,998.99     |
| Elders' families .....                         | 58,348.28     |
| Presiding office expense .....                 | 4,726.23      |
| Furniture and fixtures account .....           | 1,885.24      |
| General expense .....                          | 3,204.73      |
| General office expense .....                   | 1,275.39      |
| General Sunday School Association .....        | 6.00          |
| Good Literature Bureau .....                   | 50.00         |
| Graceland College running account .....        | 20,214.67     |
| High Priests' Quorum expense .....             | 1.00          |
| Historian's office expense .....               | 1,370.07      |
| Holden Home running account .....              | 5,014.60      |
| Holden Home furniture and fixtures account ... | 30.02         |
| Inheritance .....                              | 362.15        |
| Insurance .....                                | 12.41         |
| Interest .....                                 | 8,151.50      |
| Jerusalem Mission .....                        | 335.00        |
| Kirtland Temple .....                          | 1,750.00      |
| Land fund .....                                | 1,020.00      |
| Bonds .....                                    | 12,262.41     |
| Library, Presidency's office .....             | 64.62         |
| Library, Bishop's office .....                 | 42.50         |
| Library, church .....                          | 80.08         |
| Library, Historian's office .....              | 17.00         |
| Loss and gain .....                            | 22,867.62     |
| New Zealand Mission .....                      | 35.00         |
| Nauvoo property account .....                  | 3,900.00      |
| Patriarch's office expense .....               | 251.94        |
| Petty cash .....                               | 10.00         |
| Postage .....                                  | 576.18        |
| Quorum of Twelve expense .....                 | 27.76         |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Real estate .....                | 82,381.35            |
| Real estate contracts .....      | 18,896.90            |
| Recorder's office expense .....  | 1,520.98             |
| Revenue stamps .....             | 51.50                |
| Saints' and Liberty Homes .....  | 8,207.60             |
| Sanitarium .....                 | 607.00               |
| Secretary's office expense ..... | 396.66               |
| Thrift Stamps .....              | 30.82                |
| Time deposit account .....       | 10,261.12            |
| Tithes and offerings .....       | 1,476.34             |
| Tracts .....                     | 257.97               |
| Utah Mission .....               | 62.52                |
| Accounts payable .....           | 92,842.74            |
| Bills payable .....              | 114,269.08           |
| Bills receivable .....           | 148,398.31           |
| Cash .....                       | 25,950.56            |
| <b>Total .....</b>               | <b>\$ 718,670.14</b> |

## ACCOUNTS WITH LOCAL BISHOPS AND AGENTS

December 31, 1918

## Receipts

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Balance due church last report .....                     | \$ 50,446.73        |
| Less Nodaway District .....                              | 4.00                |
|  | <u>\$ 50,442.73</u> |
| Received from Presiding Bishop .....                     | 13,436.48           |
| Received from other agents .....                         | 5,935.83            |
| Received from tithes, offerings, and consecrations ..... | 371,976.86          |
| Received from miscellaneous .....                        | 35,753.46           |
| Due agents December 31, 1918 .....                       | 2.29                |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                       | <b>\$477,547.65</b> |

## Expenditures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Due agents December 31, 1917 .....                             | \$ 175.52           |
| Paid to Presiding Bishop .....                                 | 219,755.70          |
| Paid to elders' families .....                                 | 110,330.83          |
| Paid to elders' expenses .....                                 | 16,164.75           |
| Paid to aid of poor and needy .....                            | 16,893.43           |
| Paid to other agents .....                                     | 5,935.83            |
| Paid to miscellaneous .....                                    | 54,819.62           |
| In hands of local bishops and agent December 31,<br>1918 ..... | 53,471.97           |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>\$477,547.65</b> |



## HOLDEN HOME

January 1, 1918, to December 31, 1918

## Receipts

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Balance on hand December 31, 1917 .....     | \$3,011.11        |
| Donations .....                             | 198.90            |
| Coal sold .....                             | 231.22            |
| Miscellaneous .....                         | 24.40             |
| Board paid by inmates .....                 | 1,872.01          |
| From general fund by Presiding Bishop ..... | 329.47            |
| <b>Total</b> .....                          | <b>\$5,667.00</b> |

## Expenditures

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Labor .....                           | \$ 540.37         |
| Live stock .....                      | 83.00             |
| Groceries, meat, etc. ....            | 1,803.32          |
| Miscellaneous supplies .....          | 218.49            |
| Hardware and repairs .....            | 272.35            |
| Light, water, and telephone .....     | 23.16             |
| Paid inmates .....                    | 27.75             |
| Funeral expenses .....                | 75.00             |
| Medical expense .....                 | 226.98            |
| Matron for services (14 months) ..... | 560.33            |
| Miscellaneous expense .....           | 247.58            |
| Interest .....                        | 195.45            |
| Hay and feed .....                    | 417.24            |
| Coal .....                            | 909.29            |
| Balance in hands of matron .....      | 66.69             |
| <b>Total</b> .....                    | <b>\$5,667.00</b> |

## SAINTS' AND LIBERTY HOMES

January 1, 1918, to December 31, 1918

## Receipts

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1918 .....    | \$ 981.46 |
| Groceries and provisions .....        | 13.75     |
| Live stock .....                      | 4,871.76  |
| Improvements and farm furniture ..... | 273.82    |
| Interest .....                        | 6.49      |
| Bills payable .....                   | 2,400.00  |
| Fuel .....                            | 449.83    |
| Freight and express .....             | 2.02      |
| Offerings .....                       | 75.65     |
| Farm products .....                   | 771.72    |
| Funeral expense .....                 | 20.00     |
| Insurance—returned premiums .....     | 55.45     |
| Board .....                           | 1,815.15  |

|   |          |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Labor .....                                 |          | 166.15             |
| Offerings to Presiding Bishop .....         | 184.50   |                    |
| Board to Presiding Bishop .....             | 1,203.82 |                    |
| From general fund by Presiding Bishop ..... | 6,819.28 | 8,207.60           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                          |          | <b>\$20,110.85</b> |

## Disbursements

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Groceries and provisions .....        | \$ 1,897.64        |
| Live stock .....                      | 894.74             |
| Improvements and farm furniture ..... | 2,379.87           |
| Interest .....                        | 131.60             |
| Bills payable .....                   | 3,615.00           |
| Fuel .....                            | 2,090.32           |
| Freight and express .....             | 360.90             |
| Farm products .....                   | 3,213.91           |
| Funeral expenses .....                | 231.00             |
| Insurance and taxes .....             | 411.41             |
| Labor .....                           | 4,036.63           |
| Medical service and drugs .....       | 62.26              |
| Expense, personal and traveling ..... | 177.69             |
| Electricity and telephone .....       | 360.37             |
| Miscellaneous .....                   | 160.28             |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1918 .....  | 87.23              |
| <b>Total .....</b>                    | <b>\$20,110.85</b> |

## CHILDREN'S HOME, LAMONI, IOWA

January 1, 1918, to December 31, 1918

## Receipts

|  |                    |          |
|--|--------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1918 .....       | \$ 252.07          |          |
| Donations .....                          | 836.30             |          |
| Improvements and farm furniture .....    | 5.00               |          |
| Farm products .....                      | 164.63             |          |
| Live stock .....                         | 281.00             |          |
| Traveling expense .....                  | 11.00              |          |
| Board .....                              | 810.00             |          |
| Bills payable .....                      | 1,200.00           |          |
| Bills receivable .....                   | 500.00             |          |
| Labor .....                              | 7.00               |          |
| Groceries and provisions .....           | 40.68              |          |
| Presiding Bishop from general funds .... | 4,334.82           |          |
| Offerings sent to Presiding Bishop ..... | 925.18             | 5,260.00 |
| Interest .....                           | 13.54              |          |
| Miscellaneous .....                      | 8.35               |          |
| <b>Total .....</b>                       | <b>\$ 9,389.57</b> |          |

## Disbursements

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Improvements and farm furniture ..... | \$ 1,068.37        |
| Farm products .....                   | 473.92             |
| Live stock .....                      | 688.50             |
| Traveling expense .....               | 24.00              |
| Bills receivable .....                | 500.00             |
| Labor .....                           | 1,948.04           |
| Freight and express .....             | 13.52              |
| Office supplies .....                 | 25.24              |
| Electricity and water .....           | 362.48             |
| Medical service and drugs .....       | 165.51             |
| Groceries and provisions .....        | 2,789.76           |
| Expense, funeral .....                | 30.00              |
| Fuel .....                            | 376.41             |
| Sewer tax .....                       | 12.99              |
| Repairs .....                         | 115.75             |
| School tuition and supplies .....     | 213.73             |
| Miscellaneous .....                   | 56.55              |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1918 .....  | 524.80             |
| <b>Total .....</b>                    | <b>\$ 9,389.57</b> |

## KIRTLAND HOME

## Receipts

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Betz, Mrs. C., o .....                     | \$ 472.17         |
| Stevenson, John, o .....                   | 30.00             |
| Harris, William, board for E. Harris ..... | 61.00             |
| Teaming .....                              | 223.70            |
| Sale of cattle .....                       | 399.41            |
| Sale of farm implements .....              | 286.65            |
| Rent .....                                 | 100.00            |
| Sale of horses and feed .....              | 275.00            |
| Sale of household goods .....              | 39.90             |
| Miscellaneous .....                        | 59.05             |
| <b>Total .....</b>                         | <b>\$1,946.88</b> |

## Expenditures

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Deficit, January 1, 1918 .....            | \$ 104.77 |
| Harland, A., labor .....                  | 39.00     |
| LeRoy, C., salary .....                   | 100.00    |
| George, W. C., labor .....                | 3.45      |
| Young, G. S., salary .....                | 309.50    |
| Pace, J. G., and wife, salary .....       | 54.55     |
| McGuire, Bishop B. R., church funds ..... | 275.00    |
| Feed .....                                | 231.49    |
| Fuel .....                                | 71.05     |
| Repairing .....                           | 96.36     |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Miscellaneous .....                                | 107.33     |
| Insurance .....                                    | 19.50      |
| Groceries .....                                    | 69.57      |
| Stevenson, J., clothing .....                      | 10.30      |
| Stone, A. E., labor .....                          | 38.60      |
| McFarland and Son, wagon box, etc. ....            | 40.55      |
| Crawford, N. P., blacksmithing .....               | 30.30      |
| McFarland, C. A., threshing and silo filling ..... | 34.25      |
| Transportation to Holden .....                     | 247.44     |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$1,883.01 |
| Balance on hand .....                              | 63.87      |
|  | <hr/>      |
| Total .....  | \$1,946.88 |

### GRACELAND COLLEGE

*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,

LAMONI, IOWA, March 6, 1919.

*Chairman.*

### ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT

#### The Past Year

*To the Board of Trustees, Graceland College:* No year in the history of higher education in this country ever opened under such extraordinary conditions as the present. With the prospect of the war continuing indefinitely, the Government looked to the colleges and universities of the land for essential aid in the matter of carrying out its plans for placing our country on a war basis. As was expected, all higher institutions of learning in the country responded and placed their faculties, buildings, and equipment entirely at the disposal of the war department.

Graceland along with the other accredited colleges was called upon to do her part in the training of prospective officers for the army, but it was finally decided that, since there were not 100 young men of collegiate standing enrolled, those who had responded to the call of the Government should be transferred to other institutions, and the majority of Graceland's quota was assigned to the State University of Iowa, where a number of them, during the three months the Student's Army Training Corps was in effective operation, were recommended for transfer to the officers' training

camps. This is as was expected and Graceland has again fully demonstrated her ability to prepare young men and women for meeting every emergency in life.

With the uncertainty for the future of the young men of draft age and the prospect that war was to continue indefinitely, claiming the services of the young men of the country for many years, the young women responded as never before to the call for preparation, and Graceland has the largest enrollment of women students in her history. College education has so tremendously justified itself in the war that the whole world now has an appreciation of its value never before known, and this conception of the matter is percolating to every corner of the country. A college course has almost been a condition of preferment in the army, not by reason of any sentiment or prejudice in favor of the colleges, but because the college men have in larger numbers than any other class made good in the vast undertaking in which we have been engaged.

If this is true of military life, how much more true is it going to be of civil life. The period of reconstruction is upon us and the problems to be solved are going to tax us more, if anything, than have the problems of war, because, if for no other reason, it is going to be a slower process, is going to take years where our war problems have taken months.

The uncertainties of the war situation and the unprecedented epidemic which swept over our land during the last weeks of 1918 had most deteriorating influences on the work of the first three months of the college year, but plans were effected in Graceland to arrange the schedule and conduct the work so as to complete the regular year's courses with little, if any, loss. This is being done and it is confidently believed that next June will complete one of the very best college years in the history of Graceland.

#### Attendance

The success of an educational institution is not alone gauged by the number of students, but, other things being equal, it is one of the evidences of the good it is accomplishing. Measured by that mark the present year is the most successful in our history.

The following figures show the growth in the collegiate department alone:

| Year    | Enrollment | Increase | Per Cent |
|---------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1915-16 | 22         |          |          |
| 1916-17 | 39         | 17       | 77       |
| 1917-18 | 47         | 8        | 22       |
| 1918-19 | 79         | 32       | 70       |

Total increase for the years 1915-16 to 1918-19 260%.

Candidates for graduation from all departments this next June number 56 as compared with 38 a year ago.

#### Additional Accrediting

I take great pleasure in reporting that the State has extended further recognition to Graceland in the way of accrediting the work done in her commercial department. The work of the college and academy has already been fully standardized and officially accredited, as previously reported to you. Graduates from those departments are given full credit by all institutions belonging to the American Association of Colleges and Universities, and State Teacher's Certificates good for life are issued to our college graduates.

Beginning with the school year 1918-19 a combined academic-commercial course was offered, graduates from which are entitled to full admission without examination to the State University of Iowa and all other colleges and universities belonging to the American Association of Colleges and Universities, and will at the same time prepare one for a business life as stenographer, stenotypist, or bookkeeper. This combination has not heretofore been possible, but now, due to the excellence of the work offered at Graceland, students will be able to reduce the period of their preparation one year by enrolling in the combined course, taking additional to the required subjects in the academy the following electives: Stenography or Stenotypy, Salesmanship, Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Spelling, and Penmanship.

On graduation from such a course one will be able either to continue in college or university, using his ability as a stenographer, stenotype operator, or bookkeeper, to assist him through his college course, or if he finds it necessary to do so he can enter at once into active life in the commercial world.

This additional recognition and accrediting will be a source of great good to our student body.

#### New Building

As indicated elsewhere in this report, we have had a most unusual increase in our college attendance in spite of the great handicap of the war—70 per cent over last year and 260 per cent over the attendance in 1915-16—and now that peace has returned we can look forward to an unprecedented increase in the number of students. Our young people have awakened to the great benefits of education, which is so tremendously justifying itself in all walks of life, and we must meet their needs.

If our young men and women respond to the clarion call of President Smith given by "inspiration upon us and the

voice of God" there will be such "haste and a greater speeding up than has ever been indulged in in the past" that we will not begin to be able to meet their needs without more adequate facilities. With an increased attendance of 260 per cent in three years, what will another three years bring forth?

I can here only invite attention to my recommendation of a year ago:

"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.

"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.

"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.

"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, releasing our present library room for regular class rooms, would relieve our congestion in the main building, thus assisting very materially in administration and efficiency."

Recent years have witnessed a remarkable growth in college interest and attendance, but we have reached the point where little, if any, further advancement can be made without added facilities.

#### Money Value of Education

A recent United States Government Bulletin shows the results of an investigation throughout the country, proving that every day spent in school by the child is worth \$9.02 to him. If that is true of the child in the public schools of the country, of how much greater value is every day spent

in college! However, taking the Government average for public schools as applying to college students and our attendance for this year up to the date of this report shows that Graceland has increased the earning capacity of her students \$145,699, and figuring to the end of the college year in June, taking the average attendance up to date for the rest of the school year, it shows that our young people of the church will be enabled to earn \$254,702 more during their natural life than if they had not been in attendance at college this year.

These figures are almost beyond belief, yet they are based on a most thorough investigation by the United States Government. When we consider the fact that this sum of \$254,702 does not represent the earnings of a single year, but is spread out over the years of activity after graduation and is a continued source of income to the church and its members, we are led to ask: Does an education pay from the standpoint of money alone? If it does, is there any better investment for the church to make than to provide adequate facilities which will meet not only the requirements of the church but the requirements of the state?

#### Memorial Hall

In nearly every county in this broad land, in every college and university, material tribute will be paid to our citizen soldiers, living and dead. People with burning hearts and willing hands will build them monuments, plant groves, dedicate parks, and erect buildings in their names. In a task so worthy, expressing our own devotion for future generations to read, we shall demand a full share.

We are informed that one village has already raised \$174,000 for the erection of a granite shaft in memory of their beloved lost. These men, mostly young with their lives yet before them, died in the cause of liberty and democracy and for the institutions of America. Great as is the virtue of a silent granite shaft in commemorating their gift to their country, would it not yet be a finer tribute and one more fitting to the nature of the case to erect a beautiful and dignified building, dedicated to that great safeguard of the liberties for which these sons fought—a free and liberal education?

Surely some memorial is imperative. A sister some weeks ago sent the college a small sum from the earnings of her son who had gone to his reward, with which to purchase some useful thing as a memorial—"A boy's personal gift to other boys and girls near his own age," as she wrote. And what would be more fitting than a memorial hall constructed by the church on the campus of Graceland College, which



will endure through the years as a token of love and esteem "from the church in the name of the young men and women who served in the world war to the young men and women near their own age" for uses which will make present and future generations able in time of peace to battle for those principles which will guarantee that our "dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and, that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

I am advised that the church had 1,023 young men and women in the army and that 37 were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. *Surely some memorial is imperative.*

#### Librarian

In line with the recommendation of President Smith to the General Conference of 1918 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," provision was made for the appointment of a college librarian with special preparation along that line. The present librarian spent last summer in attendance at the School for Library Training at the State University of Iowa and will be fully prepared to render most efficient service for the church, as she is doing for the college, when the time comes that her services are so needed.

#### Possible Attendance

In another place in this report, attention is called to the large increase in college attendance—70 per cent over last year and 260 per cent increase in three years—and yet the number of college students in the church in proportion to church membership is so inconsiderable as to be almost negligible in proportion to what it should be and in proportion to the membership in college from other religious denominations.

A recent report of the "Society of Friends" with Penn College located at Oskaloosa, Iowa, shows a church membership in Iowa of 8,322, approximately one-tenth of our entire membership. The "Society of Friends" has 150 college students in Penn College. On the same basis Graceland should have an attendance of 1,500 college students. Yet we have this year only 79 enrolled. It is true there are some young people of our church enrolled in other colleges, but all too few. As President Smith recently said:

"In the nearly twenty years of my church work I have continuously plead for preparation by education for greater usefulness. I have plead that the members use every energy possible to educate themselves against the coming of a day

when there would be thrown upon their shoulders a burden that they cannot carry unless that education or preparation has been had. And if there ever has been a man in this church who has had his position vindicated I have had mine within the last few months. What has been the answer to that appeal, made by your leader, as he believes under the impulses of inspiration, calling upon you for earnest preparation against the coming of that day when the burdens that shall be thrown upon you will be greater than you can carry in your own strength only as you shall have qualified under the inspiration of Almighty God, and the development through your own energies of abilities that God endowed you with. Has that call been heeded as it should? Let the answer be found in the response that we gave to the call of the Government to furnish young men of high school education to enter the Students' Army Training Corps, and let me say that it is with a great degree of sadness that I realize that the failure of all our young men to have reached that standard demanded by the Government not only handicaps us in our response as citizens of the Government, but is bound to handicap us in our response as citizens of the kingdom of God."

Our young people, their parents, and friends are awakening to the clarion call of President Smith, but are they going to awaken soon enough and in sufficient numbers to meet the responsibilities which he feels are to be placed upon them? Every effort should be made to develop in their minds the urgent need for this preparation. If his call is to be heeded, and unless it is our hopes for the speedy redemption of Zion cannot be realized, we must prepare for a college attendance of 2,000 within a few years.

#### Extension Department

It is the practice of the modern college and university to extend its service as far as possible, not only to those who can spend time at the institution itself, but through extension service to do all possible for the isolated ones. "For those who cannot go to college the college goes to them."

It is believed that this is a legitimate function of higher education. Graceland Extension Institute was organized a few years ago to meet the great demand which all know existed for some form of correspondence study. The Lecture Board of the Religio developed to meet a special need. Other activities of the different auxiliaries do much toward the organization of study centers in the church and in the home. They are creating an atmosphere of study, culture, and refinement which is almost impossible without "studying all good books."

In accordance with the instructions to the Coordinating Committee by the General Conference of 1918 a beginning has been made in the way of reassigning some of the activities and interests in which there was clearly an overlapping of effort with consequent duplication and loss of energy.

Graceland Extension Institute has not been the success it should be or can be because the men and women who expected to give their time to it were already overburdened with other church and home work. They are unable to devote the attention necessary for success. Some of the correspondence courses offered by other departments of the church work have not had proper attention because the demand for the courses is so great that the correspondence lessons sent in cannot be properly cared for by volunteer teachers who have their full hours of duty outside of these correspondence courses.

The experience of the institute officials and those of other correspondence efforts is that by merely announcing through the church papers courses which are offered nearly everyone will receive so many enrollments that the volunteer teacher is unable to care for them at all. The Coordinating Committee feels that if this correspondence work, lecture work and other phases of educational extension work is worth doing at all it is worth assigning people with full or part time to it whose business it will be to carry it on.

With that in mind there has been assigned to Graceland the activities of the Lecture Board and such activities of the Graceland Extension Institute and of the educational correspondence courses of the Woman's Auxiliary as can be adequately provided for as soon as full time or part time instructors and adequate office help can be secured to take care of those interests.

There is a very large field of usefulness for such a department. It will cost money for its organization, but it is believed that it will be as nearly self-supporting as other forms of academic instruction after the initial cost.

#### Student Activities

College activities consisting of debate, declamation, oration, musical, and athletic insofar as they represent contests, either intercollegiate or intramural, occur so late in the year that it is impossible to report them to you for the current year. This is more true this year than heretofore, due to the unusual epidemic and consequent quarantine. To date we have had no contests with other colleges this school year. However, we have scheduled two intercollegiate debates for the second semester of the present year, our representatives will take part in two declamatory contests, our annual oratorical con-

test will occur in April, the studio department will be represented in several recitals and other public performances, and the usual winter and spring athletic activities will be entered upon.

Last year's activities are representative of a year's interests along these lines:

(a) We took part in intercollegiate debates with colleges in two different States—Iowa and Missouri—debating the same question with both colleges. In one debate we affirmed, in the other one we denied the question, and won both debates.

(b) In the declamatory contest, which we were permitted to enter for the first time last year, due to the fact that our institution had been fully accredited, we won second place in a contest with twelve schools.

(c) In athletics we played colleges in three different states—Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas—and lost but one game.

(d) Our annual oratorical contest was of a very high order, a larger number of students than ever before competing in the preliminary, with the result that the four final contestants were exceptionally well prepared.

(e) The recitals, musicals, glee club, and orchestra appearances during the year showed the departments represented to be on a very high plane and the students interested along those lines to have had unusual advantages in the way of training.

These debating, oratorical, declamatory, athletic, and musical contests are of very great value, not only for the individual gain to those taking part, but for the general good to the institution in the way of *esprit de corps*.

#### Faculty and Student Body

In the face of the very great handicap resulting from quarantine regulations, the closing of the college doors for several weeks, sickness by a large percentage of both students and teachers, it is believed that the year's work will be completed in a most satisfactory manner. This is possible because of the enthusiastic and wholehearted interest in the work at hand. Vacations, holidays, and Saturdays have been ungrudgingly devoted to school work by all. This is but another evidence of the almost unparalleled devotion of those concerned in the welfare of the college.

The past year has challenged many members of the faculty to decide definitely between service with the church or elsewhere, and in every case the decision has been to continue where they and their advisers believe they are called for the accomplishment of a piece of work which will assist materially in the advancement of the cause of Christ on earth. The following positions have been offered to different ones

of our faculty within the past few months and declined in view of their recognized calling here:

The presidency of a State University in Mexico; a position as inspector in a State University in the United States; and the superintendency of city schools in a neighboring State.

Almost without exception the members of the faculty are advancing professionally by attendance at the universities of the land, either during the summer vacations or by being granted a full year's leave of absence for study. During the past year our faculty members have been in attendance at the following institutions:

Three at the University of Iowa; two at the University of Chicago; one at the University of Nebraska; one at the Iowa State Agricultural College; and one at the Iowa State Teachers' College.

Such interest assures the success of the college work insofar as it can be assured by the faculty. However efficient the faculty may be, work of a creditable character cannot be accomplished without equal interest and devotion on the part of the student body, and we are safe in saying that there has never been a year in the history of the institution when there were assembled from the four corners of the United States, the islands of the sea, and several foreign countries a body of young men and women of higher ideals or nobler ambitions. There have been fewer failures this year than any other year during my connection with the college. The students along with all other people sense the importance of the times and the serious obligations resting upon us. With few exceptions they feel that the future has very important duties to meet and that their time for preparation is limited.

With such a faculty and such a student body we can rest assured that nothing will be left undone to bring about the highest degree of preparation possible.

### Spiritual Interests

A chapel speaker during the year told of one of our church members—a real estate dealer—who remarked to a prospective customer in connection with the amount of time he could devote to him that morning, "We have just time enough to get back for church." The customer replied, "Do you neglect business for church?" to which the real estate dealer answered, "No; church is my business." So with a great majority of our students, they consider the things of God as their business and are in attendance at Graceland as a part of that important business. The opportunities for spiritual development in connection with the work of the college and the church institutions of the community are of

a very high order, and I am happy in reporting that the great majority are taking full advantage of them.

### The Future

There is every reason to be very hopeful for the future. We have firmly established our place as a Junior College in the educational system of the State and country, and we receive renewed evidences almost daily from the membership of the church that we are filling an ever larger field of usefulness. There is much yet to be accomplished before we meet the larger needs, but it is confidently believed that full provision will be made and facilities placed at our disposal to meet those needs in an adequate way, and the construction of an additional building is a step in the direction of meeting the standards of a full four-year, or senior, college, prepared to meet in every possible way the requirements of the church insofar as an institution of higher learning can meet them.

With the hearty cooperation of all we look forward to filling our place as a higher educational institution of the church in a way which will result in the degree of advancement essential for the near redemption of Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

G. N. BRIGGS,  
*President.*

### PRE-CONFERENCE REPORT OF TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER

*To the Board of Trustees:* 1. The itemized annual report setting out in detail the inventories of all properties in the several departments, with lists of all assets and liabilities and profits and losses, is made up at the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Such report for July 1, 1917 to June 30, 1918 has been placed in your hands and is subject to audit by the church auditors at their pleasure.

2. The report at this time deals more particularly with the budget, making a comparative study of the expenditures with the amounts allowed; and setting out the items necessary for the year July 1, 1919, to June 30, 1920; also a brief report upon the work and conditions of the various departments.

3. Taking the amounts actually expended to January 1, 1919, and estimating the amount required for the remainder of the year to June 30, and comparing this with the budget allowed for the year, the following results may be seen:

| 4. Comparative Budget 1918-19   |             |                        |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Items                           | Allowed     | Used to                | Est. for    | Total       |
| Allowance of                    |             | Jan. 1                 | bal. of yr. |             |
| faculty                         | \$11,500.00 | \$ 4,640.00            | \$6,842.29  | \$11,482.29 |
| Heating plant (fuel and labor)  | 1,800.00    | 2,122.85               | 410.00      | 2,532.85    |
| Insurance                       | 300.00      |                        |             |             |
| Library care                    | 600.00      | 300.00                 | 300.00      | 600.00      |
| New books                       | 100.00      | 40.64                  | 59.36       | 100.00      |
| Adv., (inc. catalogue)          | 300.00      | 103.18                 | 50.00       | 153.18      |
| Office help                     | 600.00      | 300.00                 | 300.00      | 600.00      |
| Light and water                 | 450.00      | 275.93                 | 150.00      | 425.93      |
| General expense                 | 400.00      | 265.50                 | 134.50      | 400.00      |
| Interest                        | 600.00      | (352.48 to Feb. 1)     |             | 352.48      |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Indebtedness      | 8,162.63    | (12,372.30 to Feb. 10) |             | 12,372.30   |
| Repairs and upkeep of R. E.     | 1,200.00    | 1,222.55               | 155.00      | 1,377.55    |
| Repairs and replacing furniture | 300.00      | 273.00                 | 27.00       | 300.00      |
|                                 | \$26,312.63 | \$22,268.43            | \$8,428.15  | \$30,696.58 |
| Receipts                        |             |                        |             |             |
| Tuition                         | \$ 8,500.00 | \$10,456.54            | \$1,300.00  | \$11,756.54 |
| Offerings                       | 500.00      | 220.80                 | 350.00      | 570.80      |
| Endowments                      | 200.00      | 45.00                  | 55.00       | 100.00      |
|                                 | \$ 9,200.00 | \$10,722.34            | \$1,705.00  | \$12,427.34 |

5. Notwithstanding the unprecedented increase in the cost of living, the faculty allowances have been kept within the amount allowed, being \$17.71 under such amount. Only strict economy and no little self-denial upon the part of the faculty members has made this possible.

6. Further advance in the price of coal and a small increase allowed for labor has put the item of heating plant, fuel and labor, \$732.85 above the allowance.

7. No insurance policies having expired during the year, this item shows no expenditure.

8. Much of our advertising being done by our arrangement with the Board of Publication, the money outlay has been small compared with the amount of publicity used. This item shows \$146.82 less than the amount allowed.

9. Owing to the fact that the city water supply was shut off for a considerable time and the further fact that our shop was converted into a gymnasium, putting out of use our

electrically driven machinery, the amount for light and water is \$24.07 under the budget.

10. The item of interest shown to February 1 is \$247.52 under the allowance, because of the greatly reduced debt. The item will entirely disappear from budgets in the future, we hope never to return.

11. The one-fifth indebtedness item shows the amount over-paid by \$4,209.67 up to February 10, the result of the effort put forth to liquidate the debt as speedily as possible.

12. Repairs and upkeep of real estate shows an amount of \$177.55 over, due to the fact partly of some unexpected expenditures on boiler house, and partly to advance in prices of material.

13. Tuition receipts are above the estimate \$3,256.54, due to the increased enrollment over that estimated. Offerings are \$70.80 above and endowments \$100 below.

14. When we take into account the very unusual conditions which no one could possibly have foreseen, it would seem that this is a very good showing. The total expenditures above the budget, including the item of indebtedness, is \$4,383.95. Against this item is to be placed the amount of receipts above the estimate, \$3,227.34, making the net amount over \$1,156.61, this with the amount of debt paid, \$4,209.67 more than the budget calls for.

#### Budget for 1919-20

15. In the 1919-20 budget the amount asked for is less than the previous year, though some items are increased.

16. The increase of \$500 for faculty allowances is required in order to properly equip the college with suitable and competent instructors.

16(a). For extending the work of the Extension Department, in harmony with the action of the Coordinating Committee, \$2,000 will be required. This will be needed to provide an academic instructor on part or full time, office help and office equipment. The department will, undoubtedly, be as nearly self-supporting, after initial cost, as other academic work.

17. For library care an increase of \$150 is believed necessary to put it upon a better basis, and \$50 additional for books is desirable.

18. No advance has been made to office help, though the higher cost of living has made it impossible for a dollar to go more than one half so far. An increase of \$120 is asked for.

19. The other items remain the same, with the exception of interest and indebtedness, both of which disappear.

20. The anticipated increase in income will offset the in-



crease asked for in the items of expenditure, being in tuition alone \$2,000.

### 21. Budget 1919-20

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Allowance for faculty .....             | \$12,000.00 |
| Extension department .....              | 2,000.00    |
| Heating plant, fuel, and labor .....    | 1,800.00    |
| Insurance .....                         | 300.00      |
| Library care .....                      | 750.00      |
| New books .....                         | 150.00      |
| Advertising (including catalogue) ..... | 300.00      |
| Office help .....                       | 720.00      |
| Light and water .....                   | 450.00      |
| General expense .....                   | 400.00      |
| Repairs and upkeep of real estate ..... | 1,200.00    |
| Repairing and replacing furniture ..... | 300.00      |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$20,370.00 |
| Less: Tuition receipts .....            | 10,500.00   |
| Offerings .....                         | 500.00      |
| Endowments .....                        | 100.00      |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$11,100.00 |

### Indebtedness

22. When it was proposed in 1916 to put in our yearly budget one fifth of the indebtedness, amounting to over \$40,000, it was believed that the plan would result in ultimately relieving the college and the church of this burden, but none hoped the task would be accomplished so soon. It is our very happy privilege to report at this time that the debt is fully paid except for a very few small items and that money is in hand to fully cover them, thanks to the united efforts of the Saints and the careful management of our worthy Bishopric. The Lord is certainly pleased with this effort, and his people should rejoice.

### Scholarships

23. More students have availed themselves of the general scholarship fund than any previous year, there being eighteen who have borrowed a total of \$879.

24. The Religio Fund is an ever increasing means of help along this line. Twelve students have borrowed a total of \$647 this year up to the present. Some money has been returned to the fund through payment of previous loans. The amount we do not know, since we keep no account of it, the account being kept by the Religio treasurer to whom the money is returned.

25. The small amount in the Sunday School Loan Fund has been kept circulating as much as possible.

26. One Sunday school district organization and one private individual have started benefit funds of \$100 each. The class of a private music teacher has started a fund to which they are adding from time to time. An aged sister and an aged brother have each deposited with the treasurer a trust fund for the benefit of worthy students.

27. All these are very much appreciated, and it might be suggested that here is an excellent opportunity for a good piece of work being done by individuals endowing scholarships and thus assisting in extending the benefits of education to those unable to secure it without assistance from others.

#### Student Self-help

28. Opportunity is afforded through this department to a number of students to earn a part of their school expenses by doing farm chores, tending furnaces, janitor work, gardening, kitchen and dining room work, laboratory assistant, carrying mail, etc. Upwards of \$200 a month is allowed these students and from thirty to forty students receive assistance each year. An allowance of fifteen and sixteen cents an hour for the work is made, which enables one to pay his full board and room rent on working about thirty hours a week.

#### Hotel

29. We were gratified upon closing our books June 30 that the hotel showed a gain of \$353.63. With the unprecedented advance in the price of foodstuffs we feared that a loss would be shown instead of a gain. We attribute the success to the hearty cooperation of the boarders with the managers, and the careful and saving planning of those responsible for the table service. With the further advance in prices we shall not be surprised to find this margin reduced, if it does not entirely disappear, by the closing of our fiscal year June 30, 1919. We shall be satisfied, however, if we shall not lose.

#### Farm

30. The season was far from an ideal one for farming, and yet the closing of the farm account revealed that a gain of \$298.53 had been realized. The plan of having a man to devote practically all of his time to the farm work proper and relieve him of the care of the dairy herd largely we believe has demonstrated the wisdom of the change.

31. It has been decided wise to dispose of our Jersey herd and replace it with a dual purpose breed. The thing needed for our purpose is milk in quantity rather than rich in butter

fat, as the product is used mostly on our tables. At the same time cows that may be turned into beef when found unsuitable for milk purposes and whose progeny will find a ready market should be more profitable.

### Garden

32. We were disappointed in the returns from the garden, owing to the very dry weather the latter part of the season. However, a profit of \$198.09 is shown by the books. As a means of supplying our tables with fruit and vegetables, it is the intention to make this feature more and more a contributing factor.

### Improvements

33. As contemplated when we made our report one year ago, we have added a second story to the boiler house, constructed of tile walls, with pebble-dash finish outside, a strongly reinforced concrete floor, and a self-supporting rubberoid roof. This served as a shop until the first of the year, when it was converted into a temporary gymnasium, not having for the time being urgent need for shop work requiring heavy machinery. The expense of this improvement was about \$1,450.

34. The old shop room has been provided with a board floor, has had the walls plastered, and has been partitioned into two rooms. One is used for a physics laboratory and the south part supplied with stairs leading to the library above is used as a stack room, or annex, to the library. This has improved our library facilities materially, but they are far from adequate to the needs of the college in order to make our work of such quality as to fully meet standard requirements. Besides this, our library and museum in their present quarters are exposed to serious fire risk that should be overcome at the earliest possible time.

35. It will be absolutely necessary to improve our facilities in the way of a water supply. In case the town secures an adequate supply, piping should be laid for supplying our farm premises. In case the town supply will not warrant this, then we shall have to provide by means of wells or ponds a more adequate supply than our present wells and cisterns afford.

36. Steps should be taken by which our soil could be built up and improved. It has been found that one serious fault is too much acidity, which is to be overcome by the application of lime. The college could well afford to join in a movement to procure a stone crusher or pulverizer and a spreader and secure an adequate supply of limestone for this purpose.

37. Expert service is needed in this day along all lines.

A young man of the church, a graduate of some good agricultural college whose heart and soul is in the work of the church, could do a very fine piece of service in connection with our college farm interests. We should be glad to get in touch with such a young man. Our dairying interests, our orchard and gardening interests, and our farm interests would all profit by the magic of his presence. We certainly have such individuals, and hope they will make themselves known.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GUNSOLLEY,

*Treasurer.*

### BOARD OF PUBLICATION

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* Herewith the Board of Publication submits its annual report.

The printing concerns of the church have struggled under adverse circumstances during the past year, incident to the world-wide war, the terrible epidemic of influenza, and the constant advance of material used in our business.

We found it necessary to make an advance in the subscription price of some of our papers, but in so doing the board tried to be as conservative as possible and add only enough to make the business safe.

The circulation of our papers as a whole has not been as strong as the year before. This decrease in circulation is not confined to the church publications, but seems to be general throughout the United States on many of the secular publications, the reason assigned being the necessity of economizing on account of the great demand for finances.

We again call your attention to the desirability of making a change in our library accommodations. The Board does not wish to be too insistent on this matter, but would very much appreciate any movement by you which will enable us to utilize the space now being occupied by the church library.

We herewith attach our financial report for the fiscal year 1918, ending January 31, 1919.

This report includes that of the Herald Publishing House and the Ensign Publishing House.

We have failed to date to receive any report from the Standard Publishing House, Australia.

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF THE HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE AND THE ENSIGN PUBLISHING HOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1919.

Cash on hand, February 1, 1918 .....\$ 4,228.44

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Cash received from February 1, 1918, to February 1, 1919 ..... | 91,389.65 |
|--|-----------|

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Total .....         | 95,618.09 |
| Cash expended ..... | 88,320.33 |

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1919 ..... | 7,297.76 |
|---------------------------------|----------|

## Resources

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand .....               | 7,297.76     |
| Real estate .....                | 45,562.85    |
| Type, tools, fixtures .....      | 40,030.64    |
| Merchandise .....                | 35,138.17    |
| Supplies .....                   | 9,616.69     |
| Bills receivable .....           | 29,284.40    |
| Accounts receivable .....        | 11,998.91    |
| Lamoni Electric Co., bonds ..... | 19,200.00    |
| Liberty Bonds .....              | 600.00       |
| Total .....                      | \$198,729.42 |

## Liabilities

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Bills payable .....     | 10,051.26    |
| Bonds outstanding ..... | 28,200.00    |
| Accounts payable .....  | 8,800.33     |
| Depreciation fund ..... | 21,084.37    |
| Total .....             | \$ 68,135.96 |

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Present worth February 1, 1919 ..... | \$130,593.46 |
| Present worth February 1, 1918 ..... | \$124,918.97 |

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Net gain ..... | \$ 5,674.49 |
|----------------|-------------|

Very respectfully,

A. CARMICHAEL,  
*Manager.*

LAMONI, IOWA, March 6, 1919.

March 28, 1919.

Herewith we submit financial report of the Standard Publishing House, of Sydney, Australia. This report was received too late to incorporate with that of the Herald Publishing House and Ensign Publishing House.

A. CARMICHAEL,  
*Manager.*

BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF STANDARD  
PUBLISHING HOUSE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1918

## Summary Standard Printing Account

## Receipts

|  |            |           |          |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|
| Subscriptions and sales .....                  | £65        | 1         | 8        |
| Debit balance to profit and loss account ..... | 3          | 11        | 7        |
| <b>Total</b> .....                             | <b>£68</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>3</b> |

## Expenditures

|                     |            |           |          |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Linotype used ..... | £20        | 2         | 3        |
| Wages .....         | 33         | 1         | 0        |
| Materials .....     | 15         | 10        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>£68</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>3</b> |

## Summary Job Printing Account

## Receipts

|                    |             |           |          |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Sales .....        | £673        | 19        | 6        |
| <b>Total</b> ..... | <b>£673</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>6</b> |

## Expenditures

|                               |             |           |          |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Materials used .....          | £253        | 0         | 9        |
| Linotype used .....           | 20          | 11        | 11       |
| Wages .....                   | 159         | 8         | 0        |
| Electric power .....          | 11          | 19        | 4        |
| Profit and loss account ..... | 228         | 19        | 6        |
| <b>Total</b> .....            | <b>£673</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>6</b> |

## Profit and Loss Account

## Credit

|  |             |          |          |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|
| Printing account .....                   | £228        | 19       | 6        |
| Shop sales account .....                 | 56          | 13       | 3        |
| Miscellaneous receipts .....             | 85          | 3        | 0        |
| Herald periodicals .....                 | 5           | 2        | 10       |
| Interest debited wrongly last year ..... | 2           | 10       | 0        |
| <b>Total</b> .....                       | <b>£378</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>9</b> |

## Debit

|                               |    |   |    |    |
|-------------------------------|----|---|----|----|
| Loss on <i>Standard</i> ..... | £  | 3 | 11 | 11 |
| Bad debts written off .....   | 29 | 1 | 3  |    |
| Freight .....                 | 7  | 9 | 3  |    |
| Water and sewerage .....      | 2  | 8 | 2  |    |



Leeka, and W. D. Bullard, was sustained. At the meeting of May 7 the following officers were elected: J. A. Tanner, president, M. H. Siegfried, secretary and treasurer. At this meeting L. H. Haas resigned as a member of the board and on May 23 R. J. Lambert was elected to fill the vacancy. On the latter date the manager, Brother L. Stover resigned and the management was committed to the general oversight of the secretary and treasurer. On this date a leave of absence was granted Doctor Harrington extending to the time of his release from the United States Army service. On the recommendation of Doctor Harrington, the board chose as the consulting physician for the Sanitarium, Doctor W. E. Messenger, former business manager and house physician, to act until the return of Doctor Harrington. Brother R. H. Loosemore was selected as the director of the business department.

On account of ill health, Miss Sarah M. Rogers tendered her resignation as superintendent of nurses on September 23, and Miss Laura E. Mann, the assistant, was elected to succeed her. The service of Miss Rogers is very much to be appreciated and we regret that she felt she must leave.

During the year the system of accounting in the office has been entirely changed, we hope to the betterment of the institution. In connection with this, some effort has been made at departmentising the work and it is hoped that with the full cooperation of the heads of departments a better working arrangement may be reached.

When the epidemic of influenza was spreading over the land, the board felt the Sanitarium should do its part in meeting the emergency and opened what was formerly Kensington Home as a ward for influenza patients only. From October 18, when the ward was opened, till December 23, when it was closed, one hundred and eleven patients were cared for. Of this number, ninety were sent home, one is still in the Sanitarium, and twenty died. Most of those who died were almost beyond recovery when they were brought to the house and died shortly thereafter. As may well be expected, many of the cases were unable to pay, but, being unable to care for themselves in their homes, some place must be provided. Many of the sisters in Independence loyally came to the aid of the Sanitarium, working in the diet kitchen and elsewhere where they were needed by which the girls in training were released for nursing service. The local board of the American Red Cross, recognizing the expense the Sanitarium was put to in the effort to help the public during this trying time, voluntarily donated \$1,000 to assist



in reimbursing the institution for the service rendered. For this the board has officially conveyed its appreciation.

The patroness Society has been active during the year in doing much work for the Sanitarium. About Thanksgiving time the sisters of this society and the management gave the Saints and friends an opportunity to contribute fruit, vegetables, cash, etc. To this quite a hearty response was given and in all the contributions would amount to about \$300. A little later in the year (just before Christmas) the local Saints and friends donated sufficient cash to purchase a Victrola and a number of very nice records for the Nurse's Home. For all of these we express our thanks.

During the month of June appropriate graduating exercises were held for a class of six girls, all of whom have taken the State Board Examination. Of the graduate nurses who are members of the American Red Cross, one (Miss Messenger) has been serving over seas for a period of eight months; two are stationed at Camp Pike; three at Fort Sill; one at Fort Riley; one (Miss Mann) doing institutional work which is recognized by the association; and three doing home defense work. Of a total of twenty-five graduates this speaks well for the public spirit of our girls.

During the year the board has held fourteen meetings. At these meetings not only has the work the Sanitarium has done been discussed, but the field for it has been canvassed with a view to finding the place in the church work where the Lord designed it to function. The board believes the field for the Sanitarium has by no means been covered and that the people of the church should realize the great need of this branch of our church work and the opportunities offered through it attained.

We append hereto the financial report which was made up under the direction and with the approval of the General Church Auditor. Also a comparative statement as taken from the Patients' Register and a suggestive budget for 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK H. SIEGFRIED, *Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, January 31, 1919.

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

January 1, 1919.

(Below we give a comparative statement for the years 1917 and 1918, taken from our Patient's Register.)

|  | 1917  | 1918             |
|--|-------|------------------|
| Number of patients admitted .....      | 669   | 748              |
| Number of patient days .....           | 8,784 | 10,325           |
| Daily average number of patients ..... |       | 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

|   |     |                  |
|---|-----|------------------|
| Average number days for each patient ....                     | 13  | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Number of Latter Day Saints .....                             | 303 | 340              |
| Number of nonmembers .....                                    | 366 | 408              |
| Number of minor operations .....                              | 187 | 201              |
| Number of major operations .....                              | 170 | 136              |
| Number of L. D. S. doctors practicing at<br>Institution ..... |     | 8                |
| Number of nonmember doctors .....                             |     | 36               |

(Included in the latter number are some who have sent Latter Day Saint patients from distant cities and villages, and surgeons who have come from Kansas City for surgical work only.)

## SUGGESTIVE BUDGET FOR 1919

## Repairs and Improvements

|   |          |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Repairing brick work .....  | \$100.00 |                    |
| Painting inside .....   | 300.00   |                    |
| Painting outside .....  | 200.00   |                    |
| Repairing heating plant .....   | 500.00   |                    |
| New elevator .....  | 2,000.00 | \$3,100.00         |
| Electricity .....   |          | 600.00             |
| Water .....   |          | 480.00             |
| Laundry (help and expense) .....  |          | 1,800.00           |
| Gas .....   |          | 720.00             |
| Nurses' expense .....   |          | 3,800.00           |
| Administrative expense .....  |          | 5,000.00           |
| Discount to doctors, nurses, help, to the church,<br>helpful relief ..... |          | 5,000.00           |
| Steward's department .....  |          | 8,800.00           |
| Fuel .....  |          | 1,600.00           |
| Telephones .....  |          | 240.00             |
| Operating room drugs and dressings .....                                  |          | 3,500.00           |
| Sinking fund for liquidation of outstanding<br>indebtedness .....         |          | 6,000.00           |
| Interest .....  |          | 144.00             |
| <b>Total .....</b>  |          | <b>\$40,784.00</b> |

## Receipts

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Ward rooms .....          | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Private rooms .....       | 15,200.00   |
| X ray department .....    | 2,500.00    |
| Drugs and dressings ..... | 3,500.00    |
| O. B. Rooms .....         | 225.00      |
| Operating room .....      | 2,500.00    |
| Labratory .....           | 700.00      |
| Donations .....           | 1,200.00    |

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Special nurses .....            | 2,000.00    |
| Special meals, board, etc. .... | 400.00      |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
| Total .....                     | \$37,225.00 |
| Deficit .....                   | 3,559.00    |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
| Total .....                     | \$40,784.00 |

ANNUAL STATEMENT, INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM,  
DECEMBER 31, 1918

Assets

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Accounts receivable .....  | \$ 9,061.38 |
| Bills receivable .....   | 477.70      |
| Buildings (less depreciation 2 per cent<br>\$942.05) .....                 | 46,160.21   |
| Cash in bank .....   | 50.65       |
| Furniture and fixtures (less depreciation 10 per<br>cent \$1,028.01) ..... | 12,456.39   |
| Insurance unexpired .....  | 603.73      |
| Live stock .....   | 345.10      |
| Real estate .....  | 8,269.11    |
| Supplies on hand.  |             |
| Office .....   | \$ 161.20   |
| Drugs and dressings ..   | 2,428.67    |
| Operating room .....   | 1,117.74    |
| Groceries .....  | 694.13      |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | 4,401.74    |
| Pupil nurses books on hand .....   | 29.82       |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$81,855.83 |

Liabilities

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Accounts payable .....       | \$ 3,730.73 |
| Bills payable .....          | 2,400.00    |
| Owing Presiding Bishop ..... | 2,894.14    |
| Present worth                |             |
| Former present worth .....   | \$71,137.28 |
| Gain for the year .....      | 1,693.68    |
|                              | <hr/>       |
|                              | 72,830.96   |
|                              | \$81,855.83 |

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

Credits

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Donations ..... | \$ 1,307.39 |
|-----------------|-------------|

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Discount on merchandise ..... | 54.46       |
| Furniture and fixtures .....  | 1,123.72    |
| Live stock .....              | 169.76      |
| Laboratory .....              | 737.48      |
| Operating room .....          | 3,529.08    |
| Rooms                         |             |
| Private .....                 | \$15,417.08 |
| Wards .....                   | 9,038.65    |
| Annex .....                   | 1,647.18    |
|                               | <hr/>       |
|                               | 26,102.91   |
| Special nursing .....         | 1,636.12    |
| Special nurses board .....    | 211.55      |
| X ray .....                   | 2,846.90    |
|                               | <hr/>       |
| Total .....                   | \$37,719.37 |

## Debits

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Administrative expense .....  | \$ 313.92   |
| Administrative salaries ..... | 3,853.48    |
| Administrative sundries ..... | 2,903.06    |
| Drugs and dressings .....     | 1,255.21    |
| Fuel .....                    | 1,221.98    |
| Gas .....                     | 437.71      |
| Helpful relief .....          | 157.88      |
| Insurance .....               | 266.97      |
| Interest .....                | 121.78      |
| Lawyers fees .....            | 28.30       |
| Laundry help .....            | 1,523.63    |
| Lights .....                  | 739.52      |
| Nurses' salaries .....        | 3,590.00    |
| Nurses equipment .....        | 11.66       |
| Repairs .....                 | 471.23      |
| Special rates given .....     | \$ 4,607.01 |
| Stewards department           |             |
| Groceries .....               | \$7,828.85  |
| Dairy products, .....         | 1,479.54    |
| Labor .....                   | 1,351.80    |
|                               | <hr/>       |
|                               | 10,660.19   |
| Charge to depreciation .....  | 1,970.06    |
| Charge to suspense .....      | 1,981.20    |
| Net gain .....                | 1,693.68    |
|                               | <hr/>       |
| Total .....                   | \$37,719.37 |

## BIBLE NORMAL BOOK

*To the First Presidency and General Conference; Greeting:*  
This committee last year submitted the suggestion that:

"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."

The conference adopted this suggestion and left the determination of the demand for such a book to the department of publication. We referred a manuscript then in our hands, which had been submitted to the committee, to the First Presidency.

We are informed that this manuscript was placed in the hands of the Presidency shortly after the last General Conference.

If the Board of Publication has found that there is sufficient demand, and the Presidency approves this manuscript it is probable that there remains very little or nothing more for the committee to do unless it be at the request of one of these two bodies.

The committee being sustained has made further investigation of existing texts, also giving further consideration to those being used by the present Normal Department. Through the kindness of Sister J. G. Pointer of Independence, they have been permitted to consider her outline and plan and a number of her lessons. The work she is attempting to do appears to be of excellent quality and may prove acceptable for a more advanced course.

The committee have not thought it advisable to attempt any further action until they are informed in regard to the manuscript previously submitted; and also, to the existing demand.

The committee are of the opinion that this matter should be pushed, and a suitable text secured or prepared, providing it is found that the demand warrants the Board of Publication in pushing it.

We very respectfully await your further orders in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. BURGESS,

J. A. GUNSOLLEY,

F. M. MCDOWELL.

LAMONI, IOWA, March 1, 1919.

#### INSPIRED TRANSLATION—TEACHERS' EDITION

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* The Board of Publication reports that the manuscript for this work is finished. As reported previously the New Testament manuscript has been approved by the Revising Commit-

tee. There remains an examination of the manuscript for the Old Testament. We hope to have this done by the coming conference and active work on the composition of this book begun this coming year.

The last year has been a very trying one to our publishing department. The exactions of our Government for men for soldiers, also the wave of sickness which has swept over our land have left us very shorthanded.

We fully expect the coming year, nothing preventing, to put an extra effort on this work.

In bonds,

A. CARMICHAEL,

*Manager Board of Publication.*

#### BOOK OF MORMON CONCORDANCE

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* The same may be said of the Book of Mormon Concordance. The manuscript for this work has been compiled for some time. It is not very probable that we can do much by way of printing this work this year, as our efforts will be spent on getting out the Teachers' Edition of the Inspired Translation unless the Conference see fit to instruct us to get out the Book of Mormon Concordance first.

In bonds,

A. CARMICHAEL,

*Manager Board of Publication.*

#### GOSPEL LITERATURE COMMISSION

*Elder Frederick M. Smith, President of the Church, Independence, Missouri, Dear Brother:* The Gospel Literature Commission was created in the year 1917, by the concerted action of the General Conference, General Sunday School and Religio Conventions. Brethren Harvey Sandy, E. D. Moore, and Ralph W. Farrell were selected to take general supervision of this work, in its infant state. Steps were taken immediately to get in touch with the districts and organize district and local gospel literature boards. Three thousand five hundred copies of the pamphlet entitled "Helpful Suggestions" were printed and circulated among interested persons. Considering that local and district members held office by election, the work of organization spread rapidly; one by one many persons and bodies caught the spirit of the great work to be done, and the interest has increased daily. The successors to the present members of the commission will have an able and enthusiastic corps of helpers.

I know from indirect reports that come to me that there are scores of local boards which have not notified me of their

existence, and the figures I give of work done could be increased fifty per cent were all reports in my hands.

The local boards have, through their districts, reported the distribution of 307,466 pieces of literature. I feel sure that fully half a million pieces of our church literature have been placed in the hands of persons not affiliated with us by baptism. Hundreds of subscriptions for the church papers have been secured by the commission, many books sold, tract cases installed in public places, and religious conversations held with hundreds of persons.

The work is in its infancy. It must not be neglected. It can be improved. Many Saints believe it to be next in importance to preaching the word, the tracts and sermons are "silent preachers."

Owing to stress of other cares the present chairman could not, if chosen, give the work proper attention. He wishes to take this opportunity to convey to those who have labored with him, his fervent thanks. Their many letters have breathed a spirit of helpfulness and saintliness that have refreshed the tired brain and hungry soul.

I wish to unite my prayer with hundreds of others for the success of this wonderful work.

Yours sincerely,

RALPH W. FARRELL,  
*Chairman.*

PROVIDENCE, February 14, 1919.

### SOCIAL PURITY BOARD

*Frederick M. Smith, Independence, Missouri; Dear Brother:*  
The duty of reporting the activities and inactivities of the members of the Social Purity Board, has been placed on me. It is not necessary to exhaust your patience by introducing irrelevant matter. Long ago the members of this committee became conscious of the fact that the subject was one that hasty move or wrong instruction would but complicate. We observed, studied, and grew more and more bewildered by the bigness of the task before not only the church but the world. We believe, however, that we can truthfully say that as a church we have the solution of the problem and believe that in many lives it is being utilized to the honor and glory of God.

That we are facing a black and immoral world, there can be no doubt, and from time to time as members enter our church they need instruction along lines of social and sex purity. There can be no doubt that the natural instructors of the Saints, along spiritual lines, are members of the priesthood and such sisters as God calls to the service. The par-

ents should be impressed with the responsibility of teaching their children the plan of holiness, and such instruction involves, or includes, lessons concerning the care of the body from earliest childhood to old age.

Instructors must be competent, and such competency can be acquired only by preparation. The members of the purity board have concerned themselves with this phase of the subject, and have purchased books, advertised literature, and urged the responsible parties of the church to arise and gird on the armor of full service. There can be no argument against the necessity of priests being qualified to instruct members of the church to attend to all duties. This is in harmony with the Doctrine and Covenants. But before we can obtain perfect results in holy living we must have perfect knowledge, and perfect consecration to the highest principles of living. So the board has urged and urges that the members of our priesthood and the instructors of the Woman's Auxiliary become fully enlightened concerning the laws governing the body, soul, and mind of man.

One of the members of the board has written a series of lessons, covering the problems of sex hygiene in particular. These in full or abridged will be offered for publication.

Another member prepared an outline on social purity for the use of the institute workers. May it stimulate thought and deed.

We want to see our work lodged where it belongs—in the hands of competent members of the priesthood and sisters of the church, who can because of their numbers extend the knowledge into the lives of those who need it.

For the Purity Board,

RALPH W. FARRELL.

February 26, 1918.

## ORDER OF ENOCH

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

*To the General Conference, Greeting:* We the Auditing Committee appointed have carefully audited the books and accounts and vouchers of the United Order of Enoch and found the items, assets, and liabilities correct as shown in the statement of the secretary-treasurer totaling \$41,840.

The valuation of real estate on hand, \$12,391.83, is based on the valuations at which it was received—mostly consecrations—and has not been appraised since coming into the possession of the order.

The item of \$13,644.55 for Summit Addition real estate on hand is based on an appraisal made February 1, 1915, plus lots taken back less property sold, we think an appraisal at



this time would fully justify these figures and during the coming year should be made.

Respectfully submitted,  
 R. T. COOPER,  
 A. H. PARSONS,  
*Committee.*

#### REPORT OF THE UNITED ORDER OF ENOCH

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The following statement of the financial condition of the order at the close of business December 31, 1918, is hereby submitted.

During the fiscal year thus ending we received the following donations:

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| Ralph E. Murdock, Independence, Missouri ..... | \$2,000.00        |
| E. A. Haughman, Moorhead, Iowa .....           | 18.00             |
| Mrs. William Smith .....                       | 5.00              |
| Mrs. M. M. Jones .....                         | 5.00              |
| Maggie Sandage, Missouri .....                 | 10.00             |
| Abbie Peasley, Iowa .....                      | 5.00              |
| J. R. Burt, Ohio .....                         | 2.00              |
| E. L. Heide and wife, Iowa .....               | 5.00              |
| O. A. Erickson and wife, Missouri .....        | 1.00              |
| F. O. Harvey, Kansas .....                     | 3.00              |
| J. C. Fredericks, West Virginia .....          | 15.00             |
| Mrs. W. Moorhead, Michigan .....               | 50.00             |
| Nels Paulson, California .....                 | 190.00            |
| J. G. Vickery, Alabama .....                   | 5.00              |
| F. W. Bunkhoff, Wisconsin .....                | 75.00             |
| William Maddock .....                          | 1.01              |
| Mrs. E. S. Tainter .....                       | 100.00            |
| <b>Total .....</b>                             | <b>\$2,495.01</b> |

During the year we have sold real estate to the amount of \$5,521 and have purchased back lots formerly sold to the amount of \$620.50. The cash balance January 1, 1918, was \$427.23 and we have received \$9,621.98, of which \$9,958.85 was expended, leaving a balance of \$90.36. For charity we have paid out \$153.15; for taxes \$504.93; real estate expense \$361.32; interest \$675.25. To largely offset this item we have received on interest \$464.57. The income from real estate has been \$579.05.

Hereto attached is a statement of the assets and liabilities.

#### Assets

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Accounts receivable .....                  | \$ 7.50  |
| Real estate contracts .....                | 6,507.46 |
| Bills receivable .....                     | 2,471.86 |
| Order of Enoch House and furnishings ..... | 5,773.72 |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Independence Coal Mining Company, 5 shares stock | 50.00  |
| Office furniture and fixtures .....              | 180.75 |
| Real estate                                      |        |

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Summit additions ..... | \$13,644.55 |
|------------------------|-------------|

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Miscellaneous ..... | 12,391.83 |
|---------------------|-----------|

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|--------------------|--------|
| Improvements ..... | 721.97 |
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|  | 26,758.35 |
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|--------------------|-------|
| Cash on hand ..... | 90.36 |
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|-------------|-------------|
| Total ..... | \$41,840.00 |
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#### Liabilities

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Accounts payable ..... | 411.14 |
|------------------------|--------|

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Present worth ..... | 33,135.77 |
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|---------------------|----------|
| Bills payable ..... | 8,293.09 |
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| Total ..... | \$41,840.00 |
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The present membership is 202—the same as at the last report—unless some losses have not been reported.

At the last report the Board of Trustees consisted of the following named brethren: E. L. Kelley, B. R. McGuire, L. H. Haas, Mark H. Siegfried, J. T. Curtis, James F. Keir, Ellis Short, A. H. Parsons, C. E. Guinand, D. J. Krahl, R. O. Self, and C. A. Selbe. With the exception of Brother Haas who resigned July 2, 1918, the board remains the same. To take the place of Brother Haas, Brother R. T. Cooper was chosen. The officers are Benjamin R. McGuire, president, Mark H. Siegfried, secretary-treasurer.

Since no report was made to the General Conference of 1918, the treasurer's report for 1917 is hereby submitted:

#### LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT

##### Gain

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Present worth, last report ..... | \$31,206.67 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Donations ..... | 478.70 |
|-----------------|--------|

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Pasture, rent, etc. .... | 889.77 |
|--------------------------|--------|

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|-------------|-------------|
| Total ..... | \$32,575.14 |
|-------------|-------------|

##### Loss

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Charity ..... | \$ 275.90 |
|---------------|-----------|

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Insurance ..... | 23.95 |
|-----------------|-------|

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Interest and discount ..... | 347.03 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

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|----------------------|-------|
| Office expense ..... | 17.50 |
|----------------------|-------|

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Real estate expense ..... | 460.37 |
|---------------------------|--------|

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|-------------|--------|
| Taxes ..... | 521.69 |
|-------------|--------|

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Home ..... | 109.12 |
|------------|--------|

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Sundry expense ..... | 9.63 |
|----------------------|------|

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Present net worth ..... | 30,809.95          |
| Total .....             | <u>\$32,575.14</u> |

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## Assets

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Accounts receivable .....                         | \$ 323.45          |
| Bills receivable .....                            | 2,168.20           |
| Cash .....  | 427.23             |
| Home and furnishings .....                        | 5,773.72           |
| Independence Coal Mining Company (5 shares) ..... | 50.00              |
| Office furniture and fixtures .....               | 180.75             |
| Accounts receivable (real estate contract) .....  | 7,649.91           |
| Real estate and improvements .....                | 31,658.79          |
| Total .....                                       | <u>\$48,232.05</u> |

## Liabilities

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Accounts payable .....  | \$ 3,207.13        |
| Bills payable .....     | 14,095.39          |
| Presiding Bishop .....  | 119.58             |
| Present net worth ..... | 30,809.95          |
| Total .....             | <u>\$48,232.05</u> |

"The above statement is in agreement with the books of the order representing the condition of the business at the close of the fiscal year.

"R. O. SELF,  
"D. J. KRAHL,  
"Auditing Committee.

"March 8, 1918."

The order has been of material assistance to a number of brethren, helping some to secure homes and helping others to save their homes. Others have been helped temporarily. Some have been like the man in the Scriptures who forgot from whence his blessing came, while others have returned what they received with thanks. We are glad to have been able thus to serve.

Respectfully,  
MARK H. SIEGFRIED,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, January 1, 1919.

## RULES OF ORDER

*To the General Conference:* The undersigned has been a member of a committee on the revision of the Book of Rules and there has been placed in my hands by a sub-committee a manuscript on the parliamentary part of the Book

of Rules. Delay has been had in presenting this report to the conference from various reasons, part of which have to do solely with the undersigned. Lack of time to make such an examination of the manuscript as we desired is one of the reasons; another and weightier one is that we believe a delay would not be a total loss. We feel that there should be a careful revision of the court procedure, and this revision, it appeared to me, was contingent upon a wider appreciation of the necessity for this revision. Agitation in various quarters as to the character of our church courts has greatly emphasized the necessity for this revision.

I believe that no harm will accrue to the work by delaying the printing of the parliamentary part of this revision for at least another conference year, as the revision of the court procedure may have a bearing, direct or indirect, upon the parliamentary part.

Very sincerely yours,

FREDERICK M. SMITH,

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, February 11, 1919.

#### MEMORIAL TO MARTYRS

*To the General Conference:* The last conference adopted the recommendation in the committee's report relative to the preservation of the properties at Nauvoo, and the appointment of some one to act as caretaker. On April 22 the Joint Council appointed Elder J. W. Layton to Nauvoo, and soon thereafter he, with his wife, located in the Mansion House. In May, 1918, three members of the committee met in Nauvoo and authorized certain improvements on the Homestead, the Mansion House, and the Nauvoo House, under the direction of Brethren Arthur Allen, J. W. Layton, and Bishop Lambert. The Homestead and Mansion House were reroofed, re-sided, and replastered; plumbed, the chimneys repaired, and fire-places opened as in former years; new floors, new windows, and new doors were put in; repairs and painting done, restoring the buildings as nearly as possible to their former state. These brethren were diligent in the prosecution of the work thus intrusted to them, and to Sister Layton the committee extends its sincere appreciation for the untiring zeal she manifested in doing the part which fell to her lot, boarding the men who did much of the work of repairing, and this, at a time when the house they occupied was being overhauled. The total expenditure for repairs and furnishings for one room in the Mansion House, which is used as a reception room for visitors, amounted to \$3,900. Since the repair work on the buildings was completed, Brother Layton and Brother Lambert have done much to beautify the surrounding grounds, by way of grading, etc., with a view to further work along this line in the spring.

In a letter from Sister Layton dated December 24, she says:

"There have been 742 visitors register since we came. We have sold 11 church books, 4 of which we bought and gave to some of our friends, not members of the church. We have given out 130 of the Open Letter to the Clergy and about 200 of the Folder Series. The other tracts we have been unable to keep track of, but have given away a great many. We have received from donations about \$14. Another year we will be in better shape."

Very respectfully,  
 MARK H. SIEGFRIED,  
*For the Committee.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, January 14, 1919.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

*To the First Presidency, and General Conference:* Here-with we submit report for the year 1918 of the Board of Trustees of this institution.

The personnel of the Board of Trustees for the year has been as follows:

A. Carmichael, president; R. J. Lambert, secretary; A. J. Yarrington, treasurer; Minnie B. Nicholson, Lucy L. Resseguie, Callie B. Stebbins, and Floyd McDowell, the latter serving in the place of Bishop Joseph Roberts, deceased.

In October, Brother McDowell, finding the many lines of work which he was endeavoring to carry too great, and in order to conserve his strength for other important duties, asked to be released from the Children's Home Board. His resignation was accepted and Jay Barr was elected in his stead to complete the term which will expire April, 1919.

In October H. C. Burgess was elected by the Board of Trustees to occupy in the place of R. J. Lambert who had resigned.

There will therefore be to elect at the next General Conference one member for two years to complete the unexpired term of R. J. Lambert. Three members for three years to succeed A. J. Yarrington, Minnie B. Nicholson, and Jay Barr.

At the beginning of the year Brother and Sister J. J. Boswell, of Independence, Missouri, were in charge as superintendent and matron. The heavy responsibility of the care of so large a number of children attended by the difficulty of securing sufficient domestic help, proved too great a strain on the health of Sister Boswell, making it unwise for them to continue.

We want to say in behalf of Brother and Sister Boswell

that they were consecrated to the work, and sought with all diligence to improve conditions at the home and teach the children the principles of righteousness, but this is a work impossible to carry out except a corps of efficient helpers is available. Here is an opportunity for those who are qualified and willing to engage in the Master's service to do a good work.

In March Elder A. M. Chase and wife were employed and installed as superintendent and matron and have occupied with credit to themselves and the home, having at the close of the year the largest number in the home at any time since it was opened.

There has been received in the home during the year twenty-six children; four have been placed in private homes, eleven have been returned to parents, two have been removed by death. The family now numbers forty-one.

The financial affairs of the home are made to appear in the treasurer's report which is appended hereto.

A. J. YARRINGTON,  
*Secretary Pro Tem.*

#### SAINTS' HOMES

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* We present the following report for the year 1918 of the Saints' Homes:

The Homes for the Aged at Lamoni, Iowa, have, during the year 1918, as usual, been occupied to their capacity and those in charge, notwithstanding the serious shortage of labor have done nobly for the comfort of the old people.

The general health has been good considering the average age of those living there. Only three deaths have occurred, two at the Saints' Home and one at Liberty. Three have removed to homes of their own. Five have been received. There are now in the two homes twenty men and thirty women, a total of fifty whose average age is above seventy-six years.

The management has been under the general supervision of the Lamoni Stake Bishopric with Sister Alice Dancer in charge as matron at the Saints' Home and Sister J. T. Williams at Liberty Home.

We feel that a few words of commendation are due these worthy sisters who are devoting their lives to the comfort and welfare of those under their care; Sister Dancer has been in charge at the Saints' Home since its opening, over twenty years and has been untiring in her effort to make the home what it should be.

There is urgent need of an able assistant at the home to

relieve her of some of the arduous duties and we take occasion here to say that any capable sister, anxious to engage in a good work, may here find an opportunity worthy of her effort.

The farm department of the home has been under the able supervision of Brother Floyd T. Lesh, a practical farmer and graduate of one of our agricultural colleges, a thoroughly consecrated young man, who is devoting his talent to the work at a great financial sacrifice on his part.

His report of the farm will appear over his own signature.

Some of the needs of the homes are:

A, practical or graduate nurse, to have charge of the sick and look after the sanitation.

Capable cooks and housekeepers who could and would make these positions their permanent employment and take an interest in conducting their departments in an economical and sanitary manner.

Brother A. J. Yarrington has occupied as business manager for the Bishopric and his report of the finances are made to appear in a report appended hereto.

A. J. YARRINGTON,  
*Manager.*

#### AUDITOR

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* Having been appointed by the Presidency as General Church Auditor as a result of the action of the last General Conference, I beg leave to hand you herewith a general report of my year's work, and offer for your information and consideration a view of the work of this department as I see it from an auditor's standpoint.

In order that some of the work done or suggestions made may not be misunderstood, allow me to suggest again, as was outlined by the Presidency and others at the time when "an auditor" was proposed at last conference, that the principal work of an auditor is not merely to count the cash of the different institutions handling funds, or re-add various columns of miscellaneous figures. That feature of the work has, we believe, been faithfully done by the various "Boards of Auditors" in the past. The vastly more important work, however, of an auditor has in the past been largely overlooked, and it has been this phase of the work to which we have directed the most of our time during the year.

In the outset we wish to say that in all of our investigation of the different financial departments, we have found no marks of dishonesty or fraud, and that in the most of the institutions the books have been fairly accurately kept,

and the results as shown in their various statements are substantially correct. The system of accounting in some instances, however, is subject to criticism and we fully believe that a great part of our financial shortcomings in the past, and their associate evils, are due to the fact that our books have not made a clear or proper showing for us. In spite of the effort we have put forth to get these methods all corrected, we have only been able to cover part of the ground, and see yet before us, or some one else, a good, full year of hard, persistent work.

We are frank and glad to say that the Lord has wonderfully added to our physical strength and ability in the work we have been doing, or we positively could not have done what we have. It also gives us great pleasure to say that, in nearly every instance those in charge of the different departments have gladly and earnestly welcomed all suggestions of improvement and made our work both effective and pleasant by their hearty cooperation and support; this has given us both courage and strength to no small degree.

It is not our purpose to enumerate in detail the work done or yet to be done; however, there are some items we wish to call to your attention in the work yet to be accomplished. We trust that the work done will manifest itself and the results be ample reward for the efforts put forth in its accomplishment.

Our first work as auditor was, of necessity, to make a careful survey of the situation and of the different departments; to those departments which needed attention most we have, of course, given preference. The system of accounting at the Independence Sanitarium has been completely revised, and we trust as a result this institution will, during the year of 1919, prove entirely self-sustaining.

In council with the Presiding Bishopric, the books of their offices have been extensively changed in an effort to make them more complete and comprehensive. We have tried to the limit of our ability to "aid and abet" the General Bishopric in every way possible in the achievement of their splendid ideas, and help them work out some of their problems.

The Independence Stake books have also been materially revised and made more complete.

There is need of some extensive changes in the books of the Herald Publishing House which should be made, and to which those in charge have been earnestly urging us to give our early attention.

The college books need a complete revision in order to make them clear and responsive to the budget allowance made for the use of that institution each year. We have



been unable to get to them as yet, but trust to do so very shortly.

In checking up the overhead of the general church, we found conditions existing in the Recorder's Department which we believe need early attention. The work of the department is in an unsatisfactory shape owing, as we believe, to a lack of a correct system and proper methods. The methods employed use too much help for the results obtained, and should be materially revised.

We also found conditions in the Historian's office that need attention to relieve an extra overhead expense, but we understand this matter is already being looked after.

In auditing the books of the different auxiliaries, we find them correct as to receipts and disbursements, but both the General Sunday School Association and the General Religious Society have outgrown their present system of accounting, and we have suggested to both that a change be made, which suggestion was readily acquiesced in by the officers in charge and will be provided for.

The Saints', Children's, and Holden Homes have also been provided with a more complete set of books, which we feel sure will prove a very great improvement.

The present arrangement of having some of the department books close January 1, some February 1, and some June 30, is, we believe, very unsatisfactory. We would urgently recommend that action be taken by the conference, fixing the date for closing all the general financial books of the church hereafter on June 30 of each year, and that all departments be requested to observe the rule. We believe this would be a vast improvement in many ways.

We are gratified to note in nearly every department of the church offices a radical change from what has, in times past, been a kind of "passive effort" on the part of those employed by the church, to a new standard of efficiency and earnest, honest service. We believe this is as it should be and that the church should have the most efficient service in all lines of its activities that can be produced; that it has the right to demand and require at the hands of those in its service as faithful, conscientious and efficient service, as any business institution in the world, if not more so.

Although the work intrusted to us the last year has given us some hard service, we assure you we feel richly repaid for the efforts put forth and still stand ready to willingly respond to any further calls that may be made upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. TROWBRIDGE,  
*General Church Auditor.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 24, 1919.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The committee on Church of Christ beg leave to report that during the year amicable relations have been maintained between the brethren of the Church of Christ and Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A number of joint meetings of the priesthood of both organizations have been held. The joint committee held one session on November 14 at which the following members were in attendance: Of the Church of Christ, Elders C. L. Wheaten, Alma O. Frisbee, A. E. Hines, and T. J. Sheldon; of the Reorganized Church, Elders F. M. Sheehy, M. H. Siegfried, and W. W. Smith. The following agreements were unanimously adopted:

“Agreed, that persons who are, or have been, connected with the church, desiring to unite with either branch of the church, shall not be received to fellowship until the elders of the branch of the church to which they apply shall have opportunity to decide upon their standing; each organization to furnish the other with evidence in their possession with reference to the person in question.”

“Agreed, that when ministers of the Church of Christ and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are laboring together, the persons baptized shall have the right of choice as to which organization they will unite with.”

Some unfavorable criticisms have been offered by a few of the brethren of the Reorganization, but this is largely due to lack of understanding what the agreements mean. These, in time, we believe, will be eliminated.

Trusting that harmony may still prevail, we are,

Respectfully yours,

On behalf of Committee,

FREDERICK M. SMITH,

*Chairman.*

WALTER W. SMITH,

*Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 25, 1919.

## HOLDEN HOME

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The Home at Holden closed the year 1918 with forty-five inmates. The average age of these inmates is 72½ years, the ages ranging from thirty-nine to eight-eight years.

Sister Almira Rhonemus has acted as matron, and she has given devoted service. Brother D. J. Krahl, president of the Holden Stake, has given much consideration to the improvements which have been made for the comfort of these

aged people. Considerable yet remains to be done before we shall be able to give the service we desire to give.

M. H. SIEGFRIED.

#### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

The following communication was read:

*President Frederick M. Smith, Lamoni, Iowa; Dear Mr. Smith:* I have just learned of your conference session at Lamoni, and wish to extend the greetings of our organization to that body. We have some very warm friends among the pastors of your churches in this State, and some of your people are among the stand-bys in the temperance fight here.

The superintendent, Mr. Holsaple, is out of the State, in Michigan. The wets have initiated their drive for 3 per cent beer in that State, and he was drafted to help defeat the measure there. If he were here he would look in upon your conference next week, as he has planned for many weeks to do. If, in his absence, we can plan the time, Mr. Brownson or myself will spend a day in Lamoni and would very much enjoy the privilege of meeting your conference.

Please express to the conference our appreciation of their cooperation in the past and our best wishes that only the best things may come to you and them in the work of the year to come,

Very cordially yours,

PAUL H. MCBETH,

*Assistant Superintendent, Iowa Anti-Saloon League.*

DES MOINES, IOWA, April 5, 1919.

#### PRESS REPORTS

The following was moved and seconded:

In view of the statement of the press committee, made at the close of yesterday's session, regarding the proper supervision of press news, and the further fact that space at the reporting table is very limited; therefore, be it,

Resolved, that only the regular conference press committee, official stenographers, *Herald* and *Ensign* representatives, and Church Historian be permitted to occupy places thereat; and that all newspaper correspondents and others on application to the press committee be furnished with proper data prepared for them by the regular press committee.

A motion to refer to the press committee was lost.

The motion to adopt prevailed by a vote of 150 to 34.

#### ORDER OF EVANGELISTS

A report was read from the Order of Evangelists:

*President F. M. Smith, Independence, Missouri; Dear Brother:* For some reason the members of our order have failed to report their labors as usual, or as they should have done. We are unable to give any reason for this unless it is that they supposed that the annual report to you on January 1 was all that was demanded.

For this reason we are able to report only seven members up to date. The seven are, F. A. Smith, H. O. Smith, J. T. Gresty, Joshua Carlisle, Joseph Squire, C. E. Butterworth, and James Davis, the latter reporting for two years.

The summary of work done by the seven is as follows: Sermons 655, in charge 402, assisted 131, other services, 551, total services, 1,739. Baptized 29, confirmed 41, assisted to confirm 16, ordained 8, assisted to ordain 8, children blessed 53, assisted to bless 8, administered 648, assisted in administering 30, marriages 5, patriarchal blessings 643, administered the sacrament 42, pastoral visits 186.

The delay in getting this report to you is caused by the fact that our order is not run like other quorums. Instead of reporting directly to the secretary, the reports go to the president of the order, and they did not come into the secretary's hands until March 25. The president was in Utah, and they were forwarded to him, and he forwarded them to the secretary, the secretary was also from home, and did not get home until the 25th of March, hence could not make report sooner.

Our order has lost two by death; viz., Henry Kemp and J. W. Barkus, and one by transgression, Brother Jones of Australia. Two have been added; viz., Richard Baldwin and G. W. Burt.

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

#### LIBRARY COMMISSION

The work of the Library Commission was thus reported:

*To the General Conference:* The work of the Library Commission being somewhat disrupted by reason of the transition to the condition indicated in our action last year, and the general librarian not being definitely fixed nor the library building at the college yet being furnished, the treasurer of the Library Commission has reported on the question of their finances and his report is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

LAMONI, IOWA, April 7, 1919. FREDERICK M. SMITH.  
REPORT OF JAMES F. KEIR, TREASURER OF LIBRARY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 28, 1918, TO FEBRUARY 28, 1919

Balance on hand last report .....\$ 74.80

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|---|-----------------|
| Received from General Sunday School Association ..... | 50.00           |
| Received from General Religio Society .....           | 50.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                    | <b>\$174.80</b> |

Paid Out

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|--|-----------------|
| To V. A. Reese—supplies .....              | \$ 15.00        |
| To Estella Wight, salary .....             | 52.00           |
| To Herald Publishing House, printing ..... | 31.00           |
| Balance on hand .....                      | 76.80           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                         | <b>\$174.80</b> |

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES F. KEIR.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

The secretary reported the following list of ex-officio members present, as made up from the signed record of the committee on credentials:

The First Presidency: Elbert A. Smith, Frederick M. Smith.  
The Quorum of Twelve: W. M. Aylor, Peter Anderson, J. F. Curtis, J. A. Gillen, U. W. Greene, G. T. Griffiths, P. M. Hanson, J. W. Rushton, R. C. Russell.

Presidents and Quorums of Seventy: William Anderson, Joseph Arber, A. M. Baker, Alma Booker, N. L. Booker, W. P. Bootman, J. A. Bronson, L. G. Burdick, E. N. Burt, J. D. Carlisle, Hubert Case, A. M. Chase, W. L. Christy, E. A. Curtis, J. D. Curtis, T. W. Curtis, J. Arthur Davis, John Davis, J. W. Davis, J. A. Dowker, J. O. Dutton, E. A. Erwin, L. W. Fike, R. L. Fulk, Levi Gamet, E. J. Gleazer, Frederick Gregory, J. R. Grice, W. E. Haden, J. G. Halb, C. E. Harpe, L. G. Holloway, Leonard Houghton, George Jenkins, T. C. Kelley, Alvin Knisley, J. R. Lentell, E. E. Long, J. C. McConnaughy, D. Macgregor, J. Charles May, J. W. Metcalf, P. Muceus, O. W. Okerlind, J. C. Page, J. L. Parker, J. W. Paxton, S. T. Pendleton, J. W. Peterson, A. B. Phillips, H. N. Pierce, James Pycock, Lee Quick, S. M. Reiste, C. H. Rich, J. T. Riley, E. F. Robertson, G. W. Robley, F. A. Russell, S. G. St. John, F. L. Sawley, W. M. Self, W. E. Shakespeare, A. C. Silvers, S. W. Simmons, F. M. Slover, H. W. Smith, J. W. Smith, S. S. Smith, W. A. Smith, S. K. Sorenson, H. Sparling, G. W. Thorburn, D. E. Tucker, J. E. Vanderwood, R. T. Walters, R. D. Weaver, A. L. Whiteaker, Birch Whiting, J. B. Wildermuth, L. O. Wildermuth, C. E. Willey, J. E. Yates.  
Presiding Bishopric and Bishops: B. R. McGuire, J. F. Keir, J. A. Becker, F. B. Blair, Richard Bullard, A. Car-

michael, M. C. Fisher, C. J. Hunt, E. L. Kelley, Ellis Short, M. H. Siegfried.

Order of Evangelists: Frederick A. Smith, A. D. Angus, Richard Baldwin, J. R. Lambert, W. A. McDowell, F. G. Pitt, John Smith, Ammon White, I. N. White, J. W. Wight.

General High Council: Charles Fry, T. T. Hinderks, D. J. Krahl, R. J. Lambert, W. W. Smith, J. A. Tanner, Samuel Twombly.

Quorum of High Priests: Arthur Allen, Oscar Anderson, A. J. Banta, G. F. Barraclough, Amos Berve, J. E. Bishop, G. W. Blair, M. H. Bond, G. N. Briggs, W. D. Bullard, J. L. Burger, S. A. Burgess, R. N. Burwell, J. C. Chrestensen, B. R. Constance, F. A. Cool, R. T. Cooper, P. N. Craig, C. F. Davis, E. A. Davis, E. R. Davis, F. J. Ebeling, T. J. Elliott, M. A. Etzenhouser, Ralph Farrell, J. T. Ford, J. F. Garver, James Gault, V. M. Goodrich, J. A. Gunsolley, H. N. Hansen, J. A. Hansen, J. M. Harden, G. E. Harrington, Eli Hayer, F. G. Hedrick, E. L. Henson, R. V. Hopkins, John Hovenga, T. A. Ivie, William Johnson, C. E. Jones, A. H. Knowlton, B. S. Lambkin, Z. J. Lewis, Joseph Luff, J. R. McClain, F. M. McDowell, A. F. McLean, F. A. McWethy, A. R. Manchester, C. Edward Miller, J. F. Mintun, H. E. Moler, F. T. Mussell, O. W. Newton, A. H. Parsons, Sidney Pitt, Edward Rannie, J. W. Roberts, O. Salisbury, R. S. Salyards, Harvey Sandy, C. F. Scarcliff, R. W. Scott, I. A. Smith, William Sparling, E. A. Starks, H. A. Stebbins, A. E. Stone, J. M. Terry, John Tucker, F. M. Weld, G. R. Wells, D. J. Williams, D. T. Williams, T. W. Williams.

Elders: W. E. Alldread, H. J. Archambault, B. M. Anderson, J. W. Badder, E. D. Bailey, V. C. Bailey, D. R. Baldwin, R. A. Ballantyne, J. B. Barrett, William Bath, Parley Batten, E. H. Bennett, J. E. Bennett, A. W. Bogue, T. J. Booker, F. S. Brackenbury, S. Broliar, Eli Bronson, W. A. Brooner, R. S. Budd, G. F. Bullard, G. E. Burt, E. R. Butterworth, D. W. Cameron, Isaac Carlile, C. I. Carpenter, H. Castings, R. C. Chambers, Roy Cheville, W. W. Chrestensen, T. L. Clark, C. M. Clifford, Leroy Colbert, Phillip Cook, Fred Crouchman, L. F. P. Curry, J. A. Daer, A. H. Daley, A. Davenport, W. R. Dexter, H. Dickhout, C. W. Dillon, Edward Dillon, Joshua Dobson, L. D. Dyke, John Ely, P. G. Fairbanks, E. G. Falconer, J. Fassnacht, L. F. Ferguson, S. H. Fields, W. I. Fligg, M. W. Gaylord, Francis Granger, S. N. Gray, C. E. Guinand, R. A. Gunsolley, H. H. Hand, Frederick Hansen, F. W. Hastings, A. T. Higdon, G. M. Hiles, E. O. Hinderks, A. N. Hoxie, W. H. Hutchinson, G. W. Johnson, George Juergens, A. L. Keen, G. A. Kelley, W. H. Kelley, G. R. Kuykendall, Thomas Leitch,

D. Lewis, jr., D. W. Lewis, J. D. Lewis, M. W. Liston, A. E. McCord, E. E. McCormick, John McKenzie, James McKiernan, B. L. McKim, J. W. McKnight, J. A. Marsteller, J. F. Martin, G. W. Mauzey, H. E. Merryman, A. G. Miller, B. F. Miller, J. A. Miller, Thomas Mills, L. W. Moffit, Morris Moldrup, E. D. Moore, W. C. Neville, Thomas Newton, E. M. Orton, Harry Passman, W. B. Paul, Philemon Pement, W. P. Pickering, C. A. Ralston, Pearl Reed, Herbert Rhodes, I. M. Ross, F. A. Rowe, George Sackfield, H. S. Salisbury, John Schreur, Columbus Scott, W. W. Scott, R. O. Self, W. T. Shakespeare, J. D. Shower, S. H. Simmons, C. J. Smith, H. N. Snively, A. E. Stoff, W. A. Stoll, A. E. Tabor, E. L. Traver, G. W. Strowbridge, J. H. Tyrrell, Matthew Umphrey, G. M. Vandell, J. Wahlstrom, J. E. Warne, A. E. Warr, E. S. White, Ray Whiting, C. E. Wight, C. E. Willis, N. M. Wilson, H. E. Winegar, F. F. Wipper, G. H. Wixom, Wilbert Wood, J. H. Yager, A. J. Yarrington, R. M. Young, Joseph Bogue, W. E. Stoff.

#### BOUNDARY LINES

The Presidency presented the following communication:

*To the General Conference:* Following a custom which we have pursued for some years the First Presidency desires to recommend the appointment of a boundary line committee for the consideration of petitions relative to boundary lines coming before the conference, and presents the names of R. S. Salyards, C. I. Carpenter, O. W. Newton, and D. J. Krahl as the personnel of this committee.

Respectfully submitted for the approval of conference.

FREDERICK M. SMITH.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 2, 1919.

A motion to approve the appointment prevailed.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Presidency reported the following appointments:

*To the General Conference:* The Presidency has appointed, subject to the approval of conference, credential committee consisting of C. I. Carpenter, P. G. Fairbanks, H. S. Salisbury, and F. A. Russell, whose published report is submitted to the conference. We hereby present this committee for your endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. SMITH.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 2, 1919.

The appointments were indorsed.

## ENGLEWOOD BRANCH PETITION

The Englewood Branch in the Kansas City Stake presented the following petition accompanied by signatures of 34 members thereof:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* We, the undersigned officers and members of the Englewood Branch, beg leave to call your attention to the situation confronting us. We are located between Independence and Kansas City, very much nearer to Independence—in fact one can easily walk the distance in twenty minutes.

For some time now the car service has been so bad that we have been unable to attend the meetings in Kansas City. Car fare amounts to eighteen cents a round trip.

In view of these and other facts the members of our branch are much more closely associated and better acquainted with the Independence Saints, we most respectfully request that the Englewood Branch be joined to the Independence Stake.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 30, 1919.

It was referred to the committee on boundary lines for report.

## WHEELING DISTRICT

The following communication was read:

At a district conference of the Wheeling District, held at Wellsburg, West Virginia, on the above date, a motion was adopted to "petition General Conference to define the boundaries of a branch."

O. J. TARY, *District President,*

JASPER N. DOBBS, *District Secretary.*

By way of explanation: In case a branch has members living five, ten, twenty or more miles from place of meeting, what jurisdiction has that branch in the matter of missionary work in those places? And, when preaching is done in such places and applicants for baptism come forth, what jurisdiction has the branch—have they the right to pass on their application before they are baptized? or is the branch supposed to accept them as members on report of the party baptizing them?

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, March 8, 1919.

It was moved that the document be referred to the First Presidency and Twelve for decision and report.



A motion to lay on the table was lost.

It was then moved that the chair appoint a committee to consider the paper and report.

After some discussion the motion to appoint a committee was lost; the motion to refer to the First Presidency and Twelve prevailed.

#### WHEELING AND YOUNGSTOWN-SHARON DISTRICTS

The following was referred to the committee on boundary lines:

*Petition to General Conference, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:* At the district conference of the Wheeling District, held at Wellsburg, West Virginia, March 8 and 9, 1919, a motion was adopted to "petition the General Conference to change the boundary lines of the Wheeling District and the Youngstown-Sharon District as follows; Take from the Youngstown-Sharon District the County of Columbiana, Ohio, and add it to the Wheeling District."

The reason for this is that it can be better cared for by being a part of the Wheeling District than as a part of the Youngstown-Sharon District. At Wellsville, Ohio, there are a number of Saints, and the Steubenville, Ohio, Branch of the Wheeling District has been assisting them in carrying on a mission, they being much closer than any branch in the district to which Wellsville (Columbiana County) now belongs.

The assistance rendered them by the Wheeling District was in harmony with Apostle G. T. Griffith's advice and the consent of the president of the Youngstown-Sharon District. It was in keeping with advice from Apostle Griffiths that the Wheeling District conference took action as above indicated.

O. J. TARY, *District President,*  
JASPER N. DOBBS, *District Secretary.*

GLEN EASTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

#### SOUTHERN NEBRASKA DISTRICT

The following was referred to committee on boundary lines:

*To the General Conference Assembled:* We wish to inform you that at a session of the Southern Nebraska District conference held at Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1919, the following resolution prevailed:

"Moved that this conference recommend to the General

Conference that the three western counties of this district be cut off from this district, and added to the Eastern Colorado District.

H. A. HIGGINS, *President*,  
BLANCHE I. ANDREWS, *Secretary*.

March 6, 1919.

#### HOLDEN STAKE

The following communication was also referred to committee on boundary lines:

*President Frederick M. Smith, Independence, Missouri; Dear Brother Smith:* I desire to present for your consideration and also the consideration of the conference and others who may be concerned, the annexing of the counties of Moniteau and Cole to the Holden Stake. By reference to the map it will be noted that these points are in direct touch with the Holden Stake by train service. There are no branches in either of these counties. We have some Saints living in Moniteau County who belong to the Holden Stake. I feel that there should be an effort made to open up the work at Jefferson City. It occupies a very important place in our State and would be of great benefit to the church, in my opinion, if we had a branch at that point. If possible it seems to me by all means we should have a representative there. I present this for your consideration as your judgment may determine.

Very sincerely,

D. J. KRAHL.

HOLDEN, MISSOURI, March 28, 1919.

#### TWELVE AND SEVENTY

Joint council of Twelve and Seventy reported the following action under date of the 7th instant:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* At a meeting of the Twelve and Seventy, held in the Odd Fellows' Hall at Lamoni, Iowa, April 5, 1919, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 63 to 14:

"Resolved, that we endorse the resolutions of the Quorum of Twelve contained in the document submitted to us by them, dated February 13, 1919, as a basis for a reconsideration of our ministerial policy."

The attached document contains the action of the Quorum of Twelve referred to in the foregoing resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. RUSHTON,  
*Secretary of Twelve,*

E. E. LONG,  
*Secretary, Seventies.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 7, 1919.

Resolutions adopted by the Twelve, February 13, 1919, a copy of which was placed in the hands of the First Presidency:

“Moved: It is the opinion of this quorum that ‘the entire field of ministerial labor’ should be placed directly under the ‘supervision and presidency of the Quorum of Twelve’; and, so discharge the obligations imposed upon them by the law of having ‘active supervision and presidency, under the First Presidency, over the entire field of ministerial labor, and control over districts, branches, and the ministry as a whole and as church organizations.’ (See Doctrine and Covenants 123: 23.)

“Further, in order to more adequately meet the present demands of the ‘entire field of ministerial labor,’ it is the sense of this body that the ‘entire field of ministerial labor’ should be carefully considered by the Presidency and the Twelve, and provision made for the division of the entire field, into missions, sections, or fields by the interaction of these two quorums; always recognizing the principle: ‘For unto you (the Twelve), and those (the First Presidency), who are appointed with you, to be your counselors and your leaders’; as provided for in the Doctrine and Covenants 104: 12; 122: 11; 123: 23; 105: 12.

“Further, the appointment of the missionary corps and the direct supervision and active oversight of these men in their fields of labor be undertaken by the Quorum of the Twelve as provided for in the law. (Section 122: 9; 130: 4.)”

Moved that the report be laid on the table. Lost by vote of 121 to 168.

#### PRESIDENCY, TWELVE, AND SEVENTY

It was then moved that the report be referred to the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy. In answer to questions, statements were made by Presidents F. M. Smith and E. A. Smith.

The following was moved: In view of the statements made by the President and his counselor, moved that the quorums of Twelve and Seventy be authorized to proceed with this work assigned to the committee.

A point of order being raised, the chair stated that the last motion if adopted could be taken as a substitute or as instructions to the committee, and that the motion was in order.

Appeal was taken from the decision of the chair, which decision was sustained.

It was moved that inasmuch as Brother E. A. Smith has indicated his willingness to meet with the joint council that his name be added to the committee. The chair ruled that the motion was not in order.

An amendment to the substitute was moved, that it be made to read, "to proceed with the work which is now assigned to the committee."

The previous question was ordered, after considerable debate. The amendment was lost. The substitute to refer to the Twelve and Seventy was lost. The original motion to refer to the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, was adopted.

It was moved that a copy of the report of the President to the General Conference and a copy of the brief submitted by the Quorum of Twelve to General Conference be printed and placed without delay in the hands of each member of the Joint Council of the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy.

An amendment was moved, to provide that the documents named be placed in the hands of every member of the conference.

After some discussion the previous question was ordered. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213 to 145. The motion as amended then prevailed.

It was moved that in view of the statement of President F. M. Smith that he would not meet with the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, that Brother E. A. Smith as the remaining member of the Presidency be requested to call this council without delay, and that he act as the president of this council and proceed with the matter which has been submitted to them.

Moved to amend by adding the name of Presiding Patriarch F. A. Smith.

A substitute was moved, That in view of the state-

ments of the Presidency that this body appoint the time of the meeting of the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, for to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Moved to amend to read 9.15 a. m. at the Coliseum.

After some discussion the previous question was ordered.

The amendment to the substitute prevailed, also the substitute as amended.

The original motion which sought to provide that President E. A. Smith be requested to call such council was renewed.

It was moved to amend the motion by striking out the words, "without delay."

Moved to further amend by adding the name of Presiding Patriarch Frederick A. Smith.

The original motion and the amendments thereto were laid on the table.

#### FASTING AND PRAYER

It was then moved that a season of fasting and prayer be observed in abstinence from the morning and noon meals of the day following, by those who are able to do so, in the general interests of the work of the conference. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The chair adjourned the assembly at 5 p. m.

Announcements were made. Hymn No. 214 was sung. Benediction by Elder U. W. Greene.

At 8 p. m., preaching by Elder Daniel Macgregor, assisted by Elder R. D. Weaver.

At 8 p. m., reception to the young people at high school building, by Lamoni Temple Builders and Oriole girls.

At the same hour preaching at the Coliseum by Elder G. R. Kuykendall, assisted by Elder E. A. Curtis. The General Conference choir assisted.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

At 7 a. m., conference choir prayer meeting.

At 8 a. m., meeting of the priesthood at the Coliseum, President F. M. Smith in charge.

At 8 a. m., business session of the Woman's Auxiliary; report of Coordinating Committee; new business; recommendations, etc.

From 9 to 10 a. m., upper auditorium, prayer meeting in charge of Elders O. Salisbury and A. E. Stone.

At 9.15 a. m., meeting of joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy.

From 10 to 12 a. m., session of Zion's Religio-Literary Society.

Business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 109 was sung. Elder F. G. Pitt offered prayer.

The minutes were approved.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* Your credential committee desires to submit the following additional report:

Little Sioux District: Credential received, 2,296 members, 22 votes: G. M. Vandel, Sidney Pitt, sr., Joseph Lane, Mrs. Joseph Lane, Mrs. P. J. Zimmerman, Nellie Zimmerman, Mrs. Delia Smith, Mrs. Amos Berve, O. J. Barr, Mrs. O. J. Barr.

We recommend the following corrections:

Southern California District: Drop James Farley, Hannah Farley, Bessie Goodrich; add W. M. Aylor, Bertha Ball, Stella Packard.

Fremont District: Delegates were instructed.

Youngstown-Sharon District: Drop T. U. Thomas.

Hawaii, Honolulu Branch: Drop G. J. Waller and add Anna B. Miller.

London District, Ontario: Drop W. M. Grice, John Shields, G. C. Tomlinson, Rosa Tier; add Joseph Yager, J. L. Burger, William Flegg, Daniel Macgregor.

Gallands Grove District: Drop Lulu Crandall and add James Pearsall.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,

The report was adopted. *For Credentials Committee.*

## ALTERNATE DELEGATES

The following question and answer are inserted:

*Question:* Where alternates are provided to take the place of delegates and they are to be selected from the list as printed, what rule should govern the delegates in selecting these alternates, promiscuously from the list of alternates, or beginning with the first named? I would be pleased so that a general rule in this matter may be followed.

*Answer:* I presume that unless the delegates are instructed by the districts sending them as to how these alternates are selected, the selection must be left to the judgment of the delegates. Naturally we would presume that they would select those present in preference to those who are absent, and when there are a number, even more than needed to be present, as I said before, where the delegates are uninstructed they must necessarily be left to their own judgment.

## ORGANIZATION

The chair announced further appointments: Assistant stenographers, Sisters Faye Gould and Minnie Scott Dobson.

The committee on administration: Elders J. M. Terry, F. G. Pitt, J. W. Metcalf, F. M. Weld, Edward Rannie, W. D. Bullard; Elder Terry in charge.

## EASTERN AND WESTERN MONTANA DISTRICTS

The following petition was read and referred to the committee on boundary lines:

*To the General Conference:* We the undersigned have been duly appointed and authorized by the Eastern and Western Montana Districts to submit the following petition: That the boundary line between Eastern and Western Montana District be so changed as to extend the boundary line of Eastern Montana west in Chouteau County as far as longitude one hundred eleven.

A. J. MOORE,

*For Western Montana District,*

Eli BRONSON,

*For Eastern Montana District.*

## JOINT COUNCIL

The joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy reported on matters committed to it by the conference:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* We your committee, the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, appointed to consider the President's message, and the brief submitted by the Quorum of Twelve, wish to report progress, and ask for further time.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. E. LONG,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 9, 1919.

It was moved that the matter be called back from the committee and be made a matter of business for consideration of the conference.

President F. M. Smith resigned the chair to President E. A. Smith at 2.35 p. m.

Discussion followed.

The previous question was ordered. The motion to recall prevailed by a vote of 260 to 72.

It was then moved that the matter recalled be made the special order for 2.15 p. m. of the day following. The motion prevailed.

In answer to question the chair stated that the action of the body removed the matter from the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy.

#### HIGH COUNCIL

The following petition was read:

##### A BRIEF IN A PETITION AND APPEAL

KIRTLAND, OHIO, March, 26, 1919.

*To the Delegates in General Conference Assembled:* About ten years ago an unfortunate affair arose in Kirtland, which after repeated attempts to settle, failed. It now becomes my painful duty to bring this matter to your attention.

Your petitioner submits that there has been a miscarriage of justice and a flagrant disregard of the law of the church, as herein briefly set forth:

Two sisters in Kirtland had trouble; the matter was brought before the church courts. First, against Sister Melzine Russell, and after she was fully acquitted before a bishop's court, charges were made against the other sister, who was found guilty. Appeal was taken to the High Council, who affirmed the findings of the lower court.

The High Council attached a recommendation to their decision, suggesting that both parties make mutual apology. An unfriendly element seized on this pretext to get Sister



Russell out of the church. The branch became divided and a long series of branch and district conferences followed. Finally the minister in charge was sent by President F. M. Smith to enforce the law on both parties, but from this demand Brother Griffiths demurred.

One year later three members of the Twelve were sent to Kirtland to adjust the trouble. They went carefully into the details of the case in the light of the High Council's decision, and declared that the defendant only was guilty, and exonerated Sister Russell. They reported to the President of the church, who refused to accept this decision, and ordered the Temple Branch to expel Sister Russell from the church.

Believing the Presidency had raised a question of law and usage, an appeal was made to the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, last spring, who after thoroughly going into the matter, decided by a large vote that Sister Russell had been illegally dealt with in being expelled from the church.

President Smith also refused to accept this decision, and sent one of the Twelve to Kirtland to notify the branch that the vote expelling Sister Russell from the church would stand, assuming the position that the three quorums above referred to had no authority in the case.

Notice was then given of an appeal to the general body. The only reason assigned for this unprecedented procedure, is the assumption that the High Council acted as a court of equity.

From the decision of the High Council we never have, nor do not now take exception, but from the interpretation thereof and the powers assumed by the President of said council, resulting in the expulsion of an innocent party from the church; for the law assures that an individual is innocent until guilt has been established.

That which makes those assumed powers all the more damaging and threatening is the fact that Sister Russell was fully acquitted by a bishop's court decision, which decision has never been called in question. Are we prepared to enter this dangerous zone? If the action of the Temple Branch is to stand, we will have established the dangerous precedent that an individual can be cut off from the church without trial, defense, or even charges against him; for be it remembered that Sister Melzine Russell was never on trial before the High Council.

No complaint against her of any nature, as she is aware of, hence no opportunity to make a defense; yet according to a vote of five to two, of a branch numbering nearly two hundred, based upon the demand of President F. M. Smith, on the mere claim of equity, is expelled from the church.

Against this miscarriage of justice, the petitioner earnestly enters this protest, and humbly prays you hear what we have to offer on the matter contained in this brief. And if in your judgment the Temple Branch has acted contrary to law and usage governing church courts, its action be set aside and Melzine Russell be restored to full fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. EBELING,

*Council for Melzine Russell.*

A motion to take up the petition and consider it prevailed.

It was then moved that the conference adopt the last paragraph of the petition as the sense of the body.

Discussion followed. During the discussion, President F. M. Smith arose to question of privilege and made the following statement:

The question of personal privilege is this: I want it understood that the only reason I have remained quiet and did not challenge the right of this brother to bring this question in here is that I want settled forever the question of whether the decision of the High Council can be reviewed by a body like this. I hold it cannot. The only reason I am not raising that point now and insisting that this brother cannot argue this here is that I want this question settled in the interests of the work of the High Council and the interests of the church, as to whether you can bring a matter of that kind here and review it after it has been settled by the High Council. Personally, I believe it cannot be rightfully done.

Pending further discussion the chair adjourned the session at 4.27 p. m.

Announcements were made, Hymn No. 214 was sung. Benediction by Elder T. W. Williams.

#### GRACELAND COLLEGE

At 8 p. m. the following program was rendered under the auspices of Graceland College.

##### ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST GRACELAND COLLEGE

Music—College Orchestra

Invocation

“Daybreak”

..... Fanning

College Glee Club

“Our Allies”

Wesley Elvin, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

"The American Standard"

Coral Hatcher, Cooper, Iowa

"The League of Nations"

Lonzo Jones, Lamoni, Iowa

Selection

Miss Carlile's Four-Minute Singers

"The Brotherhood of Man"

Fernell Briggs, Goodland, Kansas

"Service"

Ray Whiting, Frazee, Minnesota

"Sweet Miss Mary" ..... Neidlinger

College Girls' Quartet

Decision of Judges

Benediction

Decision of the judges gave the first place to Brother Lonzo Jones; the second to Sister Fernell Briggs.

Following this program a meeting of the Greater Graceland Association was held in the lower auditorium.

Preaching at the Coliseum at 8 p. m. by Elder E. A. Curtis, assisted by Elder Richard Baldwin. The conference choir also assisted in the service.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

At 7 a. m., conference choir prayer meeting. Chorister A. N. Hoxie in charge.

At 8 a. m., assembly of the priesthood at the Coliseum, President F. M. Smith in charge.

From 8 to 9 a. m., program of Woman's Auxiliary at the church.

The way by which the studies of psychology and sociology may be made applicable in the practical demonstration of our lives. Mrs. Dora Glines, Supervisor Educational Bureau, Independence, Missouri. Miss Louise Evans, Organizer, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Discussion: "Rural women and their educational needs."

At 9 a. m., prayer meeting, upper auditorium, Elders A. E. Warr and J. F. Martin in charge.

From 10 to 12 a. m., session of Zion's Religio-Literary Society.

Business session convened at 2 p. m., President

E. A. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 52 was sung. Elder C. Ed. Miller offered prayer.

The minutes were approved.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The committee on credentials recommend the following changes:

Nauvoo District: Drop P. R. Burton and George P. Lambert; Add Ethel A. Lacy and Bessie A. Smith.

London District, Ontario: On yesterday's report Daniel Macgregor should have read Mrs. Daniel Macgregor.

C. I. CARPENTER,  
*For the Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 10, 1919.

A motion to refer to the committee for correction was lost.

It was then moved that this report be adopted except that portion referring to the London District, which should be referred to the committee on credentials. The motion prevailed.

#### BOUNDARY LINES

Committee on boundary lines reported:

*To the General Conference:* We, your committee appointed to examine petitions covering boundary line changes, report as follows:

In harmony with petition from Southern Nebraska District, we recommend that the counties of Perkins, Chase, and Dundy in Nebraska be annexed to the Eastern Colorado District, subject to ratification by Eastern Colorado District.

That request of Eastern and Western Montana districts to change boundary in Choteau County to longitude 111 be granted.

That the recommendation of the president of Holden Stake to annex the counties of Moniteau and Cole to the Holden Stake be approved subject to the approval of the Holden Stake and Clinton District.

That the petition of the Wheeling District for the addition of Columbiana County, Ohio, to that District be granted.

We recommend that the petition of the Englewood Branch that it be attached to the Independence Stake be referred to

the authorities of the Kansas City and Independence Stakes for further consideration and report if advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. SALYARDS,  
*Chairman.*

O. W. NEWTON,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 9, 1919.

Moved that the first recommendation be adopted. A substitute was moved that the report of the committee be adopted. The substitute prevailed.

#### JOINT COUNCIL

President E. A. Smith announced that the special order of the day, provided for by the session of the 9th, had been reached.

He then requested Elder J. A. Tanner, president of the Quorum of High Priests, to take the chair, which he did at 2.28 p. m.

That portion of the minutes referring to the matter under consideration was read.

#### MINISTERIAL POLICY

Secretary J. W. Rushton then moved the following preambles and resolutions, which were duly seconded:

Whereas the present crisis confronting the church grows out of a difference of opinion between the First Presidency and the Quorum of Twelve touching the ministerial policy of the church; and,

Whereas, the policy of President Smith has not been submitted to the quorum for consideration, and the Quorum of Twelve renews its expression of willingness to meet with the First Presidency for the purpose of mutually considering policies and methods; and,

Whereas, the two documents before the General Conference clearly show that this mutual consideration has not been had; and,

Whereas, both quorums admit and urge the need of modification and revision of the policy now in vogue; and,

Whereas, the law clearly indicated the method of adjudication in such matters: (See Doctrine and Covenants 104:11, 12, 13; 122:9; 123:23.)

Therefore, be it resolved, That this question of ministerial

policy which is before this body and contained in the President's message be referred to the joint council of the First Presidency and the Twelve for consideration and action as provided for in the law.

#### MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT—PARAGRAPH 29

After discussion a substitute was moved: That we adopt paragraph 29 of the President's report, which reads:

29. Crystallizing the principal difference between the two quorums, and stating at the same time our opinion of the relationship of the two quorums, my attitude is that, (not touching the legislative functions of the two quorums, in which they are equal,) in the executive or administrative line the Twelve are in all respects subordinate to, and under the direction of, the Presidency, and this includes missionary as well as local work.

Lengthy discussion followed and at 5 p. m. Elder J. E. Vanderwood yielded the floor for adjournment.

Usual announcements were made. Hymn No. 225 was sung. Bishop J. F. Keir pronounced the benediction.

At 8 p. m., preaching in the upper auditorium by Elder C. Ed. Miller, assisted by Elder G. F. Barraclough.

At the same hour in the lower auditorium a meeting of the L. D. S. Salesmen's Association was held.

At the Coliseum at 7.45 was presented a four-part biological film, the story of how new plants and animal children come into existence, film furnished by the Iowa State College. Program presented under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary.

At 9 p. m., informal reception by Woman's Auxiliary, to all women in attendance at the conference.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

At 8 a. m., program by the Woman's Auxiliary organization:

Round table discussion on Relief and Service work, led by Mrs. Henry C. Smith.

Topics: "Attitude towards relief"; "Thorough investigation;" "Record and follow-up work;" "Preparation of a social service worker."

General discussion: "Organizers' Problems."

At 8 a. m., lecture to the priesthood at the Coliseum by Doctor D. J. Jacobson, of the Venereal Section of the Iowa State Board of Health, of Des Moines.

At 9 a. m., prayer meeting, upper auditorium, Elders J. F. Garver and D. T. Williams of Lamoni Stake presidency in charge.

At 10 a. m., session of the Sunday School Department, Superintendent G. R. Wells in charge.

Business session of the 11th convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 3; prayer by Elder F. A. Smith.

The minutes were approved.

President Smith introduced Mr. P. H. McBeth of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League, who addressed the conference for five minutes in behalf of national and international prohibition.

#### QUORUM OF TWELVE

President Smith made a statement reading the following communication from the Secretary of the Twelve:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* I am authorized to present the following action of the Quorum of Twelve for your consideration and action:

Whereas, the First Presidency and the Quorum of Twelve met in session this morning, April 11, at which time President Smith outlined a ministerial policy and made explanations which are being considered by the quorum; therefore

We respectfully ask the conference to take no further action on the matter before the house until the two quorums have had time to complete their consideration and prepare their report.

On behalf of the Quorum of Twelve,  
JOHN W. RUSHTON,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 11, 1919.

It was moved that the document submitted by the Twelve be adopted. Discussion followed. The previous question was ordered. The motion to adopt prevailed.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

*To the First Presidency and the General Conference:* As your credentials committee we wish to recommend the following changes:

London, Ontario, District: Add Mrs. Daniel Macgregor and Mrs. J. L. Burger.

Little Sioux District: Add Charles S. Kennedy.

Des Moines District: Drop C. E. MacDonald and add Sarah Rogers.

Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District: Drop E. K. Evans and add C. E. Glidden.

Clinton District: Drop Lucy Silvers and add W. A. Searfus.

Far West Stake: Drop Mrs. W. W. Scott and Mary Davis and add George W. Mauzey and G. W. Johnston.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER,

*For the Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 11, 1919.

The report was adopted.

#### MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT—PARAGRAPH 29

At 2.45 p. m. President Smith resigned the chair to Elder J. A. Tanner. Brother J. E. Vanderwood was recognized as entitled to the floor, and the discussion adjourned on the previous day was resumed. It continued until 4.50 p. m., when the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements followed. Hymn No. 184 was sung. Elder T. W. Williams pronounced the benediction.

At 8 p. m., the Lamoni Community Chorus rendered a program assisted by the Graceland Orchestra, Elder P. N. Craig in charge.

At the same hour at the Coliseum preaching by Elder F. F. Wipper, assisted by Elder W. E. Haden.



## YOUNG PEOPLE

Following the evening service the Lamoni chorus and orchestra and visiting musicians and friends gathered at the high school building, where a season of social, musical, and spiritual entertainment was greatly enjoyed. This was followed by a series of choral singings at residences of leading officers of the church, under the leadership of Chorister Hoxie.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 12

At 7 a. m., conference choir prayer meeting in the lower auditorium, Chorister Hoxie in charge.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

At 8 a. m., session under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary organization.

Round Table Discussion on the Temple Builders and Oriole Girls, led by Miss Grace Thompson, assisted by Miss Wayve Monroe, Lamoni, Iowa.

Topics: "The plan of the work for the Temple Builders;" "Qualifications of a monitor, and how to organize."

Business: Ratification of appointments made by the new executive, etc.

At 9 a. m., prayer meeting, Elders O. Salisbury and F. J. Ebeling in charge.

At 10 a. m., session of Zion's Religio-Literary Society.

At 8 a. m., priesthood meeting at the Coliseum, in charge of President F. M. Smith.

Business session convened at 2 p. m. President F. M. Smith called the assembly to order. Hymn No. 201 was sung. Prayer was offered by Bishop J. A. Becker.

President F. M. Smith resigned the chair to President E. A. Smith at 2.10.

The minutes were approved.

The following communications were read.

*To the Conference:* The members of the Presidency desire to thank Brother Hoxie and his band of midnight singers for last night's beautiful serenade.

F. M. SMITH.  
E. A. SMITH.

*To the General Conference:* We wish to acknowledge your message, so expressive of sympathy and love, from which we all derived both pleasure and benefit, especially Brother Smith.

We earnestly solicit the continued remembrance and prayers of the Saints for him.

MRS. HEMAN C. SMITH AND FAMILY.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 9, 1919.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* Your credential committee desire to recommend the following changes:

Nauvoo District: Drop Mrs. D. J. Williams, and add Mrs. H. N. Snively.

Independence Stake: Drop Mrs. H. J. Badder, J. A. Koehler, Mrs. W. H. Kelley; and add B. R. McGuire, R. T. Cooper, W. D. Bullard.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER.

*For the Committee.*

April 12, 1919.

The report was adopted.

President E. A. Smith then requested Elder J. A. Tanner to take the chair, which he did.

#### MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT—PARAGRAPH 29

Discussion of the question pending an adjournment of the previous day's session was then resumed.

Elder P. M. Hanson yielded the chair for adjournment at 5 p. m., when the chair adjourned the session.

Announcements were made. Hymn No. 217 was sung. Benediction by Bishop E. L. Kelley.

#### MISSIONARY PROGRAM

At 7.30 p. m., the following missionary program was rendered at the church:

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| 7.30. Opening Song                                   | Congregation |
| Invocation   | F. A. Smith  |
| Song, Annie Laurie,                                  |              |
| R. C. Smith, George Anway, Paul N. Craig, Lee Travis |              |

- 7.45. Nature and Purpose of Missionary Work F. A. Smith  
 8.00 Foreign Missions  
     a. Past and Present G. T. Griffiths.  
     b. The Outlook J. W. Rushton  
     Song, "There's a long, long time of waiting,"  
                                 Missionary Chorus
- 8.35. Relation of Missionary Work to Local Development J. W. Davis
- 8.50. The Printed Word in Missionary Work R. W. Farrell  
 Music: "Little Brown Bag" F. A. Russell and Quartet
- 9.00. Missionary Experiences  
     a. Providential Hubert Case  
     b. Antagonistic J. F. Curtis  
     c. Amusing John Davis
- 9.30. Closing Song

THERE'S A LONG, LONG TIME OF WAITING

BY GEORGE W. ROBLEY

(Tune: "The Long, Long Trail")

Nights are growing very weary,  
 Days are full of work;  
 I am getting weary waiting,  
 But I must not shirk.  
 Old remembrances of preaching  
 Tell me you are true,  
 But it seems the world is full of schemes  
 Just to keep me away from you.

Chorus:

There's a long, long trail a-waiting,  
 But we don't know where 'twill land;  
 It may be with the Chinese  
 Or some other band.  
 There's a long, long time of waiting,  
 Until the worst all comes true;  
 Till the day that we'll be going  
 Out—a long, long way from you.

All night long I hear a calling,  
 Calling clear and low;  
 Seem to hear the time is coming,  
 When off I must go,  
 Though the road between us stretches  
 Across land and sea,  
 I feel very sure that I'll endure,  
 For I know you'll pray for me.

## THE CALL OF SERVICE

BY JOHN R. GRICE

(Tune: "Keep the Home Fires Burning")

They were summoned from the office  
 Called from workshop, farm, and glen,  
 And the church it found them ready  
 When the Master called for men.  
 Though they suffered untold hardships  
 For the cause they loved so dear,  
 With a courage born of love they strive  
 To reach each listening ear.

Chorus:

Leaving home fires burning,  
 Leaving fond hearts yearning,  
 While we journey far away—  
 Some for years to roam;  
 So where duty calls us,  
 Or whate'er befalls us,  
 We'll not lay the armor down,  
 Till He calls us home.

Many hearts to-day are pleading;  
 Bear the message far and wide;  
 Tell them of the King Christ Jesus  
 Who for us was crucified.  
 Soldiers of the cross, press onward!  
 And to nations o'er the sea,  
 Preach the gospel of the kingdom,  
 Which will bring them victory.

## LITTLE BROWN BAG

BY ELBERT A. SMITH

(A song to the missionary's grip)

Yes, two by two, we have often heard,  
 They should go forth who preach the word;  
 But, little brown grip, 'twixt me and you,  
 It sometimes happens we are the two.  
 And more than once you've pillowed my head  
 When in one I had both board and bed.  
 Ah, little brown bag, it's I love thee—  
 In many a field you've gone with me.

**Chorus:**

Ah, little brown bag, it's you and me  
About the Master's work must be!  
My books in you and you in my hand,  
We will go forth at God's command.

And when I come to the sacred stand,  
To declare the message true and grand,  
I take the book of the law from you,  
And give it back when the sermon's through.  
You're always open to take or give  
The things by which mankind should live;  
But your mouth is shut, when better so—  
Which is a good trait, as all should know.

And when at night in my room alone,  
My thoughts go back to the folks at home,  
I take again from your close embrace  
Each well-known photo of each well-loved face.  
For many treasures you hide away  
From thoughtless gaze of the idle, gay.  
For you are a mystery-magic bag,  
A little brown friend that bears my tag.

Here is a lock from my small boy's head,  
And wife's report of the things he said.  
And here is the little first red boot,  
Worn by my little first baby's foot.  
You help me build in some strange room  
The altars brought from a distant home;  
And near to me are the ones I love,  
As I kneel down to the God above.

I'll pack you full of the gospel load—  
You'll not complain on the hardest road.  
Ah, little brown bag, and glory be,  
If as much all times be true of me.  
I hope when Judgment Day comes along  
To march right in with that white throng,  
And face the Judge, so kind yet grand,  
My books in you and you in my hand.

At the same hour preaching at the Coliseum by  
Elder F. G. Pitt, assisted by Elder H. N. Hansen.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 13

At 7 a. m., the young people, under the leadership of Brother A. N. Hoxie, met in the city and proceeded in a body to Graceland College, where they held a very interesting prayer meeting.

At 8 a. m., prayer meeting, Elders R. S. Salyards and D. J. Krahl in charge. 9.30 a. m., regular session of the Lamoni Sunday School, Superintendent G. W. Blair in charge. Addresses were delivered by Elders W. L. Christy, F. F. Wipper, and T. W. Williams. At 11 a. m., preaching by Elder W. W. Smith, assisted by Bishop M. H. Siegfried; 3 p. m., preaching by Elder F. G. Pitt, assisted by Bishop J. F. Keir; 7.30 p. m., preaching by Bishop J. F. Kier, assisted by Elder R. C. Russell.

Lower Auditorium: 11 a. m., preaching by Elder J. F. Garver, assisted by Elder D. T. Williams; 3 p. m., preaching by Bishop J. A. Becker, assisted by C. J. Hunt.

Coliseum: 11 a. m., Preaching by Elder Daniel Macgregor, assisted by Elder J. W. Davis; 3 p. m., preaching by Elders Hubert Case and Phillip Cook; 7.30 p. m., preaching by Elder T. W. Williams, assisted by Elder F. G. Pitt.

At the Saints' Home at 7 p. m., preaching by Elder A. H. Parsons, and at the Liberty Home by Elder James McKiernan.

## MONDAY, APRIL 14

At 7 a. m., conference choir prayer meeting, Chorister A. N. Hoxie in charge.

At 8 a. m., priesthood meeting at the Coliseum. President F. M. Smith in charge.

At 8 a. m., sessions of the Woman's Auxiliary at the church.

At 9 a. m., prayer meeting, Elders V. M. Goodrich and J. B. Wildermuth in charge.

At 10 a. m., session of the Sunday School De-

partment, Superintendents G. R. Wells and Daniel Macgregor in charge.

Business session convened at 2 p. m., President E. A. Smith called the assembly to order. Hymn No. 377 was sung; prayer was offered by Bishop M. C. Fisher.

The minutes were approved.

The President resigned the chair to Elder J. A. Tanner at 2.10 p. m.

#### MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT—PARAGRAPH 29

The chair recognized Elder P. M. Hanson as entitled to the floor and the discussion of the question at issue was resumed.

Elder Hanson was followed by President F. M. Smith.

At the close of President F. M. Smith's address Secretary Rushton of the Twelve made a statement, under a question of privilege.

#### PRESIDENCY AND TWELVE

It was then moved that the conference postpone further consideration of the matters now pending until report be had from the quorums of First Presidency and Twelve.

The previous question was ordered and the motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

At 4.35 p. m., Elder Tanner resigned the chair to President E. A. Smith, who adjourned the session. Announcements followed. Hymn No. 37 in Zion's Praises, "Marching to Zion," was sung; Elder W. W. Smith pronounced the benediction.

At 7.30 p. m., at the church, presentation of the Boy Movement by Elder F. M. McDowell in charge thereof; also an address by Brother G. A. Gould, of Independence, Missouri, a scoutmaster. Elder T. W. Williams, on behalf of the Religio Department, delivered an address on recreational and social activities.

At the Coliseum, service for men only, film, "Fit to Fight," one of United States Government series, presented under auspices of Medical Department, Iowa State Agricultural College.

At 8 p. m., annual informal reception to all women, under auspices of Department of Woman's Auxiliary.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15

At 7 a. m., prayer meeting by the conference choir and young people in general, Chorister A. N. Hoxie in charge.

At 8 a. m., address to priesthood, at the Coliseum, by President F. M. Smith.

At 9 a. m., prayer meeting, Elders J. M. Terry and V. M. Goodrich in charge.

At 10 a. m., session of Sunday School Department, Superintendents G. R. Wells and Daniel Macgregor in charge.

Preceding the business session a song service was conducted by Chorister A. N. Hoxie.

The business session convened at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith called the conference to order. Hymn No. 35 was sung. Prayer by Elder W. A. McDowell.

President Smith resigned the chair to President E. A. Smith at 2.10 p. m.

The minutes were approved.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Committee on credentials reported:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The committee recommends the following changes:

Far West Stake: Drop S. J. Sloan and Mrs. Mary Hopkins; add Mrs. Mary Davis and Mrs. W. W. Scott.

Independence Stake: Drop W. D. Bullard, Thomas Crick, Mrs. Thomas Crick, Mrs. B. R. McGuire; add Mrs. J. A. Gardner, R. J. Lambert, F. A. Rowe, George A. Gould.

Alberta District: Credentials have been received; 421 members, 4 votes: Daniel Macgregor and W. P. Bootman.



Fremont District: Drop Mrs. T. A. Hougas and F. B. Knight; add J. B. Wildermuth and Inez Claiborn.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. I. CARPENTER,

*For Credentials Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 14, 1919.

The report was approved.

Brother R. B. Trowbridge, Auditor, made a statement under personal privilege.

President E. A. Smith yielded the chair to Elder J. A. Tanner at 2.20 p. m.

#### MINISTERIAL POLICY

The joint council of Presidency and Twelve presented the following report:

LAMONI, IOWA, April 15, 1919.

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* We beg leave and report, that the First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve met in joint council this morning and completed their consideration of the matter before the house and agreed upon the following as a working basis:

The work of the Twelve is primarily missionary, but under the direction of the Presidency they may be sent to regulate in organized local affairs when such regulation is made necessary.

The work of the Twelve is under the direction of the Presidency in the administrative or executive work of the church both in missionary and local lines, according to the law.

The appointment of the Twelve is not to specific fields in charge of individuals, but the members are subject to direction by the Presidency, in this way being the "Second Presidency."

Missionary and local lines of work are distinctive, and always cooperative when and where necessary.

Local organizations once effected, should be placed under the charge of the local officers and so far as possible or consistent with the best interests of all concerned, be not interfered with by the missionary line.

Besides their work in the missionary line and in regulating local affairs, the Twelve should be prepared to act as counselors to the Presidency when needed, hence some of the members of the Twelve should be near if not at the seat of the Presidency so that such consultation may be had occasionally.

Suggested modifications to the present system:

The weekly letter from all appointees to the Presidency to be continued, but those from the missionaries to be passed on to the Twelve at the seat of the Presidency, consultation between them and the Presidency to be had when needed thereon, but directions and instructions issuing from these representatives of the Twelve in harmony with the general principles understood and agreed upon by the Quorum of Twelve and Presidency.

For the purpose of closer and mediate supervision of missionary activities, the missionaries may be arranged into groups, each group to be supervised by a seventy, instructed in the missionary policies adopted by the Quorum of Twelve. Variations from these general instructions, or other instructions made necessary by special conditions, may be issued to these group supervisors by the Twelve at the seat of the Presidency or by members of the Twelve who may be on the grounds or in the field of operation of the particular group.

Thus the supervision of the missionaries by the Twelve will be based upon a definite general policy determined by the Twelve, and approved by the Presidency, and the supervision of the missionary work by the Presidency will be mediate.

The Twelve shall then give their primary attention to missionary work, subject to call for regulating local work by the Presidency, and ready at all times to prosecute missionary work in new fields.

This general scheme carries with it the concomitant idea of an adequate force of local workers competent to care for congregations and districts when organized as a result of missionary work.

The appointment of all missionaries, domestic and foreign, to be made by interaction of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, either in joint council or by concurrence.

ELBERT A. SMITH,  
*Secretary Presidency,*  
JOHN W. RUSHTON,  
*Secretary Twelve.*

We recommend that this document, representing a working agreement between the First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve, be approved by the General Conference, and that action on the matter before the conference be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the joint council of Presidency and Twelve,

ELBERT A. SMITH,  
JOHN W. RUSHTON.

It was moved that the report be adopted.

After some discussion it was moved to amend by adding the words "together with its recommendations." The amendment and the motion as amended prevailed by unanimous vote.

#### PRESIDENCY AND TWELVE

It was moved that the message of the President, also the brief submitted by the Quorum of Twelve, both of which had formed the basis of discussion during the various sessions, be expunged from the record. The motion to expunge was laid on the table.

Elder J. A. Tanner yielded the chair to President F. M. Smith at 2.50 p. m.

The assembly then arose and sung the Doxology.

#### HIGH COUNCIL

It was moved that the question growing out of action of the High Council, the petitions and motions growing out of it, under discussion on the 9th and removed by consideration of the special order fixed for 2.15 of the 10th inst., be taken up. The motion prevailed by a vote of 183 to 104.

The following was moved and seconded:

Inasmuch as the law provides (Doctrine and Covenants 104: 35) that the Standing High Council is the highest court in the church, from whose decision there can be no appeal; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the petitioners in the case before us be directed to present the case to the Standing High Council for review.

The previous question was ordered, and the motion to adopt prevailed.

It was then moved that Sister Melzine Russell be permitted to engage in church work until the question is settled.

At this juncture, 3 p. m., President Smith yielded the chair to Elder J. A. Tanner.

The discussion proceeded at some length.

Objection was urged to the reading of a document by Elder J. F. Curtis. It was moved that the speaker be permitted to read the paper, which motion prevailed.

The discussion continued. It was then moved that the entire matter be laid on the table, which prevailed by a vote of 270 to 77.

A motion was presented that the sister be restored to full fellowship in the church.

The chair ruled the motion out of order. Appeal was taken to the decision of the chair. The ruling was discussed. The previous question was ordered; decision of the chair was sustained.

At 4.05 p. m., Elder Tanner yielded the chair to President E. A. Smith, who adjourned the session.

The usual announcements followed. Hymn No. 355 was sung.

Bishop B. R. McGuire dismissed the assembly.

At 7.30 p. m., preaching by Elder G. W. Thorburn, assisted by Elder George Jenkins.

At the same hour in the lower auditorium, meeting of bishops, bishops agents, and solicitors, in charge of the Presiding Bishopric.

At the Coliseum a service of music and song, accompanied by film illustrating series of song services in the city of Philadelphia under Government direction, in charge of A. N. Hoxie, jr., including address by Elder W. W. Smith. The conference choir assisted in this service, as did also the Lamoni Band under direction of Brother J. H. Anthony.

The Woman's Auxiliary held a session immediately after the adjournment of the conference, to consider the report of the coordinating committee.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

At 7: a. m., conference choir prayer meeting, for all young people. Chorister A. N. Hoxie in charge.

At 8 a. m., priesthood meeting at the Coliseum, addressed by Elder T. W. Williams.

At 9: a. m., prayer meeting, Elders C. J. Hunt and R. T. Cooper in charge.

At 10 a. m., session of the Sunday School Department.

At 11: a. m., preaching by Elder R. D. Weaver, assisted by Elder L. Houghton.

Preceding the business session of the conference a song service was conducted by Chorister A. N. Hoxie.

The business session opened at 2 p. m., President E. A. Smith in the chair. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung; Elder U. W. Greene offered prayer.

The minutes were corrected and approved.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Committee on credentials reported:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* Your credentials committee desire to recommend the following changes: Nauvoo District; Drop Bessie A. Smith and add Sr. Lil- yas Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. CARPENTER.

*For the Committee.*

April 16, 1919.

The report was adopted.

#### SUSTAINING OF PRESIDENT F. M. SMITH

President F. M. Smith made a statement and withdrew from the assembly during consideration of the matter immediately following.

It was moved that the conference take up and consider the resignation of President Frederick M. Smith. The motion prevailed.

It was then moved that the conference request the President to withdraw his resignation.

A substitute was moved: That the conference sustain President F. M. Smith as Prophet, Seer, and Revelator and President of the church.

Discussion followed on the main question and the substitute.

At 4.15 p. m., President E. A. Smith resigned the chair to Elder J. A. Tanner.

The previous question was moved on the whole matter. It was lost by a vote of 81 to 216.

The discussion was resumed and continued until 5.10 p. m., when the chair recognized Elder Joseph Luff and adjourned the session to 10 a. m. of the day following and resigned the chair to President E. A. Smith.

Announcements were made. Hymn No. 354 was sung. Benediction by Elder F. A. Smith.

At 7.30 p. m. Mr. John T. Orth, of Des Moines, representing the United States Treasury Department, addressed the assembly in the interest of the Fifth Liberty Loan. Sergeant Doherty, of Chicago, an overseas soldier, also spoke. The conference choir, A. N. Hoxie in charge, assisted in the service.

At 7.30 at the Coliseum the film "Fit to Fight" was again presented.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Eight a. m., prayer service with Elder J. F. Garver and D. T. Williams in charge.

Eight a. m., Coliseum, priesthood meeting addressed by Elder T. W. Williams.

The assembly convened at 10 a. m., President E. A. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 141, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung. Prayer by Elder W. A. McDowell.

The minutes were approved.

At 10.20 a. m., President E. A. Smith resigned the chair to Elder J. A. Tanner.

#### SUSTAINING OF PRESIDENT F. M. SMITH

The chair stated that Elder Joseph Luff was entitled to the floor. The discussion was then resumed

on motions pending on the adjournment of the previous day's session.

At the conclusion of Elder Luff's address the following amendment to the substitute was moved and seconded.

Moved to amend the substitute by striking out all after the word *conference*, and adding the following; and making it to read:

That the conference "respectfully decline to accept the resignation of President Frederick M. Smith, and that by this vote we express our confidence in him as prophet, seer, and revelator to the church and as the President thereof."

The previous question was ordered by a vote of 248 to 77. The amendment and the substitute as amended prevailed.

At 10.45 a. m., Elder Tanner yielded the chair to President F. M. Smith.

A motion prevailed to limit all speeches during the remaining sessions to fifteen minutes, unless otherwise provided for.

### THIRD QUORUM OF SEVENTY

The Third Quorum of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference:* The Third Quorum of Seventy has held five meetings during this session, and has met a number of times in joint sessions with the other quorums of seventy. We also met once in joint session with the Twelve and Seventy, and once with the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy.

Our work has been of unusual interest and a good spirit has characterized our quorum activities. Twenty-two of our members have reported, eighteen of whom are in attendance at the conference.

The following is a summary of our labors for the year: The brethren have preached 2,859 sermons, presided over 1,020 services, assisted in presiding 195 times, attended 1,877 other services, and have attended 5,568 services in all. They have baptized 247, confirmed 140, assisted in confirming 74, ordained 15, assisted to ordain 11, blessed 111 children, assisted to bless 15, administered to 2,060 sick, assisted to administer to 161, solemnized 22 marriages, made 17 new openings, held two discussions, administered sacrament 60 times,

made 828 pastoral visits, and otherwise assisted in the work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DAVIS,

*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

### FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY

#### The First Quorum of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The First Quorum of Seventy assembled at the call of the President of the church, April 3, since which time we have held three regular sessions of the quorum, and eight sessions with other quorums of seventy, including upon two occasions the Presidency, and three times with the Quorum of the Twelve.

There have been present at these sessions 35 of the brethren; namely: A. M. Baker, Alma Booker, N. L. Booker, W. P. Bootman, Hubert Case, E. A. Curtis, J. D. Carlisle, J. A. Dowker, R. L. Fulk, L. G. Holloway, Leonard Houghton, J. G. Halb, George Jenkins, E. E. Long, J. R. Lentell, J. C. McConnaughy, J. Charles May, O. W. Okerlind, J. C. Page, S. T. Pendleton, G. W. Robley, C. H. Rich, S. M. Reiste, S. S. Smith, W. M. Self, S. G. St. John, S. K. Sorenson, J. E. Vanderwood, A. L. Whitaker, B. W. Whiting, C. E. Willey, J. B. Wildermuth, L. O. Wildermuth, R. D. Weaver, J. E. Yates.

Four of the brethren the past conference year have been ordained high priests: W. E. Peak, J. F. Mintun, D. E. Dowker, Arthur Allen. Two were released: F. B. Farr, Oscar Case; and one death, Rudolph Etzenhouser, leaving 53, our present number,

Reports have been received from 46 of the brethren, showing the following labor done: Sermons 5,285, times in charge 1,636, assisted in presiding 882, other services attended 3,179, total 11,067, baptisms 376, confirmations 304, assisted to confirm 130, ordained 37, assisted to ordain 19, children blessed 202, assisted in blessing 125, administered to sick 4,281, assisted to administer 664, marriages 32, branches organized 1, new openings 53, discussions 2, pastoral visits 2,265, members of court 3, administered sacrament 81.

Those of the brethren not reporting were R. T. Brown, William Davis, J. F. Grimes, W. J. Haworth, L. E. Hills, R. M. Maloney, J. F. Petre, J. M. Smith, J. M. Simmons, G. M. Shippy, and C. F. Ellis.

Three of the brethren have acted as district presidents, five as branch presidents, one as Bishop's agent, two as district superintendent of Sunday schools, and one as district Religio officer. Two of our quorum at the present time have



worked in a foreign field: Clyde F. Ellis and R. T. Brown. All our deliberations as a quorum and in joint meetings of the other seventy have been pleasant characterized by earnestness and devotion.

S. S. SMITH,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 14, 1919.

### SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY

#### The Second Quorum of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Second Quorum of Seventy now has a membership of 48. We have lost since last report by superannuation Brother C. Scott, and by death Brother C. L. Snow.

Thirty-eight members have reported the following labor done: Preached 3,951 sermons, times in charge 1,282, assisted in presiding 589, other services attended 2,672, total services attended 8,494, baptized 286, confirmed 228, assisted to confirm 121, ordained 26, assisted to ordain 16, children blessed 165, assisted to bless 40, administered to the sick 2,518, assisted to administer 175, marriages solemnized 18, new openings effected 33, discussions held 4, pastoral visits 869, acted as member of court 9, administered the sacrament 89, special lectures 15.

Those not reporting were A. C. Barmore, Samuel Brown, C. H. Burr, John Davis, William Greenwood, J. L. Parker, J. W. Peterson, F. A. Russell, J. M. Stubbart, and L. G. Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SILVERS,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

### HIGH PRIESTS

#### The Quorum of High Priests reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* We beg to report to you the personnel of the High Priests Quorum and the work accomplished for the year 1918 by those of the quorum from whom we have received reports.

Number of members January 1, 1919, 244, bishops 19, patriarchs 26, missionaries 30, pastors 43, miscellaneous local workers 126. Number of members reporting 221.

Work reported: Sermons preached 8,039, baptized 444, confirmed 523, ordained 124, children blessed 473, administrations 13,204, marriages 122, branches organized 7, Sunday schools organized 8, Religios organized 3, total services attended 32,709, in charge of meetings 7,185, service on elder's courts 20, service on bishop's courts 25, service on stake high

council 242, service on Standing High Council 56, pastoral visits (approximately) 10,220.

The members of the quorum report being quite seriously handicapped during the year by the influenza epidemic which was common throughout the country. The amount of work done despite this handicap is above the average.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KNOWLTON,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 11, 1919.

An additional report from the High Priests' Quorum was presented:

*President F. M. Smith; Dear Sir:* At a meeting of the High Priest's Quorum, April 10, 1919, at Lamoni, Iowa, Brother J. A. Tanner, president of the quorum, presented the name of A. H. Parsons as his selection to fill the vacancy in the counselorship to the president of the quorum. This choice was ratified by the quorum at the same meeting and is now presented to you for your approval and arrangement for ordination at any time you may see fit provided the selection is approved.

Respectfully,

A. H. KNOWLTON.  
*Secretary of Quorum.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 11, 1919.

The selection of counselor to the president of that quorum was approved.

#### AUSTRALASIAN MISSION

A report from the Australasian mission was read:

*The General Conference Assembled; Greeting:* Pursuant to General Conference Resolution No. 687, I tender the report of the third Australasian Mission Conference which convened at Balmain, New South Wales, December 25-29, 1918, under the presidency of Seventy W. J. Haworth, who was assisted by High Priests A. J. Corbett and Bishop Lewis.

The whole time of conference was programed, the various auxiliary departments being allotted sessions and all worked smoothly and enjoyably to all, the spiritual and educational being catered for.

Very fine addresses were delivered during the conference upon subject matter as follows: "The value of mother play in child training," by Elder G. T. Rawson; "How the teacher can assist parents in training," by Sister Addie M. Flood; "Family prayer," High Priest G. W. Stewart; "The injurious

effects of tea, coffee, and tobacco, and the Word of Wisdom," by High Priest J. H. N. Jones; "Needs of the young men of the church," A. A. Ferrett; "The gathering," Elder W. J. Vaughn; "Inheritances," High Priest A. J. Corbett; "The temple," by Elder J. R. Taylor; "The coming of the Lord," Elder W. Patterson; while to the priesthood Elders H. Peisker, W. J. Vaughn, and A. L. Loving gave spiritual talks suitable to the occasion, Elder R. McLaughlin treated upon "The use of English"; and High Priest G. H. Parker, "Writing for the press." Seventy W. J. Haworth introduced some beautiful thoughts in his address upon "The making of a man."

One specially fine session was named, "The story-telling hour," which was opened by a short talk by Walter J. Swain on "The use of story-telling in teaching." Original stories were read from the following authors: Miss Blanche I. Flood, and Brethren C. A. Thearle, A. J. Corbett (in rhyme) and W. J. Haworth.

The Woman's Auxiliary held several sessions and papers were read as herein stated: "The necessity of education," by Mrs. W. J. Burrows; "Child training," by Mrs. G. H. Parker; "Careless words," Miss McPhee; and "The value of time," by Mrs. L. Waters.

The statistics of the various portions of the mission are as follows:

Southern New South Wales District, 675 members; Northern New South Wales District, 439 members; Victoria District, 403 members; Southern Queensland, 165 members; Adelaide Branch, South Australia, 100 members; Perth, West Australia, 42 members; Kalgoorlie Branch, West Australia, 19 members; Dunedin Branch, New Zealand, 17 members; total 1,861 members.

The bishop's account carried a credit balance of £555/8/4.

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

Elder Charles Dickenson tendered his resignation as home class superintendent for the mission, and the conference recommends that High Priest G. W. Stewart be appointed. The conference also recommends that Elder G. T. Rawson be appointed mission chorister in place of Elder Winford Chenoweth, retired.

The First Quorum of Elders (Australasian) made report and summarized labors as follows: Preached 724 times, in charge 891, assisted to preside 276, other services attended 1,825, total services attended 3,696, baptized 53, confirmed 57, assisted to confirm 52, ordained 8, assisted to ordain 8,

children blessed 57, assisted in blessing children 35, administered to sick 690, assisted in administration 147, marriages solemnized 10, new openings 9, pastoral visits 428, acted as member of court 10, administered sacrament 219, cases of difficulty adjusted 5, and distributed thousands of tracts, papers, etc.

The First Quorum of Priests also reported.

At a meeting of the priesthood it was resolved that the following be sent to the First Presidency for elucidation: "From whence originated the practice of 'anointing and confirming' by two persons separately when laying on hands for administration to the sick?" And also, "Is the law of the ten commandments abolished?"

The mission officers remain unchanged and the conference appointees will be stationed as last year, with the exception of Elder H. Peisker, who will go to West Australia.

The preaching was of a very high order, Bishop Lewis instructing the Saints in matters temporal, while the mission staff occupied to the advantage of the conference, inasmuch as there are signs of the Saints reaching out to higher ideals through the coming year.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion,

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Y. Gammidge,

*Secretary Australasian Mission.*

HAMILTON WEST, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA,

February 22, 1919.

President F. M. Smith then introduced Bishop George Lewis of Australia, who addressed the conference.

#### ORDER OF BISHOPS

The Order of Bishops reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Order of Bishops have made the following nominations which we here present to you for your consideration:

As trustees for Children's Home: A. J. Yarrington and Jay Barr, for the three-year term; and M. H. Siegfried for the two-year term.

The Order of Bishops also considered the budgets for Graceland College and Independence Sanitarium and approved the same.

Very sincerely,

J. A. BECKER,

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 9, 1919.

*Secretary.*

The nomination for trustees of the Children's Home were approved.

## FISCAL YEAR, ETC.

The Order of Bishops reported further:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The following resolutions have been adopted by the Order of Bishops and are hereby presented to you for your consideration:

1. For convenience in church accounting be it, Resolved, that the church fiscal year be changed to begin July 1, instead of January 1, to be effective June 30, 1919.

2. Resolved, that we approve of the appointment made by the Presiding Bishopric of Bishop M. H. Siegfried as General Manager of the various Homes for the Aged.

Respectfully,

J. A. BECKER,  
*Secretary.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 9, 1919.

A motion to adopt the recommendations was followed by questions which were answered by Bishop McGuire. The propositions in the report were approved by separate votes.

## INSURANCE OF CHURCH PROPERTIES

A further report from the Order of Bishops was presented:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* The Order of Bishops present report of their action touching the question of insurance on the church buildings:

Resolved that we look with favor upon the church carrying its own insurance on church properties, the details of which are to be worked out by the Presiding Bishopric.

J. A. BECKER,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

A motion to approve the report was discussed. The previous question was ordered. The motion prevailed.

## DECEASED MISSIONARY WORKERS

The following concerning the death of Sister C. F. Ellis was moved and seconded:

Resolved, that the Presidency appoint a committee to formulate resolutions expressing our sympathy to Elder Ellis and the Society Island Saints in the affliction which has come upon them.

Elder U. W. Greene called attention to the death of Brother Rees Jenkins, who died in a Turkish prison in Damascus. The motion prevailed.

The chair appointed as such committee, Elders J. W. Rushton, T. W. Williams, and J. W. Davis.

The chair called attention to items mentioned in printed reports.

#### GRACELAND COLLEGE

On motion the Graceland College Budget (see printed report), approved by the Order of Bishops, was approved.

#### SANITARIUM

The budget of the Sanitarium (see printed report), was likewise approved.

#### RULES OF ORDER AND DEBATE

The suggestion made by the chairman of the committee on Rules of Order and Debate as reported in the last paragraph of that report was adopted.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

The chair called attention to report of committee on Church of Christ (see printed report). It was moved that the matter be laid on the table. This motion prevailed by vote of 136 to 122.

Elders W. W. Smith, F. M. Smith, M. H. Siegfried, and B. R. McGuire stated that they declined to serve further as members of the committee on Church of Christ, inasmuch as the body had declined to consider their report.

It was then moved that we take up report of the committee on Church of Christ and proceed to consider it. The chair ruled that the motion was not in order.

#### WOMAN'S BUILDING

The committee on Woman's Building, Independence, Missouri, reported:

*President Frederick M. Smith; Greeting:* We, the members of the Women's Building Committee, are pleased to report the following activities successfully carried on at the Women's Building since our last report.

As it has always been our aim to make this building a home for girls, we are happy to report that as far as the limited space would allow we have so done. During the past year the room has been occupied almost continuously by four individuals. We are sorry to report that four other individuals made application for admittance but had to be turned away on account of not having room for them.

Mrs. Mercer, Chairman of the Independence Division of the Red Cross, appointed Mrs. J. R. Sturges chairman of the Stone Church unit. Under Mrs. Sturges' direction knitting classes were held throughout the entire year. The workers of these classes turned out the following as a result of their activities: 221 pairs of socks, 21 helmets, 25 sweaters. The work of this unit was highly recommended by Mrs. Mercer. Service Pins were awarded as follows: For knitting: Mrs. O. Tandberg and Mrs. E. S. Weed; for service: Mrs. J. R. Sturges.

Provision was made at the building for conducting a class in home economics under Government supervision. The building was not adequate to answer the demands of the large number of women who made application for the work. About one hundred women were present at the first meeting. Twenty-five diplomas were awarded.

A directory of Saints in Independence as well as one of visiting Saints was prepared and placed in the building for the use of the visiting Saints during conference.

The Laurel Club met all summer for making garments for French and Belgian relief work. Since September the club has held its regular semimonthly meetings at the Women's Building.

A truck load of clothing, besides \$13.50, was collected in response to a call from the Government for Belgian relief. A large quantity of clothing which could not be used by the Government was turned over to Mrs. B. R. McGuire, president of the relief and service department of the local Woman's Auxiliary.

About sixteen Temple Builder clubs were organized by Mrs. W. W. Smith and met regularly for six weeks during the summer.

During the past year the Relief Corps of the G. A. R. has held its monthly meetings in the Women's Building. The Building has also been used by the general executive of the Woman's Auxiliary as well as council of clubs.

The Women's Building committee sent special invitation to the general executive of the Woman's Auxiliary asking their cooperation in furthering the general purpose of the building. The president of the auxiliary responded and signified their intention of working with the committee. At a meeting of the general executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Women's Building committee, Saturday, January 25, 1919, the general executive endorsed the action taken by the Women's Building committee in submitting a plan to the President and Presiding Bishop of the church, asking for an enlargement of the building and the securing of a trained woman's services at the building.

Many donations in the way of furnishings and bedding together with some cash has been received for which the committee extend thanks. Considerable time has been cheerfully given by carpenters in the repair and upkeep of the building.

We feel encouraged that the women, generally, are understanding the mission and need of such a building.

We submit the following financial report:

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| Income from January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919— |          |
| rents, cash donations, conference cafeteria and |          |
| other sources .....                             | \$897.56 |
| Disbursements .....                             | 768.64   |
| Balance .....                                   | \$128.92 |

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. STURGES,  
*Chairman,*

MRS. E. SHORT,  
*Secretary.*

(By Mrs. Sturges.)

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, February 4, 1919.

#### COORDINATION

#### Committee on coordination reported:

*To the General Conference and Conventions:* Since the conference and conventions a year ago the coordinating committee has held several meetings, and as a result of these meetings we wish to submit the following report and recommendations;

The chief if not the only function of the coordinating committee is to determine the placement of newly organized or reorganized activities. In the expansion of our church work, and in the efforts to supply demands constantly arising, activities will repeatedly be started with regard to which there will be a question as to which one of the departments the activity shall be assigned. To determine where the



various activities shall function when such question is raised, is the primary duty of the coordinating committee.

The purpose, therefore, of the creation of this committee is to unify the work. To accomplish this there must be only one such committee, and the very purpose of its creation is threatened by the creation of local so-called coordinating committees in branch, district, or stake. The work of coordinating locally is a function of the executives of the departments. To have local coordinating committees doing work similar to that of the general, would be to confuse rather than to clarify.

We recommend that the nomination of district and local department heads be a matter for cooperation between the departments.

The committee recommends that the Social Purity Board as it has existed in the past be abolished and its work, so far as initiative is concerned, be referred to the Woman's Auxiliary. Because of the close correlation of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the homes of the church, the committee feels that this work should logically belong to this auxiliary.

During the past year the Woman's Auxiliary has conducted a correspondence course in public speaking. The demand for this course has been so great that we recommend that this course be referred to Graceland College—provided an extension department shall be organized at the college.

We suggest that the Lecture Board activities, now directed by the Religio Department, be placed under the control and direction of the college, subject to the provision mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

The social and recreational responsibilities of the Religio Department have been carefully considered by the committee in connection with the organized class movement, and we suggest that organized classes in both Sunday School and Religio should be encouraged to develop social life from the gospel standpoint; and so far as practicable the same units should form classes in both departments. Their social activities should be conducted in connection with the Religio.

The committee recommends the adoption of the suggestion of the joint report of the Normal Superintendent that the normal training work be turned over to Graceland College—provided the extension department is organized. (See printed reports, page 91.)

The work of the Gospel Literature Commission also was discussed by the committee. Our recommendation is that the general commission should be abolished, but that the local (district and branch) commissions be continued; the work

of the general commission to be handled by the Board of Publication.

The committee is prepared to recommend nominations for subordinate officers of the Religio and Woman's Auxiliary departments, as follows:

Religio: First vice president, T. W. Williams; second vice president, F. M. McDowell; secretary, Howard W. Harder; treasurer, R. A. Lloyd; home department superintendent, Mrs. H. W. Harder; librarian, Vernon A. Reese; temperance superintendent, J. W. Gunsolley.

Woman's Auxiliary: First vice president, Mrs. J. A. Gardner; second vice president, Mrs. William Madison, secretary, Mrs. J. A. Koehler; treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Blair, historian, Mrs. M. H. Siegfried.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. SMITH,  
*Chairman of the Committee.*

The report was adopted including its recommendations.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

It was moved that we now take from the table report of the committee on Church of Christ. The motion prevailed.

It was then moved that the report be made the special order at 2.15 p. m., present day.

Moved to amend to read "That the report be approved and be made the special order at 2.15, etc."

A substitute was moved that consideration of this matter of the report of the committee on Church of Christ be made the special order for 2.15 this afternoon. The substitute prevailed.

The Doxology was sung. President E. A. Smith pronounced the benediction.

The conference convened in business session at 2 p. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 131 was sung; prayer by Bishop J. F. Keir.

The minutes were approved.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

*To the Presidency and General Conference:* As your cre-

dential committee we wish to recommend the following changes:

Central Oklahoma District: Drop Mrs. E. H. Profit and add Mrs. H. K. Rowland.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. I. CARPENTER,  
*For the Committee.*

April 17, 1919.

The report was adopted.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bishop B. R. McGuire requested that his declination to serve on the committee on the Church of Christ be withdrawn.

By motion his request was granted.

The matter deferred from the morning session and made the special order at 2.15 was stated by the chair to be before the body.

It was moved that the conference rescind its action of one year ago concerning the Church of Christ. The chair ruled on the motion as not in order.

It was moved that the report of the committee on the Church of Christ be adopted.

A substitute was moved: "That the conference receive the report and continue the committee.

It was moved to amend the substitute by striking out the word *receive* and inserting the word *approve*.

Discussion continued at length.

The previous question was ordered. The amendment was lost. The substitute prevailed.

On motion by vote of 205 to 52 Bishop E. L. Kelley was permitted to explain the legal status of the Temple Lot Suit.

#### TIME LIMIT FOR NEW BUSINESS

Being authorized to fix the time limit, the President named the hour of 11 a. m. of the day following as time limit for the introduction of new business.

The chair adjourned the session at 4.30 p. m. to meet at 10 a. m.

Hymn No. 83 was sung. Brother I. N. White pronounced the benediction.

At 7.30 p. m., preaching by Bishop George Lewis, assisted by Elder C. Ed. Miller.

At the same hour in the lower auditorium session in the interest of public speaking was conducted by Elder T. W. Williams.

At 7.30 p. m., at the Coliseum preaching by Elder George Wixom, assisted by Elder F. A. Russell.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

At 8.30 a. m., prayer meeting, Elders Richard Bullard and Edward Rannie in charge.

Business session convened at 10 a. m., President F. M. Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 34 was sung; Elder J. A. Tanner offered prayer.

The minutes were approved.

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials reported:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:* Your credential committee desires to report the following for the information of the body: Fifty-six districts are represented in this conference by part of the delegates chosen; one, the Northeastern Missouri, has no delegates present. The following districts and branches not in districts have complete delegations registered: Southern California, Eastern Colorado, Western Colorado, Idaho, Central Illinois, Kewanee, Nauvoo, Northeastern Illinois, Lamoni Stake, Independence Stake, Kansas City Stake, Eastern Montana, Western Montana, Northwestern Ohio, Portland, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Northern New South Wales, London, Ontario, Winnipeg, Birmingham, London, England; branches: Bald Knob, Arkansas, Fisher, Arkansas, Eros, Louisiana, Spearfish, South Dakota.

The accredited members of the conference consists of 341 ex-officios and 200 delegates who are not ex-officio, who could have cast 722 delegate votes representing districts

and branches, and 341 ex-officios, making the total voting power of the conference 1,063 votes.

Respectfully submitted,

April 18, 1919.

C. I. CARPENTER,  
*For the Committee.*

#### PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

The Presidents of Seventy reported the following:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The following action of the Presidents of Seventy has been approved by the Quorum of Twelve, and also by the Seventies in joint council:

Whereas, the method of selecting presidents of seventy is provided for by the Lord in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 124, paragraph 5, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Presidents of Seventy shall not be restricted or prevented from making such selections in harmony with the said provisions, subject to the approval of the church.

We respectfully ask the concurrence of the General Conference.

E. E. LONG,  
*Secretary of Council.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

The report was approved.

#### CHILDREN VOTING

The following petition was presented:

Whereas, baptized children from the age of eight years are allowed the privilege of voice and vote in all branch business, mass district conferences, and when chosen as delegates to district, stake, and General Conferences; and, whereas,

This privilege is not consistent with the wisdom and carefulness that should characterize church business; and which privilege has been the cause of embarrassment and disunity in many branches and districts where there are numerous children;

The undersigned respectfully petition General Conference to set an age limit under which members of the church shall not be allowed the privilege of voice and vote in any of its deliberations.

ELDER C. N. HEADING.  
ELDER GEORGE A. HANSEN.  
ELDER LEONARD S. RHODES.

It was moved to refer to joint council of Presidency and Twelve. An amendment was moved to add the words: "To report to the next General

Conference." The amendment and the motion as amended were adopted.

#### DEATH OF HEMAN C. SMITH

President F. M. Smith made the following statement:

I pause here long enough to say that it is with the profoundest sorrow that we are compelled to announce the decease of our Historian, Elder Heman C. Smith, who died last evening. The remains are en route to Lamoni and will probably arrive here sometime to-day. The obsequies will be held Sunday.

Unless there be objections, we will request that the committee already appointed on resolutions of condolence and sympathy formulate those which are calculated to cover the exigencies of this case.

#### ORDER OF BISHOPS

The Order of Bishops presented a report:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Order of Bishops present the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, that the maximum annual financial needs of the family of each general church officer and conference appointee for the year beginning July 1, and thereafter, be fixed by the joint council of the First Presidency, Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric upon the basis of the family budget returns according to the law of "just wants and needs," but in no case to exceed the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars annually, the payment thereof to be made in equal monthly payments.

Be it further resolved, that each general officer and conference appointee shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures for personal and traveling expenses and make report thereof monthly to the Presiding Bishop, upon blanks to be furnished for that purpose, to be prepared by the Presiding Bishopric.

Be it further resolved, that each department of the church (general and stake) submit to the Presiding Bishopric a budget of their office and administration expenses for the year beginning July 1, 1919, not later than April 30 for this year and by January 31 for each year thereafter.

J. A. BECKER,

*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

Report was adopted.

## COORDINATION

The coordinating committee presented an additional report:

*To the General Conference:* The Coordinating Committee recommends that the Graceland Extension Institute be turned over to the Graceland Extension Department.

Respectfully,  
 FREDERICK M. SMITH,  
*Chairman of the committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

The report was adopted.

## INDEPENDENCE STAKE

The following is reported from the Independence Stake.

The following resolution from the Independence Stake High Council was adopted by the Independence Stake conference held at the Stone Church, March 8, 1919, and referred to the General Conference for approval:

In order more effectively to administer in stake affairs, and looking to the realization of the objective that the Independence Stake should be the central place of Zion;

Therefore, be it resolved, that it is the opinion of the high council that the branches of the Independence Stake be consolidated for administrative purposes, and that membership be held in the stake as such.

C. I. CARPENTER,  
*Secretary of Independence Stake.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, March 8, 1919.

A motion to adopt was discussed. It was then moved to defer consideration until the next General Conference. The previous question was moved. It was lost by vote of 124 to 105.

Discussion followed, when the previous question was ordered. The motion to defer was lost. The motion to adopt prevailed.

## ORDER OF BISHOPS—FINANCIAL POLICY

The Order of Bishops reported on the question of financial policy as follows:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Order of Bishops present to you for your consideration the attached resolution,

This policy was presented to the First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve and approved by them.

Respectfully,

J. A. BECKER,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

Resolved, that the policy of the Bishopric for the coming year shall be:

First, to provide funds for the care and expenses of the missionaries and their families who are engaged in promulgating the gospel of Christ, together with the general administration expense.

Second, for the care of the poor and the needy and the expenses incident to the operation of the several Homes for the Aged and orphan children.

Third, for budgets adopted by General Conference for Graceland College, Sanitarium, etc.

Fourth, an appropriation for a twelve-classroom building for Graceland College as soon as the finances of the general fund will permit without incurring debt or interfering with the regular work of the church.

We recommend that the Christmas offering for 1919 be used for the purchase of land for the creation of inheritances and stewardships, that our less fortunate members may be given an opportunity to purchase their inheritances under favorable conditions.

April 15, 1919.

It was moved to adopt.

After some questions answered by the Bishop, the previous question was ordered, and the motion to adopt prevailed.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1920

Communication was read from the Independence Stake:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* On behalf of the Independence Stake we most respectfully invite the conference of 1920 to meet in Independence.

Very sincerely,

WALTER W. SMITH,  
*Stake President.*

J. A. BECKER,  
*Stake Bishop.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

It was moved that the conference accept the invi-



tation. The previous question prevailed and the motion was adopted.

#### MASS ELDERS

The elders present at the conference presented the following report:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference in Session; Greeting:* The opening session of the Mass Quorum of Elders was on Tuesday morning, April 8, at nine o'clock, with an attendance of 65. Since then we have had sessions every morning, except Sunday, beginning at the same hour, with an average attendance of 57.

Brother C. I. Carpenter was chosen to preside, and selected as assistants such presidents and counselors of stake and district elders' quorums as would be present at our meetings.

The following were invited to address us on topics of vital interest to us in our local as well as missionary work:

Walter W. Smith, John F. Garver, Edward D. Moore, Samuel Burgess, Charles Fry, Orman Salisbury, and several of our own number. Nearly all of the addresses delivered were of an exceptionally high order and were greatly appreciated by the quorum.

Our attention has been called to the fact that only about 30 per cent of the elders registered during this conference attended these meetings. Allowing for those of the local elders who are necessarily occupied with other work during the hour provided, a large proportion were neglecting to avail themselves of an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with each other and with the duties of their office and calling.

We take this opportunity to urge a more careful and diligent attention to the work of our quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK F. WIPPER,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 17, 1919.

#### ADMINISTRATION TO SICK

The committee on administration to sick reported:

*To the Conference:* Your administration committee have administered to 32 individuals during the conference, showing a healthy physical condition.

J. M. TERRY,  
*Chairman.*

April 17, 1919.

### CHORISTER

Chorister A. N. Hoxie reported on the General Choir movement:

*To the First Presidency; Brethren:* It affords me great pleasure to advise you that we feel that the General Choir Movement of the church will move forward with greater strides this conference year. During the conference the musical forces have met daily at 7 a. m., and these meetings have greatly strengthened our working forces, which gives us much courage and hope for the future. A spirit of unity prevails among our musicians and we feel to reconsecrate and rededicate our lives to this service.

Subject to your approval, I recommend the appointment of Brother Paul N. Craig as my assistant for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT N. HOXIE, JR.

LAMONI, IOWA, April 16, 1919.

The appointment mentioned in the report was concurred in.

### SALES ASSOCIATION

Report was read from the Latter Day Saint Traveling Salesmen's Association:

*To the Presidency and General Conference; Greeting:* The L. D. S. Sales Association met on April 14 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

Orman Salisbury, Council Bluffs, Iowa, president; A. N. Hoxie and H. T. McCaig, associates; Clarence Skinner, Lamoni, Iowa, secretary-treasurer; H. H. Hand, field worker; C. F. Church, F. L. Condit, C. Skinner, membership committee.

Respectfully submitted,

O. SALISBURY,  
President,  
C. SKINNER,  
Secretary.

LAMONI, IOWA, April 16, 1919.

### CHURCH PHYSICIAN

Doctor G. Leonard Harrington, Church Physician, reported:

*To the General Conference of 1919; Dear Brothers and Sisters:* I entered the medical service of the army about six weeks after my duties as Physician to the Church were taken up, and for that reason I have no items of work done to enumerate; but I can say that I have had exceptional

opportunities which I feel are going to be of value in our work. I do not know when I shall be released from the service.

My war work has been with soldiers who have had mental upsets. The medical officers were able to make lame men walk, blind men see, deaf men hear, shaking men quiet, stammering men talk without difficulty, etc. These soldiers were not putting on. We were taught that to make the patients walk, see, hear, talk, etc., was not a cure. A cure consisted in opening the soldier's understanding to the laws involved. An understanding on his part was really a vaccination against a recurrence of the same or similar trouble. You may be interested to know that the three large hospitals, for these cases, just back of the American lines, were able to send back to the lines from 60 to 80 per cent of their cases in a very short time.

We believe we should have "full, rich, and abounding health." This is normal, and to be without it is abnormal and the result of violation of law, whether we are or are not responsible. The above cases show that definite laws are involved in this matter and that, when the laws involved are understood, it is possible to work definitely and purposefully. This is not leading away from God—it is another revelation of God.

It is our idea that the sanitarium should be a place where men and women trained mentally and spiritually should go into the lives of the sick and help them, through the grace of God, make a new and proper adjustment with God.

We feel more and more all of the time the great need of trained workers who listen for and to the Divine. In this we are not discouraged, for we hear from time to time of some who are training in the various lines necessary in the physical and mental health department of the work. We want to keep in touch with these.

Our main prayer is that we may keep so close in touch with the Infinite that we shall not waste time and energy.

G. LEONARD HARRINGTON.

FORT PORTER, NEW YORK, March 27, 1919.

At 11.50 a. m., President Smith adjourned the session to meet at 2 p. m.

Announcements were made. Hymn No. 208 was sung; Patriarch F. A. Smith pronounced the benediction.

Conference convened at 2 p. m., President F. M.

Smith in chair. Hymn No. 186 was sung; Bishop Richard Bullard offered prayer.

The minutes were approved.

#### PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

The Presidents of Seventy reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Presidents of Seventy have little to report. We have held twenty-three sessions in all. The spirit of unity to a marked degree has characterized all our meetings, but we were hindered in our work by the unsettled conditions and by restrictions imposed which we trust are now removed.

We pledge our loyalty to the Master's cause and hope to continue in the confidence of his church whose servants we are.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. LONG,

*Secretary Council.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

#### GRAPHIC ARTS BUREAU

The Bureau of Graphic Arts presented report:

*To the President and General Conference; Greeting:* A number interested in the graphic arts held two meetings recently. A simple organization has been effected to carry out our object, which is to be helpful to the church.

Those interested in photography, illustrated lectures, and chart work are invited to affiliate with us.

Further announcements will be made in the church papers.

C. ED. MILLER, *President,*

A. H. KNOWLTON, *Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary reported:

The convention of the Woman's Auxiliary for 1919 opened at eight o'clock on Monday morning, April 7. Mrs. D. J. Krahl presided, and Mrs. J. A. Gardner acted as secretary, by order of the convention.

The program as printed was carried out with one or two exceptions.

A registration system was arranged whereby the women in attendance at the convention might record their official position, if any, and the line of work in which they had specialized. One hundred and fifty registered.

The Home and Child Welfare Bureau was requested to

put into effect a method whereby the young mothers might have the advantage of the studies offered by the Woman's Auxiliary.

A form of questionnaire was offered by the president with a view to suggesting the standardization of our homes. The questionnaire and recommendation were referred to the Relief and Service Bureau with power to act.

The General Auxiliary has gradually accumulated a number of books including a set containing fifteen volumes. The president recommended that a custodian of books be appointed; Mrs. M. H. Siegfried was chosen.

A further recommendation from the president was adopted, as follows: That we suggest to our district organizers to present to the district conferences a budget of expense necessary for the prosecution of our work throughout their respective districts.

In the discussion of the bureau work of the auxiliary the question of the overlapping of the work of the Educational Bureau with that of the other bureaus was brought out and as a result the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, we believe theory should be closely linked with practice, and desiring more intimately to associate our educational work with the practical demonstration in our Home and Child Welfare, Relief and Service, and Young Woman's Bureaus; therefore, be it,

Resolved that our executive committee, working in harmony with and under the direction of the coordinating committee, shall be empowered to reconstruct the bureaus of our organization with a view to bringing about the results indicated in the above preamble.

The report of the coordinating committee was approved and the further development of the Social Purity work placed in the hands of the executive committee.

The following officers have been duly nominated and elected: President, Mrs. D. J. Krahl; first vice president, Mrs. J. A. Gardner; second vice president, Mrs. William Madison; historian, Mrs. M. H. Siegfried. The nominees for secretary and treasurer declined and the executive committee was authorized to fill the vacancies.

The term of Mrs. M. B. Nicholson as Auxiliary member on the Children's Home Board has expired and she was nominated to succeed herself, which nomination is hereby submitted to you.

A motion was offered to sustain Mrs. Frederick M. Smith as honorary president. Mrs. Smith declined, stating that she had been vitally interested in this work for years and would continue at all times to be interested in the work of

the women of the church, but asked to be released from official position.

The following resolution was adopted: In view of the fact that Sister Frederick M. Smith consented to serve us in the capacity of honorary president in order to tide us over a rather difficult transitional period, which her ability and valuable experience enabled her to do so efficiently, and in the light of her wish to be relieved as here expressed, and with no desire on our part to burden anyone with responsibilities against their wish, therefore be it,

Resolved that this body most sincerely thank Sister Smith for her services in the past and with regret release her from this official position.

Since the opening of the convention there have been ten sessions held. The work of each bureau has been discussed in specially prepared talks and papers and in informal discussions.

In all our experience we have never had so many inquiries about our work as at present, nor has there been such an interest manifest.

A notable feature of our work during the past year has been the splendid cooperation of district presidents and reunion committees, also various missionaries in an advisory way. All of this is greatly appreciated.

It is our intention to work toward the development of higher and better standards of the home; to provide channels for a broader education of women by which we may render a more efficient service to the church and to the world.

MRS. D. J. KRAHL, *President*,

MRS. J. A. GARDNER, *Secretary*.

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

The nomination of Sister M. B. Nicholson as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Childrens' Home was approved.

#### GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Sunday School Association reported:

*To the General Conference Assembled:* The Sunday School department held four business sessions during the conference, on the 11th, 14th, 15th, and 16th.

The most important items of business transacted were:

The executive council was given power to act in the matter of providing courses of object lessons for little children and advanced courses for adults, including a missionary short course.

The report of the coordinating committee, as submitted

to the General Conference, was adopted, and the nominations for subordinate officers made the choice of the body.

The following, concerning the budget system, which had been referred to the Presiding Bishopric, and by them referred to the Order of Bishops, was adopted, with the request that the order provide for the selection of the advisory member mentioned in the resolution:

“Resolved, that the Order of Bishops approve of the present method of working under a budget system by the General Sunday School Association, and with the view of a closer association with the financial arm of the church, we recommend that at least two of the members of the Order of Bishops, one of which shall be treasurer of the association, be associated with the General Sunday School executive in forming the financial budget of the association.”

The appointment of the revising committee for the *Gospel Quarterlies*, was referred to the executive council, with power to act.

A few joint sessions of institute work were held at the close of afternoon sessions of the conference, which were not very well attended. The lateness of the hour militated against both interest and attendance. The convention had all the time needed for business sessions.

The officers for the coming year are: G. R. Wells, superintendent; A. L. Sanford, first assistant superintendent; Arthur W. Smith, second assistant superintendent; E. D. Moore, secretary; M. H. Siegfried, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Schwab, home department superintendent; Mrs. H. B. Roberts, cradle roll superintendent; S. A. Burgess, member library commission.

G. R. WELLS,  
*Superintendent,*  
E. D. MOORE,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

#### BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

A resolution was moved and seconded:

Whereas, in some large cities we have several branches some of which are little distant from each other, that it makes but slight difference in point of convenience as to which branch a member belongs;

Therefore, be it resolved, that it shall be considered the privilege of the membership in such cities to choose the branch to which they shall attach themselves.

The resolution was laid on the table.

## ORDER OF BISHOPS—WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BUDGET

The Order of Bishops reported the following budget for the Woman's Auxiliary Department:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Order of Bishops has considered the budget from the Woman's Auxiliary and report to you their approval of the appropriation of \$1,500 covering all their expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. BECKER,

*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

The report was approved.

## ORDER OF BISHOPS—ORDER OF ENOCH

The Order of Bishops reported:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* The Order of Bishops wishes to report that they have held eleven sessions with twelve bishops and six counselors in attendance. Several important matters were approved by the order which have already been presented to you for your consideration.

The Order of Bishops has under consideration the advisability of reorganizing the Order of Enoch, if necessary, so that it may more perfectly carry out the purposes of the law. To this question we hope to give serious consideration during the conference year.

Our meetings have been attended by a spirit of deep earnestness, with the desire upon the part of each member to fully qualify to perform the work expected from the order. We earnestly solicit helpful suggestions from the membership which will assist us in meeting our requirements.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. A. BECKER,

*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

## SUSTAINED

By separate motions the following were sustained:

Committee on Memorial to Martyrs; on Bible Normal Book; Board of Trustees of the Childrens' Home; Board of Publication, consisting of B. R. McGuire, J. F. Keir, F. B. Blair, A. Carmichael, M. H. Siegfried; Committee on Church of Christ; I. A. Smith elected to succeed F. M. Smith declined, E. L.



Kelley, W. W. Smith, M. H. Siegfried, F. M. Sheehy, B. R. McGuire; Graceland College Trustees: J. F. Garver, J. W. Wight, G. N. Briggs, elected to succeed themselves; other members G. R. Wells, T. A. Hougas, C. B. Woodstock, A. Carmichael. Sanitarium Board of Trustees: W. D. Bullard, G. H. Hulmes, R. J. Lambert, J. A. Tanner, C. O. Leeka, M. H. Siegfried, B. R. McGuire; revision of Book of Rules: F. M. Smith, F. M. Sheehy, H. O. Smith, J. A. Tanner, E. L. Kelley, A. B. Phillips, T. A. Hougas; subcommittee: F. M. Smith, S. A. Burgess, C. O. Leeka. Coordinating committee: F. M. Smith, G. R. Wells (Sunday School), G. S. Trowbridge (Religio), Mrs. D. J. Krahl (Woman's Auxiliary), G. N. Briggs (Department of Education), B. R. McGuire (Department of Publication), B. R. McGuire (Department of Remedial and Corrective Agency); On General Conference building: the Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Bishopric, reported as follows:

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* On behalf of the joint council of First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve I am authorized to present for your approval the following recommendations:

Leon G. Burdick, seventy, to Youngstown-Sharon District.  
J. D. Curtis, seventy, Eastern Colorado District.

Also to ask your approval of the following resolution: That we recommend to the General Conference that the missionary and local appointments as they stand at present, be confirmed pending the readjustments to be made at the Post Conference Council.

This was approved by the First Presidency and the Quorum of Twelve.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. RUSHTON,  
*Secretary.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

The report was approved.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolutions were approved by rising vote of the conference:

MRS. CLYDE F. ELLIS

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* Pursuant to the action of the General Conference, April 17, 1919, we the undersigned, as your committee, herewith present the following letter of condolence and sympathy:

*To Clyde Ellis, Papeeti, Tahiti:* On behalf of the General Conference, representing as it does the entire membership of the church throughout the world, we herewith extend to you our deepest sympathy in the bereavement which you have suffered. The tragic death of your devoted wife, under the conditions, has made a profound impression upon us, and besides conveying to you our condolence, we wish to express our highest appreciation of Sister Ellis's devotion to the work and her splendid sacrifice of personal comforts and cultural surroundings in order to give to the unfortunate people of the Islands an introduction to the blessings and bounties of Christianity.

We feel sure that it was her fidelity to the work she had undertaken, involving exposure to climate, always menacing to the women of northern latitudes, which sapped her vitality and made her a very easy victim to the disease which attacked her. We feel assured that the influence she wielded upon the minds of the women of that mission will remain an undying monument to her memory, and she will be numbered among the splendid company of Christian martyrs who among all churches and people have been found ever ready and willing to give their services, and even their own lives, in order that others may be redeemed from the bondage of sin.

To you who in this dark hour of tragic loss will feel bewildered in the awful lonesomeness into which you have been plunged, we extend our assurance of brotherly sympathy and our prayers, beseeching God, our heavenly Father, to fill the void and steady your soul in his own gracious and effective way. We all realize how poor words are to meet these staggering experiences which wrest us from our anchorage and leave us the sport of the cruel forces which seem to drive us hither and thither without let or hindrance. But it has been the universal experience of the race that when the soul of man has been driven into the wilderness and exposed to the profound influences which seem to make for evil, that the still small voice, the burning fire of His living presence, and the sound of many waters, all conspire

to assure the lonely one they are not alone. And there is fulfilled the promise of ages, "I will never leave nor forsake thee."

We unitedly offer to you our affectionate greetings and assurance of our high appreciation of your dear wife's sacrifice and of the fortitude and resignation with which you have met this shock. May it please God to give you light in darkness, peace in storm, and that assurance of spirit which he is able and willing to grant.

On behalf of the general church.

JOHN W. RUSHTON,  
T. W. WILLIAMS,  
J. W. DAVIS,  
*Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

ELDER REES JENKINS

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* Pursuant to the action of the General Conference, April 17, 1919, we the undersigned, as your committee, herewith present the following letter of condolence and sympathy:

On behalf of the church we express to Mrs. Hannah Jenkins our deepest sympathy in the severe trials through which she has been called to pass, and especially in the tragic death of her husband, Elder Rees Jenkins.

Our brother was born in Wales, where he obeyed the gospel and commenced his ministerial service. When still a young man he emigrated to America and spent several years in and around Steubenville, Ohio, where he labored as a local elder and then as a missionary. About 1908 he was appointed to the British Mission and labored with acceptance in Wales and some parts of England, in company with his wife. In 1911, when the church decided to maintain its missionary effort in the land of Palestine, Brother and Sister Jenkins were selected as part of the little company for that difficult task. When the recent war burst upon the world and threatened to engulf our little effort in that land and the missionaries were required to leave and take care of their safety as best they might, our brother and sister steadfastly remained faithful to what they believed was their mission, and through all the painful and terrible circumstances of the war they administered to the little band of church people.

Finally our brother was taken captive by the Turkish soldiery and carried away to be subjected to the unspeakable horrors of a Turkish prison. For weeks Sister Jenkins was without any information as to the fate of her husband and

only recently received the sad news of our brother's death as a result of disease and exposure.

To-day we express our sympathy with our sister, and high appreciation of her husband's loyalty and devotion to the cause of Jesus Christ, for the sake of which both of them left home and friends and comforts, inviting all kinds of dangers, hardships, and even death itself. Very literally, we may regard our brother as one of the band of martyrs of which the Christian church is so justly proud; and we pray that the work and sacrifice and death herein recorded may prove to be the veritable seed which, in God's good time, will produce a worthy harvest, memorializing the work and labor of these and others who with them so unselfishly gave themselves to the Master's cause.

May God give to our sister the consolation and peace which his grace and power alone are able to bestow; and in the assurance of the church's high esteem and affectionate regard, may she feel that though far away, lonely and sad, the sacrifices she with her late husband have made are neither unrecognized, unappreciated, nor forgotten.

On behalf of the General Conference,

JOHN W. RUSHTON,  
T. W. WILLIAMS,  
J. W. DAVIS,

*Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

ELDER HEMAN C. SMITH

*To the General Conference; Greeting:* Pursuant to the action of the General Conference, April 18, 1919, we the undersigned, as your committee, herewith present the following letter of condolence and sympathy in reference to the death of Elder Heman C. Smith, the Church Historian:

Heman C. Smith was the third son of Spencer and Anna C. Wight-Smith. He was born September 27, 1850, near Fredericksburgh, Texas. He was baptized on the 7th of October, 1862, by William H. Kelley. Confirmed the following day by Elders W. W. Blair and James Blakeslee. On the 14th of March, 1874, was ordained to the office of elder and immediately entered the ministerial field as an appointee of the district. In the autumn of that year, was selected by Joseph R. Lambert, of the Twelve, as his colaborer. In 1876 our brother was ordained to the office of seventy under the hands of James Caffall. In 1885 was ordained one of the presidents of the quorums of seventy. On March 30, 1888, he was ordained an apostle in which office he served until April 19, 1909, when he was released from active duty

in the Quorum of Twelve to devote himself exclusively to the work of Church Historian. On June 2, 1886, he married Vida E. Smith, oldest daughter of Alexander H. Smith, to whom four children were born, one son, Hale; three daughters, Inez, Erlita, and Beth, the latter preceding him to the better land in 1914.

Our brother has been engaged practically all of his life in church work, traveling extensively as a missionary in the United States. As an apostle he has been in charge of many fields, including the European Mission over which he presided during 1897 in company with Elder F. G. Pitt. In all of these duties his work has been characterized by a thoroughness and care for which he became known throughout the entire church. Since 1897 he occupied in the office of Historian and has displayed a remarkable devotion and efficiency in this department, his ability being recognized not only in the circles of the church but by several State and national historical societies of which he was an honored member. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home of which he had been the first president, and always an enthusiastic worker in the interests of that institution. Besides these varied activities he was a member of the city council of Lamoni, Iowa.

His health which had been extraordinarily robust until about a year ago, when it began to fail, did not keep him from his customary steady and faithful work, and his report to this conference reveals the wide and intense interest he showed in the events which could in anywise affect our organization. His collapse came in almost tragic suddenness, and on the date of our assembly in General Conference a gloom settled upon all as the news of our brother's serious illness became known. Each day the bulletins issued by his friend and colaborer of many years, Doctor Joseph Luff, were listened to with grave anxiety, hoping against hope for good news of his improvement. However, last night the news of his passing became known. He died at the Independence Sanitarium surrounded by the members of his family as the light of the westing sun went out.

In the death of Brother Heman C. Smith the church has lost one of her most stalwart and honored sons, a powerful and fearless protagonist, an eloquent and powerful preacher, a writer and author whose works have become standard texts to the ministry. Not only has he been a prolific contributor to our church papers, and produced many tracts, for many years being the editor of the *Journal of History*, contributing many articles to encyclopedias, magazines, and papers, he found time to produce several controversial books dealing with the differences between the organizations grow-

ing out of the latter-day work. However, he probably produced his most enduring work in collaboration with the late President Joseph Smith in the several volumes of church history which are a testimony to the thoroughness and completeness of his analytical processes.

As a man our brother was an example of that type peculiar to the latter-day work. He had strong convictions, a comprehensive mind, a clear logical method of reasoning; and while denied the peculiar grace of an academic training, nevertheless evidenced a vast fund of knowledge, a mental poise, and brought to bear upon all features of his work the splendid training and a minutiae of information which witnessed to his untiring zeal in his work.

Outwardly he seemed to be rather insulated in his life, not easy of approach, but to those who knew him, a tender heart, a real sense of brotherhood and a wide sympathy were wrapped up in his life. He had splendid judgment and balance by which he won the confidence of those who were associated with him either officially or personally. In conference sessions and in quorum work he proved himself a master in debate. In the many conflicts in which our church legislation has been evolved, and inevitable to the church progress, our brother was for many years one of the most impressive and influential of her illustrious leaders. In this connection we mention his contributions to the statutes of our ecclesiastical code; for he held the position as secretary of the Quorum of Twelve for many years, and the different records bear witness to the mind and power of our brother's association with that work.

In his family life, which was largely hidden from the public gaze, there was wrapped up an idyll in which the strong passion for his home and wife and children assumed the sacredness of worship. He loved deeply and reverently that little circle and found therein amid the fret and tempest of official life his shrine of abiding pleasure and solace in a very real sense. It may be well said of him that home and church made the polar extremes of his life and work.

In his death the church has lost a worthy champion whose life was dedicated to the defense of her fair name and the advancement of her highest and best interests. Without compromise he stood for what he believed to be right; he made no apologies for any results which might have been developed in his straightforward course to that objective. He temporized with no devices nor expedience in his endeavors to define the ideals, to outline the policy, and to build up that kingdom which he believed was of God. Today the community, the church, and the home are poorer, inestimably so, in this irreparable loss of brother, minister,

and friend; and while reverently bowing to this manifestation of the divine will, believing in the inscrutable wisdom of Him who doeth all things well, in whose unfathomable love all of us hope and trust, we join with the grief-stricken family in deepest sympathy, earnestly praying that God will sustain and comfort all in this sad hour.

May the glad hope of the gospel which our brother so strongly believed, so ably advocated, light up the dark valley of shadows through which they pass and bring to them the solace which they need.

On behalf of the general church,

JOHN W. RUSHTON,

T. W. WILLIAMS,

J. W. DAVIS,

*Committee.*

LAMONI, IOWA, April 18, 1919.

The chair stated, that there being no objections, the secretaries would be instructed to transmit report of these separate actions to the families concerned.

#### SUSTAINED

By separate action the following were sustained:

Elder Elbert A. Smith as counselor to the President; the Quorum of Twelve, Elders G. T. Griffiths, Peter Anderson, F. M. Sheehy, U. W. Greene, C. A. Butterworth, J. W. Rushton, J. F. Curtis, R. C. Russell, W. M. Aylor, P. M. Hanson, and J. A. Gillen; the Presidents of Seventy: T. C. Kelley, J. Arthur Davis, A. B. Phillips, E. E. Long, J. T. Riley, and J. W. Davis, and the quorums of Seventy; Presiding Bishop B. R. McGuire and Bishop J. F. Kier, counselor, and the Order of Bishops; Presiding Patriarch Frederick A. Smith and the Order of Evangelists; the Standing High Council; the Quorum of High Priests; the eldership; the Aaronic priesthood; Elder G. L. Harrington, Church Physician; Elder C. I. Carpenter, Recorder; Elder R. S. Salyards, Secretary; Elder A. N. Hoxie, Chorister; R. B. Trowbridge, Auditor; Henry C. Smith, Architect; the

Auxiliary organizations: The Sunday School, Religion, and Woman's Auxiliary departments.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT F. M. SMITH

President F. M. Smith then addressed the conference as follows:

It is a matter of fact as well as regret that no battle can be engaged in without there being casualties, and while our forensic encounter has perhaps not been followed by death, there have been a number of what the Frenchman would call *blesé* or wounded; that is to say, there have been scars left, some of which perhaps are still felt; and this perhaps is true not only of those who engaged in the struggle, but of those who were onlookers as well; for I realize that perhaps no individual in the church who has witnessed the many debates that have been engaged in, rather warmly at times, in this conference, has been able entirely to separate himself from that debate in the way of interest, and without doubt many have had their faith disturbed. And yet we can expect that, and for that very reason we are wont to sing, "O for a faith that will not shrink"; and perhaps it is not without design that God intends that these hours of trial to our faith shall come; for faith, like everything else that is genuine, is enhanced by the processes of refinement.

There are those, of course, who sometimes in looking upon the servant of God do not see the man, and when the man is revealed their faith is disturbed. And yet there perhaps will not be the time, this side of the millennium at least, when the servant of God will be anything else than a human being; that is, so far as his propensities are concerned. In other words, being human we cannot expect that all our manifestations and expressions will be divine, and those whose faith is disturbed by seeing the man beneath the cloak of the servant are those who perhaps will be continuously subjected to this trial of faith.

And yet there is before us that which will require a greater faith on the part of our church members than at any period in the past history of the church; for let me repeat what I have said in the opening paragraph of my message: not only do we have the work of the church to carry on, but we have it to carry on amidst that great reconstructive period of the Nation and of the nations and of the world; and reconstruction periods of national and international existence are always accompanied by tension and difficulty. Furthermore, the present period of reconstruction, not only in this nation, but in all the nations which have engaged in



the war, and many which have not, is accompanied by the fabric of the nations being shot through with a spirit of discontent greater and more intense than the world has ever seen before. Let me repeat: From the dangers of this discontent there is no nation free, and not even the church escapes; and those of you who will keep your eyes open and your ears to the ground—and you will not have to look closely nor listen intently—will see the evidences on every hand that our own solidarity is threatened by that spirit of discontent, of anarchy, of bolshevism, or whatever you wish to call it.

This all goes to say that the conditions under which we go forth from this conference are unusual. The church never has before faced the same conditions. Everything to one who believes in prophecy indicates that this church has entered fully upon the sifting time, and the forces of that sifting time are certainly at work. Let me warn you of this: You may have undertaken to determine or foresee the shape that these forces will assume, but no man knows; and so far as you are individually concerned, these forces are likely to shake you in a way that you never anticipated and the trials that will come to you will come in a way that will give you the most severe test; you can depend upon that. What is true individually is true collectively. It seems to me it only takes an ordinary observer to predict that the trials before the church as an organization are greater than we have ever passed through before. That is not pessimism; it is just simply exercising judgment.

Always the fundamental character of a Christian soldier is faith, and never in the history of the church was that essential more pronounced than to-day; and to those who still cling to the principle of belief in inspiration let me say, Cling to it as you never clung to it before; for only by the direction and help of Almighty God will this church survive. I could repeat this perhaps in another way, and that is that the sifting time being here there never was a period in the history of the church when there was a greater demand, a more urgent demand upon every member of the church to take an inventory of where he is, of what he is, of what his religious stock in trade is, his relation to the church, and consider to what extent he is prepared to give his time, his energies, his means to the service of God and the service of his church. That task becomes of prime individual importance, and certainly as a church it is absolutely essential that there is a body of men and women prepared to carry on the work of this church whose every energy and strength and devotion is consecrated to the fur-

thering of the purposes of God as manifest through the activities of the church.

It is with this belief that I undertake the responsibility I would gladly have been relieved of. I once heard a definition of a prophet; let me give it to you: It is a man who expects to see his ideals realized. I have been such a man. I hope that the development of this church will not be such as to forestall that hope in your leader; and that we might be able to realize the outstanding ideals of the church that stand as one of the most enthusing and shining goals towards which any people ever worked, I sincerely pray from the bottom of my heart that we might have the directional influence of God and his peace to be with us.

It was then moved that the conference formally adjourn to meet as provided for by previous action at Independence, Missouri, April 6, 1920. The motion prevailed and the President declared the conference to be formally adjourned.

A number of announcements were made; hymn No. 104 was sung; President Elbert A. Smith pronounced the benediction.

We look unto thee, our heavenly Father, thanking thee that now as we are about to separate we may do so with united forces. We pray, our heavenly Father, that the gentle hand of charity may bind up the wounds that any may have received in the house of their friends; and from thy great heart of love wilt thou pour out the oil of love that shall heal. Help us to forgive and forget as becomes men of God and go forward in the work that lies before us.

Bless the traveling ministry wherever they shall go as they are sent by the church, directed by the Holy Spirit. Endow them with power as they shall need, standing as they often do alone and opposed by every force that the adversary can bring at his command.

Bless the standing ministry that they may minister to the needs of the people as is becoming to those who have charge of the flock of God.

Be with those that remain at home, and may we all together in the coming year prove ourselves worthy to be called the church of the living God.

Be with us when we reassemble again in a conference; grant that the mistakes that we may have made at this conference may not be repeated, but that we may assemble one in spirit and deport ourselves in that way.

So, Lord, we commend ourselves to thy care, favor, and blessing, in Jesus' name, Amen.

FREDERICK M. SMITH,  
ELBERT A. SMITH,  
*Presidents.*

R. S. SALYARDS, *Secretary*,  
P. G. FAIRBANKS, *Assistant Secretary*.

#### JOINT COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following is a list of appointments agreed upon by the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, as per action of last General Conference. Preceding the list, however, is one of general church officers who are devoting all their time to church work, and as such while not under annual General Conference appointment are entitled to the courtesies and privileges usually extended to General Conference appointees, under the rules governing clergy credentials, etc. Changes in the above appointments may or may not be made by the Joint Council which expects to meet some time in June.

FREDERICK M. SMITH,  
*President.*

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, April 30, 1919.

#### GENERAL CHURCH OFFICERS

##### First Presidency

Frederick M. Smith.  
Elbert A. Smith.

##### Quorum of Twelve

G. T. Griffiths.  
F. M. Sheehy.  
U. W. Greene.  
J. F. Curtis.  
J. A. Gillen.  
P. M. Hanson.  
R. C. Russell.  
Peter Anderson.  
W. M. Aylor.  
C. A. Butterworth.  
J. W. Rushton.

##### Presiding Patriarch

Frederick A. Smith.

## General Bishopric

Benjamin R. McGuire.  
James F. Keir.

R. S. Salyards, Church Secretary.  
P. G. Fairbanks, Assistant Church Secretary.  
Doctor G. Leonard Harrington, Physician to the Church.  
Henry C. Smith, Church Architect.  
Herbert S. Salisbury, Assistant Church Historian.  
Richard B. Trowbridge, Church Auditor.  
C. I. Carpenter, Church Recorder.

## Stake Officers

Walter W. Smith, president, Independence Stake.  
J. A. Koehler, counselor to Walter W. Smith.  
J. A. Becker, bishop, Independence Stake.  
J. A. Tanner, president, Kansas City Stake.  
T. J. Elliott, counselor to J. A. Tanner.  
F. B. Blair, bishop, Kansas City Stake.  
R. S. Salyards, president, Far West Stake.  
J. W. Roberts, counselor to R. S. Salyards.  
D. J. Krahl, president, Holden Stake.  
W. A. McWethy, counselor to D. J. Krahl.  
C. J. Hunt, bishop, Holden Stake.  
I. M. Ross, counselor to C. J. Hunt.  
John F. Garver, president, Lamoni Stake.  
D. T. Williams, counselor to J. F. Garver.  
A. Carmichael, bishop, Lamoni Stake.  
A. J. Yarrington, counselor to A. Carmichael.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

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Bishopric

Allen, Arthur, Nauvoo District. L.  
Anderson, William, Northeastern Kansas District. M.  
Angus, Archibald D., New York District.  
Arber, Joseph, Northeastern Missouri District. M.  
Bailey, J. W. A., Holden Stake. L.  
Baker, A. M., Saint Louis District. M.  
Baldwin, Richard, Massachusetts District, Boston objective.  
Barmore, A. C., Northern California District. M.  
Barrett, J. B., Gallands Grove District. L.  
Bath, William, Spring River District. M.  
Berve, Amos, Little Sioux District. L.  
Bishop, James E., New York District. L.  
Booker, Alma, Pittsburgh District. M.

- Booker, N. L., Mobile District. M.  
 Bootman, William P., Alberta District. M.  
 Brackenbury, F. S., Eastern Michigan District. M.  
 Bronson, Eli, Eastern Montana District. L.  
 Bronson, Jott A., Spokane District. M.  
 Brooner, W. A., Northern California District. M.  
 Brown, R. T., Society Islands. M.  
 Budd, Roy S., Far West Stake, Cameron objective. L.  
 Bullard, Richard, Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
- Burdick, Leon, Youngstown-Sharon District. M.  
 Burt, George E., Southern Ohio District. M.  
 Burt, E. N., Western Michigan District. M.  
 Burt, George W., Central Michigan District.  
 Burr, Abram E., Northern Michigan District. M.  
 Burton, P. R., Nauvoo District. M.  
 Butterworth, C. W., Australia. M.  
 Carlile, Joshua, Central Nebraska District.  
 Carlisle, J. D., Wheeling District. M.  
 Case, Hubert, Lamoni Stake. M.  
 Chambers, Robert C., Central Idaho. L.  
 Chapman, Nephi T., Portland District. M.  
 Cheville, Roy, Des Moines District, Nevada objective. L.  
 Chrestensen, A. H., Society Islands. M.  
 Chrestensen, James C., Eastern Oklahoma District. L.  
 Chrestensen, W. W., Southwestern Kansas Unorganized. M.
- Christy, Ward L., Northeastern Illinois District, Chicago. M.
- Clark, Thomas L., Detroit District. M.  
 Clifford, Cornelius M., Chatham District. M.  
 Closson, A. V., Southern Missouri District. L.  
 Cook, M. H., Southwestern Oregon District. L.  
 Cook, Phillip, Oklahoma. M.  
 Cool, F. A., Holden Stake, Warrensburg objective. L.  
 Corbett, A. J., New South Wales, Sydney objective. L.  
 Cornish, J. J., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.
- Curtis, E. A., Southwestern Kansas Unorganized. M.  
 Curtis, J. D., Eastern Colorado District. M.  
 Curtis, Thomas W., Northwestern Kansas District. M.  
 Davies, Edwin H., South Australia, Adelaide objective. L.  
 Davis, Charles F., Kansas City Stake. L.  
 Davis, Elwyn R., Eastern Iowa District. L.  
 Davis, Evan A., Holden Stake. M.  
 Davis, James, Eastern Michigan District.  
 Davis, J. W., Toronto District, Hamilton objective. L.  
 Davis, John, Northeastern Missouri District. M.

- Davis, Robert D., Northern Michigan District. M.  
Davis, William, Western Michigan District. M.  
Davis, J. Arthur, Eastern Oklahoma District. M.  
Davison, Holmes J., Northern California District, Stockton objective. L.  
Deam, William H., Independence Stake, Enoch Hill objective. L.  
Doty, B. H., London District. M.  
Dowker, David E., Southern California District, Los Angeles objective. M.  
Dowker, J. A., Southern Nebraska District. M.  
Dutton, Jasper O., Northeastern Illinois District. L.  
Ebeling, Francis J., Southern Ohio District. L.  
Ellis, Clyde, Society Islands. In charge, M.  
Ellis, William D., Owen Sound District. M.  
Ely, John, Northern California District. M.  
Erwin, E. A., Arkansas and Louisiana. M.  
Etzenhouser, M. A., Kansas City Stake, Chelsea Park objective. L.  
Farrell, R. W., Saint Louis District, Saint Louis objective. L.  
Fields, S. H., Central Illinois District. M.  
Fike, Lyman W., Northeastern Kansas District. M.  
Finken, E. D., Referred to Presidency.  
Fligg, William I., Eastern Michigan District. L.  
Flint, B. C., Southern Wisconsin District. L.  
Fry, Charles, Spring River District. L.  
Fulk, R. L., Utah District. M.  
Gamet, Levi, Central Nebraska District. M.  
Garrett, W. H., Southern California District, Long Beach objective. L.  
Gleazer, Edmund J., New York and Philadelphia District. M.  
Goodman, John C., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. M.  
Goodrich, V. M., Far West Stake. M.  
Gray, Sidney N., Central Texas District, Dallas objective. L.  
Greenwood, William H., Referred to Presidency.  
Gregory, Fred, Alberta District. M.  
Gresty, J. T., New South Wales, Australia.  
Grice, John R., Detroit District. M.  
Grice, William M., London District. L.  
Haden, W. E., Lamoni Stake. M.  
Halb, Jacob G., Southern Ohio District. M.  
Hall, Abel, British Mission, Leeds and Bradford. L.  
Harden, Jesse M., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.

- Harpe, Charles E., Central Illinois District. M.  
Hawkins, Charles W., Northern California District. L.  
Harrington, George E., Toronto District. L.  
Haworth, Walter J., Australia. M.  
Hensen, Edmund L., Southwestern Texas District. L.  
Higdon, Amos T., Western Colorado District. L.  
Holloway, Leonard G., Utah District. L.  
Houghton, Leonard, Northern Wisconsin District. M.  
Hull, E. B., Massachusetts District, Attleboro objective. L.  
Irwin, C. E., Northeastern Illinois District. M.  
Jenkins, George, Kansas City Stake. M.  
Jordan, Thomas J., Saskatchewan District. L.  
Jones, Thomas, Wales and Southwestern England. L.  
Jones, J. H. N., Victoria District, Australia, Melbourne objective. L.  
Jones, C. E., Portland District. L.  
Karlstrom, Albert V., Spring River District. M.  
Kelley, E. L., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.  
Kelley, W. H., Southeastern Illinois District. L.  
Kelley, Thomas C., Southeastern Mission, in charge.  
Kippe, Alexander, Germany. M.  
Knisley, Alvin, Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming. M.  
Knowlton, George H., Western Maine District. L.  
Koehler, H. A., Western Maine. M.  
Kuykendall, G. R., New York and Philadelphia District, Second Philadelphia Branch. L.  
Lambkin, B. S., Pottawattamie District, Council Bluffs objective. L.  
Lennox, E. J., Southern Wisconsin District. M.  
Lentell, J. R., New York and Philadelphia District, Scranton objective. L.  
Lewis, George, Australia.  
Liston, M. W., Eastern Michigan District, Flint objective. M.  
Long, Elmer E., Southern Nebraska District. M.  
Logsdon, David B., Referred to Presidency.  
Loving, Albert L., Victoria District, Australia. M.  
McCall, A. D., Mobile District. L.  
McConley, Myron A., Hawaiian Territory. M.  
McConnaughy, J. C., Pittsburgh District. M.  
McCord, Archibald E., Northeastern Missouri District. M.  
McDowell, W. A., Northeastern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.  
McFadden, L. M., Kentucky and Tennessee District. M.  
McKim, Burton L., Utah District. M.

- McKnight, J. W., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. M.
- McClain, J. R., Kentucky and Tennessee District. L.
- Macgregor, Daniel, Lamoni Stake. M.
- Macrae, W. S., Holden Stake, Knobnoster objective. L.
- Mannering, W. H., Arizona. M.
- Martin, A. C., Portland District. M.
- Martin, John F., Kirtland District, Cleveland objective. L.
- May, J. Charles, Eastern Colorado District. M.
- May, Roderick, British Mission.
- Metcalf, J. W., Southern Indiana District. M.
- Miller, A. G., Western Florida and Mobile District. M.
- Miller, C. Edward, Independence Stake.
- Mills, Arthur H., Southern California District, San Bernardino objective. L.
- Mintun, J. F., Northwestern Ohio District, Toledo objective. L.
- Moler, H. E., Clinton District. L.
- Moore, A. J., Western Montana. L.
- Moore, L. C., Southern Indiana District. M
- Mortimer, J. L., Owen Sound District. M.
- Muceus, Peter, Wisconsin. M.
- Neville, William C., Kirtland District. M.
- Newby, Robert, Western Montana District. M.
- Newton, Thomas, Virginias. M.
- Nunley, J. M., Central Texas District. M.
- Okerlind, O. W., Kewanee District. M.
- Orton, E. M., Northern Michigan District. M.
- Osler, William, Alberta District. L.
- Overcast, John T., Southeastern Mission. M.
- Page, J. C., Western Nebraska and Black Hills. M.
- Palmer, D. S., Southwestern Texas District. M.
- Parker, J. L., Southern Nebraska District, Lincoln objective. L.
- Parkes, Willard M., Idaho District. M.
- Parsons, Alonzo H., Independence Stake, Walnut Park objective. L.
- Patterson, William, North New South Wales District, Australia. M.
- Paxton, J. W., Central Illinois District. M.
- Peisker, Edwin A. H., Queensland District, Australia. M.
- Pendleton, S. T., Central Michigan District. M.
- Peterson, J. W., Saskatchewan District. M.
- Pement, Philemon, Toronto District, Ottawa objective. M.
- Phillips, A. B., New York and Philadelphia District, Philadelphia First Branch objective. L.
- Pierce, H. N., South Dakota. M.
- Pitt, F. G., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.



- Prettyman, C. W., Western Nebraska and Black Hills. M.  
 Puuohau, James, Hawaiian Territory. M.  
 Pycock, James, Toronto District. M.  
 Quick, Lee, Spring River District and Kansas counties of Clinton District. M.  
 Rannie, Edward, Central Oklahoma District. L.  
 Reed, Perl Percy, Spokane District. M.  
 Rich, Calvin H., New York and Philadelphia District, Brooklyn objective. L.  
 Riley, J. T., Arkansas and Louisiana. M.  
 Robertson, E. F., Eastern Colorado District. M.  
 Robinson, A. V., New Zealand. M.  
 Robley, George W., New York District and Eastern Connecticut. M.  
 Rowe, Fred A., Arkansas and Louisiana. M.  
 Russell, F. A., Holden Stake. M.  
 Sade, O. E., Western Colorado District. M.  
 St. John, Samuel G., Owen Sound District. M.  
 Salyards, R. S., jr., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.  
 Savage, H. W., New Zealand. M.  
 Sawley, F. L., Southeastern Illinois District. M.  
 Scott, S. W. L., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.  
 Self, W. M., Central Nebraska District. M.  
 Shakespeare, W. E., Minnesota District. M.  
 Sheehy, John F., Eastern Maine District. M.  
 Shelley, E. C., Florida. M.  
 Shields, John, Owen Sound, Chatham, and London Districts.  
 Shower, J. D., Western Oklahoma. M.  
 Silvers, A. C., Spring River District, Nowata, Oklahoma, objective. L.  
 Simmons, S. W., Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.  
 Slover, F. M., Southeastern Illinois District. M.  
 Smith, Charles J., Little Sioux District. M.  
 Smith, Hale W., Northwestern Kansas District. M.  
 Smith, Hyrum O., Spring River District.  
 Smith, I. M., Holden Stake.  
 Smith, Joseph W., Kewanee District. M.  
 Smith, Stephen S., Seattle and British Columbia District M.  
 Smith, W. A., Pottawattamie District. M.  
 Sparling, William, Eastern Iowa District. L.  
 Sparling, Henry, Southeastern Illinois District. M.  
 Spicer, B. F., Central Texas District. L.  
 Starkes, Arthur E., Northern Michigan District, Boyne City objective. L.

- Stead, J. D., Northwestern Canada. M.  
 Stone, A. E., Kirtland District, Kirtland objective. L.  
 Swensen, Swen, Southern Wyoming. M.  
 Sutton, J. R., Eastern Colorado. L.  
 Terry, John M., British Columbia and Seattle District, Seattle objective. L.  
 Thomas, T. U., Youngstown-Sharon District, Youngstown objective. L.  
 Thorburn, George, Western Montana District. M.  
 Turpen, M. M., Florida District. L.  
 Tucker, D. E., Saint Louis District. M.  
 Twombly, Samuel, Far West Stake. L.  
 Vanderwood, J. E., Western Oklahoma and Panhandle of Texas. M.  
 Vaughan, Wilfred John, North New South Wales District, Australia. M.  
 Velt, Harold I., Victoria District, Australia. M.  
 Walters, R. T., Clinton District. M.  
 Warr, Albert E., Des Moines District, Des Moines objective. L.  
 Weaver, Richard D., Far West Stake. M.  
 White, Ammon, Western Colorado District.  
 White, I. N., Independence Stake.  
 Whiteaker, A. L., Northern Wisconsin District. M.  
 Wight, J. W., Lamoni Stake.  
 Wildermuth, J. B., Fremont District. M.  
 Wildermuth, J. E., North Dakota District. M.  
 Wildermuth, L. O., Southern Wisconsin District. M.  
 Willey, C. E., Nauvoo District. M.  
 Williams, D. J., Nauvoo District, Burlington objective. L.  
 Williams, T. W., Toronto District, Toronto objective. L.  
 Wilson, J. A., Toronto District. M.  
 Wilson, Nelson, Winnipeg District. L.  
 Wilson, Newman M., Eastern Maine District. M.  
 Winegar, H. E., Southern Missouri District. M.  
 Wipper, Frank F., Central Oklahoma District. M.  
 Wixom, George H., Southern California District. M.  
 Wood, Wilbert, Chatham District. M.  
 Yager, J. H., Chatham District. M.  
 Yates, J. E., Holden Stake. M.

### POST CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

The following list of appointments made by the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric at its June meeting is published as supplemental to the General Conference list. The appointments are at once operative.

In addition to these definite appointments, selection of

group supervisors of missionary work has been made. It is not deemed necessary to publish notice of the appointment of those supervisors, but the supervisors themselves will be notified by circular or personal letter. It is expected that the group supervisors will at once get in touch with the missionary force placed under them. This supervision does not, of course, apply to the local work, that being distinct from the missionary.

FREDERICK M. SMITH,  
*President of the Church.*

- Angus, A. D., Kirtland District.  
 Bailey, J. W. A., Holden Stake. M.  
 Berve, Amos, Eastern Iowa District. L.  
 Blackmore, John, Northern New South Wales. M.  
 Brown, Bruce E., Southern Missouri District, Springfield objective. L.  
 Carpenter, C. I., Kewanee District. L.  
 Case, Hubert, American Indians. M.  
 Cousins, Charles, Sheffield District. L.  
 Davis, E. R., Arizona. L.  
 Davis, James W., Ohio. M.  
 Davis, William, Eastern Michigan District. M.  
 Dexter, W. R., Lamoni Stake. M.  
 Doty, B. H., Central Michigan District, Bay City objective. M.  
 Dowker, J. A., Lamoni Stake. M.  
 Ellis, W. D., Western Michigan District. M.  
 Etzenhouser, M. A., Utah District, Salt Lake City objective. L.  
 Etzenhouser, Virgil B., and wife, Hawaii Territory, Honolulu objective. L.  
 Garrett, W. H., Superannuated.  
 Gray, Sidney N., Spokane District, Spokane objective. M.  
 Goodrich, V. M., Far West Stake. L.  
 Gresty, J. T., Australia.  
 Halb, Jacob G., and wife, Switzerland. M.  
 Hall, Abel, Manchester and Sheffield Districts, Leeds and Bradford objective. L.  
 Hawn, O. J., Northwestern Ohio District. M.  
 Holm, S. S., Utah District. M.  
 Houghton, Leonard, Southern Wisconsin District. M.  
 Karlstrom, A. V., and wife, Society Islands.  
 Lennox, E. J., Northern Wisconsin District. M.  
 Luff, Joseph, Referred to Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.  
 McConnaughy, J. C., Kirtland District. M.  
 McKim, B. L., Central Oklahoma District. M.  
 McKnight, J. W., Western Michigan District. M.

- Macgregor, Daniel, Iowa. M.  
 Metcalf, J. W., Southern Indiana District, Kentucky and Tennessee Districts. M.  
 Miller, C. Edward, Massachusetts District. L.  
 Mills, A. H., Referred to Presidency.  
 Mussell, Fred T., Northeastern Missouri District. L.  
 Orton, E. M., Central Michigan District. M.  
 Osler, William, New York and Philadelphia District, First Philadelphia Church objective. L.  
 Overcast, John T., Kentucky and Tennessee District. M.  
 Parsons, A. H., Independence Stake. L.  
 Passman, Harry, and wife, Palestine, Jerusalem objective. M.  
 Peisker, E. A. H., West Australia. M.  
 Perkins, D. B., Owen Sound District. L.  
 Phillips, A. B., New England States and Maritime Provinces. M.  
 Pierce, H. N., Central Nebraska District. M.  
 Pitt, Sidney, Little Sioux District. L.  
 Pycock, James, London and Chatham Districts. M.  
 Reeves, Gomer T., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. M.  
 Richards, William B., Winnipeg District. L.  
 Robley, George F., New York District. M.  
 Stead, J. D., Alberta District. L.  
 Stoft, A. E., Spring River District, Pittsburg objective. L.  
 Taylor, J. R., Australia. M.  
 Thorburn, G. W., Eastern Montana. M.  
 Tomlinson, G. C., jr., Massachusetts District. M.  
 Trapp, E. J., Southwestern England, and Eastern and Western Wales Districts. L.  
 Ulrich, E. L., Northwestern Ohio District. M.  
 Umphrey, Matthew, Central Michigan District. L.  
 White, Ammon, Idaho District.  
 Wildermuth, J. B., Northern Wisconsin District. M.  
 Wipper, F. F., Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. M.  
 Yates, D. Amos, Northern California District. M.

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