

Greetings from the First Presidency

To the General Conference and the Church

It is our pleasure to extend greetings to the General Conference of 1958, and to the church at large as well as to the delegates, visitors, and friends who attend, representing all the membership. The Conference is the business of all members of the church and gathers here to serve the interests of all the people in the cause of Christ.

There is reason to rejoice at this gathering in the fact that we meet for the first time in the finished and decorated General Conference Chamber, now appearing in what is planned as its permanent form. The Auditorium now has many new features for the comfort and

convenience of the people. In completing these parts of the building at this time we are able to take advantage of many new materials and scientific developments not available when the building was begun.

We invite delegates and visitors to participate in the Conference in a spirit of harmony and good will, praying that under divine guidance the church may move forward in fulfilling its mission to the world according to its destiny.

We send these greetings in the spirit of the gospel of Christ, praying that "the God of peace be with you all."

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

F. Henry Edwards

W. Wallace Smith

Conference Program High Lights

Interesting Schedule Provides for Drama, Fellowship, and Inspiration

The selection and ordination of a new prophet-president for the church will certainly be the high light of the 1958 General Conference. However, the Conference program, which is now complete, reveals many more events which promise to be outstanding.

The business meetings from 2 to about 4 p.m. each week day will be concerned with such important items as the selection of a new president, his counselors, other officers, and action on reports and resolutions, many of which have already been submitted for consideration.

Three special evening programs are being planned. On Tuesday evening "We Believe in Learning" will be presented by Graceland College, the "San" School of Nursing, and the School of the Restoration. "The Kingdom in the World" will be presented Thursday evening by the special ministry groups—the Committee on Ministry to College People, the Committee on Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel, and the professional associations. On Saturday evening there will be a missionary service with the Council of Twelve in charge. "The Book of Mormon Testifies of Jesus Christ" will be the theme. A special packet of tracts will be given to each person that attends.

Also in the evening, Conference visitors can see the White Masque Players' production "The Living Christ" at the White Masque Playhouse near the

Auditorium. The drama will be given at 8 every evening except Monday.

Conference visitors will have an opportunity to hear the leading ministers of the church. Sunday afternoon, October 5, at 3 o'clock, President F. Henry Edwards will preach in the General Conference Chamber. His subject will be "New Men in Christ." That evening, at 7:30, Bishop G. L. DeLapp will preach on "Fulfilling the Cause of Zion." President W. Wallace Smith will speak Sunday morning, October 12, at 10:45 on "What of the Future?" During the course of the week, most members of the Joint Council will occupy the pulpits in the Auditorium or in surrounding churches.

The program is also full of interesting classes and other activities. Delegate sessions will be held at 8:30 a.m. daily. Items to come up in Conference business sessions will be explained and discussed. Other interesting classes offered include a women's class, youth and youth leader's classes, a music class, a health class, religious education classes, priesthood meetings, and archaeological lectures.

From the time the 1958 General Conference opens with the three Communion services Sunday morning, October 5 (7 and 9 and 11 o'clock) to the moment it closes with the dedication service at 2 p.m., October 12, it will be a busy week filled with drama, fellowship, and inspiration.

R. Y.

What Is the Bulletin?

This is the first issue of a new type of General Conference "report." Following this first issue, the *Bulletin* will be reduced in number of pages to newsletter size and will travel by first-class mail all over the world.

The primary purpose in changing from the former *Daily Herald* to the *Bulletin* is to speed up delivery time to Saints who are not privileged to attend General Conference. During past Conferences, the *Daily Herald* has by necessity been mailed under the usual magazine classification of second-class. As a result, many subscribers never received their first issues until the Conference was over.

This year the *Bulletin* will leave Independence several hours earlier than previously. Each issue is expected to be in the main Kansas City post office before 7 o'clock each morning. This means that the previous day's summary of events will be on a train or plane early the next morning heading for the subscriber's home.

The *Bulletin* will of necessity be a digest of proceedings. In addition to the minutes of each business meeting, a front page capsule summary of news and business events will be featured. Other short interest features will be included as space allows.

This first issue of the *Bulletin* contains the most complete and extensive compilation of quorum and departmental reports ever assembled before a General Conference. It is suggested that you read the issue carefully and thoroughly so that you can evaluate the progress of the church and be informed of its program, its problems, and its needs.

P. A. W.

Conference Resolutions

Individuals and groups are sending in formal resolutions which they wish to have considered by the General Conference. This is good as it shows forethought and facilitates the handling of business.

However, this does not bring the resolution before the assembly. It must be called up by some member of the Conference who will move its adoption. If seconded it will be considered at the proper time.

C. B. H.

Report of the Council of Twelve

To the First Presidency and General Conference

Under my assignment of the late General Conference as Representative of the First Presidency, I have held myself available for the performance of such work.

My time has been chiefly occupied with routine work in the office of the Twelve, some preaching, attendance at reunions, and archaeological study in relation to the Book of Mormon.

Where God and man labor together the divine and human elements are ever present. Great is the loss where discrimination is so faulty as to lead to the obscuring of what is divine by what is human. Where the human element is properly appraised and what is divine is perceived and magnified there comes assurance of the triumph of God's work and the certainty of immortality and eternal life.

Unwavering is my faith in the glorious consummation of God's work, including the redemption of Zion.

PAUL M. HANSON

East Central States Mission

I herewith set forth a few salient facts concerning activities in the area in which I have been given responsibility during the recent inter-Conference period.

During the two and one-half years which it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve the church and the Saints in this territory, I have found joy in working with one of the finest groups of appointee personnel it has ever been my good fortune to serve with. Likewise, the men of the local priesthood in almost all places have exercised themselves under a spirit of fine co-operation which has been a joy to experience.

The large body of active Saints in this area have been so very helpful that I must speak a word of commendation for their excellent assistance in and through the departments as well as in the more humble services that many Saints render in keeping the church in motion as a productive organization.

The East Central States Mission has had its share of success in the missionary and financial programs of the General Church, which has helped to move the body of Christ forward in a period of more than ordinary achievement. This general accomplishment is evidenced in the upward trend of the missionary graph as depicted in a recent issue of the *Saints' Herald*, and in the success attending the collection of funds beyond the two mil-

lion-dollar mark for the church in general; and further, in the completion of the General Conference Chamber in which we are presently privileged to meet for this Conference period.

Our building programs often depict the character of consecration and progress which stimulates our forward movement. In keeping with this thought may we report the following:

New churches built in our area in the inter-Conference period are located at Marion, Illinois; Salem, Illinois; Joppa, Illinois; Dowagiac, Michigan; and other buildings purchased for our worship needs are at Kankakee, Illinois; LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Kirkwood, Missouri; and Mountain View, Missouri.

Ten active programs for church building within the next two years are taking shape in Madison, Wisconsin; Lancaster, Wisconsin; Springfield, Illinois; Ottawa, Illinois; East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Fairfield, Illinois; South Bend, Indiana; Rockford, Illinois; and Springerton, Illinois.

For these activities we commend the Saints concerned and look forward with hope and assurance to many congregations better housed for worship and service.

I am sure that I speak the mind of all the workers in our eleven districts when I express appreciation to the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric for the excellent co-operation which they have given us in every instance where such co-operation has been sought and was found to be essential to the furtherance of the cause of the kingdom in our particular phase of the general responsibility.

My thanks, moreover, go to the men in official capacity, both the self-supporting and appointee ministry in our territory. I would not dare to attempt making a complete list of all those who have extended themselves in self-effacing service for fear some one or more deserving persons inadvertently might go unmentioned. However, I do wish to name Brother Russell F. Ralston, one of the Seven Presidents of Seventy. His appointment to our territory was very greatly welcomed. He has been associated with us in the administration of the area, in which position his services have been without stint. We want you to know of his excellent service in this connection. I wish we might have the space to mention all who have rendered their consecrated help in more limited areas, speaking now of the geographical expanse covered.

It is our hope that the Spirit of God will continue with his church throughout the years to come. With the Saints throughout the world, we have mourned the passing of our beloved Brother Is-

rael, and we shall hope and pray that through his successor in office and those who shall be associated with him in the Presidency will come the spirit of the prophets to guide God's church to its ultimate success in its destiny of righteousness. Of this we have no doubt. For we are assured that as God has been with those who have preceded in leadership, so he will be with those who succeed to such responsibility. Such shall be our prayer and our trust.

D. T. WILLIAMS

Southern Mission

The Southern Mission consists of six districts; namely, Southern Indiana, Memphis, Arkansas-Louisiana, Mobile, Pensacola, and Alabama, and unorganized areas in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, and Louisiana. In these unorganized areas we have a few branches and a number of missions. In southern Florida we now have a membership in excess of seven hundred, not counting the winter visitors from the North. While we have a large enough membership to justify a district organization, we have preferred to wait until we could organize two districts in Lower Florida, one to be called the Southern Florida District, and the other Central Florida District. In this area the church is growing rapidly, not only by baptisms, but by the influx of members from other states due to the creation of new industries and also the desire, upon the part of some, to retire in that section of the United States.

The work in the South has been characterized this inter-Conference period in the growth that is revealed in our numerical increase due to effective missionary programs. In several districts we have set a record for baptismal increase.

Growth has also been evident in the development of many fine men as they have labored co-operatively in their priesthood responsibilities with the Conference appointees. Likewise, we have been encouraged with the leadership of the women in the music, and all activities of the department of women.

There also have been indications of growth in our building program. We have improved a number of our houses of worship and have added new church edifices in such places as Birmingham, Alabama; Orlando, Braidenton, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Several other buildings are now in the planning stage and should be erected in the not too distant future.

An increased interest in the financial law has also been shown in this mission. The special Stewardship Emphasis Program under the direction of the Presiding Bishopric is bringing some ex-

cellent results. We are pleased, also, to report that the branches and districts are making greater provision, financially, to sustain the appointees, thus relieving the General Church of some of the responsibility it formerly carried in these matters.

We have experienced four very successful reunions. Three of these reunions are conducted on grounds that are rented by our people for these gatherings. However, we do have our own reunion property in Brewton, Alabama, and the annual reunion is sponsored by three districts, Mobile, Pensacola, and Alabama. During the past two years considerable effort, as well as a considerable amount of money, has made these grounds more beautiful and better equipped for reunion purposes. New buildings, which added much to the comfort of our people, have been erected during this period.

I have had excellent co-operation upon the part of the Conference appointees, together with the local men in all of my work. As a consequence, the spiritual and intellectual growth of our membership is evident in all of our district and regional activities. The prospects for the work of the church in the South have never been brighter.

E. J. GLEAZER

European Mission

During the first twenty months of the inter-Conference period I was assigned to the Eastern States Mission. The time was spent in reunion work, district conferences, series of meetings, and priesthood institutes, on a regional basis. During the last year, 1957, there was an appreciable increase in the number of baptisms in the field.

From January 1, 1958, I was assigned to Europe and since that time have been responsible for that field. In Scandinavia we have two missionary families who are doing excellent work in Norway, the Richard D. Andersen family and the Frederick C. Banta family. In Germany, Brother R. Vern Webb continues to give excellent leadership, and in the East, Alfred Urban represents the church very ably indeed. In Holland a new mission headquarters building is nearing completion. Bishop A. D. Compier is giving fine leadership in this venture and also in Continental Europe, teaching and administering the law governing temporalities. Elder William F. Horn and family are active in Rotterdam and Friesland, he presiding over the mission and doing missionary work. In England, Brother Frank A. Fry presides, and Brethren Eric Rowe and Thomas E. Worth work with him endeavoring to build up the work.

Significant regional gatherings have been held in Oslo, Norway; Hannover, Germany; Zwaagwesteinde, Holland; Birmingham and Enfield, England. In July a Servicemen's Retreat was held at Berchtesgaden, in southern Germany, and was attended by about thirty personnel.

Our needs in Europe are for more missionaries and for literature in the various languages. The Joint Council have been apprised of these needs and they are under consideration at the present time.

ARTHUR A. OAKMAN

Central States Mission

During the past two years the activities and development of the work in the Central States Mission give reason for encouragement in the cause of the kingdom. A statistical summary is not available at the time of the preparation of this report, but reference can be made to trends and unusual achievements.

Baptismal gains continue to hold at levels of recent years. In some instances they have exceeded 4 per cent for stake and district figures, and in a few cases where congregational and branch figures are in there have been gains of 10 per cent and better. We continue to be challenged, however, by the evangelistic responsibility inherent in branches, districts, and stakes. In the Center Stake, at the heart of Zion, we find more opportunities for evangelism than we have people who are willing and qualified to serve. This is true in every stake and district of the mission.

New church buildings continue to be erected at a record-breaking pace. In some cases these involve relocations; in others they are replacements or enlargements or completions of building projects at locations already occupied. In every case our work has been strengthened in the area of the new building.

Reunion grounds developments include the improvement of facilities at Lake Doniphan, which services Center and Kansas City Stakes; at Mount Zion Park near Odessa in Central Missouri Stake; at the park for Far West Stake near Stewartville; at Lakehurst, near Maquoketa, Iowa, and serving Waterloo-Clinton, Black Hawk and Galesburg Districts; and at Guthrie Grove, near Guthrie Center, Iowa, which serves Northwest Iowa and Southwest Iowa Districts and Des Moines District. At both Lakehurst and Guthrie Grove debt payment programs are underway. It is hoped that by the end of the year the Lakehurst property will be entirely free of debt.

Several branches are in special need of spiritual revival. In some cases our best hope for ministry probably lies in

the relocation of our meeting places, and in others union with near-by congregations is desirable. But in most instances we need to expand and multiply our points of witness. If we can do this with old branches which have been weakened over the years we shall do so. In such a program they will be strengthened and the work will grow. Where this is not possible, we are giving ministry as circumstances allow, while promising new openings are created and other centers of witness are strengthened.

The area of greatest challenge is the Missionary Development Area of north and central Missouri. This huge area needs resources of local leadership, appointee man power, and material assets. We are pleased with the development of the Liahona House, student center and chapel, in Columbia, Missouri. This project continues to need supervision, and appointee ministry is involved to some extent. Existing branches in the area vary from those which are branches in name only to relatively strong and growing branches in larger centers. More appointee ministry in this area is a vital necessity if we are to realize our possibilities there.

The Central States Mission has a long list of appointee ministers, assigned to the five central stakes and the eight districts and missionary area making up the mission. But the membership to be served and the missionary opportunities to be developed are such as to require even more assistance if possible. Especially is it necessary for the membership and standing ministry to assume increasingly the responsibility for both pastoral and missionary ministry if the needs here and abroad are to be met.

M. L. DRAPER

Southeast Texas, Northeast Texas, Southwest Texas, French Polynesia and Latin-American Mission

Encouraging progress is being made in this area of church activity.

Northeast Texas has grown to the point where it was separated from the former Central Texas District. High Priest Earl M. Moore has been elected district president, and John Midgorden sustained as bishop's agent. The mission at Greggton (Longview area) is progressing nicely and has purchased land upon which it is to construct a church. The mission at Waco is building now and will soon have its new church completed. Marlin has completed a new educational wing to its church plant. The Dallas Saints are now wor-

shipping in their new sanctuary and also have group meetings in the Oak Cliff area. John T. Puckett is the area appointee missionary. Sixty were baptized in 1957.

Southeast Texas (part of the former Central Texas District) selected Jack R. Evans for its district president, and H. Roy Vandel was approved as the bishop's agent. Metropolitan Houston has shown a steady growth, and now has three branches, Houston Heights, Pasadena, and Bellaire, each housed in a fine church and with an expanding program. Jack Evans is also the General Church Appointee for the area. The work has grown nicely in the Sabine Bay area under the able leadership of Elder Henry Porter. A mission has also been established in Victoria, and the potential is very great there. Sixty were baptized in the Central District in 1957.

Southwest Texas. From one branch in San Antonio the work has expanded to three congregations. The Capital Avenue mission has been organized into a branch, and has a fine attendance under very devoted and capable leadership. The Southwest mission (of the Rockwood Branch) has also grown nicely, and now has purchased land where it soon will build its new church, and one of these days merit branch organization. The work at Corpus Christi is growing under the leadership of Wilbur B. Graybill, and they soon should be located in their own church.

These three districts unite in their reunion and youth camp activities and hold these gatherings at their fine conference grounds a few miles west of Bandera, Texas.

Latin-American Mission. The headquarters for this mission is maintained on the Rio Grande border at Weslaco, Texas. Two missionaries, Clair Weldon and Robert Turner, have been working with the Spanish-speaking people on the border, and co-ordinate their work with the membership and pastor of the Weslaco Branch of the Southwest Texas District. This is a very difficult mission, but progress is being made, and 70 Spanish-speaking people have been baptized in recent years with 26 of these baptisms so far in 1958. One of their number, Pedro Cardona, has been ordained to the office of priest. Missionary Robert Fishburn will serve the area both in the capacity as administrative leader and as a member of the Latin-American missionary team of two.

We have members in many of the Spanish-speaking countries south of the United States border, and hope someday to have more organized activity there.

Members now reside in Mexico, Honduras, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Panama Canal Zone, and Netherlands Antilles. Eight are engaged in teaching in Cali, Colombia. Members of our church who may be traveling in these Latin-American countries (Brazilians speak Portuguese), please contact Apostle Charles R. Hield, at the Auditorium, as you may be of great help to our members and interested friends of the church in the Latin-American area.

The Book of Mormon in Spanish has been translated completely and an initial copy typed. Now refinements are being made, and it is hoped that the Book of Mormon in Spanish can be published within the next Conference period.

French Oceania. Church work is being carried on upon twenty-nine of the islands of the South Pacific. The missionaries have been F. Edward Butterworth (now back in America), Allen J. Breckenridge, David Kaleikau, and Alan D. Tyree. Sixty-nine were baptized in 1957, and through June, 1958, there have been fifty-three baptized. The Apostle made a trip there this year during May, June, and July, and attended district conferences at Tiputa on the Island of Rangiroa, at Ahe, and at Papeete. New buildings were dedicated at the first two of these places. Starting this fall the new large headquarters church and offices will be built at Papeete, Tahiti. We have about 2,400 members in the South Sea Islands, and about 220 members of the priesthood. Some fine men are serving as branch and district presidents. Much remains to be done, but the future is encouraging.

We wish particularly to express deep appreciation for the devotion, consecration and co-operation of the district and branch officers, the many local faithful priesthood members, as well as the Saints of the various congregations, including the women's departments, youth, music leaders, and so forth. It is only with their help that progress can be reported.

CHARLES R. HIELD

South Central States Mission

During the inter-Conference period the church has progressed in the South Central States Mission. Baptisms have averaged slightly under fifty a month.

Reunions in the area were held at Camp Fellowship, near Wichita, Kansas; Racine, Missouri; Wilburton, Oklahoma; Palmer Lake, Colorado; and Prescott, Arizona. Youth and children's attendance were maintained at previous levels, but adult attendance was down slightly.

Youth camps were held at Pawhuska and Wilburton in Oklahoma; Palmer Lake, Colorado; Racine, Missouri; and near Payson, Arizona. Attendance at these camps increased this year. Over five hundred of the area's youth of camp age were in regular attendance.

Several missions have been opened and five branches organized. Consistent and continued efforts have been put forth on remodeling present structures and purchasing and building houses of worship. Indebtedness on houses of worship has been reduced. The Ozark reunion grounds near Racine, Missouri, has eliminated its indebtedness; and the reunion grounds at Palmer Lake, Colorado, has added one small structure and purchased some small adjacent plots of ground without incurring debt.

General Church tithes and offerings have been consistent with past performances.

Such progress as we report is premised upon the diligent and co-operative efforts of local and appointee personnel.

The assignment of Brother Harry Doty, of the Presidents of Seventy, as an assistant to me in this area has been most helpful in meeting administrative needs and has been appreciated by workers and membership.

D. BLAIR JENSEN

Pacific Northwest, the Prairie Provinces and Hawaii

This territory is composed of four rather natural divisions—the area west of the Rocky Mountains, the area east of the Rocky Mountains, the Prairie Provinces of Canada, and Hawaii. The area west of the Rocky Mountains includes British Columbia in Canada, and in the United States, Washington, Oregon, and three counties in northern California. The eastern area includes the Boise and Western Montana Districts, Unorganized Wyoming, Northern Plains District, and Unorganized North and South Dakota. The Prairie Provinces include Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Hawaii includes the Territory of Hawaii.

Supervising such an extensive field is a very challenging responsibility, but it has been a rewarding experience. There are approximately 13,000 church members in this field. Here, as elsewhere, we find fine loyalty and devotion to the church and its cause. There is a growing understanding of the purposes of the church accompanied by an increased desire to see our work expanded. The result is in all places an increase of activity. This is reflected in a steady increase of membership and very much improved facilities with which to work.

Our church building situation is constantly improving with the purchasing of several church buildings, the building of new churches and doing major alterations on churches already constructed. In this inter-Conference period one new church has been built at Kaneohe, Hawaii. Two have been built in the Prairie Provinces. Ten have been built or purchased in the area west of the Rocky Mountains. Seven have been built or purchased in the area described as east of the Rocky Mountains. Some of those being built are still in the process of construction, but all except one are close to completion. About seven churches have received major alterations or improvements.

In the whole field there are unlimited opportunities for missionary work. A steady increase by baptisms is maintained. Four branches have been organized since last General Conference. A number of new missions have been commenced as well as several groups of church members organized for ministry and expansion.

The standing ministry has been doing excellent work, both in helping locally and in caring for missionary expansion opportunities. These have been supported and supervised by a competent staff of appointee ministers. The appointee ministry is presently composed of two High Priests, two Bishops—one full time and one part time—five Seventies, two Presidents of Seventy, and six Missionary Elders. All of the six missionary elders and one high priest have commenced their full-time work under their present assignments. I am happy to report that all of these show excellent progress in their ministry since going under appointment.

The appointees are divided in the field as follows: Hawaii—3, Prairie Provinces—2, with a part-time bishop, Eastern Area—4, Western Area—9. The assignments of man power are on the basis of membership needs and missionary opportunities.

There are ten reunions and eleven youth camps held in the area. Two promising reunion camp sites have been acquired during the last year. These are for the districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Attention is being given to our camp site needs in other parts of the field, both as to those already owned by the church and areas needing camp sites of their own.

A number of regional gatherings help to serve the educational needs of our people in the interests of progress and saintly growth. A military personnel and college student conference was held during the past year at the Lewis River campgrounds.

Annual inter-Provincial priesthood institutes for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta are being held. These have done much toward a broader priesthood training. Likewise, and with equal effect, annual regional institutes are held for the British Columbia, Seattle, and Spokane Districts, and for the Southern Oregon, and Columbia River Districts. Priesthood and departmental institutes are held in all other districts and in Unorganized Wyoming. This last mentioned area is making excellent progress toward the forming of a new district eventually.

We appreciate the fine co-operation which has been given by all leaders and workers in the area; also the help of General Church leaders and departmental workers has been very beneficial.

PERCY E. FARROW

Great Lakes Mission

During the past two years there have been many indications of continued growth throughout the branches of the various districts and the Detroit International Stake of this area. In Michigan and Ontario there are 14 districts, one stake and the unorganized area of Eastern Ontario.

Baptisms for the complete area during the past two-year period have ranged from nine hundred to one thousand per year. Definite advancements were registered in individual stewardship participation with many members making an accounting for the first time. Financial returns registered tremendous increases during this period.

The over-all spirit in this mission is healthy. There is a growing army of missionary representatives who are telling the story of the Restoration to their many friends.

Outstanding among the features of the church is the unique summer program which is offered. There are five reunion grounds owned by the church at which places we have conducted six reunions and camps for children—junior boys, junior girls, junior boys and girls co-educational, and Zion's League ages. In addition there are three Aaronic institutes held annually—two in Michigan and one in Ontario and a mission-wide elders' institute at Lexington, Michigan. At the Aaronic institutes there are 450 members in attendance and 300 elders annually. In addition to these activities we conduct Labor Day week-end activities for Zion's League, an annual September young-adult week end at various places in the mission, and a Thanksgiving week end for the young people of Ontario at the Port Elgin reunion grounds. This type of summer program

has been wholeheartedly accepted and has made it possible for us to baptize a growing number of young people. All of our reunion grounds have been improved during the past two years with additional buildings or plans that have been approved to provide additional facilities. We feel that our summer program is unique.

In the Province of Ontario, we have had a reorganization of districts so that now there are six districts known as the Chatham, Owen Sound, London, Niagara, Toronto-Metropolitan, and Northern Ontario Districts. In addition there is the Eastern Ontario Unorganized Territory which includes the branch of Ottawa with its splendid Norman architectural church. This national creation of a Canadian church building at Ottawa is very attractive, and under the direction of Elder Calvin Carpenter many members from all Canada have received ministry. Our greatest progress in Ontario has been in the Toronto area where our district now consists of seven city branches and the branch of Cameron. We look for continued progress in the branches at this fastest growing city in the world.

Northern Ontario District, which is far flung geographically, offers to the church a golden opportunity for achievement. With the splendid missionary assistance of Elder John Bradley we expect to be making history. Already on Manitoulin Island at the Slash Branch and at Monetville, there is a forward-moving interest with a number of new baptisms. With the purchase of new churches and considerable remodeling, we look for gains from this area.

An amalgamation of two branches in the Chatham District and the opening of a new mission in the Chatham Branch and the renewal of Sunday night services have been signs of new life in this area. In the London District improvements to our church facilities have been made with missionary work being conducted at Tobermory. A newly formed district called Niagara is looking forward to new churches to be built at Hamilton and Brantford.

The appointees in the Province, namely: Brethren H. P. Grundy, J. C. Stuart, A. O. Crownover, C. R. Kornman, F. E. Butterworth, P. M. Mair, E. E. Hanton, C. M. Carpenter, and John Bradley have all had their participation in the forwarding of the church of our Lord in Ontario, ably assisted by the many men of the standing ministry. Evangelist E. Y. Hunker has also rendered splendid ministry in Ontario in his brief time in this area.

The state of Michigan, exclusive of the southern tier of counties, is divided into eight districts plus the Detroit International Stake. This area has two thirds of the membership of the Great Lakes Mission and also of the appointee ministry. The activities of the stake, which includes five congregations in Essex County, Ontario, leads our advancement in Michigan. Under the ministry of Stake President W. B. McClain, Bishop O. K. Byrn, and missionary elders Lyman Edwards and Glenn Johnston, very notable gains have been registered. The building program of new churches continues with rapidity and some two hundred baptisms are recorded each year. The eight districts in the rest of the state of Michigan have been able to hold their own with several of them making notable progress. The Upper Michigan District, our smallest, has noted definite signs of increased activity in the Sault, Ontario, Branch where a mission has been opened, and in the mission at Spanish, Ontario. Cottage meetings have been held at Escanaba, Michigan, which have produced new members. 1958 will be the best baptismal year of this district. In Northern Michigan District during the past two years, we have registered an average of 70 baptisms or 65 per cent increase over the previous three years. Increased activity has been noted in the larger centers, Traverse City, Alpena, and Cheboygan.

Central Michigan District, which led all the districts in the domestic field with a baptismal gain of 8.13 per cent, continues to be sparked by well-organized missionary endeavor. This district consists of county-seat branches and small-town branches with the exception of Cadillac, a larger center which shows definite signs of stability.

Eastern Michigan District likewise has had a quickening in baptismal achievement. Most of these branches are in small towns except the county-seat units. Our Bad Axe mission in a county-seat town appeared to have served its purpose but now has been rejuvenated. The outstanding achievement in this district is reported at Juniata where we now have a flourishing congregation in a small community with a church school averaging 53, and 25 baptisms during the year. In the other four districts we have largely a metropolitan operation centering in the following cities: Flint, Port Huron, Saginaw, Bay City, Midland, Lansing, and Grand Rapids.

In all of these cities there are definite indications of growth which speak well for the Church of Jesus Christ in the

state of Michigan. In addition to the help from those under appointment, Brethren L. E. Landsberg, R. M. Russell, J. C. Phillips, A. W. Sheehy, M. P. Guthrie, M. Harford, J. A. Pray, L. E. Miller, and C. R. Mundorff, we have received able ministry given by many devoted district presidents and other officers in the standing ministry. Among the brethren who have assumed a major role as district presidents in the advancement of the church and who are members of the standing ministry are Elders A. J. Dexter, William Archer, Jay Doty, Rex Stowe, and Harvey Wagg.

The gospel was first preached in Michigan a long time ago. A transition from rural activity to urban churches has been completed and we rejoice in the strength of our organization in this area which is only second numerically to the state of Missouri.

The three foremost centers for the church in the Great Lakes Mission appear to be the Detroit area; Toronto, Ontario; and Lansing, Michigan. In these areas we have adequate organization to insure the church of rapid strides in the future.

We commend to you the brethren of the Order of Bishops who have assignments in the Great Lakes Mission: L. E. Landsberg, O. K. Byrn, H. P. Grundy, and J. A. Cadwell. These brethren have assumed stewardship and economic responsibilities and have capably assisted in the forwarding of the church in the Great Lakes Mission.

D. O. CHESWORTH

Southwest States Mission and Alaska

We report steady progress during the inter-Conference period. Symptomatic of progress has been the construction or purchase of the following houses of worship:

Anaheim, Arcade, Barstow, Fresno, Lennox, Pacific Beach, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Southwest Los Angeles, Temple City, Upland, and Ventura.

Many building sites have been purchased. Remodeling, with significant additions to church facilities, is taking place in several branches, and most extensively at Sacramento.

Reunion and camp properties have witnessed exceptional development with new housing at Happy Valley Conference Grounds, Santa Cruz, California, and a new dining and fellowship hall, camp manager's residence, and Olympic-size swimming pool at Buckhorn Camp, Idyllwild, California. The Lake Louise property in Alaska is being cleared. A rustic tabernacle has been erected.

Reunion and camp attendance has grown during the period. During the summer, 1958, more than six hundred children and youth have been in attendance at camps in southern California alone. This does not include those who attended reunions of Los Angeles Stake and Southern California District. At two of the children's camps the nonmember attendance was in excess of 50 per cent. There have been successful experiments in primitive camping. A new reunion was inaugurated in 1958 for the Utah-Southeast Idaho District.

Baptismal gains are symptomatic also, revealing enthusiasm and spiritual strength. The mission baptismal percentage for 1957 was 4.26 per cent. Los Angeles Stake has a 4.45 per cent average gain for the last five years. Provo, Utah, is currently leading the entire mission in percentage gains. Central California and Southern California Districts more than doubled their 1956 baptisms during 1957.

For some reason, difficult to assess, the Southwest States Mission has not been as far to the fore in percentage of contributors and statement filers as would seem desirable. However, in 1958 remarkable gains are being made.

A major contributing factor to such significant progress as is being registered in the mission is the development of a workable and continuous program of home ministry. Results have been revealed in three areas at least: attendance, evangelism, and contributors and statement filers. Wayne Updike helped to inaugurate the method. We can document a direct correlation between the percentage of priesthood involved in home ministry and the health of branches. In Los Angeles Stake priesthood visiting is supplemented by the efforts of the youth in addition to the women.

Opportunities for growth have come more rapidly than we could develop sufficient leadership. In some areas it seemed we were over extended, but leadership is developing, and there are many evidences of spiritual growth. We report progress, not dramatic, but steady.

REED M. HOLMES

Australasian Mission

My field of labor for the Conference period of 1956 to midyear of 1958 was in the Australasian Mission, and I am happy to report a good two years. Progress was made in many ways, due to the fine work and co-operation of all the appointees, the priesthood, and membership of the mission.

During these two years, three new church buildings have been completed and are now in use. These are located

at Hughesdale, Victoria; Auckland, New Zealand; and Kingsgrove, New South Wales. These buildings are all a credit to the church and should serve their respective congregations for many years. Another new church is well under way, and is scheduled to be completed the latter part of this year. This is the Norwood Branch in Adelaide, South Australia. The following branches had already purchased their church land and are busy raising funds toward the building of the churches: Ryde, in Sydney, Hayhurst in Adelaide, and Bulahdelah, New South Wales. The following have recently purchased very fine sites: Perth in western Australia, and the Windsor Branch in Brisbane, Queensland.

Another fine development has been the opening of two new reunions, making four in all. The two new ones are at Huia Vale, close to Auckland, New Zealand, and at Tulabudgera for the Southern Queensland-Northern New South Wales area. Successful youth and children's camps are being held regularly in the Sydney, Victoria, and Hunter-Manning Districts, also in the South Queensland area, Adelaide, South Australia, and in New Zealand, also various institutes for women and for priesthood.

The mission has done very well in response to the financial law. Considering the fact that about one third of the total membership live in isolation, the response is exceptionally good.

Baptisms have kept up well, with just a little under 100 for 1956 and a little over 100 for 1957. 1958 has been coming along well, with the likelihood it will surpass 1957.

The work in New Zealand has evidenced a fine upward trend, under the ministry of Seventies Floyd Burdekin and Les Gardner. The baptismal rate there has been very good, the best, I believe, in the history of the work in New Zealand, and the same is true in regard to financial law observance.

They held their first reunion at Huia Vale, a beautiful site, in December, 1956, having an attendance of over 50. In December, 1957, the attendance went up to over 90, and the prospects are that it will be well over the hundred mark this December. They have made some very fine developments on their grounds, and by the time of the next reunion much better facilities will be available.

The other reunions continue to be of a high order. There was over one fourth of the total church membership in attendance at the 1956, 1957 reunions, which is a very fine showing.

One branch was disorganized, the Teralba Branch. It is now functioning as a group under the supervision of the Hunter-Manning District.

When the new church building for the Drummoyne Branch was designed, space for the location of the mission headquarters was arranged for in conjunction with it. The completed structure is a very beautiful and adequate building, providing very well for both the Drummoyne Branch and the mission headquarters, all of which was a vast improvement for both.

The following are the General Church appointees serving in the Australasian Mission: Bishop D. A. Alberts; High Priests Charles A. Davies, religious education and priesthood education director and minister at large, and managing editor of *The Standard*; Alan Frater, president of Victoria District; Sydney Jacka, area supervisor, South Queensland area; A. R. Gunning, president of Sydney District; Geoffrey Spencer, president of Hunter-Manning District; Seventies Floyd Potter, Victoria and Sydney Districts, Missionary; Floyd Burdekin, in charge, New Zealand; Les Gardner, New Zealand, Missionary; Jack Imrie, South Australia and West Australia, assistant to mission president. All of these brethren are giving a very fine ministry in their respective fields.

The Australasian Mission has made fine progress during the past ten years, the four years of my first assignment, 1948-1952, the four years of Apostle Draper's ministry, and the last two years that I labored there, 1956-1958. As was stated before, this progress has been made possible by the tireless efforts of all the appointees, plus the diligent labors of many of the standing ministry and the devotion of a large percentage of the membership.

ROSCOE E. DAVEY

Eastern States Mission

It has been my privilege to work in this mission since the first of January, 1958.

During this period of time we have enjoyed many rich spiritual experiences with the members of the church and are made happy with the devotion of the Saints in their desire to truly be "laborers together with God."

The spiritual tone of the mission is continuing to develop on a high plane, which was witnessed this summer in the good reunion experiences that were shared. All reunions in the Eastern States Mission were well attended, and rich blessings were enjoyed by all those in attendance at the services.

Last year (1957) was a banner year for the addition of new members to the church, and I am happy to report that thus far this year an even larger num-

ber of people have chosen to become members of the church and share in the kingdom-building experience. This is the result of close co-operation between the local ministry and General Church representatives. There are many local men giving of their time and ability in witnessing, as well as carrying on the routine responsibilities of church administration and growth.

A number of branches are in the process of renovating their present buildings, making additions or moving out into completely new quarters. All in all, the Saints are attempting to better their places of worship and make them more conducive to receiving the good Spirit which is available to us as children of God.

At the present time there are seventeen full-time appointee workers associated with me in the mission. These brethren consistently share with me their gratitude for the assistance of many fine local men who are giving of their abilities, talents, and time. If our local men of the ministry were not devoted in such a manner, this group of full-time church workers would be most inadequate.

This mission provides for six reunions: Deer Park, Onset, Maine, Western New York, Kirtland, and West Virginia. The Deer Park, Onset, and Maine reunions are conducted on church-owned reunion grounds. Kirtland reunion, of course, is still being held at the Temple. However, work is progressing on the new reunion and camp ground at Temple Grove (Transfer, Pennsylvania) and it is anticipated that reunion will be held there within the next several years. We are most fortunate in Western New York to have a camp available for rent at Allegheny State Park, and also in West Virginia grounds are rented for the reunion. A number of junior and senior camps are conducted throughout the mission in these same locations. All of these activities have assisted in rendering an intelligent, spiritual ministry and uplift to all those in attendance.

In the short period of time I have had the opportunity of ministering with the Saints in the Eastern States Mission, I have found them most co-operative and responsive. They are devoted to the church and for the most part give excellent co-operation to the General Church procedure and policy. I am looking forward to continued experiences with them in our growth toward spiritual maturity. We will continue to bear witness and assist our people to become valiant in testimony.

DONALD V. LENTS

The Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric

To the First Presidency and General Conference

Figures for 1956 and 1957 continue to reflect progress in all areas of our church endeavor. The policy which has governed the church financial administration since the Conference of 1932 has been a stabilizing factor throughout the years. Our debt was eliminated, reserves have been set aside, and annual budgetary operations have constantly been kept within our income. This is referred to from time to time in our reports because of its importance. We are reminded constantly that a new generation of church members is arriving at maturity which is not aware of the financial history. Occasionally someone will ask, When shall we start the storehouse? Our answer has been and continues to be, The storehouse principle has been applied to financial administration and the storehouse is becoming a reality. Every reserve established, whether it be the Ministerial Reserve Fund, Missionary Reserve Fund, Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, Oblation Fund, or similar funds that have been set aside for specific purposes, is an application of the storehouse principle.

In addition to such funds, attention is called to the fund designated as the Storehouse Treasury Fund. In this fund there are placed surplus consecrations given for specific purposes such as land purchase, Auditorium, business and industry, and the other needs listed in the document on surplus consecration approved by the General Conference of 1950. Since that time, some individuals and one stewardship group (The Walnut Park Development Association) have contributed surplus funds. The storehouse is not to be interpreted as a house of merchandise or warehouse for storing goods. These may be necessary adjuncts of the storehouse but are only part of its total organization.

The inflationary trends consistently continue. More and more dollars are required to carry on the work of the church in all of its departments.

As we review the accomplishments of the years 1956 and 1957, we call attention to the following:

1. There has been encouraging increase in participation and compliance with the financial law as indicated in the following:

The percentage of members in the domestic field making a stewardship accounting has increased steadily in recent years. A comparison of 1947 and 1957 follows:

1947	9,230 filers	7.99%
1957	24,554 filers	17.6 %

From 1947 to 1957 there was a steady increase in percentage of membership contributing to the General Fund as shown by the following figures:

1947	29,300	25.03%
1957	47,655	34.2 %

In 1957 there was a spectacular increase in the number contributing to all general church funds, resulting largely from the widespread use of the dime cards for Auditorium Offering. A total of 58,562 contributors, or 42 per cent of the domestic field membership received official receipts from the General Church last year.

In view of the inflationary trend of recent years, increases in per capita giving to the General Fund have not maintained the same rate of gain as the percentage of members filing tithing statements and contributing to the General Church. In 1947 the per capita giving of domestic field membership to the General Fund was \$9.49. With the exception of 1954 each year has shown an increased giving with the latest figures being \$14.66 in 1956 and \$14.93 in 1957. An additional \$3.76 per member was received for Oblation, Auditorium, College, and Sanitarium School of Nursing Day Offerings, making a record total of \$18.69 per member giving to the General Church in 1957. When coupled with increasing local budgets and the widespread church building and reunion development program, these figures undoubtedly represent the highest income and the most widespread participation in the history of our church.

2. Appropriation by the General Conference of 1956 and contributions by members made possible additional progress in

A. Continued work on the Auditorium by an appropriation of \$200,000.00. In addition to this, Auditorium Offerings of 1956 and 1957 amounted to \$481,084.79. (Of this amount \$44,567.85 was Christmas Offering.)

B. An amount of \$100,000.00 set aside for capital needs of Graceland College.

C. An appropriation of \$75,000.00 for the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital which, with funds previously appropriated in amount of \$90,000.00 in 1952 and \$125,000 in 1954, together with Federal Hill-Burton Fund grants, made possible the building of a new wing and other extensive improvements to the hospital building and equipment.

D. Other funds were appropriated to increase our Operating Reserve and Houses of Worship Revolving Fund

in amounts of \$100,000.00 to each fund.

E. Additional appropriations were made for Missions Abroad in the amount of \$80,000.00. These appropriations assured procedure in building the new headquarters building in Rotterdam, Holland, which is nearing completion; the building of a new church in Hawaii; purchase of a Mission House in Alaska; commencement of plans for construction of a new church and another Mission House in the Society Islands Mission at Papeete, Tahiti. In addition to this, funds were provided for research in Missions Abroad.

3. The investment in Resthaven, our home for the aged, has been justified in every respect. We invite the members of the church to visit and inspect the buildings. The arrangements for the care of our aged have brought many favorable comments from members of our church and nonmembers as well. However, we still feel there is need for further study and planning to be done to achieve the highest type of service possible at economical cost.

The cost of caring for patients in Resthaven is probably greater than most people realize. The average cost per patient per month as based on 869 patient months has amounted to \$145.80.

We realize that this is but a good beginning toward solution of the problems having to do with the aged. We must reach out into other geographical areas of the church to provide facilities and personnel to serve those who have need. Research and planning in this respect will be carried on in the immediate future.

4. Reference has already been made to appropriations made by the General Conference of 1956 for the Auditorium. The progress made is reflected in the building as you now see it. There are many of our church members not able to attend General Conference, and it is our hope that the moving pictures which have been and will be taken will be made available to branches and districts to carry the story of Auditorium progress to all. Many have contributed to bring about the completion of this building.

5. Our Houses of Worship Revolving Fund policy has continued to supply funds to assist in the building of houses of worship. In the two-year period, 1956 and 1957, 51 loans were made totaling \$278,613.00. In addition to loans from this fund, 36 loans, totaling \$474,150.00 were made from the Ministerial Reserve, Consecration Contract, and Houses of Worship Funds.

6. Our farming operations continue to be an important segment of Bishopric

responsibility. The lands operated total some 8,000 acres. The investment in them is more significant than is represented from the returns received from agricultural operations. It has been a policy of long standing and in harmony with divine instructions that the church buy lands. A substantial portion of these lands are held as assets in our Ministerial Reserve Fund as evidenced in the financial statement of that fund included as a part of this report.

It is important that we continue to look ahead to the goals both immediate and long time. The institutional needs are still of considerable magnitude:

- A. The work which has just been completed for the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital places that institution in a very favorable position except for the need of additional dormitory and classroom facilities for our School of Nursing. This calls for immediate attention and will be covered in specific recommendations from the Board of Appropriations.
- B. At the General Conference of 1956, we reported on the needs for Graceland College as presented by its Board of Trustees. They were Food Service, Dormitory Space for Girls, and Library. The Conference appropriated \$100,000.00 and took further action authorizing the Presiding Bishopric to make provision for the payment in cash of \$233,000.00 of Graceland Endowment Bonds and for additional funds by appropriation or internal financing. The Presiding Bishopric has this problem under consideration and is hopeful of consummating this financing program within the current year. Recommendations regarding this will come through the Board of Appropriations to the General Conference.
- C. In our Report to the General Conference of 1956, reference was made to the need for some planning for the future to provide for new facilities for the Herald Publishing Plant. Recent request for use of some of the property owned by the Central Development Association (holding corporation for the church) for commercial purposes has brought before the Presiding Bishopric the need for long-time planning by General Church officials and the designation of special properties to meet future needs. The Presiding Bishopric will initiate steps toward such planning in the near future.
- D. The Auditorium in its present state gives evidence of the sustained support given by our church members

to bring about its completion. We are confident that it is the desire of the church to continue until the present structure is completed. The major work yet to be done is finishing the ramps, the lower auditorium, and the facing and remodeling of the wings. The amount of money involved in all this work is of considerable magnitude and estimates of cost are in preparation but not available at the time of writing this report. It is anticipated the approximate cost will be available to present to the General Conference.

- E. There continues to be more demand for funds from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund than are available; new church buildings are under construction in many places. This indicates steady growth of the church and an increase in assets, which is most encouraging. The need for more houses of worship and building sites continues to be a pressing problem.
- F. Among the many needs that we have had before us throughout the years are those of providing pension programs for our General Church employees and for the faculty of Graceland College. Recommendations are being made by the trustees of the college and also by the Presiding Bishopric to the Board of Appropriations for consideration and action considering these long-deferred obligations.
- G. The missionary needs of our church are always pressing. Additional men call for increased income. Family needs of our appointees increase with our expanding economy. Some consideration and help has been given and limited provisions made for inheritances and education of appointee family children. While such help has not been adequate, it has been a step in the right direction and is in keeping with the range of ability of a large portion of our church membership. Increase in the missionary force and further investments in missions abroad will of necessity be kept within the limits of finances available.
- H. We continue to emphasize the need for preparation on the part of those gathering to the central areas. Our world situation is in a state of change. Momentous events take place so quickly that few are prepared for them. We should give heed to the commandments regarding the Gathering:

And let the work of the gathering be not in haste, nor by flight, but let it be done as

it shall be counseled by the elders of the church at the conferences, according to the knowledge which they receive from time to time.—D. and C. 58: 12 b.

Advice and counsel from district and branch officers in conjunction with General Church officers concerned will prove beneficial to those contemplating moves to the central areas and will enhance the position of the church.

Express information relative to our financial condition and operations for the years 1956 and 1957 is set forth in financial statements and schedules following.

Our income of Tithes and Offerings (exclusive of Auditorium Offerings and Oblation) has again increased over previous years, amounting to \$2,070,131.98 in 1956 and \$2,201,476.27 in 1957.

Our Operating Net Gain for the two years 1956 and 1957 were \$378,319.01 and \$391,435.10 respectively.

Other incomes of \$84,134.43 and \$104,325.89 raised the Net Income over Expenses to \$462,453.44 in 1956 and \$495,760.99 for 1957. This is a favorable result and the total for the two years is \$958,214.43 but is under that for the two years 1954 and 1955, which amounted to \$1,016,863.71 and considerably under the years 1952-1953 when the Net Income amounted to \$1,337,950.27. We wish to call attention to the fact that with inflationary trends still continuing it is important that we keep a good margin of income over expenses. It is from this net income that we provide for capital needs to which considerable reference has already been made in this report.

Family allowances and elders' expenses have continued to increase with the rise of living costs. The number of appointees on our list has changed from year to year, as follows:

December 31, 1953	173
December 31, 1955	204
December 31, 1957	213

We have continued our policy of replenishing the Missionary Reserve Fund from time to time by action of General Conference for funds that have been used for the cost of inter-Conference appointments and other missionary or capital needs related to our missionary work.

Elders' expenses continue to constitute a substantial portion of the total budget. Included in the elders' expenses are amounts of \$81,530.13 for 1956 and \$90,012.10 for 1957, covering depreciation expenses of church-owned automobiles; also an amount of \$20,778.90 for 1956 and 1957 for liability insurance on automobiles. As will be noted, we have continued to keep our expenditures for both years within the budgetary appropriations authorized by General Conference.

BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

Cash Assets at the close of the year 1957 in the General Fund (stocks, bonds, and cash) show an amount of \$1,025,740.17. This is a favorable situation, but when matched against the capital needs it is obvious that it will meet them only in part.

The policy of the church taking over ownership of all appointee-operated automobiles has now been completely put into effect and the investment shows normal increase arising out of increased costs of automobiles and additions which are made because of new appointees, less depreciation. The figure in 1956 amounted to \$369,068.65 and \$343,235.04 for 1957, of which \$228,948.36 and \$214,304.68 represented investments in automobiles for 1956 and 1957 respectively.

Accounts and Notes Receivable consist largely of contracts and mortgages receivable on real estate. The amount due from other funds is made up for the most part of \$71,035.68.

Other assets and deferred charges is made up of real estate accounts, unexpired insurance, and net worth of investments in the Australasian Mission.

LIABILITIES

Liabilities are made up of current accounts payable, amounts due other funds (\$184,415.03), and some deferred payments.

AGENCY FUND

This fund is maintained as a service to the individuals concerned. The assets of this fund are kept liquid so that complete payment of all obligations is provided for. It is our policy to keep this at a minimum as for the most part deposits are made by individuals with the church.

CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND

These funds for the most part represent property consisting of cash, bonds, and real estate turned over to the church, wherein the church assumes certain obligations during the lifetime of the individual. This fund is kept liquid, and accumulation of capital is left in the fund. It is to be noted that the fund equity shows continued increase and now amounts to \$133,239.96.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

In previous years we have called attention to the gradual increase which takes place in this fund. We are in much better position to keep our books adjusted to include new houses of worship than in former years, but still need to make surveys. We would appreciate general and local officers calling to our at-

tention new projects and additions of houses of worship that should be placed on our books.

In our last report to General Conference, we pointed out that an amount of \$88,000.00 had been advanced to this fund from General Funds. The General Fund has been reimbursed, reducing this obligation to an amount of \$32,088.29. Continued income from the fund will enable us to make full reimbursement to the General Fund. We solicit the co-operation of branches which have borrowed from this fund to repay their loans as rapidly as possible as it releases funds for other congregations. The invested building fund equity as of December 31, 1957, amounts to \$15,856,781.15 as compared with \$13,576,751.85 on December 31, 1955, an increase of \$2,280,029.30.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Since the Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund was established in 1946, the sum of \$3,187,263.89 (this includes loans from all funds) has been loaned to 370 congregations. The amount repaid up to December 31, 1957, is \$1,539,752.45. Requests for loans continue to exceed the amount of money that is available. Some congregations have made payments on loans ahead of schedule and this has been extremely helpful in assisting other congregations to proceed with their building plans, where otherwise construction would have had to be postponed. We still have requests that amount to \$150,595.68 in excess of funds that are available. Included in the Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund is an amount of \$100,000.00 which was set up for Missions. This, too, has been used to the fullest extent. The maximum loan in this fund is \$7,000.00.

MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

As reported to previous Conferences, the beginning of this fund was in 1937. Substantial appropriations were made by General Conference from time to time until the fund was established in sufficient amount that only current appropriations were necessary. These appropriations are made on an annual basis.

As pointed out in previous reports, this fund will meet only a portion of the costs of retirement, the balance being met out of current income. It was realized when this fund was established in 1937 that the amounts provided under the retirement program would not be adequate to meet total retirement costs. Since that time, continued inflation has taken place. With the recent provision of the Social Security Act to include ministers, our appointees are now eligi-

ble and will participate in the Social Security benefits. It is anticipated that these benefits, supplemented by our Ministerial Reserve Fund provisions, will much more adequately meet the needs of our retired appointees.

Two items to which we wish to call attention are \$493,463.09, representing the amount loaned from this fund to congregations for houses of worship construction, and \$415,526.20 invested in farm lands.

AUSTRALASIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE

The policy of the setting up of funds to meet the cost of our ministerial personnel practiced at headquarters is also being carried on in Australia.

MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND

The purpose of this fund is to provide support of missionary endeavors in the years which are ahead, provide funds for appointment of men between Conferences, for the maintenance of the School of Instruction, and for the preparation and translation of missionary literature into foreign languages. It has also served to provide means whereby additional facilities and equipment could be provided for Missions Abroad. It is customary to rehabilitate this fund from current cash accumulations to replace withdrawals made. This procedure will be followed in making specific recommendations to this Conference.

OBLATION FUND

The segregation of this fund a number of years ago has made possible the fund's increase during the years, while at the same time meeting the many demands made upon the church for financial assistance to its members, including some cases of rehabilitation. It has also made possible the extension of aid in Missions Abroad.

Reference has already been made in this report to the home for the aged, the building of which was financed from the Oblation Fund and included in the assets of this fund. This, together with the Social Service Center building and the Resthaven properties on Winner Road (which are now being used by the School of the Restoration), makes up the real estate investment item on the Oblation Fund books, amounting to \$643,897.24. Rent is charged for the properties used by the School of the Restoration.

In previous years, we have reported on the need for the employment of a well-trained social worker. Up to the present time, we have not found one as the duties assigned to such a person would be varied, requiring special training and business experience. Our aid cases con-

tinue to increase and further consideration is being given to this need.

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

We again wish to call attention to the fact that at the time this Operating Reserve Fund was established, it was hoped it could be kept at a figure equivalent to a year's operating expense. With the many demands for capital investments such as additions to our Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, expansion needs for our institutions, etc., it has not been expedient to increase the Operating Reserve Fund to the extent desired. The reserves in this fund are now approximately two thirds of the operating expenses for 1957.

STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND

We made reference to this previously in this report and again wish to emphasize the fact that this fund will become increasingly important as more of our people comply fully with the temporal law as it is anticipated that consecration of surplus will be made to this fund. Whereas it amounted to \$24,013.95 in our report to last General Conference, it now amounts to \$62,215.85.

STEWARDSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This represents the book value of the Atherton and Spring Branch farm lands which were hypothecated for the Grace-land Endowment Fund issue. The beneficial interest of this fund is \$221,839.31, and is shown on the General Fund Balance Sheet as reported previously. Surplus arising out of farming operations provides for capital improvements as conditions and circumstances justify.

SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

This represents funds set up by authority of General Conference to provide for institutional building needs.

UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS

This fund consists of appropriations made for Auditorium construction, Radio Fund, and other items listed which are self-explanatory.

A statement of fund equities is made a part of our report. While the total fund equity is shown at a figure of \$25,536,811.33, we know that there are a number of houses of worship that have been completed in recent years which have not been currently appraised and the value set up on our books.

As we look to the future, we see many needs and opportunities which challenge us as a church. The need for missionary work throughout the world is apparent to all. The implementing of our Zion-ic program challenges us to further organization of groups and members into working groups.

As we seek to interpret the financial trends which are taking place, we find many different expressions from economists and financiers as to the future. Some feel that deflation is just around the corner; others that we will have continued inflation. It is for us to maintain our position regardless of which of these trends materializes.

We have consistently administered the finances on the basis of a cash-in-hand policy supported by adequate reserves. This policy is a safe one to follow and

will assist us in meeting the situation whatever trend takes place. It would seem, however, that there is more likelihood of inflation than of deflation. The increase in our national debt, large governmental expenditures, the tremendous growth in population with its resultant demands for goods and services, all are definite factors in creating inflationary trends. This means further lessening of the purchasing power of the dollar and consequently increases the need for more income.

Our world situation remains unstable, but we have confidence that despite the threats of war that always seem imminent, for a decade or more to come we will continue in a state of unsettled peace. It is then an important time to continue to strengthen the church financially and spiritually that the great goals of the Gathering and evangelization may be attained. The call and acceptance of stewardship responsibilities is vital to the welfare of individual members and to the church. We are grateful for the increased compliance with the temporal law of the church and express our gratitude to all of you who have made it possible for us to give such a satisfactory report. However, measured in the light of our increasing needs, we ask not only for continuation on the part of those who have so complied, but for all members of the church to consider soberly their responsibility in this matter.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

By G. L. DeLapp

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Exhibit "A"

Balance Sheets

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

December 31, 1956 and 1957

GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUND

ASSETS:

CURRENT ASSETS:

	1956	1957
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	\$ 276,675.35	\$ 469,290.12
Cash in Hands of Bishops and Agents.....	368,138.64	409,930.67
U. S. Government Securities.....	46,661.26	132,359.75
Canadian Government Securities.....	5,172.16	5,100.00
Other Stocks and Bonds.....	11,949.59	9,059.63
Receivables:		
Accounts Receivable.....	\$ 40,725.42	\$ 51,167.21
Notes Receivable.....	84,955.76	102,037.25
Total Receivables.....	\$ 125,681.18	\$ 153,204.46
Less Reserves for Losses.....	9,690.62	10,348.04
Inventories—Feed, Livestock, Supplies, etc.....	29,967.18	47,525.99
Due from Other Funds.....	104,542.11	71,035.68
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	\$ 959,096.85	\$ 1,287,158.26

FIXED ASSETS:

Real Estate—Depreciated.....	\$ 651,915.66	\$ 669,497.05
Farm Management—Net Assets.....	173,114.56	175,161.11
Beneficial Interest in Stewardship—Endowment Fund.....	221,839.31	221,839.31
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, Depreciated.....	369,068.65	343,235.04
Libraries, Depreciated.....	9,447.65	9,597.65
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS.....	1,425,385.83	1,419,330.16

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		1956	1957
OTHER ASSETS AND DEFERRED CHARGES:			
Other Assets.....	\$	3,105.13	\$ 2,291.41
Deferred Charges.....		16,869.44	38,643.47
Australian Mission.....		123,880.51	142,824.52
New Zealand Mission.....		5,964.03	9,685.84
Deferred General Conference Expense.....		—	1,913.23
Total Other Assets and Deferred Charges.....		149,819.11	195,358.47
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$2,534,301.79	\$2,901,846.89
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS:			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable—Includes Institutions.....	\$	29,375.57	\$ 18,491.82
Due to Other Funds.....		286,622.40	184,415.03
Notes Payable.....		25,067.00	15,134.00
Deferred Credits.....		11,366.42	14,857.65
Society Islands.....		3,079.07	6,275.96
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....		\$ 355,510.46	\$ 239,174.46
RESERVES:			
Insurance Reserves.....		—	14,196.42
EQUITY ACCOUNTS—Exhibit C:			
General Fund.....	\$2,133,104.88		\$2,602,648.06
Land and Inheritance Fund.....	30,394.01		30,406.01
Temple Fund.....	15,292.44		15,421.94
TOTAL EQUITIES—End of Period.....		2,178,791.33	2,648,476.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES.....		\$2,534,301.79	\$2,901,846.89
AGENCY FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash in Bank—Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$	15,564.85	\$ 17,020.35
U. S. Government Securities.....		10,750.00	10,750.00
Bonds Held for Safekeeping.....		55.00	56.00
Due from General Fund.....		2,532.78	2,910.59
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 28,902.63	\$ 30,736.94
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable.....	\$	28,652.63	\$ 30,486.94
Note Payable—Nauvoo Reunion Committee.....		250.00	250.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....		\$ 28,902.63	\$ 30,736.94
CONSECRATION AGREEMENTS FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash in Banks:			
Baltimore Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$	11,273.61	\$ 11,500.21
First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....		85,118.56	35,771.17
Midland Federal Savings & Loan.....		1.00	1.00
TOTAL CASH IN BANKS.....		\$ 96,393.17	\$ 47,272.38
U. S. Government Securities.....		161,500.00	161,500.00
Stocks, Bonds, and Shares.....		10.00	10.00
Notes Receivable.....		26,000.00	62,172.49
Contracts Receivable.....		4,700.00	8,100.00
Household Furniture and Equipment.....		1.00	1.00
Real Estate Investment.....		23,654.05	25,867.19
Prepaid Insurance.....		—	141.93
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 312,258.22	\$ 305,064.99
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
LIABILITIES:			
Consecration Agreements—Maximum Liability:			
Class B.....	\$	83,616.17	\$ 82,091.72
Class C.....		88,612.21	80,195.37
Class D.....		9,129.71	4,722.70
Class E.....		448.58	—
Class F.....		6.00	4.00
Mortgage Payable.....		1,500.00	—
Due to General Fund.....		8,828.74	4,811.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....		\$ 192,141.41	\$ 171,825.03
FUND EQUITY:			
Balance December 31.....	\$	118,160.01	\$ 120,116.81
Add: Interest Income.....		4,221.26	4,919.83
Miscellaneous.....		49.95	10,775.41
Deduct: Regular Payments on Consecration Agreements.....		\$ 122,431.22	\$ 135,812.05
		2,314.41	2,572.09
TOTAL FUND EQUITY.....		120,116.81	133,239.96
TOTAL.....		\$ 312,258.22	\$ 305,064.99

Balance Sheets — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND		1956	1957
RESTRICTED BUILDING FUND SECTION:			
ASSETS—CURRENT:			
Cash—First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....		\$ 42,385.01	\$ 23,021.59
Notes Receivable.....		160,301.81	124,704.57
Accounts Receivable.....		10,568.81	2,902.48
Contracts Receivable.....		5,991.36	53,820.27
U. S. Government Securities—Investment.....		15,589.50	9,545.50
U. S. Government Securities—			
Held for Districts and Branches.....		75,173.50	75,862.50
Accrued Interest on U. S. Government Securities.....		218.89	172.55
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....		\$ 310,228.88	\$ 290,029.46
FIXED ASSETS:			
Real Estate, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, Depreciated:			
Marks House—Nauvoo.....	\$ 136.26	\$ 68.26	
Lawrence, Kansas.....	50.00	45.00	
Nauvoo District Reunion Equipment.....	83.91	2.49	
Nauvoo Mission Equipment.....	2,689.15	2,941.74	
Kirtland Temple Tools and Equipment.....	1,086.39	933.66	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS.....		4,045.71	3,991.15
DEFERRED CHARGES:			
Deposit on Utility Meters—Rotterdam.....	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.60	
Prepaid Insurance.....	1,105.60	2,701.33	
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES.....		1,113.20	2,708.93
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 315,387.79	\$ 296,729.54
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
LIABILITIES:			
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	\$ 303.22	\$ 150.00	
Notes Payable to Congregations.....	4,115.78	4,339.41	
Due to General Fund.....	77,228.06	32,088.29	
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....		\$ 81,647.06	\$ 36,577.70
EQUITY:			
Interest Income on Loans.....		\$ 3,628.77	
Less Administrative Expenses.....		2,444.25	
Net Addition to Equities.....		\$ 1,184.52	
Restricted Equities before Additions.....		258,967.32	
Total Equities December 31.....		233,740.73	260,151.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES.....		\$ 315,387.79	\$ 296,729.54
INVESTED BUILDING FUND SECTION:			
ASSETS:			
FIXED ASSETS:			
Auditorium Building and Grounds.....	\$1,975,741.99	\$2,409,027.92	
Chapel Account "A".....	12,466,830.11	12,416,237.12	
Chapel Account "B".....	932,984.86	932,984.86	
Chapel Account "C".....	87,704.35	87,704.35	
Mound Grove Cemetery.....	11,705.90	11,705.90	
Pacific Land Development Society.....	1.00	1.00	
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$15,474,968.21	\$15,857,661.15
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:			
Mortgage Payable on Chapel Property.....	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00	
Invested Building Fund Equity.....	15,474,088.21	15,856,781.15	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES.....		\$15,474,968.21	\$15,857,661.15
HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash—Union National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 35,509.06	\$ 169,090.72	
U. S. Government Securities.....	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Due from General Fund.....	13,559.40	—	
Notes Receivable from Congregations.....	1,071,968.99	963,250.47	
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$1,141,037.45	\$1,152,341.19
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
Liabilities:			
Due to General Fund.....			\$ 174.93
Equity:			
Fund Equity, January 1.....	\$1,035,698.94	\$1,141,037.45	
Increase in Equity:			
Interest Income and Appropriations.....	105,413.51	\$ 14,843.08	
Less Architectural Services.....	75.00	116.06	
		\$14,727.02	
Less Administration Costs.....		3,598.21	
Net Increase in Equity.....		\$ 11,128.81	
Fund Equity, December 31.....		1,141,037.45	1,152,166.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY.....		\$1,141,037.45	\$1,152,341.19

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND — MISSIONS		1956	1957
ASSETS:			
Cash—Union National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....		\$ 39,412.96	\$ 23,076.51
Notes Receivable from Missions.....		61,218.70	78,102.43
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 100,631.66	\$ 101,178.94
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
Liabilities:			
Due to General Fund.....		\$ 232.83	\$ 390.06
Equity:			
Fund Equity, January 1.....	\$ 100,166.00		\$ 100,398.83
Increase in Equity:			
Interest Income.....	232.83		780.11
Less Administration Expenses.....			390.06
Net Increase in Equity.....			\$ 390.05
Fund Equity, December 31.....		100,398.83	100,788.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY.....		\$ 100,631.66	\$ 101,178.94
MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash in Banks:			
First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 22,494.31		\$ 36,979.81
Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co., Chicago, Illinois.....	115,086.15		66,394.38
First National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.....	156,880.95	\$ 294,461.41	110,582.51
Cash Imprest Funds—Farms.....		4,500.00	4,500.00
U. S. Government Securities.....		283,082.50	182,743.00
Canadian Government Securities.....		40,000.00	40,000.00
Premium on Canadian Government Securities.....		281.25	187.50
Premium on U. S. Government Securities.....		337.50	168.75
Notes Receivable.....		251,519.54	493,463.09
Certificates.....		6,750.00	750.00
Accrued Interest Receivable.....		157.68	140.28
Prepaid Interest.....		172.30	359.22
Due General Fund.....		—	70,565.21
Real Estate Investment.....		397,518.69	415,526.20
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 1,278,780.87	\$ 1,422,359.95
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:			
Liabilities—Due to General Fund.....		\$ 17,963.76	
Equities:			
Retirement Reserve.....	\$603,168.02		\$ 613,391.02
Death Benefit Reserve.....	278,003.14		306,372.26
Disability Reserve.....	116,188.16		124,736.45
Special Reserve.....	1,069.34		1,069.34
Unallocated Reserve.....	125,823.83		154,568.22
Earnings on Real Estate Operations, etc.....	69,600.22		101,997.87
Undistributed Interest.....	(263.42)		(2,684.03)
Graceland College Faculty Retirement Reserve.....	28,989.32		27,011.34
Special Ministerial Reserve.....	38,238.50		32,662.50
Special Insurance Reserve.....	—		21,160.16
Special Educational Reserve.....	—		42,074.82
TOTAL EQUITIES.....			\$ 1,422,359.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES.....		\$ 1,278,780.87	\$ 1,422,359.95
AUSTRALASIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash.....	\$ 684.80		\$ 1,485.77
Government Bonds.....	14,161.64		14,307.18
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 14,846.44	\$ 15,792.95
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:			
Fund Equity—January 1.....	\$ 14,088.05		\$ 14,846.44
Add: Interest Earned.....	825.18		461.68
Other Income.....	708.75		864.96
	\$ 15,621.98		16,173.08
Deduct: Payment of Inactive.....			
Allowance.....	775.54		380.13
Balance of Fund Equity—December 31.....		\$ 14,846.44	\$ 15,792.95
MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash in Banks:			
Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 11,463.64		\$ 9,354.29
Westport Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	10,723.29	\$ 22,186.93	10,934.49
Deposit for Letter of Credit.....		2,000.00	—
U. S. Government Securities.....		161,000.00	141,000.00
Due from General Fund.....		1,131.57	—
TOTAL ASSETS.....		\$ 186,318.50	\$ 161,288.78

Balance Sheets — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

		1956	1957
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
LIABILITIES:			
Due to General Fund.....		—	\$ 30,751.86
EQUITY:			
Balance January 1.....	\$ 157,502.92	\$ 186,318.50	
Add—Interest Income.....	—	2,692.70	
Transfer from Unexpended Appropriations.....	45,997.76	1,187.80	
	<u>\$ 203,500.68</u>	<u>\$ 190,199.00</u>	
Deduct:			
Appointee Language Training.....	—	\$ 1,167.15	
Book of Mormon Subsidy.....	\$ 1,340.00	1,070.16	
Books and Tracts Subsidy—Missions Abroad.....	2,574.57	825.26	
Furniture, Alaska Parsonage.....	2,620.10	—	
Council of Twelve Missionary Materials.....	186.92	231.69	
Financial Education Program.....	—	9,387.51	
Kirtland and Nauvoo Rehabilitation.....	1,102.46	1,510.63	
Personal Evangelism Project.....	7,258.13	2,716.93	
Rotterdam Property Church Building.....	—	20,000.00	
School of the Restoration.....	2,100.00	1,587.60	
Translation of Japanese Tracts.....	—	325.00	
Interim Appointee Costs.....	—	20,840.15	
Total Deductions.....	<u>17,182.18</u>	<u>59,662.08</u>	
Balance December 31.....	\$ 186,318.50		130,536.92
TOTAL	<u>\$ 186,318.50</u>		<u>\$ 161,288.78</u>
OBLATION FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash on Hand and in Banks:			
City National Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 3,796.48	\$ 103,783.09	
Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	43,095.70	55,797.68	
Cash Advance.....	3,194.20	3,100.00	\$ 162,680.77
Accounts Receivable.....	4,034.36		7,092.72
Notes Receivable.....	6,532.34		7,337.98
Utility Deposits.....	39.35		39.35
U. S. Government Securities.....	155,000.00		155,000.00
Canadian Government Securities.....	3,000.00		3,000.00
Premium Canadian Government Securities.....	30.17		21.54
Real Estate Investment.....	642,027.36		643,897.24
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment:			
Social Service Center.....	\$ 12,095.98	\$ 12,095.98	
Reserve for Depreciation.....	6,030.15	7,239.75	4,856.23
Resthaven.....	\$ 46,348.81	\$ 47,385.07	
Reserve for Depreciation.....	5,128.75	9,764.63	37,620.44
Supplies—Resthaven.....		6,625.92	9,124.07
Unexpired Insurance.....		1,785.07	2,326.27
Due from General Fund.....		23,594.62	27,975.46
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 940,041.46</u>		<u>\$1,060,972.07</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 4,031.65		\$ 4,452.38
Deferred Credits:			
Unamortized Note Discount.....	—		267.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 4,031.65</u>		<u>\$ 4,719.63</u>
Equity:			
Balance End of Period.....	936,009.81		1,056,252.44
TOTAL	<u>\$ 940,041.46</u>		<u>\$1,060,972.07</u>
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
ASSETS:			
Cash in Banks:			
Baltimore Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 52,032.20	\$ 53,078.05	
First National Bank of Chicago, Illinois.....	26,290.69	15,528.38	
Wilburton State Bank, Wilburton, Oklahoma.....	—	10,000.00	
East Side Bank, Wichita, Kansas.....	—	10,000.00	
Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.....	39,272.70	29,272.70	\$ 117,879.13
U. S. Government Securities.....		915,000.00	915,000.00
Canadian Government Securities.....		165,000.00	165,000.00
Premium on U. S. Government Securities.....		843.74	421.85
Premium on Canadian Government Securities.....		477.66	112.05
Corporation Stocks.....		1,325.00	1,325.00
Accrued Interest Receivable.....		—	450.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,200,241.99</u>		<u>\$1,200,188.03</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
LIABILITIES:			
Due to General Fund.....	\$ 241.99		\$ 188.03
EQUITY:			
Balance—End of Period.....	1,200,000.00		1,200,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,200,241.99</u>		<u>\$1,200,188.03</u>

Balance Sheets — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

STEWARDSHIP — ENDOWMENT FUND

1956

1957

ASSETS:

Cash in Banks:			
First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 36,899.32		\$ 63,848.65
Baltimore Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	24,619.30		38,903.15
Imprest Funds—Farm Accounts.....	5,000.00	\$ 66,518.62	5,000.00
			\$ 107,751.80
Real Estate Investments.....		504,339.52	528,988.15
U. S. Government Securities.....		20,000.00	20,000.00
Canadian Government Securities.....		70,000.00	45,000.00
Due from General Fund.....		25,132.24	—
Premium on Canadian Government Securities.....		949.39	507.07
TOTAL ASSETS.....		<u>\$ 686,937.77</u>	<u>\$ 702,247.02</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:

Liabilities:			
Account Payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund.....	\$ 280.10		\$ 280.10
Bonds Payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund.....	233,300.00		233,300.00
Due to General Fund.....	—		2,631.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....		\$ 233,580.10	\$ 236,211.37
Equities:			
Beneficial Interest General Fund.....	\$ 221,839.31		\$ 221,839.31
Fund Equity:			
Balance End of Period.....	231,520.36	453,359.67	244,196.34
		<u>\$ 686,937.77</u>	<u>\$ 702,247.02</u>

STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND

ASSETS:

Cash—First National Bank.....	\$ 11,253.86		\$ 14,510.45
Real Estate Investment.....	5,005.40		5,005.40
Investment in Walnut Park Development Association.....	36,500.00		39,600.00
Due from General Fund.....	2,557.37		3,100.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....		<u>\$ 55,316.63</u>	<u>\$ 62,215.85</u>

EQUITY:

Capital:			
Balance January 1.....	\$ 87.34		\$ 257.65
Add—Interest Income.....	170.31		226.19
Balance December 31.....		\$ 257.65	\$ 483.84
Restricted:			
Balance January 1.....	\$ 37,926.61		\$ 55,058.98
Add—Contributions.....	17,132.37		6,673.03
Balance December 31.....		55,058.98	61,732.01
TOTAL EQUITY.....		<u>\$ 55,316.63</u>	<u>\$ 62,215.85</u>

SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUND

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank—First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 133,037.64		\$ 52,868.50
U. S. Government Securities.....	200,000.00		100,000.00
Due from General Fund.....	—		1,187.33
TOTAL ASSETS.....		<u>\$ 333,037.64</u>	<u>\$ 154,055.83</u>

LIABILITY—Due to General Fund.....

\$ 46.73

EQUITIES:

Equities:			
Funds Held for Use of Graceland College.....	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 104,055.83
Funds Held for Use of Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.....	232,990.91		50,000.00
TOTAL EQUITIES.....		332,990.91	\$ 154,055.83
TOTAL.....		<u>\$ 333,037.64</u>	<u>\$ 154,055.83</u>

UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FUND

ASSETS:

Cash in Banks:			
First National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri.....	\$ 42,553.65		\$ 308,043.44
City National Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri.....	107,251.83		108,200.55
Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.....	51,903.02	\$ 201,708.50	52,946.27
			\$ 469,190.26
Accrued Interest Receivable.....		—	1,930.25
U. S. Government Securities.....		865,000.00	550,000.00
Due from General Fund.....		223,826.21	78,676.44
TOTAL ASSETS.....		<u>\$ 1,290,534.71</u>	<u>\$ 1,099,796.95</u>

	1956	1957
LIABILITIES—Accounts Payable.....	\$ 729.05	
EQUITIES:		
Armed Forces Manual.....	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 493.39
Auditorium Fund.....	912,441.22	748,218.22
Books and Tracts Subsidy.....	1,187.80	—
British Isles Headquarters.....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Financial Educational Program.....	(5,976.00)	—
Historical Documents.....	475.00	475.00
Latin-American Mission.....	138.11	138.11
Kirtland and Nauvoo.....	17,403.12	—
Library Fixtures.....	1,014.00	1,014.00
Missions Abroad Research Fund.....	9,987.40	9,557.22
New Church Building—Hawaii.....	20,000.00	5,000.00
Radio Fund.....	175,818.76	175,818.76
Radio Room Improvements.....	1,530.04	1,530.04
Rotterdam, Holland—Church Buildings.....	68,953.50	73,119.50
Scandinavian Mission.....	50,000.00	50,000.00
Society Islands.....	14,630.64	14,230.64
Unallocated Appropriations.....	5,202.07	5,202.07
TOTAL EQUITIES.....	\$1,289,805.66	\$1,099,796.95
TOTAL.....	\$1,290,534.71	\$1,099,796.95

Exhibit "B"

Statement of Income and Expense

GENERAL FUND

Year Ended December 31, 1956 and 1957

	1956	1957
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:		
Tithes.....	\$2,028,870.98	\$ 2,111,779.17
Offerings.....	21,665.86	28,588.01
Total Exclusive of Bequests (Schedule No. 3).....	\$ 2,050,536.84	\$ 2,140,367.18
Bequests.....	19,595.14	61,109.09
Total Tithes, Offerings, and Bequests.....	\$ 2,070,131.98	\$ 2,201,476.27
EXPENSES:		
Ministerial:		
Active Family Allowances:		
Regular.....	\$ 571,031.96	\$ 622,931.04
Extra and Medical.....	181,422.47	191,049.58
Sub-Total (Schedule No. 2).....	\$ 752,454.43	\$ 813,980.62
Less Amount Received From:		
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	—	\$ 14,733.10
Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	6,600.00	7,200.00
Total Active Family Allowance.....	\$ 745,854.43	\$ 792,047.52
Payments to Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	73,302.42	75,881.08
Payments to Australian Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	708.75	865.83
Provision for Education of Appointees' Children (2 years).....	—	42,074.82
Total Active Family Allowance and Reserve.....	\$ 819,865.60	\$ 910,869.25
Elders' Expense:		
Personal.....	\$ 175,790.94	\$ 183,101.57
Travel and Official.....	327,031.40	357,995.20
Sub-Total (Schedule No. 2).....	\$ 502,822.34	\$ 541,096.77
Less Amount Received From:		
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	—	\$ 6,107.05
Offerings from Saints and Friends.....	229,169.51	249,515.47
Total Elders' Expense.....	273,652.83	255,622.52
Retired Family Allowance: (Schedule No. 2).....	\$ 91,448.21	\$ 81,072.09
Less:		
Payments from Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 12,900.00
Payments from Australian Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	775.56	380.13
Total Retired Family Allowance.....	76,872.65	13,280.13
Administrative (Schedule No. 1).....		
General.....	\$ 295,138.16	\$ 312,673.12
Stakes and Districts.....	65,272.06	70,755.86
Missions Abroad.....	10,612.86	9,990.58
Districts Administrative.....	600.00	—
Depreciation Furniture and Equipment.....	24,999.70	24,986.21
Total Administrative.....	396,622.78	418,405.77
Payment to Graceland College:		
Appropriation.....	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 85,500.00
Interest on Endowment Bonds.....	11,679.00	11,679.00
Faculty Retirement Fund.....	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total Payments to Graceland.....	101,679.00	103,179.00

Statement of Income and Expense—Exhibit "B" (Continued)

	1956	1957
Houses of Worship Improvements and Expense:		
Kirtland.....	\$ 2,911.50	\$ 5,527.00
Nauvoo.....	7,382.23	8,137.68
Salt Lake City.....	(170.00)	(360.00)
Other Properties.....	66.95	(1,290.86)
Total Houses of Worship Expense.....	10,190.68	12,013.82
Messiah Broadcast.....	7,808.36	6,576.32
Radio Broadcast.....	3,132.00	3,217.00
Architectural Services.....	—	688.25
Miscellaneous Expense.....	1,989.07	1,825.55
Total Expense.....	\$ 1,691,812.97	\$ 1,810,041.17
Net Operating Gain.....	\$ 378,319.01	\$ 391,435.10
OTHER INCOME:		
Exchange.....	\$ 783.42	\$ 121.41
Gain on Real Estate Operations.....	17,557.94	40,235.11
Miscellaneous Income.....	10,475.54	1,008.02
General Conference Net Income.....	1,944.63	—
Interest Income—Domestic.....	47,360.61	53,840.35
Interest Income—Canadian.....	5,550.99	8,459.59
Dividends on Corporate Stocks.....	461.30	661.41
Total Other Income.....	84,134.43	104,325.89
NET INCOME.....	\$ 462,453.44	\$ 495,760.99

Exhibit "C"

Statement of Fund Equities REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

	Total Fund Equity December 31, 1955	ADDITIONS 1956 Appropriations	Offerings and Normal Increment	Excess of Income Over Expense	Deductions 1956 Normal Fund Disbursements	Total Fund Equity December 31, 1956
General Fund.....	\$ 2,400,190.35		\$ 18,185.14	\$ 462,453.44	\$ 747,724.05	\$ 2,133,104.88
Land and Inheritance Fund.....	30,394.01					30,394.01
Temple Fund.....	15,271.44		21.00			15,292.44
Consecration Agreements Fund.....	118,160.01		4,271.21		2,314.41	120,116.81
Houses of Worship Fund: Restricted.....	221,125.98		152,477.73		139,862.98	233,740.73
Houses of Worship Fund: Investment.....	13,576,751.85		1,898,216.36			15,474,968.21
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	1,035,698.94	\$ 100,000.00		5,413.51	75.00	1,141,037.45
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund—Missions.....	100,166.00			232.83		100,398.83
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	157,502.92	42,497.08		3,500.68	17,182.18	186,318.50
Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	1,132,640.83	98,856.92		115,473.42	86,154.06	1,260,817.11
Australasian Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	14,088.05			1,533.93	775.54	14,846.44
Oblation Fund.....	844,140.99			91,868.82		936,009.81
Operating Reserve Fund.....	1,100,000.00	100,000.00				1,200,000.00
Subsidiary Institutional Fund.....	153,366.04	175,000.00	4,624.87			332,990.91
Stewardship Endowment Fund.....	197,073.64			34,446.72		231,520.36
Storehouse Treasury Fund.....	38,013.95		17,132.37	170.31		55,316.63
Unexpended Appropriations Fund.....	962,094.85	338,202.07	307,497.08		317,988.34	1,289,805.66
TOTAL.....	\$22,096,679.85	\$ 854,556.07	\$ 2,402,425.76	\$ 715,093.66	\$ 1,312,076.56	\$24,756,678.78

For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

	Total Fund Equity December 31, 1956	ADDITIONS 1957 Appropriations	Offerings and Normal Increment	Excess of Income Over Expense	Deductions 1957 Normal Fund Disbursements	Total Fund Equity December 31, 1957
General Fund.....	\$ 2,133,104.88			\$ 495,760.99	\$ 26,217.81	\$ 2,602,648.06
Land and Inheritance Fund.....	30,394.01		\$ 12.00			30,406.01
Temple Fund.....	15,292.44		129.50			15,421.94
Consecration Agreements Fund.....	120,116.81		10,723.91	4,971.33	2,572.09	133,239.96
Houses of Worship Fund: Restricted.....	233,740.73		91,605.70	1,184.52	66,379.11	260,151.84
Houses of Worship Fund: Investment.....	15,474,968.21		522,397.05		140,584.11	15,856,781.15
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	1,141,037.45			11,128.81		1,152,166.26
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund—Missions.....	100,398.83			390.05		100,788.88
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	186,318.50		1,187.80	2,692.70	59,662.08	130,536.92
Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	1,260,817.11			161,542.84		1,422,359.95
Australasian Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	14,846.44			1,326.64	380.13	15,792.95
Oblation Fund.....	936,009.81			120,242.63		1,056,252.44
Operating Reserve Fund.....	1,200,000.00					1,200,000.00
Subsidiary Institutional Fund.....	332,990.91		5,677.83		184,612.91	154,055.83
Stewardship Endowment Fund.....	231,520.36			12,675.98		244,196.34
Storehouse Treasury Fund.....	55,316.63		6,673.03	226.19		62,215.85
Unexpended Appropriations Fund.....	1,289,805.66	\$ 16,168.00	316,720.06		522,896.77	1,099,796.95
TOTAL.....	\$24,756,678.78	\$ 16,168.00	\$ 955,126.88	\$ 812,142.68	\$ 1,003,305.01	\$25,536,811.33

Statement of Administrative Expense

GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

	1956 Appropriations	Total Net Expense	Salaries	Stationery and Supplies	Postage	Telephone and Telegraph	Miscellaneous	Earnings and Credits
GENERAL:								
The First Presidency.....	\$ 26,517.00	\$ 27,492.08	\$ 18,218.32	\$ 1,975.58	\$ 1,373.49	\$ 988.94	\$ 4,935.75	
The First Presidency—Priesthood								
Education.....	3,155.00	2,487.35	1,783.96	77.34	76.82	148.06	401.17	
Evangelists.....	4,234.00	3,258.11	2,311.25	283.68	110.41	208.00	344.77	
Council of Twelve.....	14,250.24	13,276.92	10,424.83	391.74	891.67	1,185.02	383.66	
Presiding Bishopric.....	55,782.56	49,366.10	39,310.12	2,965.27	2,319.59	2,045.79	2,725.33	
Tithepayers Service.....	30,439.48	28,188.39	18,115.61	4,732.87	1,263.18	211.98	3,864.75	
Department of Religious Education.....	21,016.40	16,916.71	13,112.53	1,130.49	454.31	774.08	2,628.62	\$ 1,183.32
Radio.....	21,687.48	16,361.88	12,317.66	891.32	586.02	232.52	3,732.36	1,398.00
Music.....	4,340.52	3,881.44	2,843.15	124.31	142.30	200.50	700.60	129.42
Department of Statistics.....	32,229.00	24,705.92	17,525.34	3,134.55	633.86	221.22	3,469.20	278.25
Historian.....	3,644.32	2,734.27	2,053.75	100.84	37.99	135.26	426.33	19.90
Council of Presidents of Seventy.....	800.00	709.82	280.03	101.26	194.77	88.24	45.52	
Quorum of Seventies.....	1,428.67	(264.62)	52.02	15.52	9.63	3.98	8.45	354.22
Auditor.....	3,100.00	2,854.90					2,854.90	
Women's Department.....	1,200.00	(614.68)	897.90	333.12	267.02	146.49	495.46	2,754.67
Legal Expense.....	8,247.00	6,417.47	4,957.60	320.77	219.54	351.92	567.64	
Guide's Booth Auditorium.....	1,850.00	360.72	291.68	68.38	1.00	138.36	322.61	461.31
Auditorium Operating.....	87,170.00	77,953.74	46,599.28	186.49	12.71	367.84	31,926.90	1,139.48
Archaeological Society.....	75.00	21.50					21.50	
Ministry to College Students.....	5,215.16	4,585.81	2,134.59	301.11	333.21	105.46	1,711.44	
Audio-Visual Department.....	12,130.48	10,886.33	14,617.89	276.06	241.63	320.52	4,930.23	9,500.00
School of Restoration.....	3,558.00	3,558.00					3,558.00	
TOTAL GENERAL	\$342,070.31	\$295,138.16	\$207,847.51	\$ 17,410.70	\$ 9,169.15	\$ 7,874.18	\$ 70,055.19	\$ 17,218.57
STAKES AND DISTRICTS:								
Center Stake of Zion.....	\$ 22,475.00	\$ 22,475.00					\$ 22,475.00	
Kansas City Stake.....	6,770.00	4,362.85	\$ 2,237.11	\$ 500.84	\$ 384.06	\$ 376.72	869.94	\$ 5.82
Far West Stake.....	5,600.00	6,770.00					6,770.00	
Central Missouri Stake.....	4,825.00	5,569.24	3,000.00	500.97	493.56	521.49	1,053.22	
Lamoni Stake.....	5,000.00	5,007.79	3,060.00	592.70	281.09	270.00	804.00	
Detroit International Stake.....	5,700.00	5,700.00		69.91	8.43	.55	5,621.11	
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....	5,000.00	5,000.00					5,000.00	
Canadian Bishopric.....	3,680.00	1,429.26	437.50	326.99	157.50	132.44	374.83	
Bishops and Agents Field Expense.....	6,990.00	8,957.92	328.22	4,175.16	2,730.41	332.47	1,391.66	
TOTAL STAKES AND DISTRICTS	\$ 66,040.00	\$ 65,272.06	\$ 9,062.83	\$ 6,166.57	\$ 4,055.05	\$ 1,633.67	\$ 44,359.76	\$ 5.82
MISSIONS ABROAD:								
Australasian.....	\$ 3,487.50	\$ 5,808.56	\$ 2,254.72	\$ 610.98	\$ 419.31	\$ 214.28	\$ 2,309.27	
British Isles.....	1,000.00	(196.22)		131.63	80.41	74.78	173.02	\$ 656.06
Hawaiian.....	1,600.00	1,599.87	1,591.20		6.24		2.43	
Scandinavian.....	150.00	74.61	8.43	74.90	25.26	4.90		38.88
Society Islands.....	4,000.00	2,100.72		52.55	86.35	15.90	1,945.92	
German.....	700.00	1,012.66		312.00	149.68	232.60	353.84	35.46
Holland.....	150.00	194.38		29.63	30.33	62.57	71.85	
New Zealand.....		18.28					18.28	
TOTAL MISSIONS ABROAD	\$ 11,087.50	\$ 10,612.86	\$ 3,854.35	\$ 1,211.69	\$ 797.58	\$ 605.03	\$ 4,874.61	\$ 730.40
DISTRICTS: ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	20,000.00	600.00					600.00	
DEPRECIATION: Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	25,000.00	24,999.70					24,999.70	
TOTALS	\$464,197.81	\$396,622.78	\$220,764.69	\$ 24,788.96	\$14,021.78	\$10,112.88	\$144,889.26	\$ 17,954.79

For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

	1957 Appropriations	Total Net Expense	Salaries	Stationery and Supplies	Postage	Telephone and Telegraph	Miscellaneous	Earnings and Credits
GENERAL:								
The First Presidency.....	\$ 27,452.00	\$ 27,588.98	\$ 18,641.75	\$ 592.74	\$ 646.98	\$ 1,213.28	\$ 6,494.23	
The First Presidency—Priesthood								
Education.....	3,264.00	1,162.35	991.86	87.23	8.00	163.56	31.20	\$119.50
Evangelists.....	4,378.00	3,283.71	2,317.53	276.31	111.84	253.22	444.81	120.00
Council of Twelve.....	14,783.24	13,976.66	10,950.71	558.22	879.20	1,338.17	250.36	
Presiding Bishopric.....	58,675.56	52,683.69	50,278.23	2,601.91	2,372.33	2,189.84	1,425.02	6,183.64
Tithepayers Service.....	32,157.48	30,683.07	20,423.09	2,484.23	1,623.00	239.22	5,913.53	
Department of Religious Education.....	22,664.00	18,853.20	15,316.35	1,087.79	535.23	822.61	2,061.24	970.02
Radio.....	22,945.48	18,071.28	12,927.25	799.34	566.17	283.33	4,496.98	1,001.79
Music.....	4,580.52	4,320.57	3,048.51	89.83	143.02	205.07	834.14	
Department of Statistics.....	35,359.00	25,120.66	18,056.24	468.43	709.88	255.98	6,086.34	456.21
Historian.....	3,775.32	2,748.78	2,275.32	118.48	41.07	157.88	158.33	2.30
Council of Presidents of Seventy.....	800.00	588.28	106.71	71.27	268.99	88.31	53.00	
Quorum of Seventies.....	550.00	1.85		1.85				
Auditor.....	3,100.00	2,965.35					2,965.35	

Statement of Administrative Expense — Schedule 1 (Continued)

Women's Department.....	1,269.00	(590.99)	874.60	232.37	259.54	164.54	508.65	2,630.69
Legal Expense.....	8,539.00	5,010.86	3,802.85	229.31	176.62	294.31	507.77	
Guide's Booth—Auditorium.....	1,850.00	1,698.87	1,246.10	20.00	19.34	165.66	860.87	613.10
Auditorium Operating.....	90,071.00	78,389.40	50,664.25	71.52	4.57	438.43	28,734.88	1,524.25
Archaeological Society.....	75.00	25.50					25.50	
Ministry to College Students.....	5,215.16	4,741.66	2,674.76	227.08	177.10	177.98	1,484.74	
Audio-Visual Department.....	15,505.48	15,211.39	19,104.72	448.11	159.30	300.86	4,698.40	9,500.00
School of Restoration.....	6,138.00	6,138.00					6,138.00	
TOTAL GENERAL.....	\$363,147.24	\$312,673.12	\$233,700.83	\$ 10,466.02	\$ 8,702.18	\$ 8,752.25	\$ 74,173.34	\$ 23,121.50
STAKES AND DISTRICTS:								
Center Stake of Zion.....	\$ 24,034.00	\$ 24,034.00					\$ 24,034.00	
Kansas City Stake.....	7,450.00	7,450.00					7,450.00	
Far West Stake.....	5,800.00	5,636.93	\$ 2,223.83	\$ 127.90	\$ 148.69	\$ 286.54	2,849.97	
Central Missouri Stake.....	4,825.00	4,044.63	2,262.50	318.41	356.27	392.38	715.07	
Lamoni Stake.....	5,200.00	5,106.56	3,060.00	625.57	283.43	270.00	867.56	
Detroit International Stake.....	6,025.00	6,025.00					6,025.00	
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....	6,000.00	6,000.00					6,000.00	
Canadian Bishopric.....	3,680.00	3,498.14	2,484.60	204.12	100.00	112.71	596.71	
Bishops and Agents Field Expense.....	6,990.00	8,960.60	2,101.05	2,599.71	2,064.52	608.06	1,587.26	
TOTAL STAKES AND DISTRICTS.....	\$ 70,004.00	\$ 70,755.86	\$ 12,131.98	\$ 3,875.71	\$ 2,952.91	\$ 1,669.69	\$ 50,125.57	
MISSIONS ABROAD:								
Australasian.....	\$ 3,487.50	\$ 4,628.36	\$ 1,585.07	\$ 261.40	\$ 363.11	\$ 188.58	\$ 3,751.39	\$ 1,521.19
British Isles.....	1,000.00	403.95		88.75	152.70	50.81	139.68	27.00
Hawaiian.....	1,600.00	1,255.34	1,227.00		28.34			
Scandinavian.....	150.00	217.69		150.04	25.47		42.18	
Society Islands.....	4,200.00	2,435.20	167.19	22.88	41.35	15.46	2,188.32	
German.....	700.00	380.58		72.78	52.30	123.79	131.71	
Holland.....	150.00	87.90		47.49	33.67	41.14	5.41	39.81
New Zealand.....		581.56					831.47	249.91
TOTAL MISSIONS ABROAD.....	\$ 11,287.50	\$ 9,990.58	\$ 2,979.26	\$ 643.34	\$ 696.94	\$ 419.78	\$ 7,090.16	\$ 1,838.90
DEPRECIATION: Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.....	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,986.21					\$ 24,986.21	
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$469,438.74	\$418,405.77	\$248,812.07	\$ 14,985.07	\$12,352.03	\$10,841.72	\$156,375.28	\$ 24,960.40

Schedule 2

Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 1956 and 1957

ACTIVE:	No. of Elders' Depend- ents	1956				No. of Elders' Depend- ents	1957			
		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE**			FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE**	
		Regular	Extra for Medical, Taxes, etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official		Regular	Extra for Medical, Taxes, etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Adams, Lloyd.....	4	\$ 3,805.00	\$ 664.99	\$ 630.81	\$ 2,281.20	5	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 1,746.17	\$ 825.84	\$ 2,018.08
Alberts, D. A.....	4	1,772.84	138.37	407.22	944.92	4	2,002.52	119.99	308.29	972.79
Andersen, Richard.....	1	90.00	—	1,019.36	1,453.62	1	2,556.00	555.10	620.33	1,210.04
Anderson, Samuel.....	5	1,753.00	299.95	440.44	811.79	5	2,580.00	1,089.69	1,281.53	509.78
Andrews, Alma C.....	1	2,362.10	558.72	549.87	1,178.97	1	2,417.06	873.94	667.56	1,186.19
Argotsinger, G. Dale.....	—	—	—	—	—	3	1,773.00	491.64	478.49	941.01
Ashenhurst, Raymond J.....	3	3,145.00	637.83	1,113.16	661.10	3	3,240.00	1,711.97	663.79	1,137.97
Baldwin, Joseph E.....	4	3,060.00	501.69	1,080.39	818.27	4	3,192.00	642.36	1,059.42	992.09
Banks, John W.....	3	3,008.50	575.27	742.61	1,228.04	3	774.00	296.10	242.86	255.76
Banta, Fred C.....	3	2,220.00	884.78	721.65	1,489.86	3	2,400.00	275.85	765.03	1,451.70
Banta, R. Wayne.....	3	2,877.50	469.81	862.31	1,215.20	3	3,180.00	665.49	854.31	1,115.55
Barlow, T. Ed.....	4	2,816.50	1,180.54	568.75	1,366.92	4	3,060.00	1,084.02	554.73	1,474.68
Beck, T. A.....	1	2,520.00	806.56	1,319.61	1,866.19	1	2,707.50	2,567.55	1,154.19	1,614.04
Becker, W. C.....	2	2,520.00	453.65	644.02	1,080.70	3	2,640.00	844.72	688.38	1,415.05
Benton, Donald E.*.....	2	2,311.25	761.66	911.49	965.44	2	2,437.50	1,495.37	631.19	1,216.61
Berndt, Everett.....	2	2,880.00	895.64	1,235.56	496.19	2	2,868.12	1,528.47	1,260.66	660.05
Berridge, Barnett W.....	6	3,584.50	1,235.15	721.20	1,407.10	7	3,947.00	749.94	842.28	1,378.52
Billings, Virgil J.....	4	3,120.00	582.12	979.09	1,048.55	4	3,240.00	1,079.16	659.38	1,237.20
Black, Harry W.....	2	2,432.50	415.99	874.98	1,091.65	2	2,520.00	473.10	819.96	1,223.69

*Includes partial or full dependents other than immediate family.

**Elders' expense includes amounts contributed by Saints and friends—see Exhibit "B."

Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses — Schedule 2 (Continued)

ACTIVE:	1956					1957				
	FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE**			FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE**		
	No. of Elders' Dependents	Regular	Extra for Medical, Taxes, etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	No. of Elders' Dependents	Regular	Extra for Medical, Taxes, etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Hanton, Elroy E.	3	3,086.50	239.65	869.05	1,551.81	3	3,219.00	319.42	878.10	1,269.60
Harder, Peter	2	2,182.50	475.88	642.18	623.59	2	2,292.00	482.53	604.80	713.52
Harford, E. Merle	3	1,485.00	88.49	412.76	719.49	3	3,415.00	187.83	900.07	1,270.96
Hart, Lee O.	4	2,916.00	519.86	1,086.71	773.77	4	3,036.00	464.53	988.76	1,051.49
Harvey, D. E.	3	3,050.50	554.95	852.09	1,266.57	3	3,234.00	816.86	920.62	1,258.42
Harvey, Keith	3	2,576.00	521.63	439.46	1,529.98	3	2,676.00	791.94	631.20	1,766.66
Henson, O. C., Jr.	5	3,236.50	503.60	603.43	1,393.07	5	3,324.00	727.13	637.29	1,159.23
Hield, Charles R.*	2	2,703.50	715.05	956.48	2,449.34	1	2,820.00	1,243.55	963.75	1,382.13
Higdon, Earl T.	1	2,940.00	722.84	1,130.17	936.30	1	2,940.00	1,091.14	869.61	1,108.47
Hobart, C. H.	4	3,036.00	617.25	1,016.04	976.15	4	3,576.00	1,219.63	916.56	1,178.30
Holmes, Reed M.	6	3,996.00	587.70	1,056.80	2,248.84	6	4,176.00	1,127.40	914.23	2,609.38
Horahitu, Tauhiti	0	154.06	7.22	156.25	156.26	—	—	—	—	—
Horn, William F.	3	2,570.50	597.53	468.86	1,165.56	3	2,769.00	951.60	620.10	1,045.42
Hougas, Ward A.	1	2,880.00	1,442.45	613.28	1,419.54	1	3,000.00	1,130.99	740.10	1,200.64
Hough, A. Wayne	3	2,540.00	471.90	561.69	1,219.28	3	2,730.00	582.74	4,849.30	315.13
Huggett, Raymond	2	1,360.18	340.40	365.55	809.87	2	3,000.00	753.13	602.71	1,334.81
Hunker, E. Y.	3	3,000.00	487.28	740.42	624.31	3	3,000.00	1,528.78	698.84	568.99
Imrie, J. D.	3	1,253.37	259.79	225.11	387.47	3	1,603.87	89.54	126.79	777.21
Jacka, Sydney	3	1,516.34	117.23	255.83	619.15	3	1,688.04	188.16	173.70	824.19
Jackson, Wallace A.	4	2,976.00	333.14	966.11	691.23	4	3,151.00	1,262.95	3,049.77	154.22
Jennings, Emery E.	5	3,240.00	474.24	1,160.36	1,024.16	5	3,600.00	998.14	1,087.81	1,210.76
Jensen, D. Blair	2	3,120.00	718.20	751.24	1,698.73	2	3,210.00	987.61	795.50	2,170.65
Johnson, Conrad F.	4	1,855.00	155.61	549.09	601.59	4	3,380.00	218.40	752.94	1,020.26
Johnson, Glen H.	2	2,820.00	1,103.46	734.37	1,254.39	2	3,120.00	897.70	1,174.30	1,231.89
Johnson, Walter N.	3	3,300.00	627.30	1,452.51	929.81	3	3,480.00	1,024.20	1,495.47	922.83
Johnston, Glenn E.	1	2,023.50	251.67	512.24	982.29	2	2,088.00	439.62	366.91	1,081.05
Jordan, John F.	4	2,612.50	857.21	287.17	801.44	4	2,700.00	326.78	369.97	848.06
Judd, David	1	—	23.25	23.25	—	1	1,956.00	69.50	374.21	1,266.48
Kaleikau, David A., Jr.	3	2,346.00	479.88	461.95	928.38	3	3,189.00	1,121.61	758.10	1,946.91
Kelley, J. S.	1	2,640.00	607.04	1,036.75	1,199.91	1	2,820.00	217.00	1,115.45	1,033.03
Kemp, James N.	3	2,888.50	803.16	1,387.77	1,027.50	3	3,319.50	1,131.94	1,193.94	1,393.51
Kinart, Keith	5	3,332.50	558.91	833.48	1,007.09	5	3,547.50	474.27	876.23	1,125.42
Kohlman, L. W.	6	3,805.00	718.46	1,081.66	1,211.68	5	3,665.00	1,037.14	1,219.49	1,318.03
Kornman, Charles	0	—	—	949.75	1,653.07	1	866.25	157.78	802.41	1,322.06
Koury, Aleah	5	2,996.50	732.86	793.56	1,268.48	5	3,472.75	674.81	1,123.07	1,354.63
Kyser, Donald L.	3	2,896.50	338.39	455.23	1,167.73	3	3,048.00	615.18	314.07	1,132.84
Lancaster, Richard B.	3	2,967.50	449.07	1,583.81	979.39	3	3,265.00	669.37	1,179.03	1,273.47
Landsberg, L. E.	3	3,200.00	454.83	960.90	1,125.24	3	3,420.00	771.67	968.24	1,004.58
Landon, Donald	3	2,670.39	354.03	514.65	1,062.51	3	3,245.00	901.53	750.87	1,347.79
LaPointe, Myron F.	3	2,760.00	431.57	411.30	1,145.37	3	3,000.00	665.18	670.57	1,100.56
Lents, Donald V.	4	2,940.00	642.51	785.93	2,910.36	4	3,512.50	740.44	856.85	2,809.26
Lively, Herbert	5	3,360.00	446.70	1,401.11	537.80	5	3,480.00	688.78	1,396.61	696.98
Livingston, H. L.	3	3,420.00	1,621.01	1,595.16	1,987.37	2	3,420.00	2,177.88	1,315.37	1,816.48
Lynn, Herbert A.	1	2,017.75	597.31	377.11	1,050.53	1	2,280.00	1,098.08	399.24	1,146.31
McClain, W. Blair	2	2,736.00	652.56	1,010.26	1,172.66	2	2,976.00	697.92	927.98	1,491.40
McConley, M. A.	1	1,980.00	1,369.36	928.78	239.28	1	309.20	101.50	895.88	203.94
McDowell, F. M.	2	2,790.00	462.88	1,005.40	1,113.96	1	2,904.00	508.10	1,260.39	604.79
Mair, Perry	4	3,146.50	855.26	796.91	957.80	4	3,480.00	1,275.48	819.55	1,193.63
Manuel, Ronald	3	2,880.00	296.49	1,270.89	1,217.34	3	2,880.00	503.82	1,716.32	1,060.62
May, J. Charles	1	2,280.00	1,694.55	295.88	331.11	1	357.46	—	316.60	422.39
Menzies, J. S.	3	2,864.50	646.75	505.92	917.55	3	2,952.00	931.35	601.52	889.96
Mesle, F. Carl, Jr.	4	3,396.00	441.21	1,034.22	1,333.89	4	3,396.00	808.46	958.67	1,208.95
Miller, Louis	—	—	—	—	—	4	1,650.00	281.89	628.07	403.95
Moore, Phillip W.	4	2,988.00	150.27	952.29	776.78	4	3,180.00	652.52	924.95	905.12
Mundorff, C. R.	3	2,845.00	258.49	640.39	1,133.15	3	2,880.00	252.75	591.26	1,270.00
Neff, Charles D.	5	3,660.00	372.76	1,357.42	1,560.06	5	3,720.00	604.47	1,367.63	1,754.89
Njeim, George A.	3	2,852.50	1,411.77	795.84	1,261.82	2	2,980.00	2,104.57	719.53	1,099.58
Oakman, Arthur A.	3	2,640.00	2,204.85	1,156.95	3,404.68	2	2,890.00	1,519.70	886.17	4,340.62
Oliver, Lee	4	3,420.00	1,203.15	1,198.08	1,269.34	4	3,600.00	2,201.35	1,184.07	1,236.35
Olson, C. L.	4	3,000.00	268.51	1,505.38	1,208.41	1	3,300.00	433.81	1,036.18	1,430.07
Packer, Athol	4	2,784.00	614.95	782.62	1,201.98	5	3,420.00	537.62	1,064.33	755.13
Page, Norman	4	1,660.50	169.31	225.20	404.75	4	3,336.00	552.65	510.35	918.59
Patterson, William	2	3,120.00	481.60	673.13	1,277.93	1	3,120.00	1,478.00	560.44	1,323.12
Pearson, Russell W.	4	2,805.00	481.47	355.65	1,361.39	4	2,985.00	264.80	527.25	1,250.16
Pelletier, Al M., Jr.	6	2,790.00	273.31	490.11	1,381.77	6	3,024.00	630.79	529.28	1,645.31
Pement, J. V.	5	3,452.50	1,042.29	1,389.01	1,652.05	5	3,817.50	699.26	1,334.18	1,982.85
Phillips, James C.	4	3,044.50	687.17	874.18	1,181.92	4	3,252.00	851.39	928.92	1,081.34
Potter, Floyd	3	1,505.62	91.61	402.11	1,905.70	3	1,612.80	153.86	196.74	541.45
Pray, Jack A.	3	2,906.00	515.50	717.40	800.72	3	3,360.00	781.07	700.35	813.87
Puckett, John T.	3	2,767.68	302.38	674.58	1,569.83	3	2,772.00	640.83	890.66	1,203.36
Ralston, Russell F.*	5	3,220.00	935.39	1,204.05	1,282.12	4	3,640.00	1,511.23	957.34	1,379.03
Reid, Richard M.	2	2,404.00	162.57	540.49	1,122.21	2	2,556.00	361.88	564.88	1,072.38
Renfro, James	4	2,624.00	461.99	352.53	1,161.22	4	2,760.00	185.37	500.05	1,199.26

*Includes partial or full dependents other than immediate family.

**Elders' expense includes amounts contributed by Saints and friends—see Exhibit "B."

Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses — Schedule 2 (Continued)

ACTIVE:	1956					1957				
	FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE**			FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE**		
	No. of Elders' Dependents	Regular	Extra for Medical, Taxes, etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	No. of Elders' Dependents	Regular	Extra for Medical, Taxes, etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Renfroe, Z. Z.	1	2,340.00	1,443.76	801.25	1,177.71	1	2,340.00	1,252.48	640.83	1,068.85
Robbins, Cecil V.	2	2,457.00	196.81	562.51	1,205.11	3	2,580.00	481.41	620.93	1,240.70
Rock, Arthur J.	3	2,760.00	564.34	1,563.99	977.47	3	2,760.00	913.75	1,379.18	1,634.68
Rowe, Eric S.	4	1,209.60	—	451.50	1,264.56	4	1,276.80	—	301.36	879.77
Ruch, V. D.	1	2,700.00	723.10	738.26	600.89	2	2,880.00	654.43	421.52	605.86
Russell, R. M.	2	3,462.50	870.47	1,947.64	1,118.21	2	3,395.00	1,792.94	1,504.26	876.06
Saunders, Herbert	4	1,950.00	229.55	383.96	577.06	—	—	—	—	—
Saxton, Clinton	3	1,150.00	419.91	327.51	833.58	—	—	—	—	—
Scherer, Albert	4	3,420.00	416.63	1,192.48	948.71	4	3,480.00	991.20	1,324.85	913.61
Scott, Herbert M.	4	3,031.25	906.41	1,618.43	651.59	4	3,450.00	1,302.14	1,622.05	804.06
Seeley, Robert	5	2,984.50	571.39	573.01	1,431.32	5	3,037.00	541.55	729.54	1,128.39
Sheehy, Almer W.	4	2,839.50	191.77	960.52	1,348.56	4	2,883.50	700.00	1,117.73	1,043.96
Sheehy, Howard S.	2	2,741.50	752.30	1,066.22	1,291.71	2	2,880.00	567.47	1,183.34	1,193.43
Simmons, Wayne E.	4	2,913.00	301.65	480.82	1,265.39	4	3,168.00	558.98	385.97	1,342.13
Simons, Harry J.	3	2,700.00	323.34	958.27	867.63	3	3,000.00	1,104.66	851.03	982.07
Smith, Delbert	5	2,520.00	432.72	444.13	1,332.06	5	2,820.00	190.60	713.03	833.11
Smith, E. Elwood	3	2,972.50	711.05	880.15	1,180.43	3	3,168.00	1,296.40	965.51	1,216.31
Smith, Elbert A.	0	1,680.00	1,832.73	717.83	159.65	0	762.00	214.36	587.96	108.03
Smith, G. Wayne	5	3,428.50	765.87	1,077.60	1,498.20	5	3,660.00	945.39	753.97	1,671.26
Smith, Glaude A.	1	1,800.00	872.74	1,729.11	854.61	1	1,856.00	1,332.67	1,191.91	658.77
Smith, Israel A.	0	2,160.00	1,429.64	809.76	962.69	0	2,160.00	346.50	525.16	818.44
Smith, Lynn E.	4	3,180.00	833.49	1,651.49	741.76	4	3,180.00	1,161.72	1,626.20	574.37
Smith, W. Wallace	1	3,000.00	928.34	671.98	1,597.80	1	3,000.00	915.11	696.55	1,649.55
Sorensen, V.	4	3,137.00	1,151.29	411.59	375.92	4	3,026.00	423.85	455.87	976.17
Spencer, G. F.	2	1,424.69	255.54	102.00	405.41	2	1,661.23	97.42	192.92	748.73
Stuart, J. C.	3	3,212.50	754.97	1,302.86	974.50	3	3,300.00	1,184.70	1,582.58	959.04
Stobaugh, Kenneth	3	1,372.00	511.74	305.93	393.81	3	2,544.00	123.05	350.94	936.16
Stoff, A. E.	1	2,028.00	1,473.36	653.40	258.62	1	2,028.00	878.50	1,205.41	250.94
Stüve, Oskar	4	1,962.72	273.03	520.73	2,727.70	4	2,334.00	372.28	317.82	1,367.24
Tacy, Lester	6	3,512.50	587.84	709.27	1,464.92	5	3,900.00	545.05	658.24	1,928.40
Taylor, Robert E.	3	2,686.00	473.61	955.96	959.84	3	2,904.00	532.21	894.07	899.45
Theys, E. A.	3	3,144.00	922.95	1,170.63	880.39	3	3,240.00	822.45	1,285.20	767.99
Thumm, John S.	—	—	—	—	—	3	1,640.00	223.50	346.35	745.13
Tickemyer, Garland E.	3	3,180.00	616.14	911.35	1,429.14	3	3,360.00	1,028.65	982.70	1,962.25
Trapp, A. T.	0	370.31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Troyer, Luther S.	3	3,212.50	782.91	562.16	1,836.82	3	3,360.00	567.94	673.73	1,918.97
Turner, Robert V.	2	2,271.50	194.97	730.71	975.00	2	2,435.00	310.15	596.89	748.36
Tyree, Alan D.	3	2,652.50	581.67	739.98	1,793.91	4	3,120.00	942.90	856.50	1,263.93
Urban, Alfred	3	—	24.99	104.85	135.28	3	129.46	.48	118.10	105.85
Updike, L. Wayne	3	3,212.50	968.23	1,355.35	1,844.97	3	3,480.00	1,238.47	1,260.73	1,287.88
Velt, Harold I.	1	2,680.00	1,019.21	658.73	404.48	1	2,400.00	1,109.09	615.25	417.72
Vest, Elwin R.	3	3,128.50	524.14	572.74	1,126.93	3	3,240.00	1,418.08	975.42	1,352.94
Vreeland, Charles	2	1,320.00	55.69	335.33	613.79	3	2,760.00	1,027.47	653.54	1,445.49
Wakeman, Robert I.	6	3,825.03	663.29	644.17	1,244.56	6	4,202.00	455.65	899.62	1,182.09
Webb, R. Vern	3	2,840.23	324.56	454.30	1,526.27	3	2,832.00	478.02	561.03	1,325.70
Weddle, F. S.	4	3,120.00	799.29	2,073.51	1,126.47	1	3,240.00	1,763.80	1,343.15	1,279.95
Weldon, Clair	3	2,550.50	734.99	810.82	1,198.72	3	2,760.00	253.00	639.90	1,085.05
Whalley, Peter	1	2,205.00	2,223.42	202.50	535.33	1	753.25	652.23	622.20	63.84
Whipple, John L.	4	3,200.50	1,032.57	874.16	1,037.35	3	3,312.00	785.49	739.23	798.16
Wight, John G.	3	3,000.00	566.80	963.54	1,837.11	3	3,050.00	1,140.60	807.36	1,838.97
Williams, D. J.	1	1,824.00	2,219.46	436.55	295.73	1	532.00	200.06	361.00	219.93
Williams, D. T.	1	2,256.00	874.83	1,160.20	921.12	1	2,556.00	688.71	655.16	773.54
Williams, William E.	4	2,805.50	557.68	710.20	1,000.72	4	3,048.00	675.76	916.79	769.02
Witte, Victor J.	3	2,820.00	91.16	689.23	2,414.12	3	2,900.86	509.35	869.39	2,230.90
Woodstock, Lyle	3	3,692.50	1,771.73	764.17	1,141.38	3	3,780.00	1,080.99	861.95	1,050.05
Worth, T. E.	4	2,038.40	—	367.39	1,104.30	4	2,037.64	—	358.33	857.47
Yager, J. H.	1	2,680.00	2,626.24	434.34	879.83	1	2,820.00	1,722.91	171.44	836.53
Yale, Alfred	3	3,276.00	1,666.45	732.55	1,174.22	3	3,336.00	1,466.11	925.12	1,086.67
Zonker, Louis	5	2,880.50	945.22	556.61	1,529.80	4	3,276.00	585.40	654.49	1,304.45
		\$571,031.96	\$144,966.46	\$175,790.94	\$243,186.12		\$622,931.04	\$171,863.74	\$183,101.57	\$249,519.35
Moving Exp. Paid in Behalf of Ministers Transferred to New Assignments			36,456.01					19,185.84		
Depreciation Exp. of Church Owned Automobiles and Loss on Trades					81,530.13					90,012.10
Liability Ins. on Automobiles					2,315.15					18,463.75
Total Active Ministerial Expense		\$571,031.96	\$181,422.47	\$175,790.94	\$327,031.40		\$622,931.04	\$191,049.58	\$183,101.57	\$357,995.20

*Includes partial or full dependents other than immediate family.

**Elders' expense includes amounts contributed by Saints and friends—see Exhibit "B."

Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 1956 and 1957

RETIRED	1956		1957	
	Regular Family Allowance	Extra Family & Medical, Etc.	Regular Family Allowance	Extra Family & Medical, Etc.
Anderson, Mrs. P. T.	\$ 840.00	\$ 463.36	\$ 840.00	\$ 219.24
Arber, Mrs. Ethel	1,440.00	40.26	1,560.00	77.72
Bailey, J. W. A. and Anna B.	1,620.00	729.23	1,620.00	6.00
Baker, A. M.	—	1,800.00	—	1,476.26
Barmore, Mrs. A. C.	94.50	33.13	—	—
Bishop, Emily A.	1,620.00	—	1,620.00	—
Burgess, Mrs. S. A.	1,920.00	500.31	1,920.00	608.45
Carmichael, Albert	500.00	591.09	—	—
Carpenter, Blanche	1,440.00	215.01	1,440.00	69.34
Case, Hubert and Alice	2,574.00	1,426.24	2,724.00	247.00
Cook, M. H.	—	2,301.69	—	696.52
Corbett, A. J.	72.96	—	72.84	2.98
Daniel, Mrs. G. Scott	480.00	—	480.00	—
Davies, Mrs. E. H.	207.00	—	207.00	—
Davis, Mrs. E. R.	1,200.00	79.73	1,200.00	322.09
Davis, J. Arthur	35.00	4,646.58	—	—
Dutton, J. O. and Myrtle	1,056.00	—	1,056.00	—
Ellis, Mrs. Clyde F.	1,500.00	—	1,500.00	—
Fligg, Mrs. Alice	1,080.00	—	1,080.00	—
Fry, Charles and Emily	1,380.00	824.76	2,510.00	1,204.48
Gamet, Pearl	1,200.00	—	1,200.00	—
Garver, Mrs. J. F.	1,320.00	129.78	1,320.00	164.37
Griffiths, Catherine	262.50	506.71	—	—
Haden, Mr. and Mrs. W. E.	1,322.00	26.52	1,568.63	551.97
Harpe, Athera J.	1,020.00	106.38	1,020.00	215.90
Hawn, Mrs. O. J.	325.00	473.89	—	—
Higdon, Amos T. and Vinnie	1,560.00	216.55	1,560.00	1,354.22
Holloway, L. G. and Flora	1,920.00	159.45	1,920.00	78.00
Horahitu	426.28	7.81	994.00	—
Houghton, Mrs. Leonard	1,020.00	—	1,020.00	128.29
Hull, E. B. and Josephine	1,580.00	1,121.48	1,665.00	444.35
Kelley, Mrs. J. E.	900.00	—	900.00	108.40
Kelley, Mrs. W. H.	220.00	457.50	—	—
Koehler, J. A. and Edith	1,200.00	257.35	1,200.00	65.72
Krahl, Mrs. D. J.	—	1,112.88	—	—
Lewis, Mrs. George G.	2,100.00	27.79	2,100.00	70.10
Loving, Albert L. and Hilda	1,200.00	126.41	1,200.00	22.95
McConnaughy, J. C.	—	1,262.99	—	—
McDonald, Mrs. Frank	1,800.00	—	1,800.00	—
McGuire, Fannie E.	1,200.00	—	1,200.00	—
Macrae, W. S.	1,603.00	68.00	1,608.00	97.99
Miller, C. Ed.	1,620.00	1,703.26	1,235.00	257.87
Muceus, Mrs. Peter	816.00	—	816.00	—
Mussell, F. T.	48.00	1,200.00	24.00	1,022.11
Peisker, Mrs. Florence	543.50	—	840.00	197.40
Peterson, Mrs. J. W.	1,404.00	48.50	1,560.00	811.82
Phillips, A. B. and Josie	892.00	187.22	864.00	86.78
Pycock, Mr. and Mrs. James	1,560.00	292.95	1,560.00	498.00
Quick, Mr. Lee	960.00	67.30	960.00	67.60
Robinson, A. V.	22.50	—	—	—
Rushton, Mrs. J. W.	1,500.00	952.04	1,500.00	—
Sawley, Mrs. F. L.	660.00	—	660.00	—
Scott, Mrs. S. W. L.	600.00	47.00	600.00	108.95
Sheehy, Mrs. J. F.	1,800.00	120.34	1,800.00	440.23
Silvers, Mrs. A. C.	840.00	573.05	840.00	301.73
Skinner, Mrs. C. A.	—	466.50	—	204.84
Slover, Mrs. F. M.	630.00	—	210.00	—
Smith, M. Esther (Carter)	600.00	35.93	600.00	180.00
Smith, Mrs. S. S.	1,020.00	95.34	1,020.00	57.94
Stebbins, Mrs. H. A.	600.00	—	900.00	—
Thorburn, Mrs. Victoria	630.00	38.25	630.00	154.75
Trapp, A. T.	—	—	318.25	.94
Vanderwood, Bertha	1,200.00	—	1,260.00	—
Vaughn, W. J.	174.53	—	97.31	—
Wells, Gomer and Adelaide M.	1,368.00	130.50	2,004.00	817.26
Whalley, Mrs. Peter S.	—	—	324.60	80.99
Whiting, Birch and Abbie A.	1,500.00	661.47	1,500.00	973.31
Wildermuth, L. O.	900.00	735.00	900.00	298.95
Woodstock, Mrs. C. B.	960.00	288.91	960.00	189.65
TOTAL	\$64,091.77	\$27,356.44	\$66,088.63	\$14,983.46

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STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1956	Total Tithes and Offerings	Tithes	General Offering	(Memo) Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Center Stake	10,638	\$ 302,404.10	\$ 298,747.24	\$ 3,656.86	\$ 214.53	\$ 10,176.72	\$ 38,659.01
Central Missouri Stake	2,942	44,689.70	44,369.80	319.90	149.97		7,756.06
Far West Stake	3,156	50,375.40	50,157.73	217.67	52.03		3,671.77
Kansas City Stake	4,460	80,556.16	79,739.99	816.17	73.39		5,467.53
Lamoni Stake	2,345	35,928.46	35,629.54	298.92	47.20		3,968.41
Detroit Stake	4,527	93,864.22	92,934.80	929.42	480.69		10,789.05
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake	4,057	55,770.03	54,970.46	799.57	171.07		4,801.28
Alabama	861	8,555.10	8,531.65	23.45	3.00		707.51
Mobile	1,712	19,489.98	19,433.39	56.59	244.17		2,100.05
Arkansas and Louisiana	1,356	7,216.84	7,206.84	10.00	37.32		851.86
California, Central	972	11,584.01	11,524.47	59.54	28.80		1,272.18
California, Sacramento Valley	1,177	16,276.52	16,036.68	239.84	123.76		1,858.35
California, San Francisco Bay	2,083	26,584.13	26,402.54	181.59	134.79		2,609.67
California, Southern	2,144	25,965.09	25,631.09	334.00	450.04		3,492.95
Colorado-Kansas	1,092	10,773.38	10,689.57	83.81	215.55		1,314.16
Colorado, Eastern	2,138	23,084.11	22,668.41	415.70	383.01		2,726.55
Colorado, Western	419	3,021.65	2,951.76	69.89	69.60		552.90
Florida, Lower	796	12,588.09	12,483.20	104.89	149.00		1,554.89
Pensacola	1,629	13,090.82	13,026.11	64.71	16.70		1,136.32
Hawaii	1,004	9,806.43	9,595.84	210.59	96.19		1,257.33
Idaho	841	12,642.22	12,535.25	106.97	430.00		888.71
Illinois, Central	845	8,707.89	8,647.45	60.44	92.23		1,254.57
Chicago	1,272	21,262.65	21,011.77	250.88	583.85	100.00	1,438.16
Nauvoo	793	15,942.46	15,904.46	38.00	578.30		1,141.45
Illinois, Northeastern	863	25,337.30	25,268.48	68.82	566.85		1,161.20
Rock Island	2,422	29,365.26	29,090.76	274.50	840.96		2,722.74
Illinois, Southeastern	1,500	19,391.99	19,361.30	30.69	299.64		1,803.13
Indiana, Northern	1,175	13,737.42	13,655.19	82.23	206.61		1,314.84
Indiana, Southern	1,216	13,447.89	13,153.44	294.45	160.52		1,477.68
Des Moines	2,536	40,560.99	40,257.57	303.42	157.37		3,335.15
Iowa, Northwestern	2,250	27,633.44	27,315.61	317.83	1,150.43		2,456.14
Iowa, Southwestern	1,932	23,434.06	23,023.08	410.98	348.31		2,292.20
Kansas	1,326	17,870.75	17,849.27	21.48	95.07		1,734.75
Kaw Valley	822	8,909.91	8,874.33	35.58	13.00		1,044.10
Memphis	1,354	15,869.62	15,831.52	38.10	99.96		1,253.93
Maine	1,280	10,313.40	10,190.80	122.60	623.28		1,329.81
Metropolitan Washington, D.C.	793	21,227.04	21,037.04	190.00	398.28		1,801.15
South New England (Mass.)	1,144	14,885.34	14,727.72	157.62	213.57		1,943.65
Michigan, Central	1,427	17,483.81	17,473.01	10.80	359.43		1,955.98
Michigan, Eastern	1,229	18,138.85	18,078.03	60.82	91.88		1,897.69
Flint-Port Huron	2,702	52,610.34	52,296.31	314.03	23.09		2,505.50
Grand Rapids	1,369	17,210.79	17,009.90	200.89	84.71		1,411.66
Lansing, Michigan	945	15,858.15	15,738.42	119.73	48.71		983.54
Michigan, Northern	1,421	10,476.90	10,337.95	138.95	190.73		1,138.87
Michigan, South Central	1,759	24,007.89	23,780.88	227.01	252.81		1,764.95
Michigan, Upper Peninsula	516	5,472.50	5,472.50		380.19		653.60
Minnesota	1,159	11,648.92	11,440.66	208.26	386.85		967.76
Missouri Missionary Area	841	7,572.25	7,522.11	50.14	39.59		1,019.70
Rich Hill	1,155	16,987.17	16,874.35	112.82	41.88		1,943.95
St. Louis	1,787	26,354.09	26,257.56	96.53	1,070.84		2,168.29
Missouri, Southern	438	3,094.83	3,081.38	13.45	6.07		541.35
Springfield	831	7,431.88	7,250.07	181.81	248.59		1,361.59
Spring River	1,920	26,783.27	26,715.96	67.31	405.08	1,237.79	2,802.68
Montana, Northern Plains	353	3,962.81	3,942.51	20.30	181.75	3,597.80	398.81
Montana, Western	625	10,974.66	10,885.71	88.95	299.68	1,365.88	905.79
Nebraska	646	7,787.11	7,709.59	77.52	77.80		620.80
Nebraska, Eastern	1,980	26,585.99	26,271.91	314.08	308.78		1,840.03
New York	642	13,700.41	13,510.38	190.03	419.96		1,095.60
New York Metropolitan	566	11,115.15	10,998.87	116.28	415.91		792.25
North Dakota-Red River	449	5,949.50	5,894.50	55.00	336.62		526.54
Ohio-Columbus	1,179	19,679.48	19,258.94	420.54	428.25		1,506.85
Kirtland	2,057	43,730.00	43,275.59	454.41	467.57		3,031.02
Ohio, Northwestern	881	16,976.81	16,871.21	105.60	13.40		1,180.44
Ohio, Southern	1,948	22,707.80	22,551.91	155.89	406.62		2,319.34
Youngstown	624	6,704.32	6,613.05	91.27	384.04		816.69
Oklahoma City	1,261	23,084.52	22,446.44	638.01	191.97		1,558.76
Tulsa	1,767	27,298.64	27,181.03	117.61	38.17		1,331.11
Oklahoma, Western	578	2,677.62	2,667.62	10.00	267.21		684.16
Columbia River	2,024	19,198.79	19,053.59	145.20	257.67		2,388.82
Southern Oregon	716	4,633.93	4,627.43	6.50	27.66		943.84
Philadelphia Metropolitan	825	14,794.76	14,677.64	117.12	164.12		1,460.79
Pittsburgh	732	12,578.98	12,520.86	58.12	109.30		1,160.41
Scranton	484	5,962.69	5,903.53	59.16	147.22		759.50
Unorganized Domestic	2,580	16,419.04	16,220.73	198.31	237.82	1,000.00	1,963.71
Unorganized Arizona	778	11,047.91	10,986.93	60.98	85.69		947.71
Unorganized Canada	1,153	7,868.37	7,769.47	98.90	61.24		778.37
Unorganized Foreign		1,092.90	1,065.90	27.00	4.00		59.26

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STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1956	Total Tithes and Offerings	Tithes	General Offering	(Memo) Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Texas, Central.....	1,644	18,361.42	18,250.18	111.24	315.76		2,347.63
Texas, Southwestern.....	991	12,219.49	12,173.28	46.21	133.88		1,319.84
Texas, Western.....	586	4,972.77	4,925.46	47.31	51.29		987.97
Utah.....	535	4,020.93	4,014.56	6.37	11.45		548.55
Seattle, Washington.....	2,211	27,355.48	27,181.54	173.94	286.15		2,729.97
Spokane.....	1,304	12,125.98	12,093.12	32.86	247.61		1,679.57
West Virginia.....	1,301	10,224.44	10,153.44	71.00	278.17		1,233.93
Wisconsin.....	1,268	13,672.53	13,508.42	164.11	142.63		1,457.62
Alberta.....	875	11,047.54	11,027.17	20.37	63.17		938.96
British Columbia.....	860	7,729.33	7,625.44	103.89	184.22		793.13
Chatham.....	1,275	11,846.26	11,731.24	115.02	217.04		1,414.28
London.....	1,337	16,945.65	16,777.20	168.45	177.42		1,414.91
Owen Sound.....	1,164	17,649.27	17,391.77	257.50	363.69		1,958.09
Toronto.....	2,039	35,435.28	34,687.38	747.90	839.82	100.00	2,665.61
Saskatchewan.....	893	8,995.54	8,893.20	102.34	121.48	120.00	740.02
England.....	1,579	4,721.94	4,444.80	277.14	301.13		803.51
Australia.....	3,806	33,921.48	33,731.69	189.79	39.90	1,896.95	2,548.45
Germany.....	1,404	2,221.46	1,440.18	781.28			261.46
Holland.....	402	1,035.11	1,033.17	1.94			129.22
Society Islands.....	2,271	5,468.95	4,368.85	1,100.10			354.13
Scandinavia.....	69	312.48	292.48	20.00			69.32
New Zealand.....		425.83	425.83				35.23
General Church.....							183.60
General Conference.....							5,588.89
		<u>\$2,050,536.84</u>	<u>\$2,028,870.98</u>	<u>\$ 21,665.86</u>	<u>\$22,736.75</u>	<u>*\$ 19,595.14</u>	<u>\$211,332.79</u>

*See Exhibit B

Statement of Income (Excluding Surplus)

For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1957	Total Tithes and Offerings	Tithes	General Offering	(Memo) Christmas Offering	(Memo) Auditorium Contributions	Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Center Stake.....	10,962	\$ 313,969.93	\$ 308,140.78	\$ 5,829.15	\$ 388.63	\$ 43,984.09	\$ 300.00	\$ 23,003.08
Central Missouri Stake.....	2,933	47,949.20	47,648.33	300.87	91.21	4,974.14		10,827.42
Far West Stake.....	3,202	55,565.52	55,268.95	296.57	10.31	11,215.11		4,478.81
Kansas City Stake.....	4,343	79,811.98	78,876.75	935.23	11.93	10,425.54		7,037.87
Lamoni Stake.....	2,295	41,977.63	41,794.89	182.74	8.79*	5,843.14		4,370.25
Detroit Stake.....	4,660	94,287.32	93,610.88	676.44	380.46	12,141.11		10,575.48
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....	4,172	59,084.48	58,171.23	913.25	838.85	5,994.55		5,767.54
Alabama District.....	859	7,378.89	7,368.89	10.00	110.29	7,335.20		758.85
Mobile.....	1,778	21,965.72	21,904.27	61.45	196.69	3,889.58		2,412.03
Arizona.....	890	12,133.66	12,015.20	118.46	88.51	527.04		1,317.24
Arkansas and Louisiana.....	1,265	5,356.46	5,337.71	18.75	24.53	467.35		889.24
California, Central.....	1,005	11,088.86	11,057.41	31.45	20.04	1,199.17		1,499.31
California, Sacramento Valley.....	1,273	16,295.74	16,024.63	271.11	86.61	1,449.65		2,200.61
California, San Francisco Bay.....	2,181	30,935.83	30,711.79	224.04	57.05	2,179.70		3,220.16
California, Southern.....	2,304	34,034.32	33,707.35	326.97	451.57	2,070.23		3,833.01
Colorado-Kansas.....	1,038	11,155.76	11,062.35	93.41	215.02	2,056.41		1,592.95
Colorado, Eastern.....	2,261	25,521.38	25,153.18	368.20	465.68	2,651.18		3,204.75
Colorado, Western.....	413	1,985.77	1,970.47	15.30	100.25	713.34		541.65
Florida, Lower.....	935	14,092.87	13,970.26	122.61	51.37	1,232.63		1,850.37
Pensacola.....	1,647	16,008.59	15,908.28	100.31	36.34	636.19		1,282.70
Hawaii.....	1,022	11,112.54	10,854.31	258.23	92.66	1,343.27		1,619.63
Idaho.....	838	12,946.46	12,806.12	140.34	348.01	749.89		955.14
Illinois, Central.....	881	9,053.85	8,979.22	74.63	31.55	1,642.13		1,440.25
Chicago.....	1,325	24,025.47	23,832.05	193.42	500.32	1,925.85		2,094.23
Galesburg.....	560	6,559.02	6,523.77	35.25	348.02	1,036.25		721.63
Nauvoo.....	781	13,217.59	13,198.20	19.39	475.59	1,680.47		1,315.39
Illinois, Northeastern.....	899	17,257.22	17,108.80	148.42	474.22	2,127.31		1,372.70
Rock Island.....	957	14,836.97	14,716.51	120.46	235.29	1,416.33	376.01	1,470.82
Illinois, Southeastern.....	1,540	19,672.35	19,653.48	18.87	319.64	1,230.72		1,909.83
Indiana, Northern.....	1,214	14,883.78	14,817.86	65.92	172.65	2,284.24	13,017.32	1,723.81
Indiana, Southern.....	1,273	17,860.80	17,745.55	115.25	140.99	1,203.38		1,658.90
Des Moines.....	2,556	36,610.06	36,394.36	215.70	194.22	4,816.71		4,595.95
Iowa, Northwestern.....	2,225	23,198.08	22,918.33	279.75	1,269.20	2,149.94	3,600.00	2,534.27
Iowa, Southwestern.....	1,965	22,865.10	22,505.59	359.51	289.65	6,975.49	34,776.59	2,582.80
Waterloo-Clinton.....	901	7,983.28	7,859.48	123.80	76.75	789.82		1,256.72
Kansas.....	1,356	19,113.44	19,096.58	16.86	77.30	1,104.57		1,814.47
Kaw Valley.....	832	8,364.17	8,289.83	74.34	17.85	2,206.31		1,046.31
Miami-Pittsburg.....	1,059	16,508.47	14,448.40	2,060.07	147.58	3,538.01		1,986.42
Memphis.....	1,339	15,810.15	15,704.15	106.00	52.11	942.85		1,518.63

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STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enrollment Dec. 31, 1957	Total Tithes and Offerings	Tithes	General Offering	(Memo) Christmas Offering	(Memo) Auditorium Contributions	Requests	(Memo) Oblation
Maine.....	1,292	11,794.90	11,651.87	143.03	808.27	915.11		1,580.46
Metropolitan Washington, D.C.....	853	20,012.76	19,747.29	265.47	735.93	1,536.61		1,958.40
South New England (Mass.).....	1,153	16,740.65	16,611.42	129.23	175.07	1,840.18		2,054.18
Michigan, Central.....	1,491	15,354.49	15,326.90	27.59	386.56	1,983.32		1,986.80
Michigan, Eastern.....	1,292	16,918.49	16,838.31	80.18	39.16	2,440.76	75.00	2,307.63
Flint-Port Huron.....	2,739	42,288.07	40,903.04	1,385.03	8.97	3,141.53		3,240.73
Grand Rapids.....	1,376	18,893.70	18,718.83	174.87	52.80	1,572.17		1,778.19
Lansing, Michigan.....	978	16,837.87	16,725.73	112.14	43.64	763.23		1,470.85
Michigan, Northern.....	1,466	15,559.19	15,407.65	151.54	62.34	1,264.59		1,403.41
Michigan, South Bend.....	1,787	25,189.95	24,896.11	293.84	188.91	1,823.75		2,272.41
Michigan, Upper Peninsula.....	518	4,808.51	4,806.51	2.00	202.43	894.75		621.37
Minnesota.....	1,139	11,817.75	11,705.64	112.11	385.18	1,855.60		1,005.68
Joplin.....	894	10,025.70	9,928.08	97.62	177.41	1,546.82		1,334.44
Missouri Missionary Area.....	882	6,865.19	6,821.74	43.45	65.53	831.54		1,175.04
Rich Hill.....	1,175	17,433.83	17,316.30	117.53	22.03	2,917.43		2,119.45
St. Louis.....	1,790	22,860.31	22,673.84	186.47	940.28	2,609.08		4,491.63
Missouri, Southern.....	428	3,701.03	3,700.58	.45	22.24	274.59		467.62
Springfield.....	842	9,103.98	9,009.76	94.22	191.26	858.93		1,618.76
Montana, Northern Plains.....	358	6,167.88	6,162.74	5.14	158.36	639.08	61.55	463.30
Montana, Western.....	644	11,089.82	10,982.89	106.93	180.86	834.77		872.86
Nebraska.....	675	9,567.25	9,468.37	98.88	38.05	1,028.27		792.46
Nebraska, Eastern.....	2,012	25,503.31	25,138.27	365.04	309.27	2,185.04		1,914.00
New York.....	650	13,938.79	13,849.86	88.93	432.77	1,818.75		1,084.53
New York Metropolitan.....	597	12,160.87	12,066.29	94.58	442.86	1,143.89		1,021.77
North Dakota-Red River.....	412	7,813.90	7,691.93	121.97	268.76	1,567.67		537.64
Ohio-Columbus.....	1,215	22,624.98	22,160.22	464.76	445.54	2,681.66		1,915.37
Kirtland.....	2,189	44,320.28	43,839.40	480.88	451.03	3,545.72		3,637.15
Ohio, Northwestern.....	922	20,811.71	20,737.94	73.77	9.65	1,539.61		1,426.28
Ohio, Southern.....	1,900	23,920.72	23,763.38	157.34	369.71	2,086.02	7,366.56	2,703.83
Youngstown.....	631	9,349.41	9,240.75	108.66	181.79	1,196.44		1,012.58
Oklahoma City.....	1,246	21,862.73	21,699.30	163.43	121.75	2,640.49		1,661.03
Tulsa.....	1,785	24,587.22	24,525.37	61.85	24.44	3,243.20		1,983.21
Oklahoma, Western.....	579	3,677.00	3,677.00		241.04	565.86		659.75
Columbia River.....	2,152	21,204.84	21,132.72	72.12	400.11	1,696.41		2,743.74
Southern Oregon.....	736	4,698.75	4,679.18	19.57	39.48	850.92		912.76
Philadelphia Metropolitan.....	802	13,254.34	13,125.74	128.60	141.62	891.60		1,891.27
Pittsburgh.....	776	14,418.58	14,349.07	69.51	98.96	1,085.12		1,279.51
Scranton.....	476	7,111.44	7,011.58	99.86	132.45	1,425.81		773.59
Unorganized Domestic.....	2,785	21,447.58	21,255.19	192.39	111.30	1,747.80		2,260.29
Unorganized Canada.....	948	10,911.69	10,890.44	21.25	124.85	472.43		928.12
Unorganized Foreign.....		2,841.61	2,841.61		4.00	1,010.00		29.40
Texas, Central.....	1,659	21,503.44	21,438.42	65.02	136.96	1,560.94		2,223.63
Texas, Southwestern.....	1,005	13,843.80	13,803.23	40.57	70.73	1,477.74		1,510.83
Texas, Western.....	602	5,627.47	5,554.02	73.45	107.45	720.70		1,015.40
Utah.....	522	4,291.15	4,290.31	.84	38.06	1,047.27		639.26
Washington, Seattle.....	2,250	31,137.98	30,978.32	159.66	228.63	1,883.18		3,532.83
Spokane.....	1,332	14,656.50	14,624.68	31.82	210.11	897.62		1,930.75
West Virginia.....	1,350	11,812.37	11,749.63	62.74	279.38	1,331.65		1,324.05
Wisconsin.....	1,307	15,724.13	15,636.11	88.02	161.10	1,462.28		1,378.05
Alberta.....	895	12,483.99	12,442.99	41.00	92.16	1,170.37		1,030.79
British Columbia.....	907	8,831.63	8,743.13	88.50	128.22	854.98		1,011.51
Chatham.....	1,288	11,516.99	11,462.62	54.37	185.81	1,512.27	803.03	1,398.39
London.....	1,375	16,435.83	16,156.08	329.75	141.13	2,777.22		1,385.91
Owen Sound.....	1,160	15,456.83	15,261.33	195.50	416.83	2,353.30	108.75	2,016.86
Toronto.....	2,014	41,628.31	41,459.13	169.18	747.28	3,767.40	500.00	2,890.54
Saskatchewan.....	904	7,005.01	6,927.10	77.91	131.62	527.39	120.00	700.14
England.....	1,592	9,486.78	5,502.23	3,984.55	328.03	212.46		848.98
Australia.....	3,864	37,853.87	37,652.56	201.31	29.13	903.86		5,186.70
Germany.....	1,396	2,526.82	2,093.02	433.80		567.54	4.28	438.39
Holland.....	400	1,078.95	1,075.75	3.20		128.09		200.91
Society Islands.....	2,314	3,891.79	3,172.02	719.77	61.52			353.88
Scandinavia.....	68	644.39	614.89	29.50		16.29		111.74
New Zealand.....		909.37	906.57	2.80		35.78		137.21
General Church.....								196.80
		<u>*\$2,140,367.18</u>	<u>\$2,111,779.17</u>	<u>\$ 28,588.01</u>	<u>\$21,610.96</u>	<u>\$244,323.77</u>	<u>*\$ 61,109.09</u>	<u>\$221,131.26</u>

*See Exhibit B

Statement of Income and Expense

OBLATION FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

INCOME:

Oblation Contribution.....	\$221,131.26	
Interest Income.....	4,196.15	
Miscellaneous	205.57	\$225,532.98

RESTHAVEN:

Resthaven Operating Income:		
Income from Patients.....	\$104,251.43	
Contributions to Resthaven.....	6,602.67	
	<u>\$110,854.10</u>	

Resthaven Operating Expense:

Payroll Tax.....	\$ 1,884.24	
General Salaries—Operating.....	31,443.40	
Nurses' Salaries.....	54,243.99	
Supplies	17,679.43	
Laundry	6,440.73	
Utilities	6,801.87	
Repairs and Maintenance.....	6,941.89	
Miscellaneous	1,759.35	
Insurance	1,385.08	
Depreciation	4,635.88	
Resthaven Operating Expense.....	<u>133,215.86</u>	
Resthaven Net Loss.....		<u>\$ 22,361.76</u>

REAL ESTATE OPERATION:

	Income	Expense	Net
598 9904 - 12 Winner Road	1,200.00	\$ 257.77	\$ (942.23)
635 Social Service Center, Indep. Mo.		1,209.60	1,209.60
Total	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,467.37</u>	267.37

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE:

Expense:		
Aid Granted.....	\$80,709.14	
Payroll Tax.....	42.77	
Office Salary.....	1,900.94	
General Expense.....	8.37	82,661.22
Total Expense.....		<u>105,290.35</u>
Net Income.....		<u>\$120,242.63</u>

Church Auditor's Report of Examination

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

We have examined the records of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an unincorporated association with headquarters at Independence, Missouri, and have prepared the balance sheets of the funds as of December 31, 1956 and 1957, the related statements of income and expense, and equities for the years then ended. Without making a detailed audit, the accounting records of the church, the accounting procedures and other evidence have been reviewed in support of the financial statements. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances, and tests were made to the extent we deemed appropriate.

The following comments apply to the balance sheets at December 31, 1956 and 1957, and to the transactions for the accounting periods then ended.

Cash in banks was verified by direct correspondence with the depositories and by reconciliation.

United States Government and Canadian securities are held for safekeeping by the First National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, as fiscal agent. Verification was made by direct correspondence and by reconciliation.

GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUND

The assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the Central Development Association and the Real Estate Department are consolidated in this fund. Reports of examination of these two operations have been made to the First Presidency.

Cash in the hands of bishops and agents, except for funds held in missions abroad, was traced to subsequent receipts and deposits.

Funds due from or to the Australasian and Society Islands Missions are not included in the amount due from bishops and agents but are included in the accounts of the Australasian and Society Islands Missions.

Real estate contracts are assets of the Real Estate Department and are detailed

in the report of examination of that department.

Accounts receivable which include amounts due from related institutions were verified by reference to individual ledger sheets and by other supporting evidence. Notes receivable were examined.

Inventories of feed, livestock, and supplies were taken and priced by farm managers. We tested the accuracy of pricing and computations of inventories.

In accordance with a policy approved by the Presiding Bishopric the operation of farming properties owned by the Ministerial Reserve Fund and the Stewardship-Endowment Fund was placed on a fiscal year ending February 28. Net earnings from farming operations for the fiscal years ended February 28, 1956 and 1957, are included in the equities of the funds owning the farms.

The beneficial interest in the Stewardship-Endowment Fund represents the difference between the depreciated value of the Atherton and Spring Branch real estate and the amount due Graceland College in the form of bonds and an account payable. The beneficial interest is increased by the expenditure of funds for capital items and reduced by annual

provisions for depreciation. Earnings on these lands from farm operations are held in the Stewardship-Endowment Fund as earned equity.

Additions to furniture, fixtures, and equipment were examined, and depreciation in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00 was charged to the General Fund as operating expense.

Unexpired insurance on real estate improvements and transportation deposits relative to the Society Islands Mission comprise the amount stated as "Deferred Charges."

The assets entitled "Australasian Mission" represents the net worth of that mission at December 31, 1956 and 1957, as reported by the bishop in Australia.

Accounts Payable include accounts with vendors, active and inactive allowances payable, and payroll taxes payable. A major portion of the amount stated as payable at December 31, 1957, has been paid.

Schedules of Administrative Expense (Schedule Number 2), Ministerial Expense (Schedule Number 3), Contributions by Stakes and Districts (Schedule Number 1), are included as a part of this report.

AGENCY FUND

The Agency Fund was created in the year 1942 in order to segregate from the General Fund and other funds all liabilities which for some reason could not be liquidated. It also acts as a depository for cash and bonds held for safekeeping for individuals and church organizations.

CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND

The Consecration Agreement Fund was set up during the year 1942 to record the assets and liabilities relative to certain agreements entered into by the Presiding Bishopric with certain individuals.

These agreements arise out of a desire of individuals to make a contribution to the church and at the same time provide for themselves some security for the future. These agreements are described as follows:

Class B: This class represents the type of agreement wherein the individual turns over to the church cash, bonds, or other negotiable assets as a consecration, in consideration of which the church agrees to pay the individual a regular amount each year, with the possibility of additional (liability reducing) payments in cases of need. The total amount of such additional payments is not to exceed the amount of the original consecration. Furthermore, when such additional amounts are paid, the amounts of the annual payments are reduced proportionately.

Class C: Under this type of contract the individual gives cash, bonds, and in some cases real estate as a consecration. There is no provision for regular annual payments, but the additional payment provision, as in Class B, is included. Some of these agreements provide for the payment of last sickness and funeral expenses. Where real estate has been conveyed to the church, the contract and the asset have been recorded at nominal value. The liability in such cases is limited to the amount which is realized from the sale of the property.

Class D: This represents agreements where there is a definite amount payable per month or per annum, but no additional payments are required.

Class E: This class represents non-negotiable notes, payable to the individual, which contain a provision that the note shall be canceled in the event of the death of the payee.

Class F: This class represents bonds payable to the church at the death of the payee, and both the liability and the asset are carried at nominal value.

Real estate investment represents nominal values, plus costs of acquisition and improvements, of real estate consecrated under an agreement. Some of these agreements provide for a life estate in the real estate by the consecrator.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

The Houses of Worship Fund is divided into two sections. The Restricted Building Fund section consists of cash, accounts receivable, bonds, and other assets which have been acquired by contributions from local congregations or from the sale of houses of worship which were no longer in use. It has been a policy of the church to hold the receipts from the sale of houses of worship in this fund, restricting its use to the acquiring of property in the vicinity of the congregation from which it was acquired. If it is found inadvisable to utilize the asset in the immediate vicinity, it is to be used somewhere in the district in which the branch was located.

Accounts and notes receivable are in the most part due from local congregations.

It has been the practice of the Presiding Bishopric to issue notes to certain local congregations covering contributions to the fund. These notes are shown as liabilities, but they differ from other receipts of the fund only in that a note payable has been issued as evidence of trusteeship.

The Real Estate Investment section represents the portion of the fund invested in buildings and grounds used for local congregations, reunion grounds, and

properties having historical value in connection with the church.

Auditorium building and grounds is stated at the amount carried in the General Fund at December 31, 1942, plus the cost of subsequent construction.

Chapel accounts A, B, and C represent church buildings, reunion grounds, and historical properties, respectively. As a result of a Houses of Worship appraisal survey, an adjustment was made as of December 31, 1949, to increase Chapel A properties to the appraised value of \$5,689,006.94. A like adjustment was made to increase the Invested Surplus account.

Mortgage payable in the amount of \$880.00 represents a liability of this fund to the General Fund (Real Estate Department).

HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND

A revolving fund in the initial amount of \$300,000.00, and increased by subsequent appropriations to \$1,000,000.00, was established in 1946, as a means of assisting branches by means of loans, at a nominal rate of interest in the construction of houses of worship.

Notes Receivable representing loans to branches and districts were examined.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND — MISSIONS

A fund for mission houses of worship was created by a transfer in 1955 from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00. Loans are made at a nominal rate of interest to aid in the construction of houses of worship for missions.

Notes receivable representing loans to branches and districts were examined.

MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

The Ministerial Reserve Fund was created in 1937 and has been increased in subsequent years by appropriations from the General Fund and by income and investments.

The requirements of this fund are computed by the church attorney and are based on the life expectancy of those appointees now covered. The assets of the fund are held to cover retirement costs, death benefits, and other contingent costs relative to future needs of appointees. This fund does not accrue for the benefit of any one minister or his dependents. The annual transfers of cash, although based on individual cases, build up a fund which can be used to provide the necessities of life to the appointee and his dependents after his retirement or after he has reached the age of seventy. The fund balances are carried separately on the books according

to the purpose for which each is intended.

Real Estate represents investment in Missouri farm lands.

Family allowances for those appointees who have reached the age of seventy were charged to the Retirement Reserve.

The Unallocated Reserve represents the segregated reserves which have been accumulated for those ministers whose appointments have terminated.

The Graceland College Faculty Retirement Reserve was created in May, 1942.

AUSTRALASIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

This fund was created by General Fund appropriation of funds received and held in Australia. Subsequent additions have been covered by Conference appropriations.

Cash in banks and government bonds are stated as reflected in the audited reports received from the bishop in Australia.

MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND

This fund was set up in accordance with General Conference action of April 6, 1944. The original appropriation of \$100,000.00 was to provide funds for appointment of personnel in interim Conference periods, with further provision that up to \$5,000.00 annually could be expended for the cost of a school of instruction for ministerial appointees, and provision for the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to cover the cost of preparation and translation of missionary literature into foreign languages.

Subsequent appropriations have been made to rehabilitate the fund.

OBLATION FUND

The Oblation Fund was created to record the contributions received as oblation subsequent to January 1, 1942, and to record the disbursement of these funds. This fund is restricted only to the extent that it shall be used "for the purpose of giving temporary aid and benevolences, and at the same time to make possible their use for the permanent rehabilitation of those who have become physically incapacitated or disabled, and who are worthy of the assistance and help of the church."

The surplus of this fund is increased or decreased by the operational deficit or surplus of Resthaven.

Accounts, notes, and contracts receivable were examined and are considered to be well secured.

Real Estate Investment represents the Resthaven property, the Social Service Center building, and other property located in Independence, Missouri.

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

This fund was created by General Conference action of April 6, 1944, the purpose being that of providing a fund of sufficient amount to permit the appropriation of operating expense from this fund rather than from the income of the current year.

STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND

Created by General Conference action of April 9, 1950, the purposes of this fund are detailed in a document presented to the Conference on April 8, 1950. Contributions specifically designated for this fund are included in the fund equity.

STEWARDSHIP-ENDOWMENT FUND

General Conference action of April 6, 1944, authorized the segregation of the Atherton and Spring Branch farm lands as collateral for the bonds issued to the Graceland College Endowment Fund. The net differences between the real estate investment and the amount payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund is designated "Beneficial Interest-General Fund," and appears in the General Funds as an asset.

It is the expressed opinion of the Presiding Bishopric that "the net income from these lands is to be made available for improvements as may be necessary and required for further development of the lands segregated." The capital account of this fund is the net earnings from operation of these lands.

The bonds payable to the Graceland College Endowment Fund matured January 6, 1956.

SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUND

This fund was created by action of General Conference on April 6, 1944, and subsequent action. The funds are held subject to disbursement in accordance with the requirements contained in the appropriations.

The institutions for which these funds are held are designated in the balance sheet of this fund.

UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FUND

This fund was created in the year 1947 in order to properly segregate funds held for future needs.

Allocation of these funds is detailed in the Equity section of Fund Balance Sheet.

OPINION

In our opinion, the accompanying fund balance sheets and related statements of income and expense and equities present fairly the position of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at December 31, 1956 and 1957, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accepted accounting principles, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LLOYD L. BLAND

Certified Public Accountant

July 17, 1958

Independence, Missouri

Reports of the Board of Publication

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The Board of Publications presents herewith its report covering the period since the General Conference of April, 1956. The report of Kenneth L. Graham, Secretary Manager, is made a part of the report and indicates the nature of the problems with which the Board of Publications has labored and the areas in which we believe progress has been made.

Condensed Balance Sheets for the three years ending May 31 of 1956, 1957, and 1958, with a statement of examination by auditor, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., are also included. Herald House finances remain in a healthy condition although current liabilities show a sizable increase and for the first time in many years there has been a decline in Net Worth during an inter-Conference period.

A small gain in 1956 was offset by losses in 1957 and 1958, and the production of the new religious education ma-

terials made necessary an inventory adjustment on our books totaling nearly \$11,000.00 of obsolete church school material. The equity balance of May 31, 1958, is \$329,140.34, or \$8,166.53 less than the May 31, 1955, equity reported to last Conference.

The needs are becoming more urgent for additional facilities with which the publishing division of the church can meet the growing needs and opportunities of an expanding church.

We are appreciative of the support given to the Herald House by the church membership. The Board of Publications is deeply concerned with its stewardship and dedicated to the task of establishing and maintaining policies which will enable the Herald House to give increasingly better service to the church.

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
W. N. Johnson, *Chairman*

Herald Publishing House

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS May 31, 1956, 1957, 1958

ASSETS	1958	1957	1956
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash	\$ 15,016.23	\$ 16,679.20	\$ 8,833.70
U. S. Government Bonds.....	5,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Accounts Receivable — Net.....	51,825.46	74,574.14	53,387.47
Inventories	328,818.79	267,607.47	285,947.88
Other Current Assets.....	6,756.24	11,508.87	12,126.89
Total Current Assets.....	<u>\$407,416.72</u>	<u>\$383,369.68</u>	<u>\$373,295.94</u>
FIXED ASSETS (Net of Depreciation):			
Land, Buildings, and Improvements.....	85,867.99	88,077.87	90,408.29
Machinery, Furniture and Equipment.....	39,048.28	42,469.42	50,961.19
Tools and Type.....	4,759.00	3,592.81	2,905.81
Bookstore — Leasehold Improvements and Equipment.....	9,927.42	12,145.02	14,364.16
Total Fixed Assets.....	<u>\$139,602.69</u>	<u>\$146,285.12</u>	<u>\$158,639.45</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u>\$547,019.41</u>	<u>\$529,654.80</u>	<u>\$531,935.39</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Trade Accounts Payable.....	\$ 37,927.25	\$ 12,278.58	\$ 17,403.52
Customers' Credit Balances.....	968.41	425.55	373.29
Taxes Payable.....	4,983.72	4,615.41	3,846.02
Other Payable.....	712.52	250.09	345.78
Commissions Payable.....	20,022.53	22,120.60	15,108.73
Notes Payable.....	21,000.00	12,000.00	13,920.60
Accrued Salaries Payable.....	1,925.00	1,797.38	3,914.41
Employees Funds and Holding Account.....	604.29	560.63	524.11
Total Current Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 88,143.72</u>	<u>\$ 54,048.24</u>	<u>\$ 55,436.46</u>
DEFERRED CREDITS:			
Unexpired Subscriptions.....	\$ 54,500.80	\$ 54,107.33	\$ 52,432.71
SINKING FUND RESERVE — BUILDING.....	\$ 9,234.55	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
REAPPRAISAL SURPLUS.....	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
EQUITY:			
Balance, June 1.....	346,499.23	349,066.22	337,306.87
Gain or (Loss).....	(6,588.90)	(2,566.99)	9,420.11
Other Adjustments.....	(10,769.99)	—	2,339.24
Balance May 31.....	<u>\$329,140.34</u>	<u>\$346,499.23</u>	<u>\$349,066.22</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$547,019.41</u>	<u>\$529,654.80</u>	<u>\$531,935.39</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of the Herald Publishing House as of May 31, 1956, 1957, and 1958, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the house and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent I deemed appropriate.

In my opinion the accompanying balance sheets present fairly the financial position of the Herald Publishing House at May 31, 1956, 1957, and 1958, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding years, except for procedures relating to fixed assets. On June 6, 1955, the Herald Publishing House Board of Publication adopted a resolution which set up a new appraised value for the building, then fully depreciated. The new value in the amount of \$75,000.00 is to be written off over a period of twenty-five years. In conjunction with this a sinking fund was established into which is paid an amount identical to the amount of depreciation written off each year. The purpose is to provide a fund to cover the cost of a building program in the future. Detailed reports of examination have been made to the First Presidency.

Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A.

Independence, Missouri
August 10, 1958

Report of the Manager

An effective measuring stick of any church department or institution is the service it renders to its constituent body. It is our conviction that in terms of service Herald House has shown real growth since last General Conference. Because of continued growth during this

same period we have been faced with the need for certain major internal reorganization programs. We regret that it has been necessary to inconvenience many of our customers while these changes have been taking place. As Conference convenes, however, most of the adjustments have been completed and we believe that Herald House is better prepared to serve the church and its members throughout the world than ever be-

fore. For example, most merchandise orders are now shipped within twenty-four hours after receipt, the *Saints' Herald* is mailed more than a full day earlier than previously, each merchandise shipment now contains either the customer's original order, or a packing slip giving each customer complete information about his order, and monthly statements are now mailed within two or three days from the close of the month.

PERIODICALS

As anticipated in our last Conference report, *Stride*, the magazine for church youth, became a reality in October, 1956. This monthly periodical is receiving much praise from the youth, parents, and youth leaders where it is received. Unfortunately, however, we find that many people in all parts of the church seem to be uninformed about *Stride* in spite of the fact that it has been advertised more extensively than any other of the church periodicals. After two years its circulation is less than 5,000 and consequently production cost is much higher than the \$2.50 per year subscription price. Herald House shall continue to furnish the subsidies necessary to make *Stride* and other magazines showing a financial loss available, but we urge all families with young people to avail themselves of this excellent enrichment magazine.

The *Saints' Herald* circulation is currently about 17,000 subscribers. We believe that this is somewhat below the maximum possible number. Saints who do not now receive the official church magazine will find themselves better informed when they, too, become a part of the growing family of *Herald* subscribers.

Daily Bread, the family devotional magazine, continues to be well received by the church. It currently goes into approximately 7,000 church homes each bimonthly period. *Guidelines to Leadership*, the magazine for church school directors and teachers, Zion's League leaders, music directors, priesthood, and women's leaders is not reaching nearly all the group for which it is designed. All department leaders should be able to improve their service with the help of *Guidelines*, but only 3,000 are currently availing themselves of this tool.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

Concurrent with the opening of the Conference, church schools throughout the church are starting to use new graded lesson materials for all departments, kindergarten through senior high. These materials which fill a long-time need are the result of the combined efforts of the staff of the Department of Religious Education, numerous authors, artists, editors, as well as the many printers and office personnel of Herald House. This

new curriculum, which has been more than five years in preparation, has required an expenditure by Herald House of more than \$15,000.00 before the first quarter materials were ready for distribution. By the end of the first full three-year cycle in September, 1961, our investment in the complete set of graded literature will have reached \$180,000.00. Besides the publishing house expenditure, the Religious Education Department has invested a sizable part of its budget of man-hours and money in what we believe is the finest, most helpful church school literature ever produced by the church.

Besides the graded series, there are also available several new elective texts for the older youth and adult groups. All branch and church school leaders are urged to give careful attention to the use of these materials that they might help enrich the life of the entire church.

BOOKS

A high point in the history of book publishing in the church was reached with the release of *The Hymnal* in the fall of 1956. This worship aid was more than five years in preparation by members of the General Church Music Department, *The Hymnal* Committee, and the various departments of Herald House. An investment of nearly \$50,000.00 was required before the book was ready for distribution and it has been sold at a price very little above manufacturing cost. *The Hymnal* was so readily accepted throughout the church that the original edition of 25 thousand was sold before books were available. As of now, just two years later, 65,866 copies are in use. The church now has a complete line of departmentalized music books for all ages which include the following: *The Book of Little Hymns and Other Songs* for the young children, *The Children's Hymnal*, published in the summer of 1957 and in use in many church schools for the older boys and girls, *The Hymnal for Youth*, for high school and college ages, and *The Hymnal* for general use. Published simultaneously with *The Hymnal* was *How to Use the Hymnal* by Franklyn S. Weddle, which has proved a valuable tool to pastors, choristers, and other branch leaders. A current project in the music field is the development of a special hymnbook in the Tahitian language for the Saints in the French Oceania Mission. This is a joint project of the appointees in that mission with the Music Department and Herald House.

A number of other books for study and reference have been released during the inter-Conference period and several others are in various stages of prepara-

tion for publication during the coming year.

One of the most interesting parts of our book publishing program is the Missionary Book of Mormon project which originated in the General Conference with subsequent Joint Council action in 1948. That action provided for a one dollar edition of the book to be used for missionary purposes with all costs of more than a dollar to be subsidized by the General Church. In the ten years ensuing, nearly 48,000 copies of the book have been distributed with no gain to Herald House. Until recently each edition has required some subsidy. With constantly increasing sales and less expensive sources of manufacturing, Herald House was able to reduce the cost of the last edition to where no subsidy was needed. Since 1956 sales have been at the rate of about 10,000 copies per year compared to 1,000 when it was first released. In spite of the success of this missionary binding, all other bindings of the book continue to sell well.

SUPPLIES

In an effort to increase its service to the branches, Herald House has within the past year added several new and exclusive church supply items. Among these are a special embroidered church seal Communion cloth, an embroidered pulpit fall, an improved church flag, a new line of choir and baptismal robes, and several items of church furniture. For the first time our entire supply line will be on display at this Conference. All delegates and visitors are urged to see these new materials.

DISTRIBUTION

The major method of distributing church literature and supplies continues to be mail order, through the headquarters branch and Herald House (Canada) in Guelph, Ontario. During the past year the mail order department in Independence processed 67,720 orders which was an increase of 1.7 per cent over the previous year, and 5.3 per cent over 1956. The volume of literature distributed to Saints in Canada has more than tripled since the Guelph office was opened in 1952, and we are also happy to note a steady increase of activity by the agency in Sydney, Australia, which has recently changed its official name to Herald House (Australia). Government regulations still limit the amount of materials that can be received by the church in England, but our agent there is doing his very best to be of service under existing conditions.

While there is evident growth in Herald House services to the English-speaking missions, there is also gradually de-

veloping missionary literature in other languages. There are currently available tracts in Norwegian, Dutch, German, and Spanish, and material is now being prepared in French. Also in preparation is a new hymnal for the Tahitian Saints, and it is hoped that the Spanish Book of Mormon might be ready before another Conference.

Book Stewards in 571 branches and congregations continue to be a major source of Herald House distribution. Each year these local agents are responsible for about one half of our total sales volume. For these services Herald House has returned more than \$40,000.00 in commissions to the branches in the past two years.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

In our last two Conference reports we have called attention to the inadequacy of the present publishing house building. Since moving to Independence in 1921, sales volume has increased more than twelve times, personnel has tripled, and we believe service to the church has increased accordingly without any added office or plant space. The building is presently so crowded it is usually necessary for two editors or office supervisors to share one small office. Storage areas for the printing and shipping departments have been reduced to such an extent that it is now necessary to lease outside warehouse space, costing more than \$1,500.00 annually. Each year the printing department, although operating at near maximum capacity, is able to complete a smaller proportion of the total work produced. During the most recent fiscal year we were required to purchase more than one third of our total production from commercial printers and binders. Much of this is because we have practically no space in which to install added printing equipment which is needed. Specific action looking toward improved and enlarged building facilities must be taken in the very near future if the publishing house is to keep pace with the over-all growth of the church.

IN RETROSPECT AND OUTLOOK

Before the convening of another General Conference a major milestone in church publishing will have been passed. In January, 1960, the *Saints' Herald*, first publication of the Reorganization, will be one hundred years old. In both the beginning of the Restoration movement and the Reorganization, the printed word preceded completion of the formal organization of the church. Members of today's Herald House staff are grateful for those early pioneers who sacrificed to make the gospel message available in printed form. We believe that the pub-

lishing division has contributed to the growth of the church during the hundred years since the Reorganization and are proud that we have had a part in the more recent period.

As we plan for the second century with its great challenges, we do so with the desire that we might help to improve and enlarge the medium of the printed word so that in the hearts of devoted church members everywhere the gospel might truly be taken to "every nation, kindred, and tongue."

KENNETH L. GRAHAM
Secretary-Manager

Report of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital and School of Nursing

The attached report of Bishop A. Neal Deaver, Administrator of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, together with the Treasurer's Report and condensed Balance Sheets, covering the period under consideration, are passed to you for consideration and possible approval.

F. H. EDWARDS, *Vice-Chairman
of the Board of Trustees*

Report of the Independence
Sanitarium and Hospital and
School of Nursing
September, 1958

DIRECTORS

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital and School of Nursing is composed of
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Raymond J. Ashenhurst, Chaplain during report period
Robert S. Farnham, Incoming Chaplain
Nelle Morgan, R.N., Director of Nursing
Vida E. Butterworth, Educational Director
O. Lee Ralston, Comptroller
Urban Black, Chief Engineer

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

It is a privilege to report the activities of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital and School of Nursing since last General Conference. This has been a period of continued growth and challenge. It is not possible to draw attention to all of the activities of this institution during the report period, but those activities and responsibilities reported here attest to our desire to better serve the church and the community of Zion.

THE LOSS OF PRESIDENT ISRAEL A. SMITH

The untimely accident and passing of President Israel A. Smith on last June 14 came as a shock and great loss to all who work for this institution of the church just as his loss was felt throughout the church. Somehow, his influence and the charitable interest he manifested in every patient cared for and in every student in school here gave us reason to appreciate his kindly interest and genuine direction as chairman of our Board of Trustees. The frequency with which he visited the hospital and the counsel he gave will always be appreciated. This great loss to the church is shared throughout our entire working staff. The following resolution passed by the Board of Trustees acknowledges the loss of our President and expresses appreciation by all concerned:

President Israel A. Smith gave many years of service to the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, having served as a member of the Board and as secretary-treasurer from June 16, 1920, to January 30, 1925. He served again at a later period from November 2, 1938, being elected president of the board May 1, 1946. In this office he served until the time of his death, June 14, 1958.

The excellent contribution that he made in this capacity has had far-reaching effect in the life of the institution and certainly in the lives of every member of the Board of Trustees, the administrator, and all who came in contact with his gracious personality. He served with efficiency, with dignity, and always with an appreciation of the services of the members of the board, the administration, and all those who make up the personnel of this institution.

We of the Board of Trustees pay tribute to him and express our sincere regret in the great loss which has been felt in his death. We wish to express our sympathy to his son Don, and family, and to his brothers and sister.

THE MEDICAL STAFF

This hospital is fortunate in having a group of physicians who are profes-

sionally qualified and who co-operate closely with the hospital in the interests of the patient. At the present time there are 85 physicians on the several staffs as follows:

Honorary Staff	6
Active Staff	49
Associate Staff	2
Courtesy Staff, Medical	24
Courtesy Staff, Dental	4
Total	85

Officers of the Medical Staff for 1958 are

President, Merrill R. Bay, M.D.
President Elect—Otto H. Elser, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer, P. L. Bachmann, M.D.

Members of the Medical Staff Executive Committee are

M. R. Bay, M.D., Chairman
George Aaron, M.D.
P. L. Bachmann, M.D.
O. H. Elser, M.D.
R. F. Gard, M.D.
Chas. F. Grabske, M.D.
S. J. Kranson, M.D.
W. R. Stacey, M.D.
J. T. VanBiber, M.D.

A. Neal Deaver, Recording Secretary

The art of caring for the varied and numerous ailments of patients is an attainment growing out of years of training and experience. Basic to this care is the acknowledgment of trustee responsibility in providing policies and objectives within the framework of which the patient is assured of prompt diagnosis and thorough medical care. Our trustees are very active in assuming their full responsibility to the church and to the hospital, and recognizing changing trends in medical care, they have recently revised the aims and objectives of the hospital to conform to these trends. These objectives are as follows:

1. To maintain an efficient, well-equipped, and fully accredited general hospital in the community of Independence.
2. To provide care for patients without prejudice as to race, creed, or social position, subject to available space, personnel, equipment, and funds.
3. To maintain within the Board of Trustees any necessary committees to co-ordinate the work of the Trustees with the Medical Staff, looking toward better care of the patient.
4. To be guided by Christian principles, as understood by the sponsoring church, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in all of its patient-care and educational activities.

5. To organize and carry out educational activities on a professional and semiprofessional level in the fields of Nursing, Medical Technology, X-ray Technology, Medical Records, Dietetics, and Auxiliary Nursing.
6. To maintain a close and co-operative correlation of hospital administration with other hospitals and with local and regional public health and welfare agencies.
7. To maintain stand-by facilities for the care of accident and medical emergency patients, using these facilities for the day-to-day care of hospital inpatients and outpatients.
8. To encourage physicians in the care of their patients by making available adequate equipment and personnel, subject only to budget limitations.
9. To encourage research in medical science and to provide such equipment therefor as funds and circumstances permit. Members of the Medical Staff, as well as major hospital personnel, shall be encouraged to continue studies in their several fields as circumstances advise.
10. To make periodic studies of the community, its growth, and its needs for hospital care and to make such changes as are thus indicated.

THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

We are grateful for the untiring services of all men of the priesthood and ministers of all faiths who give liberally of their time and efforts in service to our patients. But we are particularly grateful for the services of a full-time Chaplain assigned to us by the General Church. During the past two years we have had the good services of Elder Raymond J. Ashenhurst who has served our students, employees, and patients with exceeding kindness and sympathetic attention. Elder Robert S. Farnham became our Chaplain on July 1, 1958, and already the influence of his very considerate and untiring care is being felt. We anticipate continued good results in our patient-chaplain program.

As is already indicated, the work of the Chaplain in this institution is primarily threefold:

1. The Chaplain is available as the spiritual and personal counselor to all hospital personnel and our students in the schools of nursing, medical technology, X-ray technology, and medical records.
2. He gives encouragement to hospital patients by calling on each of them daily. Patients scheduled for surgery are visited early in the day. He is

the direct contact between the patient and his own pastor whether of our denomination or another. He performs many administrations to patients of our faith and is a right-hand assistant to our doctors as he offers prayer for and gives comfort to patients of all the forty faiths represented among our patients.

3. The Chaplain represents the church and the hospital to the families who are bereaved as one who brings comfort and encouragement in the hour of trial and one who assists in any arrangements which are always necessary at such times.

In addition to his regular duties, the chaplain is called upon frequently to tell the story of the "Restoration movement" many more times than can ever be recorded and many of these inquiries come from persons sincerely interested in the work of the church and its teachings. Several known conversions have resulted from the work of the Chaplain and the hospital among sincere seekers for the "truth," and we have reason to believe that there are many more who give serious consideration to the work of the church as a result of these associations. The work of the Chaplain continues to be one of the influences by which the work of this institution is thought to be "different" and "of personal interest" to the patient.

GROWTH ACCORDING TO DEMAND

Our greatest satisfactions in community health care are usually realized when there is evidence that our services are genuinely needed. If the increasing demand of the church and the public for health care to increasing numbers of persons is any indication, we should feel encouraged in our efforts. Within the last ten years the city of Independence has increased in population from 28,000 to 63,000. Likewise, with this growth has come an increase of several hundred members of the church within the area. It is to be expected, then, that demands for patient care should increase commensurate with this growth. The following statistics substantiate this fact:

	1951		1952		1953		1954	
	No. Patients	Days Care	No. Patients	Days Care	No. Patients	Days Care	No. Patients	Days Care
Bed Patients	7,707	49,710	7,874	52,434	8,910	56,213	9,335	59,031
Outpatients	4,206		4,959		5,637		6,361	
Emergencies	3,478		3,802		4,171		4,550	
Total	15,391		16,635		18,718		20,246	

	1955		1956		1957	
	No. Patients	Days Care	No. Patients	Days Care	No. Patients	Days Care
Bed Patients	9,196	57,948	9,515	59,914	10,246	64,028
Outpatients	7,826		8,704		9,631	
Emergencies	4,563		5,816		6,169	
Total	21,585		24,035		26,046	

It has been our privilege to serve an increasing number of church appointees and their family members during the last two years. We consider it an honor to give this care to those who give so much to the church. This continues to be one of the important responsibilities of this institution.

ESSENTIAL FACTS

There are fourteen departments in the hospital with 332 full-time employees. The actual cost of all hospital buildings and equipment to date is \$2,440,000. The current appraised value of all hospital properties is now estimated at \$4,500,000.

Income from all activities in 1957 totaled \$1,496,455.

Expenditures for all operations for this period were \$1,469,917.

Total equipment bought for replacement amounted to \$28,500.

HOSPITAL STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION

The hospital continues to be recognized as an institution of high standards giving good care to her patients. This is evidenced through recognition given by the Kansas City Area Hospital Association, other hospitals in the vicinity, and from the many, many letters of "thanks" and commendation from our patients.

The hospital is licensed by the Missouri Division of Health and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in the United States and Canada.

The utilization of hospital bed facilities also contributes to our understanding of the increasing demands being made upon this institution:

	No. Patient Beds	Percentage of Occupancy
1951	137	76.94
1952	137	76.08
1953	165	76.24
1954	165	80.07
1955	165	80.53
1956	165	81.71
1957	165	91.52*

*National average of hospital occupancy this year was 67 per cent.

PERIOD OF DECISION

In the face of the foregoing evidence, the trustees, early in 1956, were placed in the position of deciding to increase the facilities of this hospital or to encourage the construction of another hospital in this immediate vicinity. Following much discussion it was decided that Community Studies, Inc., a research firm, should be engaged to determine, if possible, whether the addition of beds and treatment facilities was justified in this community. Following a study of areas from which patients come, types of patients served, and kinds of care required, a recommendation was presented to the trustees from Community Studies indicating, according to their study, that approximately 40 beds should be added to this hospital at this time. This information was reported to civic officials and community leaders at a special meeting called by the trustees on February 8, 1956. Several speakers voiced opinion that a definite move should be made to add to patient bed and patient treatment areas as soon as possible. On authorization of the General Church and the trustees, and after the additional appropriation of \$75,000 from the Conference of 1956, an application was made to Federal and State Hill-Burton authorities for \$231,500. Also it was decided to raise \$300,000 in the community and this amount was pledged and \$230,000 has been received to date on these pledges. This gave us the following sources of funds for our building project:

From	
General Church appropriation	
of \$75,000 each in 1952,	
1954, and 1956	\$225,000.00
Ford Foundation	97,000.00
Hill-Burton Appropriation	236,500.00
Community Hospital Drive	300,000.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	35,000.00
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	\$893,500.00

As was reported to the general church membership in the *Saints' Herald* earlier this year, the acceptance of these funds in no way obligates the trustees or removes from them any authority whatsoever and all hospital properties, including the new construction, continue under the ownership of the church.

Two years of construction activities have given us an attractive and efficient new three-level building which was shown to the public for the first time on last June 14 and 15, and which is currently being shown to all Conference visitors who are interested. The remodeling of the fifth floor to convert clinical areas into patient rooms, also a part of this project, continues to this date and will require a short time yet to complete.

We are grateful to the church for providing a large share of these new facilities and know you also will be proud of this new building once you see it. This 31,000 square feet of new building space gives us approximately

Forty new patient beds to total 202 adult and children beds plus 34 bassinets.

All clinical departments with the exception of X-ray have been moved to the first (main) floor of the hospital in new enlarged areas where outpatients can come and go freely without having to use stairs or elevators.

A new emergency service department large enough to care for eight to ten accident patients at one time, if needed. This department is now independent of other areas of the hospital and is staffed for care all hours of the day and night.

Two new modern operating rooms with a new recovery room of seven beds greatly improves care to patients in surgery.

New doctors' lounge and library.

A new pharmacy, chaplain's office, new headquarters for housekeeping, nursing, administration, medical records library, and assembly room.

A new food service department complete with new cafeteria and patient food preparation areas.

These and many other new features will help us provide better patient care than ever before.

RUSKIN HEIGHTS STORM—A REAL CHALLENGE

It is required of all nationally accredited hospitals that a plan for handling a community disaster or major industrial accidents shall be in writing and shall be rehearsed at periodic intervals to assure proper operation of the plan. This hospital has had such a plan for over two years and on May 25, 1957, a mock-disaster rehearsal was planned. This mock-disaster was never necessary for, as has been reported in detail to readers of the *Saints' Herald*, a tornado with twisting winds up to five hundred miles an hour devastated the community of Ruskin Heights and outlying areas near Independence and sixty-two patients of this holocaust were treated in this hospital. Immediately thereafter, our Disaster Plan was altered and improved to cover inefficiencies and omissions. Today this plan has been accepted nationally by Civil Defense authorities who have recommended the plan as one which is applicable in many communities. These authorities were also impressed by the fact that 12,000 square feet of emergency and clinical treatment areas in our new

building are convertible in fifteen minutes to the needs of a community disaster and we could probably treat as many as 200 patients an hour in this new area. Thus this new building remains in continuous use night and day for the regular type of patient care, but it likewise will serve the needs of the community in a major emergency.

OUR STUDENT NURSES AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Again, during these past two years we have felt exceedingly fortunate, particularly during periods when the hospital was overcrowded with patients, to have as our principal source of graduate nurses a good professional school of nursing. Activities within the school and frequent presentations of the names of many of our students and their accomplishments have appeared in the *Saints' Herald*. We are proud of these students and their professional abilities and of their activities in the church. We think that they, with other youths like them, constitute one of the greatest assets of the church.

The School of Nursing began the year 1957-58 with 117 students, ending the year with 111. The high rate of retention of students during recent years is attributed to several facts. We believe, first, that the students who choose nursing as a profession are of high type, well qualified, and wish to attain their goals in nursing and, therefore, dropouts are minimized. Selection procedures have been improved and there has been an improvement in the curriculum. Also, the fact that a student earning good grades may marry during her student days has contributed to the stability of the school.

With more nurses needed to care for additional patients and with more students in school, it has been necessary to rent a large apartment house near the hospital to house some of these students. This building is not fire safe and it is hoped that this arrangement will not be necessary over a long period. During the last nine years a reserve of \$18,000 has been set aside by the trustees from "San" School of Nursing Day Funds which we hope may be used to enlarge school classrooms and residence areas. These constitute genuine needs to be solved in the near future.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

The School of Nursing was once again surveyed for accreditation in February of this year and again was awarded the highest honor and academic standing possible—full accreditation for another five-year period. As we take the privi-

lege of speaking of this excellent accomplishment we likewise pay tribute to the Board of Trustees, the School of Nursing Committee, administrators, instructors, and students of the school who have contributed liberally of their time and energies to bring this honor to our school.

The School of Nursing continues to grow in number (just as many as can be crowded into our dormitories and classrooms) and we are grateful for the quality of young women sent to us. They are a real challenge to the instructors, and their attainments in clinical experiences and professional care of patients after graduation have brought honor to the church as well as to the Hospital and School of Nursing.

STRONG TIES WITH GRACELAND

The School of Nursing as well as the Schools of Medical Technology and X-ray Technology continue to enjoy a close, friendly and professional relationship with Graceland College. Approximately 40 per cent of our students enrolling in nursing now have one or more years of prenursing college work and most of these transfer from Graceland. This association has proved beneficial for both institutions and speaks well for the work done by co-ordinating committees there and here.

"SAN" SCHOOL OF NURSING DAY

Undoubtedly one of the greatest assets of the School of Nursing is made up of the friendships within the church and the funds raised on the annual "San" School of Nursing Day. These annual offerings throughout the church have continued for nine years and have brought to the School of Nursing assets almost beyond value. The offerings in 1957 were \$14,533.21 and in 1958, \$12,377.78.

The untiring support of the entire church in this project has been a definite factor in the high standards now being met by this school. To all who have helped, we are grateful.

GIFTS TO THE HOSPITAL

Donations to the hospital are of two kinds: (1) Funds received, clothing made, or equipment purchased, and (2) services rendered by volunteer groups to patients. These available contributions, whether in gifts of money or equipment or in the form of services, are very necessary for the successful operation of a hospital and, in fact, most hospitals could not operate free of debt without gifts of money, equipment, and services.

The major gifts to the hospital during the year 1957:

Mothers' Club—baby clothing \$1,061.09

Women's Groups,	
R.L.D.S. Church	626.00
Independence Kiwanis Club	228.00
Butler Manufacturing Company	
Foundation	1,000.00
Anonymous (Dr. Elmer D.	
Twyman Surgery Memorial	
Fund)	100.00
Mr. Nat Milgram of Milgram	
Food Stores	302.48
	<u>\$3,317.57</u>

Monies contributed by various	
service groups of Independence,	
church groups, and individual	
donors	491.15
	<u>\$3,808.72</u>

Hours of volunteer service during the year 1957:

Boy Scouts	approximately	500	hours
Gray Ladies		7,000	"
Junior Service League		2,200	"
Orioles		8,400	"
Pan-A-Delphia Club		430	"
Young Matrons		450	"
Hospital Women's Auxiliary			
Groups "A" approx.		400	"
Sandwich Shop		1,635	"
Board Meetings		3	"

Our gifts this year are small when compared to the total of \$9,000 to \$10,-000 usually received but, with emphasis being given to the new building and equipment, this is understandable.

OUR PLANS

It is our sincere desire to grow with the church and to maintain those services most needed by the church and by this community. We are concerned for the adequate care of our students and if a relatively small allotment of funds can be made available to match possible Hill-Burton allocations for which we have applied, we believe some improvement in classrooms and living areas can be realized.

OUR RESOLVE

We pledge to the church and to the community a continuation of total service, rendered as efficiently and as unselfishly as our facilities and personnel can possibly give.

A. NEAL DEEVER

Administrator

Independence Sanitarium and Hospital

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 1956 and 1957

	1956	1957
CURRENT FUNDS		
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 99,695.79	\$ 147,594.98
Receivables — Net	173,429.23	210,326.42
Inventories of Drugs and Supplies	67,277.85	64,355.63
Deferred Charges	3,601.78	3,332.63
Total Current Fund Assets	<u>\$ 344,004.65</u>	<u>\$ 425,609.66</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts and Taxes Payable	45,312.22	52,382.62
Contingent Liabilities for Injury and Sick Leave	8,946.65	17,744.45
Total Current Fund Liabilities	<u>\$ 54,258.87</u>	<u>\$ 70,127.07</u>
EQUITY:		
Balance, January 1	302,373.20	289,745.78
Add Operating Gain for Year	8,243.43	35,563.21
Add Other Adjustments to Surplus	3,100.48	—
Transfer (from) to Other Funds — Net	(23,971.33)	30,173.60
Balance, December 31	<u>289,745.78</u>	<u>355,482.59</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 344,004.65</u>	<u>\$ 425,609.66</u>
PLANT FUNDS		
ASSETS:		
Land	24,596.78	24,596.78
Buildings — Depreciated	1,226,650.34	1,201,587.61
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment — Depreciated	184,751.11	180,010.24
Streets, Roads, Parking — Depreciated	1,516.64	1,146.64
Total Plant Fund Assets	<u>\$1,437,514.87</u>	<u>\$1,407,341.27</u>
EQUITY:		
Balance, January 1	1,421,496.67	1,437,514.87
Transferred from (to) Current Fund — Net	16,018.20	(30,173.60)
Balance, December 31	<u>\$1,437,514.87</u>	<u>\$1,407,341.27</u>

EMERGENCY ROOM BUILDING FUND

ASSETS:

Cash in Banks.....	1,107.22	339.05
Accounts Receivable.....	22,874.43	—
Total Emergency Room Assets.....	<u>\$ 23,981.65</u>	<u>\$ 339.05</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Payable to Current Fund.....	303.35	—
Equity.....	15,725.17	23,981.65
Transfer from (to) Other Funds.....	7,953.13	(23,642.60)
Total Liabilities and Equity.....	<u>\$ 23,981.65</u>	<u>\$ 339.05</u>

OTHER FUNDS

ASSETS:

Student Loan Funds:		
Cash in Bank.....	615.00	665.00
Accounts Receivable.....	385.00	335.00
Student Scholarship Fund:		
Cash in Bank.....	500.00	500.00
San Day Fund:		
Cash in Bank.....	11,978.04	15,381.08
U. S. Government Bonds.....	14,476.00	16,482.25
Stocks.....	1,890.00	1,890.00
Campaign Building Fund:		
Cash in Bank.....	107,750.57	72,323.62
Construction Fund:		
Cash in Bank.....	—	1,140.59
Building Construction.....	—	554,656.24
Equipment Construction.....	—	29,088.80
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 137,594.61</u>	<u>\$ 692,462.58</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Equity, Student Loan Fund.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equity, Student Scholarship Fund.....	500.00	500.00
Equity, San Day Fund.....	28,344.04	33,753.33
Due to Emergency Fund Campaign.....	22,874.43	—
Due to Gen. Fund — Campaign Building Fund.....	86.51	182.93
Equity, Campaign Building Fund.....	84,789.63	72,140.69
Due to Gen. Fund — Construction Fund.....	—	21.18
Equity, Construction Fund.....	—	584,864.45
Total Liabilities and Equity.....	<u>\$ 137,594.61</u>	<u>\$ 692,462.58</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital as of December 31, 1956, and 1957, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the hospital and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the hospital and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent I deemed necessary.

In my opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheets present fairly the position of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital at December 31, 1956, and 1957, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted hospital principles, applied each year on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A.

Independence, Missouri
August 8, 1958

Report from the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees

*To the First Presidency
and General Conference*

We are submitting herewith a condensed comparative balance sheet covering various funds of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital for the calendar years 1956 and 1957.

CURRENT FUND

This fund shows a net operating gain of \$8,243.43 for 1956 and \$35,563.21 for 1957. The gains are somewhat less

than those of preceding years apparently due to the fact that there were substantial increases in operational costs without comparable increases in the charges for hospital service. The cash position of both years 1956 and 1957 is good in view of the circumstances.

The accounts receivable \$173,429.23 for 1956 and \$210,326.42 for 1957 show considerable increase over previous years; however, substantial amounts of these receivables represent unpaid bills of patients still in the hospital at the close of the year and unpaid insurance billings to commercial insurance companies as well as Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Most of these billings will be collected in subsequent months.

PLANT FUND

The Plant Fund shows a net increase of \$16,018.20 for 1956 which was a transfer from the Current Fund largely for construction work. In 1957 there was a decrease of \$30,173.60 which was a book adjustment involving a revised depreciation schedule and the transfer of funds from the Current Account for construction purposes.

EMERGENCY ROOM BUILDING FUND

The assets in this fund consist of cash \$23,981.65 for 1956 and \$339.05 for 1957. These funds were subsequently used for construction.

OTHER FUNDS

The items under Other Funds are self-explanatory. The Campaign and Construction Funds consist of income from the community for the construction of a new emergency area and remodeling of other parts of the Hospital. Eventually General Church appropriations and a grant provided through the Hill-Burton Act will be involved in the improvement program.

INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM
AND HOSPITAL BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
H. L. Livingston, *Treasurer*

Report of Graceland College

*To the First Presidency
and General Conference*

The attached report of William S. Gould, Vice-President-Dean of Graceland College, showing the activities since the last General Conference including a condensed balance sheet, was approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College, held at Lamoni, Iowa, on August 9, 1958.

This report thus becomes the report of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College to the First Presidency and General Conference.

VERNE L. DESKIN, *Secretary*
Board of Trustees
Graceland College

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GRACELAND COLLEGE FOR THE 1956-1957 - 1957-1958 COLLEGE YEARS

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of Graceland College cannot be separated from the purpose of the sponsoring church. Unless there is some distinctive feature of Graceland education which is not found at other

colleges, Graceland has no reason for being. Graceland must be distinctive. Therefore, while Graceland shares the common objectives of all good colleges and strives to excell in academic fields in which she offers courses, students do not choose to attend Graceland because of her academic excellence. They come because Graceland is an integral part of the total educational program of the church. In this function it seeks to contribute to the spiritual competency of the membership.

Graceland's uniqueness lies in the field of religion. The academic courses in religion are vitalized by an extensive program of religious activities. Thus the unifying power of religion is reflected in Graceland's academic program, social program, housing program, and recreation program.

The heart of Graceland's purpose is caught up in the first statement of Specific Aims and Objectives in the official catalog which reads, "For all students regardless of specific educational goals, Graceland tries to develop a fellowship of students whose lives are activated by the ideals and principles of Christian living as interpreted by the thought and program of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to encourage participation in its corporate activities, and to promote the disposition to share in the development of its spiritual and social program."

THE STUDENTS

Enrollment: Enrollment at Graceland has been rising for the past ten years. Because of limited housing facilities it was necessary for the Board of Trustees to place a ceiling on enrollment about six years ago. Since that time a few students have been denied admission to Graceland because of lack of space. Enrollment for the past ten years has been as follows (including all students registered at any time during the year)

1949	559	1954	602
1950	596	1955	612
1951	615	1956	668
1952	574	1957	697
1953	610	1958	702

Of the 702 students in 1958, 40 were juniors and seniors. Because of the beginning of the economic recession and higher educational costs, there was a drop in freshman applications in 1958. While the women's dormitories were filled to capacity at the beginning of the year, there was space for men students which was not used last year. In the late summer of 1958 indications were that the college would be filled to capacity.

Enrollment Trend: Studies of college attendance made on a national scale indicate a sharp increase during the next

ten years. Enrollment at Graceland is certain to increase if the needed space can be provided. At the present time college enrollment in the United States is at the highest level in history. In 1900 only .3 per cent of the population was in college. By 1970 it is predicted that 3.4 per cent will be college students. In the next fifteen years there will be an increase of ten million people from age 18 to 24. These are already born. While total population will increase 17 per cent, college age population will increase 64 per cent.

If present trends continue, employment demands will change greatly in the next ten years. The demand for college trained people is expected to rise sharply while the demand for unskilled workers will actually decrease. Employment which depends upon present skills may become obsolete because of changing technology. Sound education provides the basis for adjustment to change—a base on which new skills may be built.

Admission Policy: While admission requirements to Graceland have been tightened slightly, the most important factor continues to be the date of application. If applications increase faster than our ability to expand, Graceland may be forced to adopt a new system of student selection. It would be most unfortunate if any one segment of the church youth were prevented from attending. The two factors which are most influential in preventing students from attending Graceland are poor academic achievement in high school and lack of money.

THE FACULTY

Faculty Changes: On December 1, 1956, President E. J. Gleazer, Jr., was granted a leave of absence for one year to serve as director of a public information project for the American Association of Junior Colleges. His work for this organization was distinguished and highly successful. It was of such importance that at the end of the leave of absence, Dr. Gleazer resigned as president of Graceland College to become the Executive Director of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Dr. William S. Gould, Vice-President-Dean, was appointed Acting President to serve until the Board of Trustees could find a replacement for Dr. Gleazer. On May 22, 1958, Dr. Harvey H. Grice was announced as the new president of the college. Dr. Grice assumed his presidential responsibilities on August 1. Dr. Gould returned to his duties as Vice-President-Dean.

There have been several changes in the faculty during the past two years. Resignations have been received from Miss Ruth Ann Curtis in communication, Dr. Deam H. Ferris in biology, Mrs. Sally

Flanders in communication, and Miss Marilyn Sorden, college librarian. Added to the faculty were Miss Celia Schall and Mr. Charles Welch in communication, Dr. Charles F. Jones in biology, Mr. Stanley W. Johnson in psychology, Mr. Bruce Swoffer in secretarial science, Dr. Lloyd Young in sociology and religion, Mrs. Kathryn Hannewalt Nowlin in women's physical education, and Mr. Thomas B. Nowlin in physical education. Mr. John Fletcher Wellemeyer, retired dean of the Kansas City Junior College, served as professor of history and political science for one year. Mrs. Cleo H. Moon who has been serving at catalog librarian has been appointed head librarian.

Faculty Stability: Over the years the Graceland Faculty has remained stable because of the loyalty of experienced teachers.

Faculty Tenure

Over 25 years	15%
11 to 25 years	36%
3 to 10 years	31%
Under 3 years	18%

In the normal operation of the college from one to five new faculty members are needed each year. Finding qualified faculty members from the ranks of church members is difficult. While Graceland salaries have been improved considerably in recent years and are comparable to salaries paid in other private junior colleges, they still are considerably less than salaries paid by the public schools or public colleges. This makes it difficult to attract experienced faculty members and difficult to retain talented young faculty members. Devotion to the church remains the primary factor which attracts and holds highly qualified persons at Graceland and has enabled Graceland to maintain a faculty of outstanding merit.

Faculty Retirement: In 1958 the Board of Trustees approved a retirement program for faculty members and administrative personnel. This program has been approved by the appropriations committee of the General Church for 1958-1959 and will be submitted to the General Conference for approval beyond that date. This marks a significant improvement in employment conditions and is deeply appreciated by members of the Graceland faculty.

THE PLANT

Plant Improvement: The physical plant at Graceland is the chief factor in limiting student enrollment. The college is still struggling to catch up on the building program after a lapse of twenty years 1929 to 1949 in which there was no major construction. Significant improvements have been made during the past two years.

1. The Administration Building has been roofed, the masonry tuck-pointed and the interior remodeled. The building is in better condition now than it has been for many years.

2. The track and field have been improved. The next major development in this area will be the building of bleachers at some future date.

3. Under construction at the present time is a building which will provide rehearsal rooms for band, orchestra, and choirs as well as classrooms and teaching studios. This building is intended as a temporary academic building which will be converted to a storage warehouse when a Fine Arts Building can be built. Total cost of the building is \$35,000. The funds derive from College Day offerings and insurance income from a college dwelling which burned in 1956.

4. A permanent platform with symbolic steel background was built in a natural amphitheatre on campus in the spring of 1958. Funds for this project were provided by the Independence Graceland Mother's Club. This outdoor amphitheatre provides a beautiful setting for formal meetings such as the commencement convocation, as well as an appropriate place for services of worship and drama.

5. A significant contribution to Graceland's housing program was provided by Mr. Howard Ullery in 1957 when as a private business venture he built a dormitory which will house 49 men. This dormitory, known as Ullery Hall, is just across the street east of Gunsolley Hall. Operating expenses and maintenance are borne by Mr. Ullery. Rent in Ullery Hall is the same as that charged in college dormitories on campus.

Plant Needs: Although there is ample classroom and laboratory space, the Graceland physical plant is badly overcrowded in certain areas and entirely lacking in others. The extent of crowding in the dormitories is shown by the following:

	Planned Capacity	Actual Use
Gunsolley Hall	150	183
Walker Hall	126	129
Patroness Hall	54	82
Herald Hall	52	52
Baker Hall	52	52

In addition to regular dormitories, 27 girls are housed in smaller units which are serving as emergency housing, and 37 men are housed in private homes. This does not include students who live in Lamoni, nor those living in Ullery Hall.

Architectural studies are complete for a new women's dormitory which can be built in three steps as funds are available.

The most urgent physical need at Graceland is a food service building. Over 500 students eat in the dining room in the basement of Walker Hall, which will seat 166 persons. Kitchen and cafeteria facilities were intended to serve about 300. Plans are being perfected for a food service building which will seat 500.

The Graceland library was planned to accommodate about 400 students but serves nearly 700. The library originally occupied approximately one half of the third floor of Briggs Hall. Later it was expanded to include the entire third floor. In the fall of 1958 it was expanded once more and now occupies one third of the main floor as well as all of the third floor. This expansion provides temporary relief. A new library building is needed.

The Memorial Student Center serves as the home for social life, recreational life, and worship. Increased enrollment has placed a strain on the accommodations of the Center which needs to be expanded by at least 30 per cent. While the campus congregation has worshiped in the Center since it was built in 1950, it does not provide the kind of setting which is conducive to worship. A college chapel is another building which is sorely needed.

The Graceland gymnasium, Zimmerman Hall, is adequate to serve approximately 300 students. More than double this number use it.

In the past decade the building program at Graceland has been encouraging. During this time the net worth of the college plant has increased from approximately \$1,000,000 to \$2,700,000. The generous support of the college development program by the General Church is sincerely appreciated.

THE PROGRAM

General Education: Graceland offers an unusually broad program for a small, private college. Because her students transfer to other colleges and universities throughout the world, it is necessary to offer basic instruction in many fields. While this need for a variety of specialized subjects is recognized, the philosophy to which the Graceland faculty is most strongly committed is that all students need certain basic education regardless of their specialization. This has led to the strengthening of offerings in general education during the past few years. Graceland will continue to offer programs which permit transfer to any accredited college. At the same time she will strive to strengthen her offerings in the liberal arts, particularly in fields which are rather directly related to church and community service.

Four-Year Curriculum: In the fall of 1956 a four-year curriculum in religion was initiated. The new curriculum was the response of the faculty and the Board of Trustees to what they believed to be a growing need among the church clientele. While Graceland cannot hope to offer four years' work in other fields in the near future, it was felt that this experiment in the field of religion would be practical and valuable. Several reasons were paramount.

1. Students choose Graceland primarily for opportunities for religious instruction and experience.

2. No other college offers courses in religion with a Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints orientation.

3. Ministry is professional activity regardless of who performs it. It is especially important that a church which depends largely upon its lay ministers should provide religious education for lay members. At present, Graceland is the only place where such work can be offered in a college environment for college credit.

The first two years of the four-year curriculum have been encouraging. On the basis of these two years some of the important questions which were raised at the time the program was initiated can now be answered.

1. How does the new curriculum affect the number of freshmen and sophomores admitted to Graceland? Enrollment capacity for freshmen and sophomores remains unchanged. At the present, dormitory space is the limiting factor in enrollment. Few juniors or seniors live in college housing. They occupy dormitory vacancies due to last-minute cancellations from freshman and sophomore students, and a few serve as dormitory counselors. These counselors fulfill an urgent need. Other juniors and seniors are expected to find their own housing outside of college dormitories. Twenty-two juniors and seniors use college food service. Although these facilities are overtaxed, this number of additional students can be tolerated until a new food service building is constructed. Since the completion of the Science Hall in 1955 there has been no shortage of classrooms.

2. What does the new curriculum cost? The cost is comparatively modest since the curriculum does not require any additional space or equipment which is not already provided. Increased use of existing facilities by freshmen is not possible because of lack of residence housing. Tuition payments by juniors and seniors more than meet the actual cash expended on the program. Juniors and seniors contribute substantially to the program of student life where they serve as dormitory counselors, student govern-

ment representatives, and leaders in social and religious activities. Their contribution is ample compensation for their use of general college facilities.

3. Is the content of the curriculum worthy of Graceland's approval? Unless the program is of such quality as to merit accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, it will be discontinued. Pertinent factors in judging the content include:

1. Broad background required of any liberal arts program
2. Adequate concentration in the major field
3. Adequate proportion of courses not open to freshmen or sophomores
4. Sufficient balance in all major divisions of the total curriculum
5. Professionally competent teachers

The upper division courses offered at Graceland are taught by ten different faculty members. Five of these hold the Doctorate.

4. Does Graceland intend to expand into four years in other areas? At the present time there are no plans for further expansion. Specific course offerings are certain to change from time to time. In the near future we do not anticipate having the space, the faculty, or the money to expand the program beyond the present enrollment ceiling of fifty students.

Religious Life: The religious activity program at Graceland is distinctive. Approximately one out of every three male students is a member of the priesthood. Housing units are divided into small groups for worship activities. Each group has a student chaplain, assistant chaplain, and a faculty associate. Activities of these groups constitute experience in priesthood education and branch leadership. Women serve in many leadership roles particularly in the women's housing units.

During the year from 50 to 100 students will avail themselves of the services of Evangelist Roy A. Cheville and will receive their patriarchal blessing.

The program of religious life on campus is under the direction of Dr. Roy A. Cheville. In 1957-1958 he was assisted by Mr. Alma Blair. In 1958-1959 Dr. Lloyd Young will serve as assistant director.

Graceland Workshop: In the winter of 1958 a Graceland College Workshop was held in Independence. The workshop included all the members of the Joint Council of the church, all of the members of the Graceland Board of Trustees, about ten members of the Graceland faculty and administration, about ten representatives of the Grace-

land Development Council, and two distinguished consultants in the field of college development. The present policies and future goals of the college were discussed by this group for a day and a half. The workshop was decidedly helpful and resulted in a warm bond of understanding and co-operation among the various groups represented.

THE COST

The cost of a college education is increasing steadily and rapidly. From 1940 to 1958 it was necessary to increase tuition at Graceland from \$125 to \$500. In spite of this substantial rise, total cost for attending Graceland remains below the average for comparable colleges in the middle west. Tuition at Graceland provides approximately 75 per cent of the educational costs. General Church appropriation accounts for from 20 per cent to 25 per cent.

Graceland needs new sources of income which most colleges receive. Graceland received comparatively little from individual gifts, bequests, or wills, and very little support from industry. The Graceland College Development Council continues to serve the college in trying to raise funds for capital expansion and in contributing to the creative growth of the development program. Sectional meetings have been held on the east coast, the west coast, in the south and the middle west. Response has been warm and enthusiastic. The Development Council is young and vigorous. It offers opportunity for many to be associated with the college and to serve the youth of the church in a practical and an idealistic way.

College Day: General Church concern for Graceland as evidenced by College Day contributions continues to increase. In 1957 College Day contributions passed \$30,000 for the first time. These funds are used to provide new

facilities. Recent College Day funds have provided architectural studies for new buildings, extensive repairs for the Administration Building and a substantial portion of the money for the temporary music building which is now under construction.

THE SELF-STUDY

During the 1957-1958 school year the entire Graceland faculty was engaged in an intensive self-study which will continue during the current year. Eight major committees were formed to make exhaustive inquiries into the various facets of the college's organization and operation. The topics studied by the eight committees are

1. Curriculum and instructional program
2. Student services (health service, housing, counseling, etc.)
3. Institutional resources—human and material
4. Institutional organization
5. Conditions of service
6. Student life
7. Level of achievement
8. Future developments

The faculty as a whole constituted a committee to clarify the aims and objectives of the college. The various committees gathered data from many sources. All of the alums from graduating classes in the last ten years were sent a detailed questionnaire. On the basis of 1,000 returns a number of interesting trends were suggested. Faculty and student opinion was collected and statistical data of all kinds were carefully analyzed. The results of the self-study will be compiled and a summary published during the coming year.

Those responsible for guiding the destiny of Graceland College will continue to seek to meet the growing and changing needs of the youth of the church.

WILLIAM S. GOULD

Graceland College

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

June 30, 1956, 1957, and 1958

	CURRENT FUND	1956	1957	1958
GENERAL SECTION:				
Assets:				
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....		\$ 99,226.24	\$ 101,809.73	\$ 135,549.95
Receivables — Net.....		17,680.46	14,812.11	12,583.39
Inventories.....		54,778.67	65,825.34	67,581.03
Stocks and Bonds.....		304.56	284.56	284.56
Utilities and Other Deposits.....		540.00	545.00	595.00
Deferred Charges.....		18,154.80	17,877.48	35,491.62
Total Assets.....		<u>\$ 190,684.73</u>	<u>\$ 201,154.22</u>	<u>\$ 252,085.55</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable.....		9,035.19	4,766.56	4,141.10
Due to Student Loan Fund.....		11,927.14	10,927.14	9,927.14
Due to Endowment Fund.....		1,060.00	1,540.00	1,680.00
Student Credit Balances and Deposits.....		23,097.96	24,303.07	22,103.48
Equity.....		145,564.44	159,617.45	214,233.83
Total Liabilities and Equity.....		<u>\$ 190,684.73</u>	<u>\$ 201,154.22</u>	<u>\$ 252,085.55</u>

SPECIAL SECTION:

Assets:			
Cash in Bank.....	13,585.96	29,971.00	43,608.39
Due from Other Funds.....	4,670.82	4,670.82	4,670.82
Investments.....	1,000.00	13,951.76	18,001.44
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 19,256.78</u>	<u>\$ 48,593.58</u>	<u>\$ 66,280.65</u>
Liabilities and Equities:			
World Fellowship Fund Equity.....	4,855.99	4,701.10	5,830.95
Campus Chapel Fund Equity.....	1,597.25	1,717.88	1,376.51
Development Council Fund Equity.....	8,508.45	14,149.45	17,687.56
College Day Contributions Equity.....	—	22,985.14	21,613.86
Greatest Need Fund Equity.....	—	—	8,844.09
Class Gift Funds Equities.....	1,040.00	2,322.92	3,421.43
Food Service Building Fund Equity.....	—	—	1,363.25
Other Funds Equities.....	3,255.09	2,717.09	6,143.00
Total Liabilities and Equities.....	<u>\$ 19,256.78</u>	<u>\$ 48,593.58</u>	<u>\$ 66,280.65</u>

PLANT FUND

Assets:			
Land and Buildings — Education and Service.....	783,264.28	801,768.78	825,353.71
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.....	345,036.46	370,797.08	387,681.91
Total Assets.....	<u>\$1,128,300.74</u>	<u>\$1,172,565.86</u>	<u>\$1,213,035.62</u>
Liabilities and Equity:			
Payable to the Presiding Bishopric.....	7,878.14	6,878.14	5,878.14
Equity-Expended Plant Funds.....	1,120,422.60	1,165,687.72	1,207,157.48
Total Liabilities and Equity.....	<u>\$1,128,300.74</u>	<u>\$1,172,565.86</u>	<u>\$1,213,035.62</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND

Assets:			
Cash on Hand.....	33.33	33.33	1,573.33
Coliseum Trust Company-Investment.....	27,137.00	26,802.55	27,113.77
Bonds Receivable.....	233,300.00	233,300.00	233,300.00
Accounts Receivable—General Church.....	280.10	280.10	280.10
Other Receivables.....	4,703.09	4,876.28	3,444.94
Land, Building and Equipment.....	655,589.84	660,889.84	662,514.84
Farm Investment.....	66,959.94	67,690.68	69,067.47
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 988,003.30</u>	<u>\$ 993,872.78</u>	<u>\$ 997,294.45</u>
Liabilities and Equity:			
Liabilities.....	13,500.00	15,500.00	14,500.00
Endowment Equity.....	974,503.30	978,372.78	982,794.45
Total Liabilities and Equity.....	<u>\$ 988,003.30</u>	<u>\$ 993,872.78</u>	<u>\$ 997,294.45</u>

SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUNDS

Assets:			
Cash in Bank.....	5,894.91	42,274.61	602.22
Receivables — Net.....	29,923.61	36,083.61	43,294.42
U. S. Government Bonds.....	102,614.50	82,394.00	95,236.18
Due from Other Funds.....	14,927.14	13,927.14	12,927.14
Real Estate Mortgage.....	—	—	25,200.00
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 153,360.16</u>	<u>\$ 174,679.36</u>	<u>\$ 177,259.96</u>
Liabilities and Equity:			
Deferred Loan Fees.....	407.50	407.50	407.50
Due to Other Funds.....	4,670.82	4,670.82	4,670.82
Fund Equity.....	127,985.49	141,353.17	143,032.68
Earnings Account.....	20,296.35	28,247.87	29,148.96
Total Liabilities and Equity.....	<u>\$ 153,360.16</u>	<u>\$ 174,679.36</u>	<u>\$ 177,259.96</u>

AGENCY FUND

Assets:			
Cash in Banks.....	2,498.46	7,721.25	4,241.71
U. S. Government Bonds.....	104,382.00	98,182.00	119,896.50
Interest Receivable.....	3,984.80	4,418.50	6,759.00
Fund Deficit.....	1,732.69	3,591.08	3,642.67
Total Assets and Deficit.....	<u>\$ 112,597.95</u>	<u>\$ 113,912.83</u>	<u>\$ 134,539.88</u>
Liabilities:			
Student Deposits and Accrued Interest.....	<u>\$ 112,597.95</u>	<u>\$ 113,912.83</u>	<u>\$ 134,539.88</u>

SUMMARY — ALL FUNDS

Total Assets.....	<u>\$2,592,203.66</u>	<u>\$2,704,778.63</u>	<u>\$2,840,496.11</u>
Total Liabilities.....	<u>184,174.70</u>	<u>182,906.06</u>	<u>197,848.06</u>
Total Equity.....	<u>2,408,028.96</u>	<u>2,521,872.57</u>	<u>2,642,648.05</u>
Total.....	<u>\$2,592,203.66</u>	<u>\$2,704,778.63</u>	<u>\$2,840,496.11</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, as of June 30, 1956, 1957, and 1958, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the College and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the College and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent I deem appropriate. A detailed report of examination has been made to the First Presidency.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheets present fairly the position of Graceland College at June 30, 1956, 1957, and 1958.

Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A.

Independence, Missouri
August 8, 1958

Report of the Order of Evangelists

To the First Presidency and General Conference

A statistical report at best can but symbolize the nature and extent of the ministry of the men of the Order of Evangelists. The full ministry of these men is written in the lives of those to whom they bring spiritual ministry. The summary has been compiled from reports submitted by sixty men of the Order.

	1956	1957	1/2 year 1958
Sermons Preached	2,230	2,364	1,022
Children Blessed	148	154	77
Baptized	47	54	33
Confirmed	194	154	95
Administrations	2,903	2,796	1,100
Marriages	44	37	27
Patriarchal Blessings	1,084	1,199	453
Individuals Counseled	870	944	537
Series of Services Held	138	144	96
Pastoral Visits	6,130	5,468	2,456
Classes Taught	726	770	345

The following men as authorized by the General Conference of 1956 have been ordained:

Shankland S. Arnson, Kansas City, Mo.
Harry G. Barto, Independence, Mo.
E. L. Bowerman, Shellbrook, Sask., Can.
G. Earl Burt, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Samuel G. Clark, New Westminster, B.C.
E. E. Gamet, Butler, Mo.
Ralph A. Harder, Independence, Mo.
Alma Johnson, Seattle, Wash.
Harry P. Jones, Waterloo, Iowa
Monte E. Lasater, Seattle, Wash.
John E. Nicholson, Belleville, Ill.
W. J. Sherman, Tulsa, Okla.
Roy W. Smith, Hammond, Ind.
Howard C. Timm, Independence, Mo.
C. W. Tischer, Houston, Texas
Robert L. West, Denver, Colo.
F. Roy Whipple, Overland Park, Kan.
Samuel M. Zonker, Wellsburg, W. Va.

During the past two years the order has lost the following men:

Albert Carmichael, Independence, Mo.
Josiah E. Matthews, Columbus, Ohio
Roy W. Smith, Hammond, Ind.
Newman M. Wilson, Jonesport, Maine
John W. Worth, London, England

The membership of the order as of July 1, 1958, stands at eighty-nine. Of these men eight are overseas, seven are under church appointment, five are superannuated, and ten are inactive because of condition of health or other reason. Of the present membership, about seventy-four can be considered active in their ministry.

The ministry of the men of the Order of Evangelists may be divided into four categories:

1. Public ministry of preaching and teaching
2. Personal ministry of individual counseling
3. Participation in the ordinances of the church
4. Ministry of patriarchal blessing

A significant trend in recent years is the increased attention given to the first three of these. A number of the men have been holding classes and discussion groups exploring the total ministry of the patriarch. In many areas of church life we can report an increased appreciation and awareness of the special kinds of ministry for which these men are ordained and which they are qualified to bring to the church.

During the inter-Conference period several congregations and priesthood groups have engaged in an analytical study of the nature of the needs of individuals and groups. In several of these congregations special series of services have been planned and conducted to try to minister to the discovered needs. The groups so far tested tend to rate strong in characteristics of cordiality and sympathy. However, there are indications that the stresses of modern living have made inroads upon the peace of mind of active Latter Day Saints. The average condition of nervousness of individuals in a congregation is a little high, and too many of our members are near a breaking point. The testing program also indicates that by and large members tend to be analytical and critical to a degree that is detrimental to the achievement of personal and group tranquility. The need is for a program of ministry that will result in an increase of group morale and sense of personal peace.

The current Conference program for the Order of Evangelists is centered around the further exploration of the nature of human need and exploration of resources in science, church doctrine, and priesthood ministry that can best meet the discovered need.

The years that lie immediately before the church are years of opportunity for an increased and more effective ministry. May the Lord guide and direct is our every concern.

ELBERT A. SMITH
Presiding Evangelist
LYNN E. SMITH, *Secretary*
Order of Evangelists

Report of the Council of Presidents of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

The Council of Presidents of Seventy are happy to submit this report. We are grateful for the evidence of continued growth throughout the church. It is indeed a privilege to share with Christ in the expansion of his work.

During the two and one half years since the Conference of 1956 our Council has been blessed richly with a spirit of unanimity in all of our deliberations. Each of us has served in his appointed field as well as giving much time to the work of the Presidents of Seventy. We have continued to be concerned with maintaining the First Quorum of Seventy and strengthening the Second Quorum of Seventy.

In December of 1957, our Council met to care for the work before us. At that time we sought the will of God in the calling of men to the Seventy and wish to express our gratitude for the spirit of revelation which was experienced during these deliberations. We are assured that some fine men will be added to the Quorums of Seventy at this Conference.

During these sessions we also spent considerable time in arranging an educational program. The Quorums of Seventy have met just prior to this Conference and have participated in this program. In these sessions we sought to achieve an increased understanding of (1) the world-wide movement of the church, (2) doctrines basic to the missionary message of the church, (3) new methods of witnessing, (4) the work in missions abroad and (5) the temporal program of the church. Classes were conducted by members of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, and the Quorums of Seventy.

We are happy to note the progress made in construction of the Auditorium. It is truly becoming a building which we feel will adequately fulfill its purpose. We eagerly await the day of its completion and urge the church to move as rap-

idly as possible toward that time. The need for laborers in the vineyard of our Lord is great. The church still faces the task of carrying the gospel to all the world. We believe that when funds, now of necessity diverted to completing this Auditorium building, are released for use in pushing the work of the church into the fields opening before us significant progress in our world-wide movement will be made.

The unfortunate accident which resulted in the death of our beloved Prophet, Israel A. Smith, saddened us. His deep conviction concerning the work of the Seventy and the need for strengthening the Council of Presidents of Seventy and the Quorums of Seventy has challenged and encouraged us. We take this opportunity to express appreciation for the kindly ministry with which he led the church. We are grateful that through him God appointed another. We look expectantly to the future, assured that God will continue to bless and guide his people.

As we approach this Conference we do so with increased conviction of the divinity of this work of Christ today. We pray that the members of the church may increase in love for God and fellow man, and progress rapidly toward the perfect unity with Christ which will make possible the victorious establishment of his kingdom upon the earth.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY

Z. Z. Renfroe, *Senior President*
Russell F. Ralston, *Secretary*

Report of the First Quorum of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

The members of the First Quorum of Seventy have been looking forward with anticipation to the convening of General Conference. Two and a half years is a long time without personal quorum contact, exchange of notes and the spiritual rejuvenation of quorum gatherings. The accomplishments of the inter-Conference period while never fully gaining the anticipated goals have brought much good to many people, to the church, and personal satisfaction to the members of the quorum. We are now looking toward a Conference of great moment for the church of the future. After losing one member of our quorum by death, J. Arthur Koehler, since our last report, we now number sixty-six. Seven are active in the capacity of "local" Seventies while variously employed in temporal affairs. Fifty-nine are under full-time Conference appointment. Forty-four are

working in areas of the United States, one in Alaska, and fourteen in Canada and missions abroad. Thirty-three are serving as field missionaries, three as mission presidents, eight as branch pastors, and eight as district presidents, while still others are serving in executive and financial capacities. We anticipate having many of our brethren with us in our quorum gatherings during General Conference. To those not able to be present with us we send greetings and a prayer for their continued strength and success.

From reports received there seems to prevail a very fine spirit of optimism toward and keen interest in the carrying of the Restoration message to searching peoples of all races, colors, and creeds. Especially noted is the oft-expressed "new project" for the Seventies under the direction of the "Twelve": the opening up of all unopened and unorganized areas at home and abroad.

Many of the reports indicate a growing trend among people of high moral and intellectual standing from among the many faiths toward inquiry into the true principles of the Restoration and their continued embodiment in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Many of these good people have in a marvelous way been introduced to the church.

This new development is also quite apparent in the missions abroad. In this growing trend of inquiry have been found many of the outstanding missionary experiences of the past two years. One Seventy, now working in one of our small missions abroad, expressed the feeling of the people in the following terms: "People are looking for something bigger than themselves in which to place their trust, some of whom are finding the object of their search in the restored church."

Successes resulting from the work of the Seventies of the first quorum are attributable to wide areas of experience and varied conditions as follows: devotion, sacrifice, hard work, prayer, Christian living, alertness to seemingly small opportunities for conversions, outreach into new fields, recently written church literature and a wider distribution of the same, visual aids, better practices in human relations, revival of missionary spirit, co-operation between missionaries and the standing ministry, advance planning, crusades, and the moving of the Spirit in the hearts of all who are involved in these ever-increasing conversions.

New projects for the Seventies for more effective work as suggested in the reports are the following:

1. Continued good relationships between the Seventies and other councils of the church, and the standing ministry in all areas of church endeavor.
2. Initial training in the School of the Restoration for young Seventies, and refresher courses for experienced men.
3. More tracts and other missionary literature prepared by the Seventies at a lower cost, or for free distribution. More Seventy-written articles for the several church publications.
4. Study of missionary methods, past and present, within the church and those of ministers of other churches with a view to methods for greater efficiency in results.
5. Organizing of missionary-minded men from among the standing ministry for missionary work on the cottage level.
6. Searching out and training men from among the standing ministry to be trained in evangelism for local Seventies, and possibly later selection as traveling Seventies.
7. Prepare courses or textbooks on techniques in evangelism.
8. Start spreading the gospel in new areas at home and abroad.
9. Look toward the editing of a distinctly missionary paper.
10. Raise our annual baptismal gains to ten thousand, then work toward a substantial increase each succeeding year.

The members of the First Quorum are moving into the work in an ever-increasing tempo helping the standing ministry to better understand the work of evangelism and to better obtain decisions through cottage services as they themselves helped to complete many of the thousands of decisions for Jesus and his church.

J. H. YAGER
Quorum Secretary

Report of the Second Quorum of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

The Second Quorum of Seventy was organized during the General Conference of 1956. At this time Russell F. Ralston was elected as its president, and Eugene A. Theys, secretary. This Quorum at present is made up of fourteen Seventies. It is our hope that in the very near future it will be filled to capacity.

The Quorum is small at present, but it is by no means inactive. Since last General Conference all of these brethren

have served on several committees, prepared tracts and visual-aid material, and have done special research work for all of the Missionary Quorums of the church.

At the present time the brethren are serving in the following capacities:

- 1—Assigned as associate to an apostle's field
- 1—Director of missionary ministry in a stake
- 2—Pastor and district president
- 1—Pastor and district missionary
- 8—District missionary
- 1—Inactive because of ill health

We believe that the Saints have every reason to look forward with great expectation to the Second Quorum to render a great ministry in witnessing for Christ. It is made up of young men that the church can be proud of. At the present time these fourteen brethren have served an average of nine and one half years full-time church appointment.

We pray that God will add his blessings to his Saints throughout the world as we all endeavor to witness for him.

Respectfully submitted,
RUSSELL F. RALSTON, *President*
EUGENE A. THEYS, *Secretary*

Report of the Quorum of High Priests

As we present our report to the Conference this year we are conscious of the fact that for more than twenty-six years we have been working for and reporting the activities of this Quorum. The stimulation of the realization of what has come to pass within the Quorum in this more than a quarter of a century, by way of growth, is very gratifying. Concurrently the growth in the activities of the entire church has also been of the same general measure.

Our numbers have advanced from what seemed to be but a handful of men to a total of well over six hundred. The strength of the work of the High Priests is being felt more and more in the administrative activities of the church.

During the 1956 Conference the Quorum began some definite work in the field of exploring the field of High Priest responsibilities and prerogatives. A committee was appointed to do some research work in this regard. Brother Cecil R. Ettinger, then of Des Moines, Iowa, headed the work in this field. Other areas also were given attention by smaller committees. These reports were gathered together about midsummer and reproduced in brochure form and distributed to the members of the Quorum for consideration prior to the open-

ing of the Conference. This twenty-page document will form the foundation of much of the Quorum work of the Conference. Daily sessions will be held as usual in the White Masque Playhouse (formerly Kansas Street Chapel) at 10:00 and special meetings will be set as it becomes apparent that they are needed.

Each Conference as the high priests gather, there is the realization that some of our number have been called on into the sunset world. Some of these men have been the men who have carried the load for many, many years while others have been men in the very prime of their ministry. Mingled with our grief is always the assurance of the eternal qualities of our high priestly ministry and as a result we look forward to even greater days of ministry and achievement.

If one were to sum up the greatest development in the quorum during the past quarter of a century, it undoubtedly would be found in the field of understanding and acceptance of the responsibility of a high priest. No longer are the brethren content to feel that theirs is just a responsibility common to most every other expression of priesthood, but rather that theirs is a specific responsibility, being ordained and set apart in the work of the development of the kingdom. To such a commitment we are determined to give ourselves, and trust that, with the help of God, we may be able to give fuller expression to the desires inherent within our organization.

WARD A. HOUGAS, *President*
The Quorum of High Priests

Report of the Department of Statistics

*To the First Presidency
and General Conference*

We present, herewith, the statistical report for the years 1956 and 1957. Please see Tables I, II, III, IV, and V.

During the period there has been no full-time statistician, hence there has been little done by way of statistical studies. However, the work of the office has been carried on efficiently by the staff.

From Tables III and IV it will be noted that the number of baptismal reports received in 1956 was less than 1955. But in 1957, the highest number for any calendar year were received. To emphasize the need for continued better reporting and ministry we call attention to the fact that, as shown in these tables, transfers to the Unknown exceed the transfers from Unknown by more than 800 per year.

1956 BAPTISMS

In March, 1957, the 1956 baptisms were analyzed on the IBM machines. The 1957 baptisms have not yet been so analyzed. Table V shows the actual number of baptisms performed in 1956 to have been less than 5,345 reports received during the year. However, some 1956 baptisms undoubtedly were reported after the analysis was made and when they are checked will show the actual baptisms performed to about equal the number of reports received.

Even with the above-mentioned reservation in mind (that all 1956 baptisms may not be in the figure of 5,168), it is evident that we are finding it difficult to maintain our percentage of baptismal increase. This is particularly true in "missionary age area"—ages 15 and above.

BRANCH AND MISSION CHANGES

In 1956 and 1957 there were 36 branches organized. Twenty-two were missions for which records had previously been set up: Turley, Okla.; Bartlesville, Okla.; Seattle White Center, Wash.; Walnut Creek, Calif.; Anchorage, Alaska; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Brantford, Ont.; St. Catharines, Ont.; Ionia, Mich.; Great Bend, Kans.; Peninsula, Calif.; Richmond, Calif.; North Miami, Fla.; Bonner Springs, Kans.; Alva-Hullett, Wyo.; Klamath Falls, Ore.; Ames, Ia.; Bryan, Tex.; Upland, Calif.; Bradenton-Sarasota, Fla.; Cooksville, Ont.; and Milton, Fla. The others, most of which were branch missions, are Fargo, Mich.; Fort Gratiot, Mich.; Rockford, Ill.; Spokane Audubon Terrace, Wash.; Nampa, Idaho; Wilmington, Del.; Belaire, Tex.; Pasadena, Tex.; San Antonio Capitol Avenue, Tex.; Arcade, Calif.; Rose Lake, Mich.; Anaheim, Calif.; Pacific Beach, Calif.; and Rock Falls-Sterling, Ill. St. Thomas, Ontario, was restored to branch status after having been a congregation of the London-St. Thomas Branch.

During the two years, four branches were disorganized as follows: Dickson Grove, Tenn.; Calumet, Okla.; Harmony, W. Va.; and Malad City, Idaho. The latter two retained their records as district missions.

During the period records were set up for 56 missions. Four missions were disorganized and 22 were organized into branches. Two branches became missions.

NEW CONGREGATIONS IN STAKES

Seven congregations were organized in stakes, as follows: Drayton, Mich.; Troy, Mich.; Leamington, Ont.; and South Windsor, Ont., to Detroit International

Stake; Bethel, Kansas, to Kansas City Stake; Horton, Kansas, and Excelsior Springs, Missouri, to Far West Stake.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNT

Thus there was a net gain of 33 branches, 32 missions of record, and 7 congregations in stakes. As of December 31, 1957, there were 601 branches, 195 missions of record, and 148 congregations in stakes, making a total of 944 congregations of record in the United States and Canada (not including Hawaii).

DISTRICT CHANGES

The following redistricting changes have been made:

1. Northern California District was divided into the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento Districts.
2. Southern Michigan District was divided into the Grand Rapids and Lansing Districts.
3. The Rock Island District was divided into the Galesburg, Blackhawk, and Waterloo-Clinton Districts.
4. The Spring River District was divided into the Miami-Pittsburg and Joplin Districts.
5. The Kansas-Colorado District was organized from territory taken from Eastern Colorado and Kansas Districts.

These changes result in a net gain of 6 districts making a total of 82 districts in the United States and Canada as of December 31, 1957.

A FINAL WORD

With this report, my work as statistician is terminated. During my seven years in this office, I believe I have seen progress in the church. I believe the work of recorders is being done better than ever before. The Department of Statistics has been expanded so that monthly we service 1,050 individual records. This is nearly double the number of records outstanding seven years ago. Unorganized areas, missions, and congregations in stakes are receiving a balance sheet service which had never before been available to them.

This expansion not only brings a better "ministry of records" but also makes for the collecting of more valid statistics. And in the area of statistical analysis, the department is now prepared to give a service that can be invaluable in helping to determine future policy, procedures, and methods.

I take this opportunity to thank all those (especially recorders and the office staff) who have served so faithfully with me and co-operated in so many areas in the work of the department. And finally, may the richest of God's blessings rest

upon my successor as he shall carry on and further develop the work which is so vital to the building up of the kingdom.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS
Merle P. Guthrie, *Statistician*

Table I

Summary of changes of total enrollment from January 1, 1956, to January 1, 1958:

Total Enrollment		
January 1, 1956		159,996
Baptisms	5,345	
Reinstatements	23	
Transferred from Unknown	34	
Gains by Correction	123	
Gross Gain		5,525
Deaths	1,542	
Expulsions	4	
Withdrawals	225	
Losses by Correction	59	
Gross Loss		1,830
Net Gain		3,695
Total Enrollment		
January 1, 1957		163,691
Baptisms	5,705	
Reinstatements	9	
Transferred from Unknown	23	
Gains by Correction	85	
Gross Gain		5,822
Deaths	1,878	
Expulsions	11	
Withdrawals	306	
Losses by Correction	41	
Gross Loss		2,236
Net Gain		3,586
Total Enrollment		
December 31, 1957		167,277

Table II

Tabular comparison of the number of miscellaneous reports received during the years 1956 and 1957:

Type of Report	Number in 1956	Number in 1957
Transfers	15,247	15,397
Baptisms	5,345	5,705
Deaths	1,542	1,878
Deaths in Unknown File	8	251
Reinstatements	23	9
Withdrawals	225	306
Expulsions	4	11
Blessings	3,626	3,577
Marriages	2,657	2,459
Divorces	345	383
Change of Name	41	53
Ordinations	1,102	1,225
Licenses Restored	13	9
Silences	26	39
Licenses Surrendered	4	
Branches Organized	20	16
Branches Disorganized	1	3
Missions Recorded	31	25
Districts Organized	4	5
Districts Disorganized	1	2
	30,265	31,353

Table III

Changes in church membership during the year 1956 by stakes, districts, missions, etc., showing beginning enrollments, baptisms, transfers, miscellaneous gains and losses, deaths and final enrollments.

DISTRICTS	Enrollment Jan. 1, 1956	GAIN			LOSS			Enroll't Dec. 31, 1956
		Bapt.	Trnsfr.	Misc.	Death	Trnsfr.	Misc.	
Alabama	850	26	67	1	4	79		861
Mobile	1,640	59	66	1	8	46		1,712
*Arkansas and Louisiana	1,428	45	133		19	229	2	1,356
Central California	963	19	100	1	2	109		972
*Northern California	373				1	371	1	
*Sacramento	954	27	309		10	101	2	1,177
*San Francisco Bay	1,865	69	366	1	12	206		2,083
*Southern California	2,014	49	356	1	16	260		2,144
*Kansas-Colorado	907	64	229		4	103	1	1,092
*Eastern Colorado	2,155	66	201	2	26	258	2	2,138
Western Colorado	395	21	15		2	10		419
Pensacola	1,586	67	60	4	18	69	1	1,629
Hawaii	983	35	31		6	39		1,004
Idaho	803	54	112	1	6	122	1	841
Central Illinois	848	19	39	1	10	50	2	845
Chicago	1,227	37	134		8	118		1,272
Nauvoo	811	21	57	1	10	80	7	793
Northeastern Illinois	844	35	62	2	12	68		863
Rock Island	2,393	86	120		20	145	12	2,422
Southeastern Illinois	1,473	96	43		19	90	3	1,500
Northern Indiana	1,119	87	85	1	16	94	7	1,175
Southern Indiana	1,177	46	44	1	5	47		1,216
Des Moines	2,442	92	233	1	21	206	5	2,536
Northwest Iowa	2,295	95	128	2	32	212	26	2,250
Southwest Iowa	2,127	31	111	4	60	272	9	1,932
*Kansas	1,348	55	172		9	240		1,326
Kaw Valley	804	21	135		5	133		822
*Memphis	1,377	46	170		13	219	7	1,354
Maine	1,242	53	12		15	12		1,280
Washington, D.C.	728	32	123	1	2	89		793
South New England	1,132	23	56		20	33	14	1,144
Central Michigan	1,424	92	57	3	29	120		1,427
Eastern Michigan	1,221	25	84	5	20	84	2	1,229
Flint and Port Huron	2,566	135	406	2	17	388	2	2,702
*Grand Rapids	1,282	54	121	1	9	75	5	1,369
*Lansing	846	34	97	1	7	25	1	945
Northern Michigan	1,392	58	53	2	15	69		1,421
South Central Michigan	1,740	65	82	3	20	107	4	1,759
*Southern Michigan	101					101		
Michigan Upper Peninsula	497	24	20		2	22	1	516
Minnesota	1,149	31	91	1	10	103		1,159
Mo. Missionary Develop. Area	786	30	129	1	11	94		841
Rich Hill	1,182	30	82	4	17	126		1,155
St. Louis	1,777	66	146	2	20	180	4	1,787
*Southern Missouri	442	6	61	1	8	63	1	438
Springfield	826	30	102		7	119	1	831
Spring River	1,950	59	148	2	19	214	6	1,920
Northern Plains	350	2	40		1	38		353
Western Montana	651	11	64	1	7	94	1	625
Nebraska	660	18	82		11	102	1	646
Eastern Nebraska	1,924	82	113	1	25	115		1,980
New York	618	23	25		9	13	2	642
New York Metropolitan	545	23	124	1	1	126		566
Red River	447	11	39		6	42		449
Columbus	1,152	33	42		19	29		1,179
Kirtland	2,103	55	102		35	138	30	2,057
Northwest Ohio	862	27	40		7	37	4	881
Southern Ohio	1,910	96	91	3	27	119	6	1,948
Youngstown	613	27	42	1	5	49	5	624
Oklahoma City	1,207	66	72	3	8	78	1	1,261
Tulsa	1,743	65	250	3	24	270		1,767
Western Oklahoma	579	19	22		3	39		578
Columbia River	1,981	55	113	1	15	110	1	2,024
Southern Oregon	651	52	76	1	3	61		716
Philadelphia Metropolitan	824	16	29		6	37	1	825
Pittsburgh	733	21	17	2	10	26	5	732
Scranton	488	12	4	1	5	16		484
Central Texas	1,534	84	424	1	9	390		1,644
Southwest Texas	955	62	52		6	71	1	991
West Texas	536	29	61		1	39		586
Utah	517	16	22	3	3	20		535
Seattle	2,135	103	258	1	21	260	5	2,211

DISTRICTS	Enrollment Jan. 1, 1956	GAIN			LOSS			Enroll't Dec. 31, 1956
		Bapt.	Trnsfr.	Misc.	Death	Trnsfr.	Misc.	
Spokane	1,286	55	305	1	17	326		1,304
West Virginia	1,298	47	66	1	17	94		1,301
Wisconsin	1,260	34	188	1	10	204	1	1,268
Alberta	850	37	39		8	42	1	875
British Columbia	858	8	52	1	5	53	1	860
Chatham	1,257	46	34		10	51	1	1,275
London	1,328	59	44	1	13	80	2	1,337
Owen Sound	1,130	46	57	2	15	52	4	1,164
Toronto	2,000	75	143	4	31	151	1	2,039
Saskatchewan	878	27	31		6	37		893
	97,347	3,657	8,611	88	1,021	9,409	203	99,070

STAKES

Center Stake of Zion	10,395	362	567	16	101	579	22	10,638
Central Missouri	2,893	138	189	5	45	229	9	2,942
Far West	3,123	110	90	1	33	132	3	3,156
Kansas City	4,354	175	283	9	35	301	25	4,460
Lamoni	2,413	75	68	4	30	183	2	2,345
Detroit International	4,308	227	161	5	29	142	3	4,527
Los Angeles	3,914	162	369	9	31	357	9	4,057
STAKE TOTALS	31,400	1,249	1,727	49	304	1,923	73	32,125

UNORGANIZED

**Branches and Missions in Unorg. United States	270	10	37		3	60		254
Branches and Missions in Unorganized Canada	714	39	79	3	3	40		792
Arizona	783	24	83	4	6	107	3	778
**Florida	706	42	195	2	5	144		796
Louisiana	58		25			17		66
Mississippi	67	3	38			42		66
Montana	126		26	1	3	16	1	133
**New Mexico	289	20	26		3	60		272
Oregon			133			1		132
Washington		1	84					85
**Wyoming	389	21	41	1	4	33		415
Nonresident Unorganized United States	1,205	9	239	2	4	293	1	1,157
Nonresident Unorganized Canada	395	1	35	1	1	70		361
UNORGANIZED TOTALS	5,002	170	1,041	14	32	883	5	5,307
UNITED STATES AND CANADA	133,749	5,076	11,379	151	1,357	12,215	281	136,502

MISSIONS ABROAD

British Isles	1,551	64	8	1	23	22		1,579
Australasia	3,737	117	8		40	14	2	3,806
Germany	1,404	16			13	3		1,404
Holland	396	8			2			402
French Polynesia	2,253	57	2		36	2	3	2,271
Sweden	11				1			10
Denmark	11	2			2			11
Norway	45	1	2					48
Isle of Pines	73							73
MISSIONS ABROAD TOTALS	9,481	265	20	1	117	41	5	9,604

NONRESIDENT UNORGANIZED

ABROAD	85	4	9			7	1	90
TOTAL ABROAD	9,566	269	29	1	117	48	6	9,694

Membership Properly

Enrolled	143,315	5,345	11,408	152	1,474	12,263	287	146,196
Unknown	15,671		1,479	28	64	628	1	16,485
Suspense	1,010		10		4	6		1,010
Intra-Stake Transfers			2,350			2,350		
GRAND TOTAL	159,996	5,345	15,247	180	1,542	15,247	288	163,691

* District boundary changes. Note differences between December 31, 1955, and January 1, 1956, enrollment. All enrollments for discontinued districts are for non-residents which cannot be transferred as of January 1, 1956, enrollments. All enrollments are for branches and missions only. All changes effective January 1, except as noted.

1. Arkansas and Louisiana District—Branches and missions with enrollments totaling 315 transferred to other districts.
2. Northern California District divided into Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Districts.
3. Beginning enrollment of Southern California District included 46 enrolled with Las Vegas, Nevada, transferred to the district in May.
4. Kansas-Colorado District consists of territory taken from Eastern Colorado District and Kansas District.
5. Eastern Colorado District—Territory containing branches and missions with enrollments of 770 transferred to Kansas-Colorado District.
6. Kansas District—Territory containing branches and missions with enrollments of 137 transferred to Kansas-Colorado District.
7. Memphis District—Territory in Arkansas containing branches and missions with enrollments of 277 transferred to Memphis District. Name changed from Kentucky-Tennessee District.
8. Grand Rapids and Lansing Districts formed from Southern Michigan District.
9. Southern Missouri District—Hardy, Arkansas, Branch, with an enrollment of 38, transferred from Arkansas and Louisiana District.
10. Las Vegas, Nevada, was transferred to the Southern California District as of June 1. Forty-six of the Las Vegas group are shown with Southern California District beginning enrollment. The other three are shown as beginning enrollment on "Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States."

** Branches and missions located in unorganized Wyoming, Florida, and New Mexico removed from "Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States" and placed in their respective unorganized area without transfers. Hence, December 31, 1955, enrollment is different from January 1, 1956.

Table IV

Changes in church membership during the year 1957 by stakes, districts, missions, etc., showing beginning enrollments, baptisms, transfers, miscellaneous gains and losses, deaths, and final enrollments.

DISTRICTS	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1957	GAIN			Death	LOSS		Enroll't Dec. 31, 1957
		Bapt.	Trnsfr.	Misc.		Trnsfr.	Misc.	
Alabama	861	20	34		9	47		859
Mobile	1,712	72	120		12	114		1,778
Arkansas and Louisiana	1,356	25	66	2	17	162	5	1,265
Central California	972	55	93		14	101		1,005
Sacramento	1,177	42	400	2	15	333		1,273
San Francisco Bay	2,083	88	463	3	30	420	6	2,181
Southern California	2,144	101	690	1	22	607	3	2,304
Kansas-Colorado	1,092	36	45	1	17	118	1	1,038
Eastern Colorado	2,138	104	177	1	20	135	4	2,261
Western Colorado	419	10	17		12	21		413
Pensacola	1,629	59	60		17	84		1,647
Hawaii	1,004	33	20	1	7	25	4	1,022
*Boise	841	38	56	1	8	89	1	838
Central Illinois	845	50	55	1	7	58	5	881
Chicago	1,272	38	110	2	10	86	1	1,325
*Galesburg	505	23	45		7	6		560
Nauvoo	793	40	39	1	12	77	3	781
Northeastern Illinois	863	55	33		7	44	1	899
*Rock Island	221					221		
*Black Hawk	934	34	53		7	55	2	957
Southeastern Illinois	1,500	85	61		35	70	1	1,540
Northern Indiana	1,175	85	68	1	12	94	9	1,214
Southern Indiana	1,216	57	128		8	119	1	1,273
Des Moines	2,536	89	228	3	25	264	11	2,556
Northwest Iowa	2,250	77	142	5	35	198	16	2,225
Southwest Iowa	1,932	76	78	1	21	99	2	1,965
*Waterloo and Clinton	762	37	213		14	88	9	901
Kansas	1,326	50	135	2	8	148	1	1,356
Kaw Valley	822	38	103	1	6	125	1	832
*Miami-Pittsburg	1,051	46	101	2	18	119	4	1,059
Memphis	1,354	36	89		17	123		1,339
Maine	1,280	54	13	2	21	33	3	1,292
Washington D.C.	793	39	63	1	3	40		853
South New England	1,144	48	39	1	15	58	6	1,153
Central Michigan	1,427	116	71		20	99	4	1,491
Eastern Michigan	1,229	82	44	3	12	51	3	1,292
Flint and Port Huron	2,702	94	91		23	113	12	2,739
Grand Rapids	1,369	37	55		15	69	1	1,376
Lansing	945	40	202	2	14	197		978
Northern Michigan	1,421	72	41		17	50	1	1,466
South Central Michigan	1,759	68	69		21	87	1	1,787
Michigan Upper Peninsula	516	12	37		6	41		518
Minnesota	1,159	52	219		16	272	3	1,139
*Joplin	795	38	120	1	5	52	3	894
Mo. Missionary Develop. Area	841	27	78		4	59	1	882
Rich Hill	1,155	39	75		16	75	3	1,175
St. Louis	1,787	68	120	8	21	162	10	1,790
Southern Missouri	438	16	26		8	44		428
*Springfield	793	38	91		8	70	2	842
*Spring River	112					112		
Northern Plains	353	16	10		1	20		358
Western Montana	625	23	36		2	38		644
Nebraska	646	22	96	4	4	87	2	675
Eastern Nebraska	1,980	80	90		11	126	1	2,012
New York	642	11	42		3	40	2	650
New York Metropolitan	566	19	52		8	32		597
Red River	449	30	33		10	90		412
Columbus	1,179	48	46	1	13	46		1,215
Kirtland	2,057	158	90	1	13	93	11	2,189
Northwest Ohio	881	44	42		8	36	1	922
Southern Ohio	1,948	79	86	1	34	174	6	1,900
Youngstown	624	13	19		6	19		631
Oklahoma City	1,261	39	126		14	164	2	1,246
Tulsa	1,767	56	149		13	173	1	1,785
Western Oklahoma	578	18	16	2	6	28	1	579
Columbia River	2,024	104	276		15	235	2	2,152
Southern Oregon	716	31	113		5	119		736
Philadelphia Metropolitan	825	16	36	1	1	33	42	802
Pittsburgh	732	55	35		8	23	15	776
Scranton	484	9	10		6	21		476
Central Texas	1,644	60	234		17	255	7	1,659
Southwest Texas	991	60	217	1	12	251	1	1,005
West Texas	586	32	33		8	41		602

1. Rock Island District was divided into Black Hawk, Galesburg, and Waterloo-Clinton Districts. Beginning enrollment of Rock Island District is nonresidents only. Beginning enrollments of new districts are branches and missions only.

2. Spring River District was divided into Miami-Pittsburg and Joplin Districts. Beginning enrollment shown on Spring River is for nonresidents only. Beginning enrollments for the new districts are for branches and missions only. Lockwood, Missouri, Branch transferred from Springfield District to Joplin.

** The name of the Idaho District was changed to Boise District.

Table V

Baptisms for 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956.

DISTRICTS	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1957	GAIN			LOSS			Enroll't Dec. 31, 1957
		Bapt.	Trnsfr.	Misc.	Death	Trnsfr.	Misc.	
Utah and Southeast Idaho	535	13	24	1	10	37	4	522
Seattle	2,211	78	301	1	25	312	4	2,250
Spokane	1,304	43	71		13	73		1,332
West Virginia	1,301	59	37	2	12	37		1,350
Wisconsin	1,268	54	78		12	80	1	1,307
Alberta	875	37	33		13	37		895
British Columbia	860	29	50		4	27	1	907
Chatham	1,275	34	31		10	40	2	1,288
London	1,337	39	262		13	250		1,375
Owen Sound	1,164	35	81		15	104	1	1,160
Toronto	2,039	60	95	2	20	162		2,014
Saskatchewan	893	32	43		9	55		904
DISTRICT TOTALS	99,070	4,075	8,369	66	1,068	9,292	251	100,969
STAKES								
Center Stake of Zion	10,638	414	532	3	130	485	10	10,962
Central Missouri	2,942	114	223	1	26	313	8	2,933
Far West	3,156	102	112	1	45	115	9	3,202
Kansas City	4,460	170	282	4	51	499	23	4,343
Lamoni	2,345	67	67	2	26	160		2,295
Detroit International	4,527	171	142	5	22	150	13	4,660
Los Angeles	4,057	184	370	6	42	381	22	4,172
STAKE TOTALS	32,125	1,222	1,728	22	342	2,103	85	32,567
UNORGANIZED								
Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States	254	23	181		3	46		409
Branches and Missions in Unorganized Canada	792	48	70		10	87		813
Arizona	778	32	172	1	8	85		890
Florida	796	45	238	1	8	136	1	935
Louisiana	66	4	5		1	4		70
Mississippi	66	1	6		1	3		69
Montana	133		10			10		133
New Mexico	272	11	57			10		330
North Carolina		1	95			5		91
Oregon	132					17		115
South Carolina			44					44
Washington	85		1			9		77
Wyoming	415	20	112	2	4	100		445
Eastern Ontario			86			2		84
Northern Ontario and Georgian Bay		5	273	1		105		174
Nonresident Unorganized United States	1,157	8	167		9	320	2	1,002
Nonresident Unorganized Canada	361		17		1	241		135
UNORGANIZED TOTALS	5,307	198	1,534	5	45	1,180	3	5,816
UNITED STATES AND CANADA	136,502	5,495	11,631	93	1,455	12,575	339	139,352
MISSIONS ABOARD								
British Isles	1,579	31	4		17	5		1,592
Australasia	3,806	96	4		36	2	4	3,864
Germany	1,404	6	2		8	8		1,396
Holland	402	5	3		4	6		400
French Polynesia	2,271	69		23	36		13	2,314
Sweden	10				1			9
Denmark	11	1						12
Norway	48	2	2		2	3		47
Isle of Pines	73							73
MISSIONS ABROAD TOTALS	9,604	210	15	23	104	24	17	9,707
NONRESIDENT UNORGANIZED								
ABROAD	90		5	1	1	7		88
TOTAL ABROAD	9,694	210	20	24	105	31	17	9,795
MEMBERSHIP PROPERLY								
Enrolled	146,196	5,705	11,651	117	1,560	12,606	356	149,147
Unknown	16,485		1,592		302	644	2	17,129
Suspense	1,010		15		16	8		1,001
Intra-Stake Transfers			2,139			2,139		
GRAND TOTAL	163,691	5,705	15,397	117	1,878	15,397	358	167,277

Year	Beginning Enrollment	Age 8-14	Age 15 & Above	Total	% of Bapt. Inc. 8-14	% of Bapt. Inc. 15 & Above	% of Bapt. Inc.
1956	159,996	3,021	2,147	5,168	1.89	1.34	3.23
1955	156,440	3,155	2,392	5,547	2.01	1.53	3.55
1954	152,850	2,843	2,357	5,200	1.86	1.54	3.40
1953	149,989	2,811	2,193	5,004	1.87	1.46	3.34

Report of the Credentials Committee

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The Credentials Committee herewith presents the following report. The credential blanks, sent from the various district, branch, stake, and mission presidents and secretaries, show the following selected as delegates to the General Conference from their respective jurisdictions:

AUSTRALASIA

Districts

Hunter-Manning District, 762: Jeffrey Robinson, James D. Imrie, Mrs. William Patterson, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Hazel Imrie, Mrs. Mabel Davey, Mrs. Ruth Draper

Sydney District, 977: Mrs. L. Ferrett, Miss E. R. Ferrett, Mrs. N. A. Walkley, Miss Pat Waugh, Mrs. Shirley Judd, Miss J. Steedman, Mrs. Mabel Davey, Mrs. Ruth Draper, Wallace Max Wooderson.

Victoria, 611: L. Merriel Kubeil, Mrs. Mabel Davey, Mrs. Shirley Judd, Norman J. Dudley, Maurice A. Frater

(Note: Although enrollment was 611, only 5 names were listed.)

Branches in Unorganized Territory:

Argents Hill, 30, Wallace Max Wooderson
Auckland, 118: Michael J. LeBherz

Bowraville, 95: Wallace Max Wooderson
Buranda, Brisbane, 111: Mrs. Gwendoline Sorensen

Fremantle, 32: Roscoe E. Davey
Hayhurst, 30: Mrs. Mabel Davey
Morningside, Brisbane, 50: Vivian C. Sorensen

Murwillumbah, 67: Mrs. Ruth Draper
Norwood, 157: Miss Daphne Porter

Subiaco, 65: Roscoe E. Davey
Windsor, 74: Mrs. Mabel Davey

DOMINION OF CANADA

Districts

Alberta District, 891: Raymond Ashenburt, Mrs. Eva Ashenburt, Mrs. Ethel Innes, Alan C. Johnstone, Mrs. Zola Johnstone, C. Alvin Walrath, Mrs. Jean Walrath, Albert B. White

British Columbia District, 902: Raymond W. Huggett, Mrs. Pearl Huggett, Elizabeth Perkins, Alfred Beer, Mrs. Florence Beer, Mrs. Ethel Piedt, Samuel G. Clark, William Cooper, Edwin Spargo

Chatham District, 1,290: Elroy E. Hanton, Wanda Hanton, Allan Badder, Wesley Badder, Pamela Badder, Luther Walkinghood, Maxine Walkinghood, Nelson Badder, Walter Arrowsmith, Ellen Arrowsmith, Fred Brown, Robert T. Brown

London District, 1,292: J. C. Stuart, Eleanor Stuart, Earl Sheppard, Marjorie Sheppard, Roy Lucas, Lorne White, Daniel A. MacDonald, Harvey E. Nicholson, Albert K. Bennett, Gladys Bennett, Ruth Somers, Eunice Rutherford

Niagara District, 610: William Archer, George Towers, H. J. W. Horsley, Hilda Horsley, Nellie Towers, Clifford Lighthouse

Northern Ontario District, 654: Harvey L. Wagg, Roberta Green, Patrick Bolger, Morley Shepherdson, Andrew Beaudin, Betty Beaudin

Owen Sound District, 1,161: Perry M. Mair, J. Alexander Cadwell, Hudson Grundy, Dennis H'iker, George T. Furness, Helen Mair, Clara Dobson, Ralph Ferret, Maude Koury, Orlo Green, Carl Leeder

Toronto Metropolitan District, 1,485: A. O. Crownover, Ben H. Hewitt, Mrs. A. O. Crownover, Russell Pycok, F. Edward Butterworth, Mrs. William Archer, James L. Bavington, William G. Brown, Mrs. B. H. Hewitt, W. J. Bavington, Mrs. S. F. Chittenden, Robert Withrow, Mary Bavington, Gordon Burbidge

Saskatchewan District, 907: Orval D. Fisher, Mrs. Lottie M. Diggle, Dan Laverty, J. Arthur Gendron, G. R. Bowerman, Arthur F. Bergerson, Alma Piedt, Keith E. Harvey, E. L. Bowerman

Branches in Unorganized Territory:

Ottawa, Ontario, 131: Calvin M. Carpenter

Winnipeg, Manitoba, 156: Larry Coombe

STAKES

Center Stake of Zion, 11,058: Charles V. Graham, Glaude A. Smith, Fred A. Fry, Herbert C. Lively, Mrs. Maurice L. Draper, Evan A. Fry, Harold W. Cackler, Eugene A. Theys, W. Wallace Smith, F. Henry Edwards, Maurice L. Draper, L. J. Richards, G. Leslie DeLapp, Charles D. Neff, F. Carl Mesle, Robert E. Taylor, Clifford A. Cole, Richard B. Lancaster, Elbert A. Smith, H. L. Livingston, Aleta M. Runkle, Lynn E. Smith, L. Wayne Updike, Mrs. H. L. Livingston, W. N. Johnson, Mrs. F. Henry Edwards, Byron P. Constance, Mrs. Harold W. Cackler, Floyd M. McDowell, Wendell O. Kelley, Paul M. Hanson, William LaGrece, Cecil R. Ettinger, Mrs. G. Leslie DeLapp, Chris B. Hartshorn, E. Y. Hunker, Harold T. Downey, M. L. Parker, Arthur E. Stoft, Franklin S. Weddle, Oscar Case, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, Roger H. Yarrington, Charles F. Grabske, Sr., C. Myron Zerr, Harry G. Barto, Herbert M. Scott, J. Charles May, David W. L. Bowerman, Carroll L. Olson, Mrs. Walter N. Johnson, Mrs. Shankland S. Arnson, Mrs. D. Blair Jensen, Paul N. Craig, Guy E. Hurshman, Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, Blair L. Wildermuth, N. Ray Carmichael, Fred L. Young, Mrs. M. A. McConley, Amos E. Allen, Mrs. Oscar Case, A. Neal Deaver,

Reginald A. Smith, Mrs. C. Myron Zerr, Daniel M. Belcher, Howard P. Andersen, Duane E. Couey, Mrs. F. Carl Mesle, Thomas W. Thatcher, Robert D. Votava, A. B. Taylor, Clarence E. Martin, Fred N. Epperson, J. T. Westwood, Jr., Mrs. Arthur C. Lotz, O. L. Athey, Mrs. Elmer L. Armstrong, Mrs. Kenneth T. Barwise, Mrs. J. T. Westwood, Jr., M. A. McConley, G. Everett Berndt, Lawrence E. Martin, Wilmer C. Andes, John Blackmore, Glen B. Closson, Elvin G. H. Kettlewell, J. T. McCormick, W. E. Timms, Mrs. Stele A. Bryant, Charles F. Church, Oliver C. Houston, Kenneth L. Graham, Mrs. Frank P. Benson, Jr., E. Norman Cox, Robert S. Farnham, Ralph G. Smith, Mrs. Donald E. DeTray, Warren A. Benedict, Wallace M. Farley, Gerald S. Winholdt, Fred N. Larsen, Noel L. Mason, Mrs. Amos E. Allen, W. E. Wakeman, Mark H. Siegfried, Lucien B. Amos, Kenneth W. Tousley, J. Hyrum Robinson, D. J. Williams

Central Missouri Stake, 2,966: Emery E. Jennings, W. C. Becker, Mrs. W. C. Becker, W. J. Breshears, Mrs. W. J. Breshears, Ammon Beebe, O. A. Clark, W. G. Ferguson, Mrs. W. G. Ferguson, Merle Howard, D. R. Hughes, J. T. Smith, John E. Swall, Jr., S. E. Mifflin, Mrs. S. E. Mifflin, Ellis Rauh, Mrs. Ellis Rauh, Leonard Smith, Roy Smith, Roy Weldon, Mrs. Roy Weldon, Herbert Barto, Mrs. Herbert Barto, Paul Landsberg, W. K.

Gard, Mrs. John E. Swall, Jr., Mrs. Roy Smith, Perry Hiles, Mrs. Merle Howard

Far West Stake, 3,146: Joseph Albus, Mrs. Joseph Albus, Arnold Adams, Mrs. Arnold Adams, Harold Bezona, John W. Blackstock, Mrs. John W. Blackstock, Lee Blackstock, A. B. Constance, Fred L. Dickson, Robert A. Gould, Donald E. Harvey, Lloyd Heaviland, Alice Hougas, Melvin Hougas, Lawrence Keck, Eldon McKee, Mrs. Eldon McKee, Kenneth Nelson, Lloyd Parks, Mrs. Lloyd Parks, Ivan Rowlett, Orville Rowlett, Vernon J. Ruoff, Orman Salisbury, Mrs. Orman Salisbury, William Twombly, Mrs. Orris Salisbury, Mrs. William Twombly, Dodge Dunlap, Ethel Swails

Kansas City Stake, 4,310: Alden Colyer, Vernon Ether Cornish, Fred O. Davies, Albert A. Scherer, Twyla V. Scherer, Joseph E. Baldwin, Ada Davies, Floris M. Hands, Wardell E. Hinderks, Norman L. Bernauer, Harmon A. Higgins, Josephine V. Mader, Rena W. Steele, Ruth Ringer, Curtis A. Vernon, Violet Lorene Cornish, Beda M. Middleton, Roy Edwin Browne, Leo F. Parrish, H. Ross Higdon, Lyman Jones, David S. White, Edith H. Higgins, Ivan E. Bird, Harold W. Keairnes, Fred Baldwin, Charles S. Hawker, William S. Bennett, Edith Pearl Vernon, Virgil Raymond Fisher, Ada L. Browne, Violette A. Jones, Anna E. Hawker, Inez A. Fisher, Verna B. Travis, Mary Anderson, Phyllis Naomi Mader, Seth S. Sandy, Fannie May Baldwin, Clare E. VanBiber, Lester W. Bronson, Margaret K. Burgess, Vivian W. Graybill

Lamoni Stake, 2,251: Mrs. Dennis Anderson, Philip H. Beckmann, Virgil J. Billings, John A. Boden, M. G. Brooks, Roy A. Cheville, Mrs. Fred Condit, Mrs. Joe N. DeBarthe, Thomas D. Gaarder, W. S. Gould, Mrs. John Irving, L. W. Kohlman, Mrs. L. W. Kohlman, Morris E. Mortimore, Mrs. Morris E. Mortimore, Cecil Noftsgar, Oscar G. Sharp, Harry J. Simons, Mrs. Harry J. Simons, Harold A. Tabor, John Yohe, Raymond D. Zinser.

Detroit Stake, 4,654: W. Blair McClain, Gwendolyn McClain, O. Kenneth Byrn, Lyman F. Edwards, Marilyn Edwards, Glenn E. Johnston, David E. Dowler, Herbert Voltmann, Alma E. Grant, Reva Grant, Hazel Brockway, Rigby H. Leighton, Ruth Leighton, Artie Ecker, Rachel Ecker, Richard K. Wood, George McIntosh, Della McIntosh, Fayrene McIntosh, Glada Crinzi, Robert O. Slasor, Noble C. Gault, Mildred Gault, Richard L. Gault, John Moses, Robert Newman, Russell J. Knight, Mona Knight, Paul K. Kramer, E. V. Osborn, Mable Osborn, Gordon Grant, Robert C. Burger, Trevor Norton, Betty Norton, Floyd Hopkins, Kitty Hopkins, Murray J. Smith, Richard Pomeroy, Jennie Dowker, William Garnier, Asa L. Jones, Leone R. Weaver, George H. Booth, Gladys Booth, Irving W. Jones

Los Angeles Stake, 4,172: Mrs. Ruth Aslin, Blaine Bender, Helen Bender, Herbert Blake-man, Mayme Blakeman, William A. Collins, Irene Collins, Frank Curtis, Marie Curtis, Crawford David, Jac Davis, Ruth Davis, Francis E. Hansen, Lee O. Hart, William Hetrick, Reed Holmes, Dorothy Hutchins, Lee Hutchins, Arlene Johnson, Elmer Johnson, Lillian Kingsbury, William Kingsbury, Walter Bullard, Albert Knowlton, William Livingston, Lee Peterman, Mae Peterman, Earl Peters, Ruth Peters, Betty Saunders, Herbert Saunders, Clara Sheldon, Sylvester Sheldon, Joseph Roby, Nellie Sutherland, Garland E. Tickemyer, Hazel Tickemyer, Helen Weaver, Joseph Weaver, Perry Woods, Eulalia Roby

DISTRICTS

ALABAMA

Alabama District, 845: Myron LaPointe, Marvin Salter, Mrs. Marvin Salter, James Odom, Mrs. James Odom, Murphy Mathews, Jon C. Buntz, Lamar Odom

Mobile District, 1,778: John R. Darling, Beatrice Darling, J. L. Barlow, Sudie Barlow, Gladys Furby, E. J. Gleazer, George C. Goff, Brewton Greene, Mrs. Elizabeth Greene, Hale L. Miller, Mrs. Edna Miller, John H. Rogers, Mrs. Jeanne Rogers, T. L. Smith, Jr., Ambrose Sutton, Frank White, John C. White

ARIZONA

Arizona District, 910: Robert Wakeman, Keith Rogers, Helen Rogers, Rodney Engel, I. Raymond Greene, Keizo Tsuji, Wilbert Wood, Clarence C. Piepergerdes, Frances Weldon

ARKANSAS

Arkansas-Louisiana District, 1,265: Mrs. Sallie Carpenter, Lillian Powell, N. Glynn Coltharp, Linda Coltharp, R. L. Morrison, Delmah Cook, Maxine Cook, T. B. Sharp, Frank Owens, Minnie Owens, Merle McCollum, James Huntsman

CALIFORNIA

Central California District, 1,001: Donald Damron, Normand Slick, Aleah Koury, Mary Stark, Eula Damron, Walter Damron, Victor Bates, G. Sam Chesnut, Calvin Nephew, David Elliott

Sacramento District, 1,273: H. Dean Hintz, Helen Hintz, John Muceus, Charles Vreeland, E. C. Burdick, Dorothy Wixom, Hazel Damron, James Damron, D. P. Wright, John Dowker, Geraldine Elam, Albert Burdick

San Francisco Bay District, 2,181: Jay Allen, G. Dale Argotsinger, Alice Buckley, Clayton H. Condit, Joann Condit, Barbara Downs, Howard Downs, Kenneth Epperly, Ray Lucas, Audrey Olsen, Neilse Olsen, Glen Dale Smith, Grace Smith, Ira Waldron, Lafern Waldron, Maynard Whiteley, Violet Whiteley, Donald E. Manuel, Jean Manuel, Emery S. Parks, Robert Brown

Southern California District, 2,388: John P. Davis, Mrs. John P. Davis, David B. Carmichael, Mrs. David B. Carmichael, James N. Kemp, Keith Kinart, Mrs. Keith Kinart, Louis J. Ostertag, Mrs. Louis J. Ostertag, Gene C. Ross, Mrs. Gene C. Ross, Nelson Van Fleet, Mrs. Nelson Van Fleet, Kenneth Arkley, Mrs. Kenneth Arkley, Mrs. Earline Campbell, James Campbell, Mary Campbell, Roy Hewes, Robert Hampton, Mrs. Robert Hampton, Cecil Gunsolley, Fred West

COLORADO

Kansas-Colorado District, 1,052: Don Cash, Mrs. Mary E. Cash, C. E. Graybill, Mrs. Dorothea Graybill, J. R. Graybill, Mrs. J. R. Graybill, S. F. Bullard, Zadio Bullard, Owen Self, Norman Page

Eastern Colorado District, 2,352: Ward A. Hougas, Mrs. Ward A. Hougas, Joseph A. Hufferd, Mrs. Joseph A. Hufferd, John F. Jordan, Hylton C. Lanphere, Mrs. Hylton C. Lanphere, Dale F. Machart, Mrs. Dale F. Machart, Harold N. Schneebeck, Mrs. Harold N. Schneebeck, E. R. Sivits, Mrs. E. R. Sivits, T. Evan Thomas, Mrs. T. Evan Thomas, Robert L. West, F. Hayden Dow, Raymond T. Jackel, Worthy W. Poe, Burrell R. Shupe, Mrs. Burrell R. Shupe, Leslie E. Whittemore, Gordon A. Harshman

Western Colorado District, 412: Houston Hobart, Cecil Lewis, Joseph M. Towns, Charles J. Hoschouer

FLORIDA

Pensacola District, 1,647: Bruce Jones, E. J. Gleazer, Walter M. Edwards, George Hall, Lewis M. Roberts, Lucille Oliver, Lee R. Oliver, Millian Hall, George E. Mead, Flora Mead, Myron F. LaPointe, Joseph H. Yager, Lillian Yager, Donna LaPointe, Ben L. Jernigan, Lula Jernigan

HAWAII

Hawaii District, 1,018: Sylvester R. Coleman, Priscilla Kramer, Robert Fletcher, Howard Hutchison, Howard Miller, Richard Shojinaga, Wesley Patrick, Veronica P. Fletcher, Puuala Bugbee, John Terada

IDAHO

Boise District, 853: Gomer Condit, Virginia Condit, Arthur Horner, Janie Horner, Luther Troyer, Ruby Troyer, Fred Troeh, Larry Dennis

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois District, 875: Charles E. Brockway, Mrs. Edith E. Brockway, John Gorker, Stephen Lester, Mrs. Stephen Lester, F. L. McKane, Sr., Ernest Thomas, Harold Walker

Chicago District, 1,347: Lyle W. Woodstock, Mrs. Doris Woodstock, Kenneth D. Lusha, Mrs. Kenneth D. Lusha, Mrs. L. S. Wight, Dennison H. Smith, Mrs. Dennison H. Smith, LaMont Mair, Hugh W. Smith, James B. Burdick, Mrs. Hazel Burdick, Mrs. Nora L. Lusha, Lynton L. Lusha

Galesburg District, 567: Wilbur Sartwell, Leonard Hendricks, LeRoy Carpenter, Charlotte Carter, David Carter

Nauvoo District, 785: Orville H. Hulmes, Mrs. Joy G. Hulmes, Lewis Zonker, Mrs. Betty Zonker, Edward Stark, Kenneth Duke, William Gunn

Northeastern Illinois District, 890: Judith Cleveland, Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Cecil Robbins, Everett Parcell, Donald Lusha, Mrs. Mary Lusha, Norman Pement, Mrs. Mamie Hayer

Black Hawk District, 934: Charles Shippy, Fred Bevan, Earl Willets, Clyde McKee, Marjorie Willets, Ruth Shippy, Mrs. E. J. Lenox, Henry Martens, Phyllis Preusch

Southeastern Illinois, 1,526: Edward Closson, Helen Closson, R. W. Poore, Norman Jackson, Glenna Jackson, Russell H. Ellis, Pearl Ellis, Mrs. Earl Phillips, Elizabeth Wilson, Charles Wesner, Jake Knauss, A. M. Pelletier, Betty Pelletier, Sam Anderson, Dean Shelton

INDIANA

Northern Indiana District, 1,208: Mrs. T. Ed Barlow, T. Ed Barlow, Victor Holubetz, William Dale Wismer, Jack Drader, Jack Rees, Mrs. Arthur Middleton, Arthur Middleton, James Hazzard, Cecil L. Wismer, Mrs. George Drader, George Drader

Southern Indiana District, 1,273: Chester Metcalf, H. W. Burwell, Lyle Gatrost, Rose Metcalf, Nita Burwell, James B. Welch, James Renfro, Cecil Shanks, Vernes Collins, Laura Brown, Theresa Dell Gatrost, C. L. Gritton

IOWA

Des Moines District, 2,560: Charles Cackler, Mrs. Ruth Cackler, Henry Castings, Mrs. Norma Caswell, Mrs. Helen Harrington, William Harrington, Victor Lents, Mrs. Doris Russell, Lee Mussell, Lloyd Mussell, Blair Richardson, Stephen Robinson, Fay L. Sawtelle, Mrs. Mildred Sawtelle, Ira Shippy, Asa Smith, Mrs. Gwendoline Sorensen, Vivian Sorsensen, Mrs. Adell Stanley, Alfred Stanley, Mrs. Anna Wicker, Ralph Wicker, R. David Williams, Alfred Yale, Mrs. Miriam Yale

Northwest Iowa District, 2,235: Elvin Baughman, Walter Weldon, Jeannette Weldon, William R. Adams, Katherine Baughman,

Russell Pearson, Guy Johnson, Eldon L. Edwards, Paul Argotsinger, Raymond Butterworth, Elwin Vest, Hazel Butterworth, Chester Davis, Inez Vest, Nettie Argotsinger, Ruby Adams, Charles J. Smith, Ben Fish, Violet Jeurgens, Floris Davis, Fanchon Quick, Virginia Cave

Southwestern Iowa District, 1,961: Helen Booth, John E. Booth, L. Merle Spence, Orville Johnson, Orace A. Currie, Lucille Landon, Lee E. Landon, Frank R. Shank, Ivan L. Olsen, Donna Mae Olsen, Marie Shank, Grace Doty, James Birkby, Blanche Currie, Homer Doty, Doris Johnson, Lois Spence, Peter Heuermann, Mary Ellen Jones

Waterloo-Clinton District, 901: Clarence M. Beil, Paul Edwards, Mrs. Hallie Edwards, Harry Jones, Mrs. Beatrice Jones, William Gardner, Mrs. Jessie Gardner, Edward McFarlin, G. Evert McFarlane

KANSAS

Kansas District, 1,346: Ralston Jennings, Cody Gose, H. Lindon Robinson, Virgil Weaver, Kenneth Ingram, C. R. Richards, Kenneth Ward, James Menzies, William Newman, Roy Irons, Dell Menzies, Hazel Gose, Alice Ingram

Kaw Valley District, 830: Rose Mary Essex, Willard Morrison, Edwin Browne, Claude Norris, Marion Goodfellow, Dorothy Norris, Inez Norris, Ammon Andes

Miami-Pittsburg District, 1,050: B. F. Kyser, Mrs. Gail Kyser, C. L. Rook, Mrs. Hazel Rook, C. D. Wilson, Mrs. Nina Coldiron, Melba Morehead, Mrs. Esther Heller, Mrs. Noble Bath, Mrs. Lela Parkhurst

MAINE

Maine District, 1,292: Chester Gray, Pauline Gray, James Huntly, Calvin Crowley, Donald L. Kyser, Hazel Kyser, Willis Foss, Cecil Billings, Edna Billings, Harry Rogers, Phyllis Rogers, Lawrence Smith

MARYLAND

Washington D.C., District, 835: John T. Conway, Paul M. Edwards, Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, Keith C. Harder, Melvin S. Henderson, Gordon W. Mesley, Mrs. Howard M. Mousley, Harry E. Ratcliffe

MASSACHUSETTS

Southern New England District, 1,139: Victor J. Witte, Mrs. Victor J. Witte, Harold S. Cash, Jr., Mrs. Harold S. Cash, Jr., Lester I. Tacy, Mrs. Eugene P. Carter, Asa Gencarelli, Mrs. Everett York, Moroni Heap, Roy Churchill, Miss Ella Thayer

MICHIGAN

Central Michigan District, 1,489: Byron Doty, Christy Doty, Charles Twining, Clara Twining, Phyllis Hiles, Burt Benjamin, Doyle Huff, Marshall McGuire, Pearl McGuire, Angus McGuire, Vern Extine, Jay Doty, Charles Mundorff, Joyce Mundorff

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 Bradenton, Florida, 55: Ethel Tewsley
 Chadron, Nebraska, 62: Darrel W. Co-
 burn
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 97: John Law-
 rence Barnes
 Hannibal, Missouri, 69
 Huntsville, Missouri, 43: Wayne Banta
 Jefferson City, Missouri, 76: Mrs. Law-
 rence Shedd
 Linn, Missouri, 72
 Macon, Missouri, 37: Jennie Paris
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 North Miami, Florida, 61: Gladys Tan-
 kersley
 Orlando, Florida, 127: Arthur Henson
 Pleasant Hill, Illinois, 71: Oral Guthrie
 Tampa, Florida, 138: Zelma Weiser
 Torrington, Wyoming, 57: Ethel Gomez

Delegates from the European Missions were elected in harmony with the recommenda-
 tion of the First Presidency on delegates from
 missions abroad which are not otherwise or-
 ganized, published in the *Saints' Herald*, Au-
 gust 4, 1958, page 4 (724). We recommend
 that these delegates be seated as follows:

Report of the School of Restoration Board of Trustees

To the General Conference

The School of the Restoration which
 was authorized by the General Confer-
 ence of 1956 is administered under the
 authority of the Board of Trustees which
 consists of the First Presidency, the Pre-
 siding Bishopric, and the President of
 the Council of Twelve, the President of
 the Quorum of High Priests, and the
 President of the Council of Presidents of
 Seventy. Elders L. Wayne Updike and
 Clifford Cole serve as director and as-
 sistant director, with Karen Oliver as
 registrar and Roger Yarrington as direc-
 tor of public relations.

The school opened its doors to its
 first group of students in June of that
 year. Since that time it has held three
 or more sessions each year. Two of these
 are regular sessions in which classes meet
 once each week over a period of twelve
 or more weeks. The third session is a
 short session of two weeks' duration held
 in the summer. In addition to these a
 special short session for appointees was
 held in December of 1956 in which some
 twenty-four recent appointees attended
 either immediately preceding or shortly
 following their taking the field.

At the same time the residence sessions
 were being held, there have been set up
 a number of needed courses which are
 offered by correspondence to priesthood

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 ter Arrowsmith, Nellie Arrowsmith, Florence
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 Smolny, Carl Heinrichs, Christa Tegtmeyer,
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 Buttgen, Henry L. Livingston, Joe Bayless

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Scandinavian Mission, 70: Ragnhild Fossum

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French Polynesian Mission, 2, 314
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and other leaders throughout the church.
 Ten such courses are now available. The
 school has to date recorded 1,430 reg-
 istrations. These are spread over 1,047
 students. It will be noted that these are
 individual registrations for individual
 courses and are not to be confused with
 the usual undergraduate college situation
 in which the student normally registers
 for several courses at one time.

The above registrations have been ap-
 proximately evenly divided between
 courses in residence and those by cor-
 respondence. An analysis of the geo-
 graphical distribution reveals that students
 have enrolled from thirty-five states and
 from Canada, Alaska, England, Ger-
 many, Australia, Holland, Scandinavia,
 and the Netherlands West Indies. About
 half of our students are from areas in
 and near the Center Place.

The students enrolled have been listed
 as follows:

High Priests	24
Seventy	10
Elders	193
Priests	178
Teachers	70
Deacons	131
Members	437
Nonmembers	4
Total	1,047

Of these 620 have studied by corre-
 spondence and 427 have been enrolled in
 residence courses.

Looking to the future, we see opening
 before us an ever-widening opportunity
 for service on the part of this newly or-

ganized educational endeavor. The need
 for trained leadership becomes increas-
 ingly obvious as the complexity of to-
 day's world increases. One of the chief
 problems we face is the matter of reach-
 ing out to potential leaders who live in
 distant places. Establishment of an ex-
 tension service from the School of the
 Restoration seems highly desirable, but
 until such time as there is a well-es-
 tablished full-time faculty employed by the
 school such extension endeavors are not
 readily arranged.

One of the most effective and encour-
 aging contributions made by the school
 has been made possible by the rather spe-
 cific co-operation of certain administra-
 tive officers in stakes and districts of
 the church. Particularly notable in this
 regard are the efforts made in Kansas
 City Stake, Los Angeles Stake, Des
 Moines, and Sydney, Australia. In each
 of these cases a group of students was
 assembled, each was encouraged to en-
 roll individually as a student in the
 School of the Restoration, and then the
 group studied together with each individ-
 ual sending his examinations to the
 school for grading in the usual procedure
 with correspondence courses. Kansas City
 Stake enrolled 135 priesthood members
 of whom nearly all have completed the
 introductory course having to do with the
 priesthood office each man holds. Bishop
 F. E. Hansen has been especially helpful
 in spearheading the enrollment of the
 Aaronic priesthood of the Los Angeles
 Stake and has received from the School
 of the Restoration a periodic report of
 the number of such students who have
 completed their course. We trust this
 type of mutual endeavor shall charac-
 terize the relationship between the School
 of the Restoration and many district and
 branch officers, particularly those con-
 cerned with Priesthood and Leadership
 Education.

While there is no inclination or intent
 to make any specific amount of formal
 education a prerequisite to calls to the
 priesthood, yet we are finding an in-
 creasing tendency on the part of ad-
 ministrative officers to use courses from
 the School of the Restoration in their
 preordination training program. This
 movement shall be encouraged in the
 future and to the extent that it becomes
 general we will be gratified.

The school has been greatly helped
 by the opportunity to make use of the
 seven-acre Campus which is owned by
 the General Church. This is obtained on
 a rental basis and has met our needs very
 well up to the present.

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Report of the

Director of Priesthood and Leadership Education

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The stimulation of priesthood and leadership education is a broad and general function which finds expression through a number of different channels. Among these we observe the following: (1) courses for credit in the Priesthood and Leadership Education program, (2) Graceland College, (3) the School of the Restoration, (4) the *Saints' Herald, Guidelines*, and other church publications, (5) Christian homes, local institutions, workshops, church schools, reunions, camps, etc., (6) various other public and private institutions of learning in which our people enroll and participate, and (7) the daily experience of those now serving in various capacities throughout the church.

In our leadership education program we have proceeded under the philosophy that all specific training in leadership is more effective if it can be given against the background of a liberal education. We have therefore continued to encourage our people to attend schools and colleges whenever and wherever their circumstances permit. In addition to this we urge those who can do so to establish for themselves a lifetime study program giving specific attention to regular study as a part of their way of life. We have attempted to avoid narrow limitations in curriculum, rather following the spirit and intent of the instructions given in Doctrine and Covenants 85:21 which reads:

And I give unto you a commandment, that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom; teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that is expedient for you to understand; of things both in heaven, and in earth, and under the earth; things which have been; things which are; things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home; things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations; and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries, and of kingdoms, that ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again, to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you.

In addition to encouraging general education, the church has some specific tasks to perform in the field of leadership preparation. These have to do with the specific training of individuals for

official positions in the branches, districts, and stakes of the church. To assist in this endeavor we are continuing to offer courses in Leadership Training under local sponsorship and controlled by procedures set forth in a small bulletin called *Courses in Priesthood and Leadership Education*, commonly referred to as Bulletin 106. We have also set up the School of the Restoration which offers courses both in residence and by correspondence.

A major problem which we face and which is ever present in any educational endeavor is the matter of financing. We have endeavored as far as possible to place the Leadership Training efforts on a self-sustaining basis. This has been attempted with the full knowledge that success in such an endeavor is rarely achieved. Almost all schools and colleges are supported by a great deal of help from taxation, endowments, or appropriations from sponsoring churches or other organizations. In our own case the General Conference has previously made substantial appropriations in order that the Priesthood and Leadership Education program might continue and that the School of the Restoration might begin. We proceed, therefore, with the full expectation that appropriations shall continue to be necessary, but nevertheless working toward the end that the financial load shall be carried as directly as possible by the students benefited.

Another problem which concerns us is that of reaching potential leaders in widely separated geographical locations. We are aware that few adult students can take time from their work and home responsibilities to attend Graceland College or the School of the Restoration for any significant period of time. It becomes necessary that something be done to make Leadership Training opportunities available to the people of the church where they are. In addition to encouraging them to participate in locally available general education opportunities we have adjusted the program called Priesthood and Leadership Education (Bulletin 106) to provide for local administration wherever a class can be assembled and a qualified instructor obtained. The headquarters' office provides the catalog from which such courses are selected and a record-keeping system so that courses taken may be properly recorded and later transferred to the School of the Restoration should the students so desire. Textbooks are obtained either from local libraries or purchased from the Herald House.

The 1956 General Conference moved to set up the School of the Restoration for the purpose of filling a gap in the field of Priesthood and Leadership Education. Since that time the school has

occupied a major portion of the time and efforts of the director. This is perhaps necessary for a short time, but it is inevitable that if the broad concept of Priesthood and Leadership Education is to be continued and kept in the forefront of the thinking of the various spiritual administrators in branches, districts, and stakes, then the time must come when the School of the Restoration also has its separate director and staff just as is now the case with Graceland College, the Herald House, or the various other situations in which Leadership Education takes place. The Director of Priesthood and Leadership Education does not conceive his office to be the administrator of institutions of education; rather he conceives his function to be that of stimulating and guiding the educational endeavors expressed through all channels in such ways that the result will be the development of a quality of leadership which all these efforts taken together can produce.

We look forward to the day when more and more of our leaders will be studying with some specific relationship to the office of Priesthood and Leadership Education involving a definitely planned lifetime study program, an essential element of which is the personal interest on the part of each student in keeping an organized record of progress toward well-chosen objectives.

The co-operation of many local and district and stake leaders has been most gratifying. We move forward with the conviction that through many channels the process of training leaders for tomorrow will continue. We pledge ourselves to give such guidance and help in these matters as opportunity permits.

L. WAYNE UPDIKE

Report of the Department of Religious Education

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The inter-Conference period just past has been productive in the development of educational materials for the church. In many ways we are now reaping the harvest from the years of research started under the direction of Brother Reed Holmes. As the tempo of the production of new materials coming from the Department of Religious Education gains momentum, we find ourselves increasingly burdened by the sheer weight of the activity we bear, but buoyed up in the sense of achievement and the awareness of the Spirit of God which has di-

rected us in this work. There has been a genuine sense of brotherhood and fraternity within the Department itself, and each of us has been gratified in the fine support which has been given by the people of the church to the educational work.

OBJECTIVES

Three major objectives have guided our work during this inter-Conference period:

1. A continuation of the curriculum research project begun in 1952.
2. The production of educational materials for the various educational activities and programs within the church.
3. The continued promotion of an adequate educational program at the district and branch level through field work to help train and strengthen the hands of leaders, teachers, and administrative officers.

In some areas we have made more progress than in others. It would be entirely impossible for us to enumerate all the significant work that has been done in all the various divisions of the Department.

CURRICULUM RESEARCH

In regard to our curriculum research, progress has moved forward slowly. This has been influenced by

1. The pressure of achieving objectives 2 and 3, above, limiting the amount of time we could give to research.
2. The need for us to test the implication of our research in actual practical experience, so we could test its adequacy and soundness before building on it for future research.
3. The necessity for giving time for developing and assimilating the changes already implied, following the research completed.

Important work has been done in setting up educational experiments in some of our branches and in developing materials in line with research findings.

CHURCH SCHOOL DIVISION

The church school division has moved forward rapidly since Brother Clifford Buck came into the Department last Conference. His assignment made it possible for one man to give full attention to the development of church school materials and to church school organization. With the groundwork which had been previously laid through the curriculum research, Brother Buck has launched out in the developing of an entirely new three-year cycle of church school materials in the graded curriculum, that is, kindergarten through senior high.

We hope that each branch and mission of the church began using these new materials this Sunday, October 5. We believe that these will mark a new step forward in the development of the church schools, and that the church will profit greatly from the increased effectiveness which these materials will bring to our educational work.

The church has been kept informed of the development of these materials, and a description of the church school curriculum for this year is to be found in the June 30, 1958, issue of *Saints' Herald*.

ADULT WORK

We have continued to make progress in the development of materials for adult study. The work of the adult division has been under the direction of Brother Athol B. Packer.

Three new units were added to the "Family Living Study Series":

- Recreation in Our Families*, by Richard B. Lancaster
- Parent-Child Relationships*, by John and Marian Blumenschein
- Standards of Health and Nutrition*, by Mildred Nelson Smith

Three other adult texts have been submitted to the church and are now in use:

- Faith for New Frontiers*, by Clifford A. Cole
- Let's Do Something about Our Teaching*, by Norma Anne Kirkendall
- Ten Considerations for Family Living*, by Roy A. Cheville

The following additional manuscripts are in the hands of the Herald House and will be published and made available in the near future:

- Life and Letters of Paul*, by Alfred H. Yale
- An Open Door*, by Athol B. Packer
- What Is the Field of Theology?* by Roy A. Cheville
- The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit*, by Maurice Draper

In addition to these materials, we anticipate that the following courses will be completed during the next inter-Conference period:

- Social Progress through Stewardship*, by G. L. DeLapp
- Science and the Latter Day Light*, by Deam Ferris
- A study of the apostasy and the emergence of the Restoration, by Roy A. Cheville
- A course for senior adults in the church, by Evan A. Fry

Fourteen additional units in the church doctrine and theology series:

- God*, by F. H. Edwards
- Jesus, the Christ*, by F. H. Edwards
- The Holy Spirit*, by F. H. Edwards
- The Meaning of Salvation*, by Russell Ralston
- The Nature and Organization of the Church*, by Reed M. Holmes
- Priesthood*, by W. Wallace Smith
- The Scriptures*, by Walter N. Johnson
- The Kingdom of God*, by H. L. Livingston
- Faith*, by Herbert M. Scott
- The Ordinances*, by Lynn Smith
- The Healing Ministry of the Church*, by Donald V. Lents and Dr. Vance E. Link
- Eschatology*, by Charles D. Neff
- Eternal Judgment—God's Judgment*, by C. A. Davies
- Prayer*, by J. C. Stuart

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

The children's division of the Department of Religious Education has been under the direction of Brother J. R. Evans during most of the inter-Conference period. This division of the Department has specialized in the production of vacation church school, reunion, and church school materials. With Brother Evans' assignment to the Southeast Texas District, Brother Athol Packer has taken over the direction of the children's division. The work of this division will be expanded as fast as personnel and resources make possible.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Each year the vacation church school program is growing, and more branches are participating in this valuable activity. From the reports that have come in from the 1958 vacation church schools, leaders are extremely enthusiastic about the results accruing from their vacation church schools.

During the next inter-Conference period it will be necessary to prepare another course of study as an alternate for *Adventures in the Land of Promise*—this to be used in those areas where leaders feel it unwise to use the Book of Mormon material.

REUNION MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN

The present series of reunion materials (*The Gospel of Joy*, *Choosing God's Way*, and *Jesus and His Church*) appear to be well received and can be used at least through another three-year cycle.

BOYS' WORK

The major accomplishment in the field of boys' work has been the developing of a new God and Country program which was begun by Brother Carl Mesle and continued by Brother Richard B. Lancaster.

At the present time, the manual, *Scouting and the Church*, has been rewritten and will be printed shortly to provide leadership in this field.

Progress in the growth of the number of Boy Scout units during this inter-Conference period is encouraging. In December of 1956 there were 67 Boy Scout units in the church, and in January of 1958 there were 92, which is approximately a 34 per cent increase. This growth may be attributed to the promotion given Scouting at the time of the initiation of the new God and Country program. There has been a total of 1,014 Boy Scouts enrolled in the God and Country program of our church. Registrations in the new program during this inter-Conference period have totaled 256. These include boys from Hawaii, Okinawa, Norway, Canada, and the United States. There have been 37 young men who have completed the God and Country award program since General Conference of 1956. This makes 182 completions since the award was established in 1945.

The growth of Scouting in the church has been slow, but in those areas where adequate leadership has been provided, the Scouting program has proved to be one of the most effective for giving ministry to junior high boys.

GIRLS' WORK

Since last General Conference a most encouraging trend has continued. More and more districts and branches are including girls' programs as a part of their total ministry, and are recognizing the value of the programs not only to the girls, but also to the families of the girls. A noteworthy expansion outside the mainland United States is the organization of the girls' programs in three branches in the District of Hawaii—two on the island of Oahu and one on the island of Hawaii. Just recently, a band of Skylark girls has been organized in Hughesdale, Victoria District, Australia. These seem to be on stable footing, and we believe will flourish.

Throughout the church there are approximately 1,700 girls currently registered in the Oriole and Skylark work, meeting in 165 circles and bands. Of these, about one third are in the Center Stake. In addition, there are 350 girls' leaders active in weekly meetings with the girls, and more than 1,000 sponsoring committee members and honor badge examiners.

In the inter-Conference period, 248 girls have enrolled in the Light of Life religious award program of the church. During this period, 26 Oriole girls and 6 Girl Scouts have completed all the work and received the award pin. Every

girl who has completed the work has spoken highly of its value in her life.

A few over 400 girls participated in the Oriole girls' camps of the church. Four hundred Skylark girls participated in overnight camps. Camps are considered a part of the yearly program for Oriole girls, and girls have opportunities to complete requirements while in camp.

Since last Conference the newly revised *Oriole Girls' Handwork* was placed on sale and has now had its second printing. Still to be completed is a revision of the *Oriole Monitor's Manual*, and other resource helps for leaders.

Sister Edna Easter is director of the girls' activities.

ZION'S LEAGUE

A major accomplishment in the senior high area has been the development of materials for Zion's Leagues and church schools. In particular, there has been established a new cycle of Zion's League *Annuals*—two years of separate materials for the commission areas of recreation, study, worship, and service. There has also been a close co-ordination of working relationships between the church school division, particularly in the development of church school materials and teachers' guides.

Some exploration and preliminary research have been given in the area of leadership to youth caravans. Senior high reunion materials have been produced for use throughout the church. Other material is desperately needed for youth of senior high age. In the near future, a study course will be developed on the basic beliefs of the church which will be of interest and appeal to young people.

The results of a survey indicate that of 543 branches responding, 439 have Zion's Leagues with 5,761 young people involved. One hundred and ten indicated they had junior Leagues. Much needs to be done in the junior high field particularly as more and more branches are developing junior high co-ed programs. In the past we have been unable to give leadership to this need within the church.

OLDER YOUTH

One of the areas of greatest need in the church is the development of a more adequate program of ministry to the older youth. The major objectives accomplished were the sponsoring of a General Church older youth conference, the study and recommendations made for regional conferences and week-long older youth conference planned for the fall of 1959. The experiments with older youth work in Center Stake and Los Angeles have been observed with interest. It was felt that progress is on the

threshold, particularly in terms of satisfactorily defining older youth and the establishment of basic principles of ministry for older youth on branch and district levels. A need has arisen for closer co-ordination between the other areas of ministry to older youth, such as college ministry and the ministry to armed forces personnel. In the next two-year period this relationship needs to be strengthened.

Brother Richard B. Lancaster has served, since last General Conference, as director of the youth division, and, as such, has supervised the work of the Department in the areas of ministry to boys, Zion's League, and older youth.

MINISTRY TO THE BLIND

Sister Thelona Stevens has directed the ministry to the blind for the church. She has contact with 130 blind persons (68 members, 52 nonmembers, 8 unknown, and 2 under baptismal age).

In June, 1954, the Braille library consisted of the Book of Mormon (16 volumes), *Voice of Warning* (2 volumes), and two small tracts. The present library includes 118 volumes: The Book of Mormon, 16 volumes; the Bible (King James), 20 volumes; Doctrine and Covenants, 8 volumes including a duplication of the first volume; *The Hymnal*, including music, 6 volumes. The remainder is made up of such books as *Emma Smith, the Elect Lady*, *The Call at Evening*, *Joseph's City Beautiful*, *He Saw History in the Making*, *This Is Jesus' Church* (a prebaptismal manual), selected stories from *Stories That Live*, *The World Needs Zion*, and most of the tracts.

This loan library is used increasingly as more materials are available. In 1952, 5 volumes were loaned; in 1953, 19 volumes; in 1954, 28 volumes; in 1955, 59 volumes; in 1956, 224 volumes; in 1957, 325 volumes; and in 1958 to August 1, 331 volumes.

Fifty copies each of the *Book of Mormon Quotation Teacher* and the *Bible Quotation Teacher* have been made and distributed. In 1957, 175 calendars were made and presented to blind persons, and this service is continued for 1958. In addition, a brailled copy of the *Epitome of Faith* was included with each calendar to every Braille reader as a greeting last Christmas season.

Much time is required for the training of capable braillists. After the course is completed, considerable practice is required before acceptable transcriptions can be produced. Twenty-six persons have completed the course, 18 in local classes and 8 by correspondence. Three

now hold certificates from the Library of Congress as certified braillists. Sister Stevens is authorized to train students by correspondence, as well as by class-work, greatly speeding up the program of training.

Numerous personal services have been extended to the blind. For examples, *Herald* articles of special note and value to certain individuals have been transcribed. Church school lessons and stories from current *Stepping Stones* were furnished blind children. Recently a project has been undertaken in transcribing a college textbook on social psychology in order that a blind girl may enter college this fall and take the course with sighted persons.

Requests for talking books come occasionally, both by those who read Braille and those who do not. The Utah Latter Day Saint church presented us with one set of the Book of Mormon records which they produced in 1957. We have recently purchased another set. Our members who have had the privilege of using these records are delighted with them. Talking books of stories of our own publications would be most popular. Few blind persons have machines for using tape recordings.

GUIDELINES TO LEADERSHIP

The Department of Religious Education continues to keep the branches and districts in touch with the educational developments within the church and provides such helpful information as possible through *Guidelines to Leadership*. This has been our official means of communication with the educational workers within the branches and districts.

FIELD WORK

Due to the strong emphasis placed upon the development of materials during the past inter-Conference period, we have not had sufficient personnel to get into the districts and branches of the church to do as much field work as we would have liked. Nevertheless we have extended our ministry through conferences, institutes, and other educational gatherings as much as possible. During the inter-Conference period, members of our Department have participated in the following:

87 institutes and conferences of one day and over in length

142 workshops, classes, and other short meetings dealing with religious education

32 camps and reunions

10 professional educational conferences

We are aiming to extend every help possible to the church through field service offered by members of the Department, and hope that in the coming inter-Conference period we shall be able to expand this area of our ministry.

PERSONNEL

Personnel of the Department at present consists of:

Clifford A. Cole, director of the Department

Athol B. Packer, director of the children's division

Richard B. Lancaster, director of the youth division

Clifford P. Buck, director of the church school division

William R. Clinefelter, recently assigned to the Department

Thelona Stevens, director of ministry to the blind

Edna Easter, director of girls' work

Jay E. Keck, office manager

Wilma Redfield, Shirley DeWitt, and Joan Bottom, secretaries

AREAS NEEDING ATTENTION, 1958-1960

1. A continuation of the curriculum research with emphasis on the curriculum at the branch and congregation level.

2. An increasing flow of new and adequate educational literature to the branches and membership of the church. In every area, we need to increase the quality of the literature used in the church. We still have many urgent needs for material in areas where at the present time we have nothing. Every division of the Department has a priority list of materials which it is anxious to develop as soon as personnel and facilities make this possible.

3. A more effective program for training leaders and teachers in the districts, stakes, branches, and congregations of the church.

4. A study of ways and means by which the Department of Religious Education can serve the church in missions abroad.

5. A more adequate communication between the Departments and local branches and congregations. The success or the failure of educational activities of the church is determined at the local level where the needs of the membership are met. The work done by the Department is quite ineffective unless adequate communication can make this available to the church on an ever-increasing scale.

6. An increasing emphasis on the missionary appeal of our educational programs and materials. These must witness effectively of the Christ to those who have not accepted him.

CLIFFORD A. COLE, *Director*

Report of the Director of Youth Camping

To the First Presidency and General Conference

Our church youth camping continues to grow at a phenomenal rate and its impact upon our young people is now being felt in nearly every quarter. From 60 youth camps in the summer of 1956 to 80 youth camps in 1958 in the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Norway, and Holland, represents a gain of 25 per cent in two years. In the absence of a final report for 1958, the following figures for 1957 portray something of the larger numbers now being served through youth camps.

Total number of campers	4,550
Total number of staff members	1,338
Grand total	5,888
Total number of nonmembers	572

MISSIONARY POTENTIAL

The fact that nearly 10 per cent of our youth campers are not members of the church indicates something of the missionary potential of our youth camps. Numerous reports show friends baptized at the close of camps both here and abroad, but far larger numbers are baptized in the weeks and months following camp. Some missionaries have reported camps to be among their best sources supplying missionary prospects.

Even greater, however, are the numbers of our own members who, for the first time, have truly identified themselves with the church as a result of their youth camp experiences.

DISTINCTIVE CONTRIBUTION OF YOUTH CAMPS

Serious reflection in numerous workshops with leaders has helped us appreciate that youth camping has a distinctive contribution to make to the total mission of the church. Just as the contribution of prayer meeting is different from that of the church school, so does the contribution of youth camps include elements distinctive from those offered in our usual church programs. Among the contributions of youth camps which reveal some of these distinctives may be included the following:

1. The creation of a permissive atmosphere which opens the door to maximum ministry to young people at their points of greatest need.
2. The providing of a program which demonstrates the joys of Christian living.
3. The recruiting of a staff under whose influence the young people can come

to identify themselves with Christ and his church.

4. The breaking down of cliques and other barriers to the establishment of an atmosphere of acceptance of all campers as of equal worth, resulting in a genuine experience in a Zionite fellowship of the Saints.
5. The creation of a continuing spiritual atmosphere in which young people may more easily find God and thus obtain their own personal testimony of his divinity and of his love.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. *Leadership training.* Since the last conference your Director of Youth Camping has participated in 10 leadership training conferences in seven states and the province of Ontario, involving some 28 camps. We have also seen established in Michigan, through the efforts of President of Seventy Russell Ralston and District President Lyle Woodstock, an annual camp leaders training conference for the North Central States Mission. In addition, sufficient experience has now been gained to assure the development of a camp leadership training course which will be so written as to be easily taught by any qualified camp leader with teaching experience.
2. *Camp participation.* Both to observe and to assist with distinctive problems, your camping director has participated in some seven camps in four states. Charles Neff, Richard Lancaster, and Edna Easter have also represented the General Church in various other camps.
3. The *Camp and Fellowship Song Book*, published in conjunction with the Department of Music in 1956, has already been reprinted and is making a definite contribution to the upgrading of our camp music.
4. *Camp Helps.* Each year, completely new camp helps have been prepared and made available to all junior high and senior high camps, thus providing opportunity for a rather universal approach to the same problems of young people in camps throughout the church.
5. *Specialized camps.* The rise of specialized camps, primarily for older young people, is evidenced in the first General Church Music Camp held in August, 1956, under the sponsorship of the General Church Department of Music. A Missionary Training Camp for older youth was held in 1957 as was a Center Stake Older Youth Camp.

6. *Camp Leader's Workshop.* To consider the problems facing the youth camping program of the church, a workshop was held in Minneapolis immediately following the National Convention of the American Camping Association in February, 1958. Church camp leaders from four states were present and a very helpful evaluation of the camp program, progress, and needs was held.

7. *First Camps in Europe.* In 1956 Don Landon and James Everett set up the first youth camp in Norway. While the camp was very small, its powers of helping young people identify themselves with the church were reflected in baptisms directly related to the camp. This camp has continued each year with effective missionary results. A second European camp was held in 1957 in Germany under Brother Oskar Stüve. (While numerous other short-term encampments, or retreats, for young people are held throughout the world with splendid effect, only those are counted as youth camps which involve a minimum of five days.)

TRENDS

1. A change from the wide use of appointees and General Church officers as camp directors to the administration of camps by qualified volunteers would seem to represent a desirable trend in so far as high camp standards are maintained and more and more volunteers are trained. This has not eliminated appointees from camps, but has rather shifted their responsibility from administration to ministry, thus assuring campers the best available ministry while freeing our appointees from too heavy involvements in youth camping.
2. In our efforts to recognize the distinctive needs of junior highs and senior highs in camp, every effort has been made to encourage a trend in junior high camping toward primitive camping or a larger element of outdoor camping activities. One of the best illustrations in this field is the Primitive Camp conducted annually in Sequoyah National Park by the Los Angeles Stake and Southern California District. Another trend in junior high camps is toward the recognition of more separate program features for junior high boys and junior high girls.

AREAS NEEDING ATTENTION

1. *Leadership training.* With eighty youth camps involving more than thirteen hundred camp leaders responsible for potentially momentous

experiences in the lives of more than forty-five hundred young people, the need for training of these leaders in the basic objectives, procedures and experience of the church in this field stands without question. This is particularly true of the camp directors who more than anyone else determine the success of the camping experience. A basic course in camp leadership has been pretty well formulated but lacks a basic camp leader's manual of our own. Such a manual has been outlined but for the past two years has had to be pushed aside in favor of other demands. This needs to be completed as soon as possible.

2. *Camp Site Development.* Efforts to adapt our present traditional reunion grounds to youth camping have been encouraging but leave much to be desired. We still find too many camps inadequately served or choosing to rent other sites to secure an adequate camp environment. As old sites are transformed or new sites purchased and developed, we find a genuine need for help to those responsible to provide suitable camp layouts and building designs which will assure church campgrounds that will adequately serve not only our reunions but our youth camps, retreats, institutes, etc. This is our number two need in the field of youth camping.
3. Further experimentation in *specialized and older youth camps* is in order. It is our feeling that older youth camps ought to be a graduate experience for youth campers but with some specialized objective in mind. Also, as our church grows and we find the objectives of our standard youth camp program achieved earlier in the lives of increasing numbers of our young people, we must be ready to consider camping experiences of a different nature and with different objectives. This will call for new types of specialized camps designed to meet the needs of the particular areas involved.
4. *Standards.* Our own *Minimum Standards for Church Youth Camps* needs to be revised and implemented to assure the essential mechanics of good camping in all our youth camps.
5. As we look even further ahead we see needs which should challenge us—the first is for an international camp abroad, the second is the establishment of work camps in needy areas.

CARL MESLE
Director of Youth Camping

Report of the General Department of Women

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

ACTIVITIES AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE GENERAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The work of the women throughout the church continues to grow in organization and active participation, as well as in quality and scope of their fellowship, study, and service to the church. Members of the General Council of Women express from their experience with women's groups in many places that, while the standard of achievement still varies considerably, the tone of the movement as a whole is sound and commendable progress is evident. Some find greater interest in women's work and a greater realization of their need to be better informed in many areas than in the past, larger vision of women's possibilities and opportunities, more capable and devoted leaders and workers, and better and more stimulating study courses. They also observe better integration of women's work with other departments of the church. During the inter-Conference period General Council members have taught classes at 55 reunions, and 90 districts institutes, retreats or workshops. They have been guest speakers or teachers at over 200 special events or meetings. They have written 36 contributions for *Herald* and *Guidelines*.

Since the 1956 Conference the Council has produced three reunion texts for women's classes, all of which were first discussed and outlined in council. Mrs. H. I. Velt wrote the 1956 text, *Sources of Spiritual Power*. Eight members of the Council contributed a lesson each to the 1957 text *I Will Be Aware*, and Mrs. LeRoy Squire wrote the 1958 text *Women Answer Christ's Call*. Suggestive devotional services or outlines have been mimeographed each year—based on the *Pastor's Handbook* themes. Many hours were spent on the Women's Leadership Course for the School of the Restoration.

The past year and a half the Council has spent most of their time together on writing a new *Handbook for Women's Work*. The past six months a special committee composed of Aarona Kohlman, Bertha Johnson, Marjorie Bandlow, and Grace Salisbury have met between Council sessions, usually with the Council Chairman present, to formulate or rewrite certain sections as suggested by the Council. This book, having been

carefully edited by the First Presidency, is now available or will be soon at the Herald House.

In spite of the growth and progress, the work of our Women's Department still presents many needs, lacks, and challenges. Perhaps the most urgent of these needs is the development of more capable and devoted leaders; spiritual, consecrated church women who have caught the vision of their true place in the home, the church, and the world. This is both a challenge and an opportunity and there are many fine women engaged in our departmental activity and thus furthering the work of the kingdom with selfless devotion. The women of the General Council are outstanding examples of such devotion and consecrated endeavor for Christ and his church.

In May of this year the Council suffered the loss by death of Mrs. Otto Slasor. Sister Slasor's bright, dynamic personality and fine consecrated leadership are sorely missed, but the example of her devoted life and saintly character still continues to inspire and help the hundreds of women who knew and loved her and worked with her.

AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM

By means of increasing numbers of regional and stake or district retreats, institutes, workshops, special district women's classes at district conferences, and local, regional, and stake or district schools of instruction an extensive training program for women's work is carried on throughout the church. From reports received from stake and district leaders and General Council members at least some three hundred such events would seem a conservative estimate. The reunion women's classes often include some special class or lesson on methods, points, or phases of the departmental work.

It is gratifying to our women to be made aware also that our priesthood leadership, pastors, presiding elders, district presidents, and apostles are interested in this training program and lend their support and wise advice to the establishment of these scheduled training classes. As our women gather more often in such regional district or stake and even inter-district groups, they develop a greater unity of understanding and objectives and become conscious participants in a wonderful church-wide fellowship and sisterhood.

THE TWOFOLD HOME VISITING PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD

Renewed activity and wider coverage of our whole congregational membership by the friendly visitors and cradle roll

visitors has alerted more women to active and creative membership in department and congregation. This more effective and complete working out of our twofold home visiting service was listed as the second specific objective for the inter-Conference period.

However, there is still need for continued endeavor toward these objectives. In some places still only about half the women of the congregation are participating in the fine opportunities and responsibilities offered by the local women's department for worship, study, fellowship, and service. And there are still some few local women's groups who report no cradle roll visiting, and others who visit but have not availed themselves of the Cradle Roll Kit, an invaluable aid both for workers and parents. In spite of the encouraging progress made then, these are two areas of women's work which need continued emphasis in the coming years.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism has been widely stressed. The study of tracts and other special training projects have helped women of the church toward more effective witnessing. There seems also to be an increase of civic consciousness and most of our women take part in various community groups and services, such as the Interdenominational Women's Council of Churches, Red Cross, Parent-Teacher Association, programs and projects for better education, hospital service, welfare organizations and drives. Friendly and neighborly relations are developed between our women's groups and women's organizations from other churches of the community. A widening of thought to include a world outreach of prayer and endeavor is mirrored in the content of the local year's programs, talks, and devotionals. Emphasis has been laid also on better observance of the financial law to send more missionaries and give better support of the church missions abroad.

SERVICE TO THE BRANCH

Women's groups serve their whole local church membership as they sponsor certain projects and at the pastor's request become responsible for certain necessary weekly duties, such as care of the nursery or hostess duty during Sunday morning church service. Local groups have sent young people of the branch to youth camp, provided the leadership for girls' work and for youth camps, and have sponsored sending some girls to Oriole camp. They often accept the responsibility of serving branch family night suppers, priesthood dinners, father and son banquets, or Zion's League banquets, and other branch social projects.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Many stakes and districts report the raising of funds by women's group projects. These proceeds are usually spent by the branch treasurer or finance committee for branch needs, but sometimes they are used to meet district or reunion needs and recently sometimes for the Auditorium fund or some missionary project. These women who work so effectively to raise this extra money for the church are usually already giving their weekly contributions in the budget envelopes.

Many local groups send each year to the General Department of Women their ten cents per active member, as suggested in the *Women's Handbook*. During the inter-Conference period the sum of these contributions was about \$3,060.80. This constitutes an important link with the local church women.

While money-raising projects are not the most important objective of our women's work, the Latter Day Saint women do what they can when asked to help in this way—and they are blessed as they work together to help build the kingdom.

AREAS OF STUDY

From the long and varied lists of texts and subjects studied by our women's groups, as reported by district and stake leaders, there seems to be a decided trend toward church-centered and religious books and courses. Various phases of Bible study are frequently mentioned. Book of Mormon courses, Doctrine and Covenants, and church history texts are also frequently listed. The best sellers among the women's department courses continue to be the three current reunion texts, with *Let's Know Our Tracts* and *Restoration Concepts of Food and Health* about equally popular. Many groups are informing themselves more thoroughly about our church by studying courses on its practices and beliefs, the church organization, and the significance of membership in this church.

The expanding interest in evangelism, preparing themselves to witness more effectively for Christ, is clearly mirrored in the books, tracts, and courses that have been used these past two years. Together with this is a slowly growing interest in finding out about other churches and other religions.

Zionic homes, family living, and the religious nurture of our children in home and branch continue to hold a prominent place as study themes. In addition to eight or ten courses put out by the Women's Department, the "Family Life Series" and other texts produced by the Department of Religious Education are being well used.

There are still found book reviews, various courses on psychology, civic and community issues, and some more practical handcraft and home decoration and art courses in this interesting panorama of the study trends of our church women. That more of our women are studying than ever before is perhaps due to better program planning and the organization of more circles to meet the various needs and convenience of various groups.

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES

Council members and other leaders of women, stake, district, and branch, are working harder and more extensively than ever as they attempt to meet the expanding program and needs of the women's work throughout the church. They find a noticeable growth in type of class-work and cultural development, and great and rewarding inspiration in their work. A consecrated, better qualified number of women is constantly being developed through the departmental program and a high percentage of younger women are joining the ranks. It is especially gratifying to sense an increasing awareness of women's responsibility to the total success of the General Church goals.

MRS. S. A. BURGESS
*Chairman of General
Council of Women*

Report of the Audio-Visual Department

To the First Presidency and General Conference

There has been a marked increase by both local and general church groups in the use of audio-visual materials during the inter-Conference period. The services of the General Church Audio-Visual Department have been expanded to reach in some way nearly all the missions, branches, and congregations of the church.

The administrative policies are determined by an executive committee including the First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, the co-ordinator of the Music, Radio, and Audio-Visual Departments, and the Director of the Audio-Visual Department.

As the Audio-Visual Department enters its sixth year of operation, six persons give their full-time service in this area. The personnel includes Mrs. Edna Wood, Kenneth K. Raveill, Stele A. Bryant, Mrs. Paula O'Hearn, Les D. Wight, and Arthur J. Rock.

The services of the department are classified in the three general areas of production, distribution, and utilization.

PRODUCTION

The production services of this department are available to the quorums, councils, and departments of the General Church at a cost of materials.

During 1957 the production of slides reached a level where the department now has a supply in stock to fill the calculated need of several months. This has released the production staff for much needed research and creative work on new projects. In the inter-Conference period, 361,278 slides were produced, which is triple the 120,090 slides produced in 1954-55. Work orders processed by the department reveal some other interesting statistics: 1,841 photographic prints processed, 156 lithographic offset plates produced, and 55,671 pieces of promotional materials for "Other Sheep" film were distributed.

During 1957 a cost survey was conducted by the department, which will provide more accurate estimates for pre-planning groups to determine the cost of producing new materials.

Larger projects completed by the close of 1957 were:

German Language Missionary Slide Sets

Dutch Language Missionary Slide Sets
Go Ye and Teach Missionary Slide Sets, 700 complete sets, or 136,760 slides distributed to date

Research in Mormonism, a resource book (1,000 bound revised copies of a compilation of rare publications) for use by the priesthood
"The Center Place," a motion picture used in the stewardship education program

"Other Sheep," a motion picture for missionary use

Audio-Visual Library Catalog, 4,860 copies completed (to be distributed upon request of the user)

Some Specialized Services included the maintenance of thirty-two prints of "The Center Place." Several 35mm. projectors were shipped to the European Mission for missionary use. Several hundred German and Dutch language slides were recently sent to Europe.

Projects currently in production:

1. *Joseph Smith Tells His Own Story*, the first in a series of four church history sound filmstrips
2. *Another Witness*, a sound filmstrip of the internal evidences of the Book of Mormon
3. *Visit Graceland College*, a slide set
4. *Visit Nauvoo*, a slide set
5. *Visit Kirtland Temple*, a slide set
6. *Hymns of the Restoration*, three hymn strips
7. *After You Join*, filmstrip to instruct new members

8. "Conference Report, 1958," a black and white film to be released January 1, 1959

DISTRIBUTION

Audio-Visual Rental Library

The library contains more than 2,700 titles, including motion pictures, sound filmstrips, filmstrips, slide sets, tapes, records, and other nonprojected materials. During 1954-55, 3,346 pieces of material and equipment were issued from the library. In the inter-Conference period, 7,280 pieces were distributed, reflecting over 100 per cent increase in library services.

From this central library, in the Auditorium, audio-visual materials are provided to most of our churches in the United States, Canada, and to many missions abroad. Tapes and talking-book records are sent free from the Audio-Visual Library to the blind. Records indicate that more than five hundred congregations are regular users of this library service. Wherever the mails go, our people use this central source of missionary and teaching materials.

At present this growing library functions with one person handling an average of 23 orders a day, which process consists of confirming requests, booking materials, routing, inspection, and maintaining a file with scrips for some 2,700 titles.

The Audio-Visual Library is remaining open two evenings a week to give users of the Kansas City and Independence area an opportunity to view materials, to learn equipment operations and to help co-ordinate existing materials with the curriculum of the local churches.

SALE OF MATERIALS

All materials for general distribution are sold through the Herald House. Materials produced especially for a program of a quorum, council, or department of the church are distributed in conjunction with that program. The films "Other Sheep" and "The Center Place," the missionary slide sets *Go Ye and Teach*, the turn-over charts of *The More Abundant Life* stewardship program have all been effective because they not only filled a distinctive need but had adequate planning and utilization.

As the church grows, we anticipate an increase in the need for distinctive Latter Day Saint teaching and missionary materials. Adequate and effective communications is a problem that challenges every advance the church seeks to make. We pledge our continued effort to make the services of this department adequate to meet this challenge.

UTILIZATION

The Audio-Visual Department seeks more effective use of modern tools for teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. In a small way some utilization has been accomplished by the following:

Utilization Demonstrations

Center Stake—26 sessions held

Kansas City Stake—24 sessions held

Central Missouri Stake—2 sessions held

Central Texas District—3 sessions held

Northern Iowa District—1 session held

Regional Institutes were held at

Central Texas District at Pasadena, Texas, March 23-24, 1957

Southwest Texas District at San Antonio, Texas, March 16-17, 1957

Red River Reunion at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, June 13-15, 1957

Northern Plains Reunion at Fairview, Montana, June 18-20, 1957

Arkansas-Louisiana Reunion at Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 3-4, 1957

Tennessee Reunion at Memphis, Tennessee, July 5-6, 1957

Hagerman Reunion at Hagerman, Idaho, August 11-12, 1957

Spokane Reunion at Spokane, Washington, August 13-14, 1957

Western Montana Reunion at Deer Lodge, Montana, August 16-17, 1957

Pittsburg-Miami District at Miami, Oklahoma, May 9-10, 1958

COMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR

With emphasis on the use of audio-visual materials, a communications seminar was conducted in the Music Room of the Auditorium, December 27-28, 1957. Fifty-four general church leaders and members actively engaged in the educational and professional fields of communications participated in this seminar.

This two-day session was planned by the Audio-Visual Department, under the direction of the First Presidency. Dr. John W. Bachman, professor of practical theology and director of the audio-visual program at Union Theological Seminary, was the keynote speaker.

The purpose of the seminar was to review and evaluate materials produced for institutional communications; to provide church members now in professional and educational communications an opportunity to contribute ideas to the ongoing program of the church; to help bring to all leaders an understanding and appreciation of the value of audio-visual materials and techniques; and to gain new vision and purpose in serving the communication needs of the growing church and our people by sharing our

mutual desires for the progress of the church with the leaders in the communications field.

OTHER WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

The General Church Audio-Visual Director serves as chairman of the Audio-Visual Committee for the Kansas City Council of Churches, one of fifty evaluation centers of religious audio-visual materials in the United States for the Council of Churches.

Arthur Rock also conducted six appointee training classes and six priesthood training classes.

Two members of the Audio-Visual Department and a member of the Department of Religious Education attended the annual International Audio-Visual Workshop.

The Audio-Visual Department pledges its service to the forward movement of the church and to the urgency of this hour, with the hope that all mankind may know Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ARTHUR J. ROCK
Audio-Visual Director

Report of the Music Department

To the First Presidency and General Conference

This report covers the period from last General Conference, April, 1956, to September 1, 1958.

Many, many people have contributed to the growth and expansion of the work of this department through their labors in the Radio Choir, the Messiah Choir, and in various committees which have been carrying on the work locally as well as throughout the entire church in the leadership of music and worship. Not only musicians but pastors and district and branch presidents have been very co-operative in implementing the suggestions made by the department to the end that the worship of God might be enhanced through the wise and appropriate use of good worship music. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all these people.

MUSIC IN THE CENTER STAKE

Miss Aleta Runkle has been the supervisor of music for the congregations in the Center Stake. She has been ably assisted by the choir directors and music leaders of the various local congregations.

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY (Independence)

The Community Music Association is in its fourteenth year of musical leadership in Independence and Eastern Jack-

son County. While this association is purely a community project the church has always, from the beginning, had a very significant share in its inception and development. For eight of its fourteen years it was financially subsidized by Mr. Blevins Davis, at the rate of \$5,000 per year. At the close of the 1956-57 season the C.M.A. found it necessary to raise its own finances. Because of this fact the 1957-58 season has had to be drastically curtailed so that the annual financial drive can be held in February, 1959, and thereafter.

The *Independence Symphony Orchestra* is sponsored by the C.M.A. and is a community-wide enterprise which involves many local church musicians. Its president is Bishop H. L. Livingston and its conductor is the Director of Music for the General Church.

These two organizations have received excellent support from the church and in turn offered benefits to church people throughout this area. A feeling of fellowship is promoted in the community through working together in producing and promoting fine music, and in its appreciation among the people of this area. The activities of the Community Music Association include the sponsoring of five regular concerts by the Independence Symphony Orchestra, each with an outstanding soloist; one or two concerts by some outstanding artist or group of artists well known in our country; a piano festival each year which gives opportunity for 60 to one hundred pianists to work and perform together. It has also been an encouraging influence for the improvement of the school music program of Independence, and for a number of years has been a well-organized cultural force in this area.

GENERAL CHURCH MUSIC

Youth Music Camps

We have conducted three Youth Music Camps at Camp Manitou in Southern Michigan, each in the last week of August in 1956, 1957, and 1958. These are designed for young people of senior high school and junior college age. The purpose of this music camp is to provide a week of training, music making, and inspiration in the field of music for young people of the church. It is designed to integrate the music talent and interest of church young people with the needs and opportunities of the church in the field of music.

The first camp had 33 campers, the second one had 65 campers, and the third camp had 50 campers. Our Music Camp Committee consists of Carl Mesle, Lyle Woodstock, Arthur Oakman, and Franklyn Weddle. Brother Frank Hunter contributed his valuable service and

advice at all three camps. We appreciate the excellent contributions of the many staff members in these three camps. All who have worked on these camps have felt that they have very materially helped the young people who attend. We heartily recommend their continuance.

Hymnals and Other Publications

A significant number of publications have been made available to the church during this report period. These have of course taken a major amount of time and effort during this time. They include *The Hymnal*, October, 1956; *The Children's Hymnal*, July, 1957; *Camp and Fellowship Songbook*, July, 1956; *How to Use the Hymnal*, October, 1956; *A Guide for Music Leaders*, May, 1957; and *Planning for Music in Church Architecture*, June, 1958.

We have also been working on a bilingual *French-Tabitian Hymnal*. Brother Alan Tyree is taking the main responsibility of getting translations for this book.

Reunions and Institutes

We were on the staffs of the Los Angeles Stake and Southern California reunions in 1956, the Pfingsten Conference in Hannover, Germany, and in three branches in England, 1957, and assisted part time with the Deer Park Reunion, 1958.

Institutes were conducted in eighteen areas in this report period. We have also held Hymnal Dedication services at Stone Church, Walnut Park, Prairie Village, Quindaro, Buckner, and Lee's Summit.

Messiah Choir

The broadcast of "Messiah" each year by the Messiah Choir and soloists, accompanied by members of the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, is an activity of the General Church Music Department as well as the Radio Department. In the Radio Department report will be a detailed account of statistics regarding the broadcast the past two years. The Independence Messiah Choir has attained a high degree of national renown because of its musical excellence and has brought fame to the name of the church. In addition to that it has fulfilled a longing on the part of each church member for some recognition nationally for our church, and has created new interest in many areas. The chorus consists of about 275 voices and each year has sung to a local audience of around 1400. For the past two years the original Handel instrumentation, including harpsichord, was used. We feel that Handel's intentions are more fully real-

ized and that the performance is not only more authentic but much cleaner and clearer.

Radio Choir

The Radio Choir, of 26 selected voices, has worked very hard the past two years. It has recorded several hundred hymns, many of them re-recordings, in the new Music Room of the Auditorium. It also recorded an Easter program of thirty minutes duration for general broadcast on many of those stations which carried the broadcast of "Messiah." The Choir also produced two albums of *New Hymns of the Restoration* which are now available from the Herald Publishing House.

Choir members donate their time to this service.

Music Advisory Council

Working with the Presidency we now have an Advisory Council which meets once or twice a year to work with the department in planning our work. Our first meeting was April 5, 1958. Members of the Council are Frank K. Hunter, Paul N. Craig, Aleta M. Runkle, Frederick O. Weddle, Bethel Knoche, Harold Neal, Oliver Houston, Roy Benson, Russell Ralston, Evan A. Fry, Dr. Charles Church, Jr., Mabel Hyde, Arthur A. Oakman, Henry L. Livingston, and Herbert Lively.

Miscellaneous

We have spent considerable time working on plans for the completion of the Auditorium. We are particularly involved with plans for the organ, public address system, paging system, recording, space for choir, stage, storage, etc.

In December of 1956 we held a seminar of church music with an invited group of people who are interested in our problems. Following this meeting we instituted a "Hymn of the Month" program in the *Herald* for preparation of hymns for Conference use. We have also in our personal ministry been emphasizing the need for more effective congregational singing. We are quite disturbed at our seeming inability to spark a greater interest in this much needed reform in our worship activities as a church.

On August 1, 1958, Brother Frank K. Hunter joined the Music Department staff as an assistant to the Director. He comes to us well qualified with special training and experience in choral music. His main contribution will be in raising the quality of music leadership in the central area.

Summary

While we have felt as we have traveled among the people of the church that there has been a gradual raising of the general level in the quality of music used for worship in our congregations and we see in many places an urge to improve worship through the use of appropriate and well-chosen music, we are aware that growth of this nature in an organization as large as the church is necessarily slow. It is, nevertheless, a matter of deep concern to us that we haven't been able to make more headway than seems apparent now. We feel, wherever we go, an excellent spirit of co-operation and a fine response to our endeavors.

With the completion of the Auditorium we are going to be under the necessity of more Auditorium-centered activities. Coupled with that is the need of the Center Place and the contiguous stakes for leadership training in the field of choir directing, service playing, and worship music in general. We have given this very careful and prayerful consideration over a period of many months now and feel that if the church is to make the progress that we should reasonably expect, there ought to be such a training program instituted and perhaps Auditorium-centered.

We recommend that the Youth Music Camps program be continued and expanded as the situation may demand.

We feel that it is incumbent upon each one that has responsibility in this field to continue the effort toward improvement of the choice of music for worship, and to be constantly on the alert to use the best materials available. We feel particularly that pastors and members of the priesthood who design worship services should avail themselves of all the helps possible. The new hymnal is a significant contribution in this direction and we therefore urge the priesthood, and those who have the leadership of worship throughout the church, to become acquainted with this book so that it might be used intelligently in the planning and functioning of worship services. A *Guide for Music Leaders* and *How to Use the Hymnal* would also be very helpful in the hands of priesthood as well as music leaders.

Music leaders and choir directors should be very careful to use music for worship which would be an aid to worship rather than entertainment for the congregation, and we should all be very careful that the use or performance of music in worship shall not in any way detract from the center of all worship—God.

FRANKLYN S. WEDDLE
*Director of Music for the
General Church*

Report of the Radio Department

To the First Presidency and General Conference

Radio continues as an important means of communication for the church, both with members and nonmembers. During the past Conference period, the radio department has served more than 50 areas in 26 states and Canada with devotional programs. There are now approximately thirty program series in progress throughout the United States and Canada. Single programs or short series are also furnished for various localities in this country and abroad. The *Messiah* broadcast continues annually on an international basis by tape distribution, and other avenues of radio service have been attempted.

STATUS OF BROADCAST SERVICE

Program Resources

Our recorded library of devotional programs has increased to 565 with the continuation of the "Hear Ye Him" series. Originally prepared for and used on KMBC-KFRM of Kansas City and Concordia (Kansas), these programs are later revised for general use on other stations. This series is still in progress on KMBC-KFRM, and to date 223 programs have been revised for use elsewhere. Sermon scripts for all these programs are available for listener requests.

Radio Choir and Recorded Hymns

Since completion of the Auditorium Music Room a new library of recorded hymns has been formed, with additions being made weekly. The Music Room serves an important function as a recording studio. The Radio Choir, enlarged to 28 voices and directed by Franklyn S. Weddle, has met each week to provide recorded hymns for devotional programs. Since the new studio makes possible much better results (musically and acoustically), none of the older recorded hymns are used on new programs. The new hymn library (tape recorded) now includes more than 260 hymns from *The Hymnal*.

The Radio Choir has also recorded 18 hymns for a disc pressing titled "New Hymns of the Restoration." This is distributed by Herald House.

"Messiah" Broadcasts

The Independence Messiah Choir has increased its establishment of national stature by two more international broadcasts during the Christmas seasons of 1956 and 1957. This annual broadcast of Handel's oratorio is the largest under-

taking of the radio department. The very successful plan of furnishing tape recordings to stations, detailed in our last previous report, has been continued.

In 1957, our letters offering the program to stations, with the added personal contacts of a great many of our members, resulted in *Messiah* being carried by 549 stations in this country and abroad. Of these, approximately 500 were in this country (45 states, and the District of Columbia); eleven in Canada; five in Alaska; three in Hawaii; and one in Panama. Through arrangements made by Apostle R. E. Davey, 36 Australian stations carried the program. Among these were many stations representing the four major networks, as well as a large number of independent stations. A detailed tabulation of stations in these various categories is attached herewith.

The past two years stations have been given the choice of an hour or an hour-and-a-half program, the two different lengths being edited from the total public performance. Approximately 25 per cent of the stations request the longer programs.

Many persons contributed their services to the success of *Messiah* these two years. Elders Charles Neff and G. Everett Berndt served respectively as *Messiah* Publicity Chairman and President of the *Messiah* Choir. In these capacities they handled the many details of publicity and presentation. Hundreds of others, including members of the choir, assisted in many ways.

Easter—"He Is Risen"

A new project undertaken in the spring of 1957 received an unexpectedly high response. This was an Easter program, "He Is Risen," a half-hour tape-recorded program of Easter music by the Radio Choir, with Josephine Mader, soprano, and Bethel Knoche, organist, as supporting soloists. Stations which had carried our *Messiah* the preceding Christmas were offered this Easter program on the same basis. About 250 stations requested it, from all parts of the country, and seemed highly pleased with it.

Last spring (1958) a similar program was prepared, with James P. Stanley, baritone, and Bethel Knoche, organist, as soloists supporting the Radio Choir. Again the program was offered on a sustaining (noncommercial) basis to stations carrying our *Messiah* the previous Christmas. This time more than 300 stations requested it, a fine increase over the first program. We expect to continue this program as an annual station service for the Easter season.

Canadian Stations

During the past year arrangements were completed to make it possible to

furnish recorded devotional programs for broadcast in Canada. Lack of FCC permission had made this impossible in former years. Brother Joseph S. Brown of Washington, D.C., was most helpful in bringing about a final solution of the difficulty.

Guelph, Ontario, was the first branch to take advantage of this opportunity, with a series of programs on CJOY. This series and two others, at St. Thomas and Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, are currently in progress. It is hoped that other branches in Canada may later find it possible to arrange for broadcast series on their local stations.

In Germany

From time to time material for German broadcast over RIAS, Berlin, has been furnished by the radio department. Sermons have been provided by Evan A. Fry, and translated into German by Sister Elli Rosenthal. The latest program sent included hymns by the Radio Choir. The Choir had the help of Brother Andrew Buttgen in recording the hymns in the German language.

Television

Television programs have been done from time to time on a local basis in various cities. For the most part these are the results of invitations to our ministers for occasional appearances in a series involving the local Council of Churches or Ministerial Alliance.

Our film, "Other Sheep," has been used successfully in a number of cities, and its use should increase in the future.

"Other Sheep" has been shown by television stations in Kansas City, Missouri; Anchorage, Alaska; Orlando, Florida; Boise, Idaho; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Pueblo, Colorado; and Lincoln, Nebraska. It has been previewed, but not used, in a number of other cities.

Other showings are pending for the fall (1958). Wherever used it has been well received by station managers, and accepted for sustaining use.

Added Equipment

Equipment added during this period includes an Ampex Tape Recorder, a Telefunken Microphone, an Altec Mixer, limiting and automatic level amplifiers, and a program equalizer. Equipment was also obtained for cleaning and handling returned tape for re-use. All these additions are of importance, and enable the department to give improved service.

Also during the period, new tape boxes were obtained with our own de-

sign printed in colors. These are available to us at a very nominal cost. All our taped programs are now being shipped in these attractive, distinctive boxes.

Personnel

Personnel of the department during this period has included Radio Minister Evan A. Fry who recently concluded eighteen continuous years of valued ministry in this field; his successor, Cecil R. Ettinger, formerly city pastor of Des Moines, Iowa; J. Harold Higgins, engineer; Norma Ruth Kendrick, succeeded by Linda Larson, secretaries; Bethel Knoche, part-time organist; and the director. Arthur J. Rock continues to assist us, doing excellent work as the announcer for our devotional programs. Greatly appreciated also are the volunteer services of the Radio Choir members who loyally reserve time each week for necessary recording. Radio Department activities are co-ordinated with those of the Audio-Visual and Music Departments by Franklyn S. Weddle who is also Director of Music.

A Wider Horizon

As we look toward the next Conference period, the radio staff is united in the desire to further expand the opportunities for an effective and helpful ministry through radio. A great many stations have become acquainted with us—favorably, we hope—in connection with our *Messiah* program. A means of serving these stations more often with quality programing would be mutually helpful, and a program with that purpose is being planned. Our devotional programs should have more widespread use, and we need constantly to seek new and better ways to use radio. To this end, ideas and suggestions are invited at all times.

In closing this report, I would like to express my personal thanks to the members of the radio department staff for their fine assistance and co-operation. The help of each one has been greatly appreciated, and has contributed to whatever accomplishments have been made during this period.

CHARLES F. CHURCH, JR.
Director of Radio

"Messiah Radio Network"

Christmas, 1957

THE INDEPENDENCE MESSIAH CHOIR

Station Tabulation by States and Networks

STATES	CBS	Network NBC	Affiliates ABC	MBS	Network Total	Independ- ent	Grand Total
Alabama	1		2	1	4	5	9
Alaska	4				4	1	5
Arizona			2	1	3	1	4
Arkansas			3	3	6		9
California	1	1	2	3	7	16	23
Colorado	1		1	3	5	10	15
Connecticut				1	1		1
District of Columbia		1			1		1
Florida	3	1	2	3	9	10	19
Georgia	4	1	1	1	7	4	11
Idaho	2	1			3	1	4
Illinois	1	1	1	1	4	9	13
Indiana	1	2			3	8	11
Iowa	1			3	4	6	10
Kansas	1		1		2	5	7
Kentucky	2			2	4	6	10
Louisiana	1				1	1	2
Maine		1	1	1	3	2	5
Maryland				1	1	3	4
Massachusetts				1	1	2	3
Michigan	1	1	2	2	6	8	14
Minnesota	1		1	1	3	7	10
Mississippi		1		1	2	7	9
Missouri			4	3	7	15	22
Montana	2			2	4	3	7
Nebraska		2		2	4	5	9
Nevada						3	3
New Jersey						6	6
New Mexico	2	1		3	6	5	11
New York	4	3	2	2	11	12	23
North Carolina	1	1	2	6	10	18	28
North Dakota	2			1	3		3
Ohio	1	1	1	1	4	13	17

Station Tabulation by States and Networks

STATES	CBS	Network NBC	Affiliates ABC	MBS	Network Total	Independ- ent	Grand Total
Oklahoma	1	1			2	8	10
Oregon			1	2	3	7	10
Pennsylvania	2		2	3	7	16	23
Rhode Island				1	1	2	3
South Carolina		2	4	3	9	7	16
South Dakota	1			1	2	2	4
Tennessee			1	4	5	4	9
Texas	2	1		8	11	15	26
Utah				1	1	1	2
Virginia	1	1	2	4	8	6	14
Washington	1	2	3		6	13	19
West Virginia			1	3	4	4	8
Wisconsin		2	2	2	6	3	9
Wyoming			1	6	7	3	10
Hawaii				1	1	2	3
Canada	6			1	7	4	11
Panama						1	1
Australia						36	36
Totals	51	28	34	89	217	332	549

"He Is Risen"

Half-hour Program of Music Easter, 1958

THE RADIO CHOIR

Station Summary by States

STATES	STATIONS	STATES	STATIONS
Alabama	8	Nebraska	11
Alaska	3	New Jersey	1
Arizona	5	New Mexico	4
Arkansas	5	New York	15
California	9	North Carolina	20
Colorado	6	North Dakota	4
Connecticut	1	Ohio	12
Florida	7	Oklahoma	6
Georgia	8	Oregon	7
Idaho	1	Pennsylvania	16
Illinois	10	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	7	South Carolina	11
Iowa	4	South Dakota	1
Kansas	5	Tennessee	7
Kentucky	12	Texas	11
Louisiana	6	Utah	1
Maine	1	Vermont	2
Maryland	3	Virginia	8
Massachusetts	1	Washington	14
Michigan	8	West Virginia	3
Minnesota	5	Wisconsin	5
Mississippi	1	Wyoming	5
Missouri	12	Canada	3
Montana	2		
		TOTAL	299

Report of the Society for Archaeological Research

Considerable correspondence has been carried on by members of the Society with those who have asked for information before making trips into areas where ancient American ruins are found. An attempt has also been made to keep up to date on new discoveries and archaeological research.

Melvin Fowler, Curator of Anthropology at the Illinois State Museum, received deserved publicity for his work at the excavations done at the Modoc Rock Shelter site near St. Louis. This work was featured in the October, 1957, issue of *Natural History*. Elder Fowler is a member of our Society.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson made a trip into the Yucatan State of Mexico and brought back some interesting photographs of the ancient ruins there. Of particular interest is the photograph of a carving which seems to resemble a man and horse in one of the walls of a building at Chichén Itzá. He has revised his book, *Jesus Christ among the Ancient*

Americans, and it is scheduled for printing next year.

Roy Weldon, a member of the Society, together with George Gross, has been conducting regular tours into Mexico, visiting the pre-Columbian ruins. These tours furnish an excellent opportunity for those interested in making such a trip, as these brethren are good students of the Book of Mormon and the ruins.

Particularly interesting, also, is the work being done by the University of Pennsylvania in uncovering and restoring the early and most important archaeological site at Tikal in the Peten area of Guatemala. This, with the near-by site of Uaxactún, is considered the forerunner of most of the ancient Maya culture. Apostle Hield, on the way back from Tahiti via Panama, revisited this site. Air communications to Tikal, twice a week, and good hotel accommodations are now available. Those interested should contact Hayter Tours, Guatemala City, Guatemala. There are about three hundred ancient buildings at Tikal with six huge pyramid-temples ranging from 165 to 228 feet tall (the latter as high as an eighteen-story building). The site was occupied (with progressive and expanding constructions) from about 2000 B.C. until A.D. 900. The archaeologists on the site estimate the city had a population of 200,000 and that 2,000,000 people lived in the northern Peten area. For grandeur and imposing size, this ruin is a "must" for those interested in the older Maya culture.

The New World Archaeological Foundation (a Utah Mormon-sponsored organization) has been doing some excavating at Aguacatal (Laguna de Términos area), a site which they think is pre-classic or in the Book of Mormon period. Many artifacts have been found but little actual proof that it is, as they claim, the ancient "walled city of Bountiful." They are to be commended, however, for their zeal; and future findings will be studied with interest.

An interesting study has been made by Virgil Haws of the University Archaeological Society, Provo, Utah, showing that the American Indians of both the North and South Continents have an almost complete lack of "B" type blood (completely lacking in some), while the Mongoloid peoples of Asia average about 29 per cent type "B" blood. This may be significant in proving that the American Indian did not have his origin from Asia by way of the Bering Strait.

As usual, members of the Society will give a series of lectures during the General Conference. Schedule of these can be found in the Conference Program.

CHARLES R. HIELD, *President*

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Report of the Church Historian

*To the First Presidency and
the General Conference*

Since the present Church Historian did not actively assume his duties until July 1 of this year, after receiving his appointment from the spring Joint Council, this report will necessarily be somewhat limited in scope.

Much of the historian's work has been delayed or unavoidably hampered by the construction work which has been going on in and adjacent to the library area since last February, when desks and personnel had to be moved temporarily to another office. We did not move back into the library until July 28 of this year. During this time most of the books and files were unavailable.

The principal work of the historian continues to be the gathering and filing of reports of stake, district, and branch historians as a basis for future historical research and writing; filing, indexing, cross-indexing, and classifying materials and publications as they come in, as well as old ones not yet completely treated, and doing historical research in order to answer questions coming to us from church officials, members, and students both inside and outside of the church.

Upon coming into the historian's office, the undersigned found that Brother Blackmore had already done a prodigious amount of work in indexing and classifying the materials in the Church Library in order to make them readily available to research students. Voluminous subject files on a wide variety of subjects have been set up by Brother Blackmore and his predecessors. Many more are still needed. Herald House has supplied the library with a master index of the *Saints' Herald* which makes it possible to find any article by subject, title, or author. It is not exhaustive, but is highly useful. A similar index to *Autumn Leaves* and *Vision* is under way, but proceeding slowly as a spare time project.

Though much has been done in this field of indexing and cross-indexing our library materials, much more remains to be done. In fact, the field is almost unlimited. It is our hope to proceed with the compilation of subject files so that complete compilations of all known materials and references to any historical subject, or any doctrinal subject with historical implications, may be instantly available to research students. This is a task that may well occupy several decades.

We should also mention the progress that has been made in setting up an adaptation of the Dewey Decimal Sys-

tem and card-cataloguing the books in our library in accordance therewith. Much has been done in this field with the willing and expert services donated by Sisters Esta Stuart, Anna Belle Christy, and Gertrude Bogue, but much remains yet to be done in cataloguing hundreds of small pamphlets, single copies of periodicals, original letters, diaries, branch records, and so forth.

The need for a volume of church history to cover the period from approximately the year 1900 to the present has long been recognized. Under the direction of the First Presidency, Leonard Lea has been asked to compile such a work, which would supplement the present four-volume *Church History* and cover this contemporary period. He has completed his research and has begun writing.

It is also generally recognized that although the present four-volume *Church History* was masterfully written to meet the needs and conditions of half a century ago, it is not adequate for today. We are looking forward to the time when there can be a completely new history of the church written which will include the results of more recent research, and be more modern in style and better adapted to today's needs. This is not a task to be undertaken lightly, hurriedly, or without long and exhaustive preparation, but it should be a part of our forward thinking and planning.

Since the historian is charged with the responsibility of caring for many of the church's priceless and irreplaceable historical books, letters, manuscripts, documents, and periodicals, we have also given some thought to the question of how these can best be preserved from the wear and tear of intermittent handling, and at the same time be made available to research students who cannot come to the library. Closely related to these problems is a problem of security—the need of making sure that our documents and manuscripts would be preserved in case of an atomic war, for example. We are therefore gathering information on microfilming equipment, processes, and costs.

Microfilmed copies of much rare and valuable material could be made available to students who come to the library, thus saving wear and tear on the originals. Copies could be made available on film to other libraries on a loan basis, for the convenience of students in distant places, many of whom might make a valuable contribution to our history in the form of theses for advanced degrees if the source materials could be made available to them in their own university libraries. Microfilm could be sent through the mail without any particular risk of loss, since innumerable copies can be printed from one negative,

once the document or book has been photographed. At present we must refuse nearly all requests to loan books by mail because of the danger of loss.

We have made a start toward acquiring a small microfilm library of materials not available to us in printed form, and within the current year expect to purchase a microfilm reader so that these films may be read.

We should be ungrateful indeed if we did not mention the services of Sister Emma M. Phillips, the department's secretary, who carried on alone during much of Brother Blackmore's illness, and whose experience and familiarity with the materials and methods of the office and library have been invaluable to the new incumbent.

We invite all members and officers of the church to be alert for events that make history, for original documents, records, minutes, films, photos, letters, diaries, periodicals, and books that should be preserved in the church library; and to feel free to write the historian about any matter of history concerning which they need information. We shall be happy to help in whatever way may be possible.

EVAN A. FRY
*General Church Historian
and Librarian*

Report of the Church Physician

*To First Presidency and the
General Conference*

Our report to you in 1956 stated that "many opportunities lie ahead for a much fuller exploration of a health program." This is not at all outmoded as the day of opening of this Conference of 1958 approaches. Some progress in the advance has been made during these past two years.

Following the 1956 Conference a committee was appointed by the First Presidency consisting of:

1. Chas. F. Grabske, M.D., Chairman, Independence, Missouri
2. Robert Carr, D.D.S., Elkton, Maryland
3. Cyril Damitz, M.D., Akron, Ohio
4. Elmo E. Gamet, M.D., Lamoni, Iowa
5. Herman Hausheer, M.D., Mount Ayr, Iowa
6. C. L. Melenzyer, M.D., San Antonio, Texas
7. H. A. Merchant, D.D.S., Omaha, Nebraska
8. Wallace Shute, M.D., Ottawa, Ontario
9. J. T. VanBiber, M.D., Independence, Missouri

This committee was chosen to represent in so far as possible, the major geographical areas of the domestic field and Canada. It was envisioned that this committee might recommend the establishment of a Medical Council to the Church giving such services as

"Education of the church in matters of health standards and practices, and away from fads or ill-advised procedures;

"Advice to the Board of Trustees of the Sanitarium concerning improvements in Sanitarium functioning;

"Better acquaintance between the Church Physician and the available doctors of the church with a view to better health service to appointees in the field;

"Preparation or review of articles and brochures."

This committee has met on several occasions and has found values to exist for some such council functioning and has listed certain definite objectives for it such as to:

1. Achieve and maintain a list of all Doctors of Medicine and Dentistry belonging to the church and to stimulate the interest of these in the pursuits of the church.

2. Maintain and increase the interest of our medical and dental students in Christian living and in the Restoration movement, as such.

3. Promote increased interest among our church members in these professions as careers.

4. Assist in the placement of doctors and dentists.

5. Approve such articles relating to health as might be referred to them for inclusion in official church publications.

6. Promote research:

- a. Scientific matters

- b. Medical missions

- c. Other pertinent interests

7. Increase the interest of the two professions in the Sanitarium and the School of Nursing.

8. Promote the general health of the church.

9. Encourage congregations to use church men of the two professions in church activities.

10. Subsidize advanced study, as needed, of our doctors and dentists.

11. Study possibility of starting post-graduate courses sponsored by the committee.

The committee promoted the call for a gathering of the physicians and dentists of the church and this was held in Independence on October 6, 1957. In attendance were forty members of the professions and eight others vitally interested in the relations of these professions to the work of the Restoration

movement. The gathering was opened by a Communion service, Dr. Chas. F. Grabske, Sr., presiding and Dr. Wallace Shute, Elder Roy Stearns, Dr. H. A. Merchant, Dr. Jerome Andes, and Dr. Vance E. Link assisting. President F. Henry Edwards presented the Communion expression.

At the first general assembly, Dr. Robert Carr presided. Bishop G. L. DeLapp spoke on "The Ministry of the Professions." This address was followed by a panel discussion on "Enlisting the Professions in Church Effort," with Dr. James VanBiber, Dr. Evan Shute, and Dr. John Blumenschein leading.

After dining together the second general assembly followed with a panel discussion centered about "Enrichment of the Gathering by Professional Contribution." This panel was led by Dr. Otto H. Elser, Dr. Herman Hausheer, and Dr. Paul M. Edwards. President W. Wallace Smith, prevented by mission elsewhere, was represented by a paper presenting his views read by Chairman Dr. Otto Elser.

Following this meeting a business session decided upon organization of the doctors and dentists for mutual good and to contribute as a unit to the General Church effort. Dr. E. E. Gamet, of Lamoni, Iowa, was chosen to head the organization, and Dr. Vance E. Link, of Independence, Missouri, to be its secretary-treasurer. The new body will have its second general assembly during this Conference of 1958.

The purposes for which the committee was set up are most desirable though they have not as yet been accomplished. A Medical Council to the Church working with the Physician to the Church could accomplish a great good and much more productivity should spring from such an enlargement of the General Church's appointment of men trained and skilled in matters of health and energy. The present committee has provoked a beginning to the movement to the organization of such a council. I hope that a new committee may be given the opportunity and responsibility of carrying on the proposals to their full fruition.

During this Conference there will again be held gatherings of those interested in matters of health. Such "classes," instituted originally by Dr. Ambrose Teal, have been held each Conference for the past several years. This year a review will be made of the contributions to the health care of the Saints by the early church and the Reorganization to this date, an analysis of health needs now and the proper place of the church in meeting such needs, the need of the church of physicians and nurses, the

proper future of our Sanitarium, and a plan for the physical welfare of the Saints in the Center Place.

Much interest in health has been demonstrated by those attending past Conferences. This session of these classes will be different in that a review of our past in these fields and a scent of foresight into our future in these same areas will be presented by brethren who are well informed on their subjects.

The routine work of counseling with the General Church officers on matters of health and physical condition has continued. Oversight of the health of those under General Church appointment has been maintained as distance and conditions have permitted. Physical examination of those newly proposed to General Church responsibilities have been made where possible and supervised under circumstances where direct examination seemed inadvisable. The continuation and improvement of these services to the General Church should be continued.

The era of vision, conciliation, consolidation, and growth lies at our heels. "What of the Future?" The hazards and perils are matched by the grandeur of their possibilities. May we have vision and foresight, courage and industry plus the stamina to seize and grapple with opportunity.

CHAS. F. GRABSKE, M.D.
Church Physician

Report of the R.L.D.S. Professional Teachers Association

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

The R.L.D.S. Professional Teachers Association was organized in April, 1955. This group consists of teachers and administrators in public and private schools throughout the church. The present registry includes professional information about 876 teachers.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this association is to evaluate the basic relationship of the teaching profession to the aims of the church, to enrich the spiritual and ethical values of professional teachers in the church, to build mutual concern and fellowship between people of like interest, and to explore possibilities of vocational groups in the church as related to the Gathering.

ORGANIZATION

In January, 1955, the Committee on Ministry to College People, acting under

the authorization of the First Presidency, appointed Miss Aleta Runkle as chairman to initiate this movement. She selected Miss Anne Morgan, Mr. Eldon Hart, and Mr. Richard Dunlap to serve with her as members of an executive council. Mr. Carl Mesle was appointed by the First Presidency as their representative to this council. From 1955 to 1958 a number of teachers have served at various times on the Executive Council. In addition to the original appointive group these include Mrs. Alice Edwards, Mrs. Edith Murray, Mrs. Doris Ream, Mrs. Elsie Sutterfield, and Mrs. Elsie Townsend. Although the actual organization of teachers occurred in 1955 this was preceded by many movements toward such an association. A number of teachers contributed to this final step by their suggestions and requests for such an organization.

ADMINISTRATIVE SETUP

During the year 1957-1958 the Executive Council drafted an administrative plan for the Association. This was adopted by the membership in April, 1958. The plan provides for an executive group of two branches, the officers and the cabinet. A president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and the First Presidency's representative constitute the officers' group. A membership chairman, employment information chairman, publications chairman, conference chairman, student membership chairman, regional chairmen, and members at large make up the cabinet. Officers are elected by the membership and serve two years with the possibility of re-election. Members of the cabinet are appointed by the Executive Council and serve for one year with the possibility of re-appointment.

DISTINCTIVE SERVICES

Meetings

Annual workshops, regional dinners, and "get-togethers" at General Conference, district conferences, reunions, and state teachers conventions.

Newspaper

The *Seminar*, four issues annually.

Directory

Annual handbook listing professional information about each teacher in the registry.

Employment Information

New teachers seeking employment or former teachers desiring to relocate with the objective of improving their own church privileges or increasing their possibilities of service to the church are encouraged to write to the Teachers Association for information about employment

opportunities. Pastors, district presidents, or other church administrators are invited to advise us of their desires for workers in congregations or districts that have special needs. They are especially asked to send specific notification of vacancies in schools in these areas and to supply possible information about salaries.

Assistance to Students

Employment information, copies of the *Seminar* and the directory are made available to student members. Counsel and encouragement are given to these future teachers in the church. One of the chairmen on the Executive Council has as his specific responsibility the direction of assistance to students.

Research Library

The Association is setting up a library consisting of dissertations and theses prepared by church teachers as part of the requirement for their doctorate or master's degree. Teachers are invited to make a contribution to this library.

FUTURE PLANS

In addition to meetings to be held during the General Conference, the annual workshop, and "get-togethers" during some of the state teachers conventions, the Association this year will conduct an intensive research in the field of mission schools in the church. The findings will be submitted to the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric for their consideration. Work has already begun on this project.

RELATION TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Recently the presidents of the four professional organizations now at work in the church—RLDS Medical and Dental Association, RLDS Bar Association, RLDS Society of Architects and Engineers, and the RLDS Professional Teachers Association—met for discussion of common interests and objectives. It was decided to continue regular meetings of this group and to invite to this Council of Presidents the chairmen of any new groups that might organize. As a result of the planning sessions of this council the four associations will share in three General Conference projects, a dinner, publication of a brochure, and sponsoring of a booth representing the four groups. Much growth and progress is expected to result from the sharing of ideas and activities among these professional associations.

MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The RLDS Professional Teachers Association has at the heart of its purpose

the thought of making a specific, peculiar contribution to the work of the church. The experience of the past three years has provided valuable insight into the nature of the ministry of this group. The explorations of the future should unfold still further possibilities for service.

ALETA RUNKLE, *President*

Report of the Committee on Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The church's program of ministry to military members continues to grow, opening unexpected opportunities both to the committee and to the church at large. From some six hundred servicemen and women on our Committee mailing list in April, 1956, the number has grown until today nearly one thousand, including thirteen women, are listed, representing the following general locations: United States, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, Latin America, Germany, France, North Africa, Spain, Japan, Korea.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The Committee handles an increasingly large correspondence with servicemen and their families, with pastors, branch representatives, appointees, and others keeping us posted on the movements of our military members and giving us opportunity to provide personal ministry by mail.
2. Committee members have visited nearly ninety military installations in all sections of the United States and Canada except the extreme Southwest, meeting with members on posts and in local congregations, taking pastors or appointees onto posts, and visiting with and exchanging information with military Chaplains.
3. The *Armed Forces Newsletter* has moved from its initial battlefield publication by Major Millard Caldwell for the men in Korea to a bimonthly printing now distributed to over twelve hundred servicemen, pastors, and appointees.
4. Our own *Armed Forces Manual*, on which Committee members worked for three years, has been completed and three thousand copies printed. About fourteen hundred of these have been distributed with an excellent response from members and friends alike.

5. Committee members have represented the church in four Command Chaplain's Conferences held in Washington, D.C. These have brought us into personal contact with key Chaplains in all theaters of operation of the U.S. Army. Committee members have also met and consulted with each of the Chief of Chaplains of the three major services.

NEEDS

1. Of the excellent volunteer Committee which initiated this work for the church, all have left military service, thus requiring the reorganization of the Committee. Major Caldwell, who did much to initiate the work in Korea, has now retired; Chaplain Engstrom, our only full-time chaplain, is now doing counseling at Pennsylvania State University; Lynn Weldon, who served as pastor-at-large in Japan, completed his doctorate and is now teaching at Adams State College, Colorado.

The Committee needs new members in service in order to keep in touch with the military field.

2. We have one man now preparing for the Naval Chaplaincy, but need others willing to make the preparations necessary to qualify for similar responsibilities in the other two services. This will take time.

3. The Committee has found unexpectedly large numbers of career military men who hold priesthood or who are otherwise engaged in church work. This group needs to be organized for continuous world-wide ministry to our service personnel as well as to our scattered civilian members. While Committee members have visited some ninety bases, there are well over one thousand bases in the United States alone with many more spread abroad. Most of these are more easily accessible to our career members. The Committee needs to work with administrative authorities in placing some responsible person in charge of areas, such as France and North Africa, where we have substantial numbers of service members but no official church leadership.

4. The local appointment of representatives to give attention to their own military members away from home or to members stationed at near-by bases is most encouraging and needs to be expanded. The best ministry to our members in service continues to be the personal ministry available from those best loved or closest at hand. Such local appointments should also

help us better to cover key reception centers and other major bases through which pour large numbers of our younger members. The Committee's initial practice of notifying pastors or missionaries of the movement of our men should again be picked up.

5. The large numbers of career military members with families indicate a need for different forms of ministry than originally anticipated. For example, there is interest in basic study courses in our doctrines and Scriptures which can be used by isolated families of all educational backgrounds. In many cases ministry to isolated children is as important as ministry to their parents.

6. One of our greatest needs is that of capitalizing on the missionary opportunity provided by some four to five hundred military members abroad who have freedom of movement and opportunities to tell the story in areas otherwise beyond our reach. While such tracts and helps as are possible to share are being made available to capitalize on this opportunity and the interest of our servicemen, there is a far greater need for a preparatory program for our young men and women going into military service which will sharpen their knowledge of the church and their skills in sharing the story. A supplementary report to the Presidency is forthcoming in this regard.

7. Some procedure needs to be worked out for supplying *Church Directories* to those going into military service. This would make an excellent project for some group within the local church, such as the Zion's League, Women's Department, etc., with perhaps the Committee supplying those needs unfilled by our branches.

8. There is a real need for the chairman to make a personal visit to military establishments and branches in the extreme Southwest, where there is an unusual concentration of military members.

CHARLES NEFF, *Chairman*

Protect Your Purse

Large religious gatherings are quite attractive fields for pickpockets to work. Usually Latter Day Saints are a trusting group and do not like to think that light-fingered men and women come among them for the money they can get.

Women who carry handbags should carry them under their arms with their hands gripping the openings whenever the traffic becomes congested. Billfolds in men's hip pockets are easy pickings in crowded places.

Remember, it can happen to you.

Parking Space

It is difficult to have sufficient space for all the cars used by General Conference visitors every biennium. However, there will be a little more space this year than in 1956. The parking lots to the north and east, the pasture to the south, and the lot at the bottom of (south on) Grand Avenue are free and opened to the public. The parking adjoining the Auditorium to the south is the only reserved area. Some supervision of all these lots will be provided, but courtesy and patience on the part of those using these facilities will help much.

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Bulletin

Independence, Missouri

October 6, 1958

Report of the First Presidency

To the General Conference Greetings:

We are happy to bring you this report of our stewardship in the inter-Conference period now closing. This report was anticipated, in some measure, in the interim report which appeared in the *Saints' Herald* of February 17, 1958.

During the present Conference period members of the Presidency have visited all parts of the church except Australasia and Polynesia. These visits are of major importance in terms of the balanced direction of the entire work of the church, personal contact with local leaders, particularly the high priests of the church, and with younger leaders who are just coming into full strength and promise. We have been well received everywhere and have been especially happy to have part in the dedication of many fine church buildings, erected at great sacrifice, which give us a dignified place in the communities in which they serve.

General Quorums and Councils

Because of the nature of the work of the Council of Twelve, our meetings with the Council as a group have not been frequent, but they have been of great importance. We have also sought to maintain constant contact with the apostles in their individual responsibilities. We have been happy in these associations, and feel that they have been productive of good for the church, particularly in the field of missionary outreach and expansion. While these results are good they are not considered the ultimate in possible accomplishment.

Much of our most important work is done in consultation with members of the quorums and councils and our departmental directors. We work in constant contact with the Presiding Bishopric for whose ministry we have recurring reason to be deeply grateful.

Our contacts with the Council of the Presidents of Seventy, likewise, have been occasional rather than frequent. Our relations have been cordial and, we believe, mutually helpful. We are happy at the prospective increase in the numbers of the Seventy because of ordinations which

will be proposed to this Conference. And we hope that the time is not far distant when the quorums of Seventy will be still further augmented.

Our regular monthly meetings with the Standing High Council, with such additional meetings as occasion may require, have been stimulating and helpful. In addition to their function as the highest court of the church, the members of this council advise the Presidency and, on request, the Presiding Bishopric, concerning matters of general church significance. Keen and sustained attention has been given, in particular, to the demands of a sound policy, rooted in the law and revelations of the church, and pervaded by the spirit of forgiveness, in the matter of marriage and divorce and remarriage. Some significant insights have been achieved, and some of the good work of the Council lies behind official pronouncement made by the Presidency in this and other areas.

Less frequently, but wherever occasion has demanded, we have been in touch with the Presiding Evangelist and the work of his office. There is need for evangelical ministry in all the districts and large branches of the church, as provided in the law, and it has been a matter of satisfaction to us to see that this need is being met in many places.

The Quorum of High Priests includes all the high priests in the church except those called to special responsibilities within the high priesthood and who meet separately to discharge these responsibilities. In the nature of things it is difficult for this quorum to function as a unit except at General Conference time. But we have been particularly pleased to note the eagerness of many members of the quorum to have the high priests as a body take their rightful place in the church, and we believe that studies made by committees of the quorum within the past Conference period should result in better understanding and a needed and balanced contribution to the total work and leadership of the church.

Some of our most significant work is done in consultation with the heads of the specialized service departments of the church. We are well served in these fields, and are making significant advances in the leadership available, the understanding of the place of the departments in the functions of the church, and the literature being created and widely distributed. This is reflected in the published reports which will come to you from the departments.

Baptisms

In the calendar year 1956, 5,345 baptisms were reported to the Church Statistician. In 1957 there were 5,704 baptisms reported. This total of 11,050 is again the largest number of baptisms in any two years in our history.

The comments which we made in our report for 1956 are still valid. Our baptismal increase continues to reflect the total strength and vigor of the church. While credit may be given to individuals in specific situations, even there it is the strength and vigor of the church as a whole which make our gains possible. On careful scrutiny of our church life it is apparent that this strength and vigor are not uniformly manifested. If the whole church measured up to the standard set by the areas where our missionary testimony is most effective, then we would have several times our present number of baptisms. If all parts of our best areas could measure up to the most productive parts of these regions, and if this were duplicated throughout the church, our growth would be truly phenomenal, and many of the problems incident to our slow increase would then disappear. While we have had an excellent record in many respects, what has been done can be far surpassed if we respond to the prophetic admonition given ten years ago "that joint responsibility is laid on all. Properly and equally borne, this responsibility will insure success, the consummation will be glorious, and all will share in that glory."

One of the encouraging aspects of our church life during the past two and a half years has been the continuance of the quickening, deepening, and widening of our interest in missions abroad. In part, this is a reflection of the many contacts of our people with the peoples of distant lands. It is more directly influenced by the fact that so many have served and are serving in the armed forces of the United States and of the British Commonwealth of Nations, in the Point Four Program, and in international business ventures. But, more fundamentally, this concern grows out of the ministry of the Spirit which stimulates an awareness of missionary responsibility in those who go to distant places and there see for themselves the need for the good word. This method of expansion is natural. It is healthy because it is not artificially stimulated.

The church has never been able to keep ahead of expanding missionary opportunities. The more vigorous the life of the church, the surer we are that ministers and members having no appointee

status will become concerned about missionary endeavors for which they themselves must supply much of the motive power. We have been delighted and encouraged by the baptism of our first converts in India and Pakistan and to note the growth of groups in Okinawa, Korea, and elsewhere in the Pacific. We have rejoiced in the fraternity manifested whenever possible between members of our armed forces in Europe, and in the contribution that has been made by them to the planting of the work in this area. As quickly as we may, the councils of the church expect to build on the foundations thus laid. In this connection we also call attention to the report of the Committee on Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel.

Financial Response

Behind the report of the Presiding Bishopric are many examples of sacrificial devotion in compliance with the law governing temporalities. We express the gratitude of the church for this support, which is especially significant when we reflect that financial support of the General Church is paralleled by that contributed to branches and districts. Yet it is becoming more and more apparent that the work committed to our care cannot be accomplished by the dedication of a tenth of the increase of only part of our people, but out of the glad generosity of many more who give to the Lord out of the joy of their salvation. The quickening of this response for its own sake, with financial returns an important resultant and means of further service, is the concern of the spiritual authorities of the stakes and districts and branches, as well as of the bishop's agents and solicitors.

It is out of the willing co-operation of all that our gains are achieved. We must not lose sight of the benefits accruing to an individual who gives, not out of a sense of duty or obligation but out of a fullness of heart and concern that the will of the Master shall be done. It is out of this kind of sacrificial giving that we get some of our best results.

Preaching and Teaching Ministries

Our hope of salvation centers in the wisdom and love of Almighty God, in the redemption offered through his Son, and in the enlightening and empowering ministry of his Holy Spirit. These point to and guarantee the coming of his kingdom. Our preaching and teaching ministry should center here. Our presentation of the principles of the gospel should find its foundation here. In these difficult times, when so many men's hearts are failing them for fear, our only sound foundation for hope is in God himself, but in him we have every rea-

son for the most glorious hope. Since the times are so portentous, it seems to us to be especially important that those who would lead our people should seek the release of power through study and mutual converse and meditation, but that, having done this, they should heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul to preach and teach this saving word. We believe that the Spirit will approve, commend, and give direction and power to such well-founded guidance.

Ethical Standards

We find ourselves concerned about the ethical standards of our people. As a general rule those who are active in the work of the church are more than usually honest, chaste, and disciplined. But our stewardship demands more than this. Our personal lives, and our relations with others, should rise out of our love and wisdom and self-sacrifice. This is true in every relationship. It is perhaps most obviously true in our home life.

We have reason to deplore the extent to which the current standards in relation to divorce and remarriage are followed by our people. We have been seeking to make constructive approaches to this problem, which will be brought before the Conference by a resolution proposed from the San Francisco Bay District. But it should be recognized that no negative attack will be widely successful; no barriers and denunciations will be of significant creative worth. The solution of the problems in this area, as of all our major problems, lies in the total ministry of the church and especially in our ministry to our children and young people. It is on this foundation that we must give our specific ministries in crucial situations.

Reunions, Camps, Retreats

Our reunions continue to be a major source of spiritual strength. The tremendous investments in reunion grounds are prohibitive where the use of such facilities is only occasional. We are therefore happy in the phenomenal growth of camping, and in the slower but still significant growth of priesthood and leadership retreats. Each of these activities, usually centering in what we know as "reunion grounds," justifies itself. These additional activities are coming to be taken into account as improvements are made on reunion sites, and this is all to the good.

A few years ago we were somewhat disturbed since so much of the camping leadership was provided from the appointee ranks, thus distracting the brethren concerned for extended periods from other important church ministries. This trend has now been changed, and we are developing a splendid group of self-

sustaining leaders, men and women of devotion and growing experience, who are making a rich contribution through camp work. We call attention to the excellent report of Elder F. Carl Mesle in this connection.

Organizations for Good

Throughout the church there is a growing concern for the visible evidence of the establishment of the kingdom. We welcome this. It is important to note in this connection that practice in kingdom building need not wait for further study or organization. The fulfillment under God of our community responsibilities, the practice of our business and professions with primary regard for the welfare of the persons involved, the meeting of the minds of our people as well as their physical gathering together, the spiritual and intellectual and cultural enrichment of our home life, and—sustaining all these—the deepening of our private and public worship are all of major and immediate importance. This includes a wholesome respect for the dignity of our houses of worship and the sincere adherence to the principles of sacred worship. The kingdom will not be built by people of good intent who come together to plan the good life, but who have no informed experience of the demands and challenges and frustration of life as it is now known. Study and advance must begin from where we are. Seemingly the small gains, if sound and widely shared, are of great importance; and we are grateful to report that such advances are being made. We intend to share more fully from time to time reports on specific gains which go to make up the total gain. In this general connection we call attention to the reports submitted to the Conference by business and professional associations of members of the church, and we commend these associations to those interested in these fields of service. Of already proved value is the work of the Central Development Association, the Farm Management Committee, and others.

Higher Education in the Church

There is a rightful and growing concern throughout the church in the matter of education. Many members of the church are taking advantage of local opportunities for adult education to broaden their outlook, improve their skill, prepare for greater responsibility and, perhaps most frequently, to qualify more fully for leadership in church affairs. We have been happy to give encouragement to such education in many widely separated places.

The School of the Restoration, authorized by General Conference in 1956 and opened in June of that year, is now

functioning helpfully. Its directing personnel and facilities need to be augmented as experience, finances, and available ministry make possible. Those responsible for preordination training, which is locally determined and directed, will do well to take advantage of the courses offered by the School and of the counsel of Brother Updike. Appointee orientation and education assemblies conducted at the School have been successful and should be continued and enlarged.

Of special concern to us has been the matter of ministry to college people which has been under the direction of an able committee with Elder L. O. Brockway as committee chairman and Elder F. Carl Mesle as secretary. A report of the work of this committee will be presented at the Conference.

Of further major concern has been the necessity for co-ordinating the various endeavors of the church in the field of higher education, and planning these co-ordinated endeavors with informed concern for the problems and opportunities growing out of population changes, increased concern for education, the changing economic picture, the leadership needs of the church, the location of our church membership, the competing demands on the church dollar, and similar matters. Formation of a committee on higher education, whose function will be to advise the General Church officers concerned in this important field, was completed shortly before the death of President Israel A. Smith. We were particularly happy that each of the fourteen members of the committee requested to serve responded readily and favorably. But for the death of President Smith meetings of this committee would have been held already. They are planned to begin shortly after the close of this Conference. We have sought to emphasize the importance we attach to the work of this committee by arranging that one of our own number, President Edwards, shall preside with Dr. E. J. Gleazer as co-chairman. The other members of the committee are Elder G. Leslie DeLapp, Elder Maurice L. Draper, Elder C. A. Cole, Elder Earl T. Higdon, Dr. L. O. Brockway, Dr. Ronald G. Smith, Dr. Robert L. Brackenbury, Dr. W. E. Gould, Dr. Velma Ruch, Elder C. D. Neff, Elder Chas. Glen E. Downing, and Dr. Malcolm Ritchie.

The Auditorium

We all rejoice in the completion of the Auditorium to this present point. It is a matter of deep concern to us that circumstances did not permit the dedication services for the Conference Chamber to be fully held during the General Conference. It was because we recog-

nized that the Auditorium belongs to the entire church, and that the faithful Saints in the most distant outposts have a rightful concern here, that we arranged for prayers of dedication to be offered during the three Communion services held at this Conference. Now that this has been accomplished, the remaining work on the Auditorium still beckons all of us. Specific proposals will come to the Conference from the responsible officers of the church covering what still remains to be done and to these we invite the careful and sacrificial attention of the Saints. It is expected that when the building is completed, and is offered to our heavenly Father in all its parts, we shall have a period of dedication and rejoicing in which the whole church will join.

Thanks

The present members of the quorum have been especially appreciative of the support given them in the quorums and councils of the church, and in the church as a whole, in the period ensuing since the death of President Israel A. Smith. We are especially thankful that the Saints are approaching the Conference with dignity and high confidence in the providences of God. We have been grateful for the blessings which have been ours, and the divine direction of which we have been conscious as we have sought to serve you.

Your servants in Christ,

F. HENRY EDWARDS

W. WALLACE SMITH

An Epistle from the Council of Twelve Apostles

To the Church of Jesus Christ

It gives us much satisfaction to greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We rejoice in the affectionate bonds of spiritual fellowship, in which we sense our responsibility to carry the saving ministry of Christ to the people of the world. Our joy in the gospel accentuates our sense of urgency to testify to men of the way of life eternal and of escape from destruction.

It is with a sense of personal and official loss that we assemble for the General Conference of 1958. The tragic death of our late President of the church, our friend and brother, Israel A. Smith, is a reminder to us of the uncertainties of this life and of our hope in the eternal life promised by the Lord Jesus. We shall miss our beloved brother and prophet, and we honor his memory in the spirit of appreciation for the ministry of unity and brotherly kindness which he brought to the church. We also feel that our best tribute to his leadership

among us is to continue in the spirit of mutual affection which was characteristic of his ministry.

Our gospel is indeed the ministry of our Lord, who said, "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." Since his church was delegated to continue his ministry, this universal mission to the world becomes our continuing task. It is, therefore, our privilege and responsibility to enter the door of opportunity which is opened to us.

We have been projected into an age of wonder through the discoveries of science—an age when men are looking with anticipation to outer space with the thought of soaring forth to new discoveries and achievements in other worlds. But we must not forget that as yet on earth we are everywhere challenged. There is here so much wickedness. Should we not then seek here first the righteousness exemplified in Christ? Where there is so much inequality, should we not seek justice? Where there is so much confusion and fear in the governments of men, should we not seek the more to establish the kingdom of God?

We would not attempt to hamper the righteous ambitions of men to inquire into the mysteries of our universe, but as the church of Christ we have been divinely appointed to carry the message of life and salvation to the multitudes of earth. This mission we seek to prosecute with fervor and in loving concern for human beings possessing the potential to become sons of God.

The conflicts in our world society are evidence of our need for the kingdom of God. Wars and rumors of wars continue to bring destitution and destruction because of distrust and fear among men. To some it appears that in the Middle East the seeds of Armageddon are being sown. A part of the name of our church is a continual reminder that we are living in the latter days. Statesmen, with concern, grapple with problems which are insurmountable, except for the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. News dispatches tell the world of event after event which underscore the need for which Christ gave his life.

"Zion will be" was the sentiment forcibly expressed by our President and Prophet Frederick Madison Smith. Confirming this prophetic observation is the following by our late President Israel A. Smith: "The goals of my church while not yet fully realized and at times and to many seemingly distant, are closer to realization than many recognize." All of which is in accord with the Lord's words: "Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her, and she shall be an ensign unto the people, and there

shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven" (Doctrine and Covenants 64: 8).

In the light of these glorious promises, we must, as Christ's church, carry on to the achievement of our Lord's high vision.

Ours is a universal church with a world-wide mission. The words of Jesus to one of the seven churches of Asia, "I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it," are also to us challenging words. Here is our opportunity for service to all mankind. To enter this door demands courage. It must be a dynamic people which accepts the spiritual conquest of the human race as its eternal challenge. We are that people. We are that church.

Our program has not been as large as we could wish, but progress has been made. Among evidences is the completion of this General Conference Chamber in which we meet. The magnificence of these surroundings may well be contrasted with a historical conference meeting in Israel Rogers' barn with the Saints singing lustily, "Give us room that we may dwell, Zion's children cry aloud."

But, of course, material advantages do not spell all of progress. If such were

our thinking, we would in no wise be worthy of our predecessors who have faithfully labored before us. Progress has been made in spiritual and mental fields in the church. These, after all, are the barometers of true success; and no amount of material achievement must be allowed to overshadow this important fact.

We must continue to press on to our high calling in Christ Jesus that eventually he may receive his church, "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, holy and without blemish." From our hearts we express appreciation of the labors of all who have helped in advancing the Lord's work.

It is our purpose to encourage the whole church to harness her energies for the gigantic task of blessing and warning the world. Tremendous results would eventuate from such a response to the Lord's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." May the church move forward in executing the commission under divine guidance and blessing.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE

By Paul M. Hanson

President

Proposed Resolutions Presented by the Presidency

Ex Officio Members of General Conference

To the General Conference

The Rules of Order (*Rules and Resolutions* 16: 22) states.

All members of the Melchisedec priesthood are ex officio members of General Conference and are entitled to voice and vote in General Conference when present.

When this statement was prepared for Conference action, a resolution adopted by the General Conference of 1927 was apparently overlooked. This resolution provided that:

Previous action which may be to the contrary be set aside and that the superintendent of the Department of Women be seated in the Conference as an ex officio (General Conference Minutes 1927: 4232).

In view of the foregoing we hereby give notice that we intend to propose at the General Conference of 1958 that the provision of the Rules of Order concerning ex officio members be amended by the insertion of "and the General Church Leader of Women" between the words "priesthood" and "are," making that section to read:

All members of the Melchisedec priesthood and the General Church Leader of Women are ex officio members of General Conference and are entitled to voice and vote in General Conference when present.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By Israel A. Smith

Certification of Delegates

To the General Conference.

The "Rules of Order" (Section 26) provide that:

Delegates shall be entitled to act upon registering with the Credentials Committee. This Committee should be supplied with a certified list of delegates, bearing the signatures of stake or district president and secretary; or bearing the signatures of the branch president and secretary if they represent branches in unorganized territory.

The Credentials Committee shall certify delegates to General Conference, up to the number to which the stake, district, or branch is entitled, in the order in which delegates are registered with the Credentials Committee.

Some question has arisen concerning the meaning of "... the order in which delegates are registered ..." We are therefore advising that stake, district or branch officers reporting to the Credentials Committee concerning selec-

tion of delegates shall list these delegates in the order of the votes received by each of them when they were selected.

At the General Conference of 1958 it is our purpose to recommend that the statement on Certification of Delegates above cited shall be amended by the insertion between "delegates" and "bearing" of the words "arranged in the order of the votes cast for their selection." The sentence involved will then read:

This Committee should be supplied with a certified list of delegates, arranged in the order of the votes cast for their selection, bearing the signatures of stake or district president and secretary; or bearing the signatures of the branch president and secretary if they represent branches in unorganized territory.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By F. Henry Edwards

Delegates to General Conference Missions Abroad

The basis of representation at General Conference is set forth as follows:

Each stake and district shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred members of said stake or district, and one vote in Conference for each delegate.

Regularly organized branches of the church not included in a district shall be entitled to at least one delegate, who shall have the same privileges as the other delegates. When the membership of such a branch exceeds one hundred, that branch shall be entitled to one delegate for each one hundred members. The selection of these branch delegates shall be made in regular branch business meetings or in special business meetings of which due notice shall have been given as to time, place, and purpose.

The enrollment upon which representation at General Conference shall be determined for the various missions, stakes, and districts, and for the branches in unorganized territory shall be the total membership thereof as indicated by the monthly balance in the office of the Department of Statistics two weeks prior to the date of the conference at which delegates are to be elected.

—"Rules of Order" 24:

Rules and Resolutions, page 16.

In missions abroad, where no district organization exists, the spirit of the rule here set forth seems to require that delegates to General Conference shall be selected as though the mission was organized as a stake or district. This interpretation is emphasized by the inclusion of the term "missions" in the third paragraph quoted above. However, missions abroad are not included in the first of these quoted paragraphs. To make this matter clear we recommend:

That the first paragraph of Section 24 of the Rules of Representation be amended by the substitution of a comma (,) for "and" between the words "stake" and "district" and the insertion be-

tween the words "district" and "shall" of ", and mission abroad not otherwise organized," and that after the second "stake" and before the second "district" a comma (,) shall be substituted for "or" and after this word "district" there shall be inserted "or mission abroad not otherwise organized" so that this paragraph shall read:

Each stake, district and mission abroad not otherwise organized shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred members of said stake, district, or mission abroad not otherwise organized, and to one vote in Conference for each delegate.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Alternate Delegates

To the General Conference

In the *Saints' Herald* for August 4, 1958, notice was given of our purpose to recommend that the statement on Certification of Delegates (Rules of Order 26) be amended. Since that time we have had opportunity to discuss this matter with the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric. At that time attention was called to the widespread desire for a change in the action of the General Conference (G.C.R. 821) prohibiting the selection of alternate delegates. Almost simultaneously several questions in this area were propounded by the Credentials Committee as a result of queries coming from the field.

Out of the discussion which ensued in the Council already mentioned, and in elaboration of what was proposed in the *Herald* of August 4, we now suggest the following changes in the Rules of Representation:

Section 23 of the Rules of Representation (Rules of Order, page 16), add the following:

Conferences and Business Meetings are also authorized to appoint two alternate delegates and, if they have more than ten delegates, an additional alternate for every ten additional delegates, said alternates to have full delegate rights of and when they shall be seated with their delegation on recommendation of the Credentials Committee (See Section 26).

Section 26, at the end of the first paragraph add:

This certified list of delegates shall indicate the delegate receiving the smallest number of votes in the election of delegates.

Immediately after this paragraph add:

The alternate delegates certified to the Credentials Committee shall be listed in the order of the votes cast for them at their election, and shall be seated by the Committee in place of regular delegates who cannot attend, in the order of such listing; it being understood that

the action of the Credentials Committee in this regard shall be based on a written statement signed by the administrative officer and secretary of the conference or business meeting concerned, indicating which properly selected delegates cannot be present. This statement must be in the hands of the Credentials Committee not less than ten days prior to the opening of General Conference.

From the second paragraph of this section delete the words following "entitled," so that the paragraph will read:

The Credentials Committee shall certify delegates to the General Conference, up to the number to which the stake, district, mission or branch is entitled.

Delete section 28.

It will be noted that if the foregoing is adopted, this will rescind General Conference Resolution 821.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Special Meeting of the Board of Appropriation

To the General Conference

WHEREAS, The unsettled condition of the world, or other factors, may make it unwise for General Conference to convene; and

WHEREAS, Unsettled economic conditions may make it imperative that additional funds be made available to meet the current needs of the church;

Resolved, That the First Presidency be authorized to call the Board of Appropriations in any inter-Conference period in consultation with the Presiding Bishopric to review our financial situation and to take such action as may be necessary within reasonable budgetary restrictions to adjust our finances to permit the carrying on of the work of the church efficiently, the action of the Board to be subject to ratification at the next General Conference of the church.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Appointees and Family Expense Reports

To the General Conference

The Presiding Bishopric has presented to the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric the following recommendation concerning publication of Appointees and Family Expenses. This received the unanimous approval of the Council. The proposed action is as follows:

WHEREAS, The present policy of publishing a schedule showing amounts paid to appointees and families does not reflect accurately the needs or circumstances of each appointee and his family; and

WHEREAS, There is need for informed study and consideration of such expenditures by a

council which is charged with such responsibility under the law; and

WHEREAS, The Standing High Council is available on request to advise the Presiding Bishopric in matters of importance; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to omit from its printed reports to General Conference in years subsequent to 1958 the schedule of Family Allowances and Elders' Expenses, and that instead of such publication this schedule be submitted to the Standing High Council of the church for such advice and counsel as this body may wish to give the Presiding Bishopric (Doctrine and Covenants 122: 6; 104: 35); and further

THAT such a schedule also be given to the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, which schedule would include the specific information called for in General Conference Resolution 953; it being understood that

Adoption of this resolution would not relieve the Presiding Bishopric or other General Church administrative officers concerned of their responsibility in regard to Family Allowances and Elders' Expenses, nor will such action invalidate or rescind General Conference Resolution 953.

This is presented for such action as the Conference may desire.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Rescinding of Resolution Proposed

To the General Conference:

Pursuant to action of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric on March 18, 1957, the following will be presented to the forthcoming General Conference:

WHEREAS, The centralizing of financial reports of stake, district and branch funds at headquarters and the giving of individual credit for all local offerings would constitute a large and expensive volume of work without appropriate values accruing therefrom and

WHEREAS, The exercise of initiative, local autonomy and efficient management of local finances should be encouraged throughout the church, therefore be it

Resolved, That Resolution 905 be hereby rescinded, and be it further

Resolved, That we request stakes, districts, branches, missions, reunion associations and other church subdivisions to follow the policy of operating on an approved financial budget submitting an audited financial report to the business meeting concerned for approval, and be it further

Resolved, That in the interest of maintaining a more accurate record of individual offerings, local treasurers be requested to issue official local church receipts for all offerings made in the interest and support of local church work, and be it yet further

Resolved, That we recommend the adoption of the duplex envelope system, or a similar system, for the collection and recording of both general and local contributions in the congregations, branches, and missions of the church.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith
THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
By G. Leslie DeLapp

Resolution on Divorce and Remarriage

To the General Conference

At the conference of the San Francisco Bay District held Sunday, November 17, 1957, the following resolution was adopted for transmission to the First Presidency for presentation to the General Conference of 1958:

WHEREAS The sanctity of the home is universally acknowledged by all believers in Christ as essential to the molding of Christian character and to the perfecting of the kingdom of God on earth, and

WHEREAS, Increasing marital problems in present day society have resulted in a large number of broken homes and family disorganization, with many ramifications of unhappiness and misery to society, and

WHEREAS, Our church, prior to 1900, did address itself by General Conference Resolutions to the interpretation of church law pertaining to certain aspects of the problem of divorce and remarriage (see General Conference Resolutions 66, 272, 412), and

WHEREAS, The intervening period has brought to light new knowledge, information, and insight concerning the marriage relationship and the problems of divorce and remarriage; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request the General Conference to request the First Presidency to study and make recommendations with respect to marriage, divorce, and remarriage, such findings and recommendations to be published for distribution for further consideration and action by the General Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Supplementary Report of the Credentials Committee

To the First Presidency and General Conference

We recommend

1. That changes as follows be made in our report as found on pages 49-52 of the *Conference Bulletin*:
 - a) Page 49—Australasia: Branches in Unorganized Territory
Auckland Branch—strike the name of Michael J. LeBherz and add the name of Mrs. O. Ruth Draper.
 - b) Page 49—Kansas City Stake—strike the name of Ada L. Browne and add the name of Nellie Canterbury. Strike the name of Beda M. Middleton and add the name of Angela Iles.
 - c) Page 51—Oklahoma City District—strike the name

of John White and add the name of Mrs. Don Dollins.

- d) Page 52—Tampa, Florida, Branch—strike the name of Zelma Weiser and add the name of Gretchen Knight.

2. That the following names be added:
FRENCH POLYNESIA

French Polynesia Mission 2,314:
F. Edward Butterworth, Lilly Raye Butterworth, Vivian Sorensen, Gladys Tyree, J. Charles May, Letha May, Charles R. Hield, Joseph Yager, Lillian Yager, Robert Brown, Mrs. Robert Brown, James Farthing, Celia Farthing, David Judd, John W. Gilbert, Hubert Case, Gwen Sorensen.

Branches in Unorganized Territory
Bevier, Missouri, 53, Mrs. Phyllis Banta

3. That with these changes and additions the persons designated on these reports be seated as delegates in the Conference and given voice and vote in all deliberations.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Merle P. Guthrie
Fred O. Davies

Ordinations Recommended

The large number of ordinations requiring Conference action, and the press of other business awaiting our attention, urge that the time spent in considering individual ordinations shall be held to a minimum. We are therefore listing the calls which have been approved in the quorums concerned and ask that any objections to ordinations be reported as indicated.

The Presidents of Seventy have recommended that the following named elders be ordained to the office of Seventy. The First Presidency and the Council of Twelve have concurred. The brethren called are

Ralph A. Bobbitt, Jackson, Ohio
John W. Bradley, Wiarton, Ontario
C. M. Carpenter, Ottawa, Ontario
William R. Clinefelter, Independence, Missouri
N. G. Coltharp, North Little Rock, Arkansas
J. M. Curtis, Parkersburg, West Virginia
Lyman F. Edwards, Detroit, Michigan
Kenneth G. Fisher, Torrington, Wyoming
Kenneth T. Green, Toledo, Ohio
Peter H. Harder, Nevada, Missouri

Keith E. Harvey, Regina, Saskatchewan
O. C. Henson, Jr., Orlando, Florida
William F. Horn, Rotterdam, Holland
John F. Jordan, Denver, Colorado
Charles R. Mundorff, West Branch, Michigan
M. N. Page, Goodland, Kansas
R. W. Pearson, Sioux City, Iowa
R. M. Seeley, Eugene, Oregon
Lester I. Tacy, Cranston, Rhode Island

John S. Thumm, Portland, Oregon
Charles E. Vreeland, North Highlands, California

Each of these brethren has indicated his willingness to accept this call.

Any objection to the ordination of any of them should be reported to the office of the Presidents of Seventy at the close of the Conference business session, Monday, October 6.

The following named brethren have been called to the high priesthood and have indicated their acceptance of this new responsibility:

John H. Boren, Independence, Missouri
Clifford P. Buck, Independence, Missouri
Harold T. Downey, Independence, Missouri
Calvin V. French, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Merle P. Guthrie, Sandusky, Michigan
Raymond W. Huggett, Burnaby, British Columbia
Denison H. Smith, East Chicago, Indiana

Any objection to the ordination of any of these brethren should be reported to the office of the First Presidency at the close of the business session, Monday, October 6.

The following named brethren have been called to the office of evangelist through members of the Twelve, and these calls have been approved by the Council of Twelve and the First Presidency:

William Archer, Toronto, Ontario
Herbert R. Blakeman, Los Angeles, California
Herman A. Chelline, Independence, Missouri
Alva J. Dexter, Lansing, Michigan
E. L. Johnson, South Gate, California
Guy R. Johnson, Denison, Iowa
Rigby H. Leighton, Detroit, Michigan
Kenneth D. Lusha, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis J. Richards, Independence, Missouri
Denison H. Smith, East Chicago, Indiana
Otis J. Stephens, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
James B. Welch, Louisville, Kentucky
C. David Wilson, Fairland, Oklahoma
J. Adelbert Withee, Memphis, Tennessee
Any objection to the ordination of any

of these brethren should be reported to the office of the Council of Twelve at the close of the business session of Monday, October 6.

The following named brethren have been called to the office of bishop through the First Presidency:

John H. Boren, Independence, Missouri
Harold S. Cash, Jr., Attleboro, Massachusetts
Harold T. Downey, Independence, Missouri
William E. Timms, Independence, Missouri

Any objection to the ordination of any of these brethren should be reported to the office of the First Presidency at the close of the business session of October 6, 1958.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Facilities at Conference

For those interested in recreation, each day the Center Stake Campus will be open. There will be facilities for young people as well as families and children.

The following hours the Campus will be open under supervision with the canteen and equipment available:

Saturday—12 noon to 5:00 p.m.
Monday—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Friday—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

There will be other hours in the days when it will be open, but no supervised direction and equipment will be on hand. Following is a list of materials that will be available:

Softball field and softball equipment
Footballs
Three tennis courts with tennis balls, rackets, and nets
Two badminton sets
Two horseshoe courts with horseshoes
Three table tennis tables equipped
One set of paddle tennis
Two courts for volleyball with equipment
One court for basketball with equipment

There will be a canteen, and a small children's play area which will be supervised by Oriole girls. The entire Campus is excellent for family picnicking. Take advantage of it.

RICHARD B. LANCASTER
Director of Youth Division

Delegates and Ex Officiis Seated at Ordination Service

At the ordination service for the President of the church, tentatively set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, the sections used by delegates and ex officio members of the Conference will be reserved for their use.

All other persons should attempt to find seating elsewhere. However, the chairs not claimed by delegates and ex officii by 7:15 will be opened to visitors.

The Stone Church upper auditorium will be used for overflow. Those not able to find seating in the Conference Chamber should go directly there; they will be able at least to hear the service through the speaker system.

Two Special Evening Programs Planned for Tuesday, Thursday

Special programs have been planned for Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the General Conference Chamber.

Committees working on the programs report that the results should be highly interesting and dramatic. Both programs will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"We Believe in Learning" will be presented Tuesday evening by the institutions of higher education—Graceland College, the "San" School of Nursing, and the School of the Restoration.

The program includes faculty and student representatives from the three institutions. A voice choir will narrate the program under the direction of Miss Celia Schall. Also featured will be the Graceland College Concert Choir, directed by Henry Anderson, and a banding ceremony by the School of Nursing.

Mrs. Cleo H. Moon of Graceland College wrote the script. Charles Neff, assistant to the First Presidency, was chairman of the planning committee which consisted of representatives of the three schools.

Thursday evening "The Kingdom in the World" will be presented by the special ministry committees and associations. These include the Committee on Ministry to College People, the Committee on Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel, and the professional associations of teachers, lawyers, doctors, architects, and engineers.

Carl Mesle, assistant to the First Presidency, Edwin Browne, Miss Aleta Runkle, and Dr. Vance Link planned the program. It will run about one hour.

Color slides projected on a huge screen, tape recordings, special lighting effects, and other audio-visual aids will be used to present the program.

The presentation will show the ministry offered by the church to college stu-

dents, servicemen, and professional people, and the ministry that these groups are returning to the church.

Among the tape recorded and live messages will be some from Colombia, Honduras, Iran, and Korea.

R. Y.

A-V to Use New Camera

A new Arriflex 16mm. motion picture camera recently purchased by the Audio-Visual Department will be used to record the 1958 General Conference.

Conferees will see Photographer Kenneth Raveill of the Audio-Visual Department working with the new camera at most of the Conference sessions. The camera has a three lens turret—with wide-angle, normal, and telephoto lenses. Sound for the films will be synchronized on a tape recorder.

Motion pictures taken with the camera will be used to make a visual report of the Conference which will be circulated through the districts of the church as soon as possible after Conference.

Actually, three motion picture cameramen will be in action during the meetings. Smaller cameras will be used by mobile cameramen to shoot supplementary pictures. There will also be black and white and color "still" photographs made by Audio-Visual cameramen.

Arthur Rock, director of the Audio-Visual Department, said the new movie camera makes it possible for the first time for the department to take its own sound motion pictures. And it will be the first time that such movies have been made of a General Conference.

The motion pictures made at Conference will be black and white.

In the future the new equipment will be available for institutional and educational films.

R. Y.

Administration to the Sick

A change has been made in the published schedule (*Conference Program*, page 52) by omitting the 8:30-9:30 A.M. period. Based on the experience of the last few Conferences, this period does not seem necessary.

P.B.S. Tea

A tea for alumnae and members of the Graceland P.B.S. Club will be held Saturday, October 11, in Room 201 of the Stone Church Education Building after business meeting. Independence alumnae will serve as hostesses.

(Editor's note: Other social club meetings are listed in the *Conference Program*, pages 52-57.)

What Happened on Sunday

Three Communion services in the Conference Chamber, beginning at 7 a.m. Total attendance was 17,500.

Three sermons at 9 a.m. and four sermons at 10:45 a.m. to handle overflow crowds. Sermons were delivered by stake presidents.

Special Memorial Service under the direction of Evangelist Lynn E. Smith at 10:45 a.m., in Stone Church.

Conference Concert at 2 p.m.: The Independence Symphony Orchestra directed by Franklyn S. Weddle; the Conference Choir directed by Frank K. Hunter; and Donald G. Henrickson, soloist.

Sermon by President F. Henry Edwards at 3 p.m.

Sermon by Presiding Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Appointees and Wives banquet, Friday evening.

Zion's League and Young Adult mixers, Saturday evening.

General Conference Memorial Service

A beautiful service memorializing the members of the Melchisedec priesthood who died between January 1, 1956, and August 1, 1958, was held at the Stone Church 10:45 A.M. Sunday, October 5, in charge of Evangelist Lynn E. Smith.

Oliver Houston was the organist. The call to worship was given by Brother Lynn Smith, after which the Seventy Chorus sang "Jerusalem the Golden." The invocation was given by Bishop Cackler. Selected passages of Scripture were then read by Seventy Sylvester Coleman, after which the Seventy Chorus sang "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest."

A memorial sermon in tribute to all the elders and especially Israel A. Smith was given by Evan A. Fry.

The list contained one member of the Presidency, sixteen high priests, two bishops, five evangelists, two Seventies, and one hundred and sixty-eight elders. This made a total of one hundred and ninety-four. The complete list will appear in a subsequent issue of the regular *Herald*.

Completed Auditorium Chamber Impresses Visitors

The main topic of conversation among the thousands who were on hand for the opening of General Conference Sunday was the beauty of the new Conference Chamber in the Auditorium.

Conference visitors and delegates seeing the new chamber for the first time expressed delight at its dignity and visual appeal.

Instead of the park benches, wooden stage, and long lines of naked light bulbs that greeted Conference visitors in the past, Conferees this year found comfortable theater-type seats, a gracefully curving and carpeted platform, and pleasing recessed lighting that dramatized the color and lines of the room.

Those who remember the previous appearance of the chamber marvel that such a transformation could take place in the huge room since the last Conference.

Beginning with the new recessed dome at the top of the chamber and continuing on down to the red granux border at the base of the walls, the Conference Chamber is completely remodeled and at last in its finished state.

Some of the outstanding features of the big room that catch the visitors' eyes are the bright "bittersweet" shade of the carpet on the platform, and aisles, and the two large bronze church seals at either side of the platform. These, along with the walnut paneling, seem to please all who see them.

And, naturally, the Conferees were pleased with the fine new seats that proved to be so comfortable. They are a blue-gray charcoal shade. The seats in the balcony, on the main floor, and also the new chairs for the platform are all of the same fabric. The nearly 6,000 seats for the congregation have backs of a walnut finish and walnut pew ends.

The opening Communion services centered at the eight new platform tables. The long curving tables serve as Communion tables and as desks for officials on the platform during business meetings. Between General Conferences, they will be used as conference tables in the small meeting rooms located under the balconies, at the sides of the platform.

The combination of the "floating" acoustical clouds over the platform with their many lights and the interesting grille pattern of walnut strips, high in the choir loft, make an effective setting for the activities on the new platform.

Many visitors also expressed appreciation for the new east and west porticoes. The two new entrances provide for a much easier access to the Conference Chamber. Both entrances are attractively designed using gray and red granux.

The public address system seemed much improved since the trial run-through at the chamber's dedication September 21. The earlier meeting was held specifically to test and adjust the P.A. system with a large number of people in the room.

Congregational singing proved that the huge chamber is acoustically perfect. The thousands of voices blended right in with the organ music. Acoustical devices include several which are interesting: the acoustical clouds over the platform, the new curve under the balconies, and the walnut strips over decorator's burlap that form part of the wall on the main floor.

From the first moment of Conference, it seemed the completed Conference Chamber is at last the perfect room in which the Saints can gather to worship and transact their business. It is part of a dream come true.

R. Y.

Second Supplementary Report of Credentials Committee

To the First Presidency and General Conference

A telegram received today, October 5, asks that the name of Irving Jones be stricken from the delegate list of the Detroit-International Stake and that the name of Norma Pomeroy be inserted.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Merle P. Guthrie

Fred O. Davies

Registrations

The Registration Committee had issued Conference badges to seven thousand one hundred and nine persons by 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Delegates from abroad represented Australia, Canada, Germany, Hawaii, Holland, and Norway. Visitors registering from abroad gave as their homelands Alaska, Korea, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada, and England. In the total forty-five states were represented.

A Place for Every Visitor

The Housing Committee, Charles V. Graham, chairman, reports that places have been found for all applicants with some to spare. They had applications for a total of 672 persons. Twelve trailers have been placed at the Campus.

In all there were 316 Independence homes offered to house visitors. Besides this there was a men's dormitory at the School of the Restoration opened which houses 25 and a women's dormitory to care for 15. Forty-six persons from Canada requested accommodations.

One brother wrote in early to get a placement for three adults and four children. The home to fit this need was found after some difficulty. When the visitors arrived the home had just been quarantined for whooping cough. Yes, another place was found and the seven are happily together.

Independence, Missouri

October 7, 1958

President W. Wallace Smith's Statement to the Conference

Brother Hanson, Delegates, Saints, and Friends:

This is a moment to which I have looked forward since I was informed of the contents of the document left by the late President Israel A. Smith to be delivered to the President of the Council of Twelve and to the church by the custodian of the document, Elder F. Henry Edwards. After the subsidence of the first cruel impact of the tragic accident that took President Israel's life I realized that soon or late, if your action was favorable, I would stand before you to accept or reject the onerous task of representing God to his people as the President of the High Priesthood and President of the Church.

Certainly something like this doesn't happen in the twinkling of an eye. I am convinced that there has been some degree of preparation going on continuously during most of my life. Like my father before me, I have been at times more largely involved in secular interests than in those of the church. There is, however, no question in my mind but that the loving, tender mercy of my heavenly Father has been a mantle of protection over me many times during that period. My life has been spared. I have wondered sometimes to what end. There must be and is some higher Power guiding the destiny of man, and it is to this Power that I look at this moment for the strength which is necessary to sustain me in my high resolves. Modesty forbids, at this or any other juncture, that I should indulge any presumption in this regard. Neither do I apologize for any willingness on my part to be governed in my acceptance of this responsibility by the knowledge of the fact.

My acceptance in the councils of the church by my brethren and by you has been a comforting matter to me. I pray that neither they nor you shall ever have reason to regret the placing of that confidence or the giving of your support.

It is by no means born of a sense of obligation to do so that I thank you for your vote of confidence in me; for I feel very humble and quite inadequate indeed in myself to carry out the tremendous tasks that face us jointly. I will need

and sincerely solicit the support of each of you separately and of all of you collectively that together, with the help of our heavenly Father, we may so serve that the church may fulfill its destiny and the divine will be accomplished.

Unity in the body of the church, as well as in the quorums and councils, has been sought, and is a highly desirable condition to promote. I pledge my powers of body and mind to continue to foster the unity that was achieved under the kindly leadership of my brother, the late President Israel A. Smith. With the able help of proved assistants in the Council of the Twelve, the High Priests' Quorum, the expanding quorums of Seventies, the missionary elders and others, the missionary work moves forward. My brethren of the Bishopric, strong in their advocacy of sound policies of administration in the financial affairs of the church, give me reason to believe we will continue to make progress in this direction. I recognize no need to refrain from asking, nor any reason not to expect, the high level of participation that we have been receiving from the growing numbers of earnest, consecrated members. I will try to merit this support which I trust will be freely given.

Inasmuch as it may be considered by some as presumptuous for me to come to you at this moment with a detailed statement of policy for church administration, I have tried to avoid indiscretions. Yet I have been pressed by a heavy responsibility to consider the urgent needs of the church, and I have had to set aside a feeling of caution because time is precious and our people must be served expeditiously. At least one, if not two, of my predecessors anticipated the responsibility to come. My father, in his acceptance of a similar position almost one hundred years ago, said:

"I pledge myself to promulgate no doctrine that shall not be approved by you or the code of good morals. I propose that all shall be dealt with in mercy."

I cannot find it in my heart to do less.

In my own life I have seen the divine wisdom behind the institution of the ordinance of marriage. The covenant relationship entered into in such a state envisions a sharing relationship. I am particularly happy this afternoon to recognize the part my wife has played in our coming to this moment.

She has stood by me in times of discouragement and trial—not unquestioningly but helpfully. There is no attempt on my part to minimize the influence she has had in my life. I

Document on Successor

Independence, Missouri

May 28, 1952

To the church and to the Council of Twelve Apostles:

As I am about to go overseas and realize the usual hazards of travel, and ever conscious of the uncertainties of life and the certainty of death, and in order that my demise, whether soon or longer postponed, may not cause confusion, I hereby declare that in the event of my death, whenever it shall occur, my brother, William Wallace Smith, should be selected to succeed me as president of the high priesthood of the church, this having been manifested to me by the Lord at the time he was chosen and set apart as an apostle and again when he was called to be a counselor and member of the Quorum of the First Presidency, at the General Conference of 1950.

I feel at liberty to make this appointment at this time because he has become better acquainted with the members since he was called in 1947 and has proved himself to the body.

This action is taken by me pursuant to the authority vested in me by the terms of Section 43 of the book of Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with other references in the law, notably paragraph 8 of Section 127, all as interpreted by my father, the late President Joseph Smith, in the *Saints' Herald* of March 12, 1912, and all of which I believe is in complete harmony with precedents established by the church in General Conferences of 1860, 1915, and 1946.

(Signed) ISRAEL A. SMITH

Witnessed this 28th day of May, 1952, by:

F. HENRY EDWARDS

G. LESLIE DELAPP

gratefully acknowledge her help, and have her assurance that we will walk together in any new responsibility which may come to us.

Although I was a lad of tender years when I stood at the foot of the bed of my father in his last hours on earth, I recall quite distinctly his concern for the welfare of the church and the growth of its mission in the world. This has not lessened in me through the years, but rather it has been heightened by a growing realization of the fact that none of us are equal to this task in our own strength, but by standing together with each other and with God we can do all things that are possible. My prayers in the name of the Master are for the welfare of his church and the members of it. May this General Conference be a success and the day of triumph.

Report of Committee on Book of Mormon Revision

To the First Presidency and General Conference

I. The committee appointed by the First Presidency by order of the 1956 General Conference to study "wherein and if" the language of the Book of Mormon should be improved has held twelve meetings during the inter-Conference period. Though the members of the advisory committee have not been asked to meet with the main committee except at the next-to-last meeting, they have been kept informed of progress, and not only have been invited to offer suggestions or criticisms, but in some instances have been given special assignments, or have made voluntary contributions which have been most helpful and valuable. Minutes of each meeting and copies of all materials studied, including suggested revisions, individual reports, and bibliography, have been mailed to all members of both committees following each meeting.

II. We have understood this assignment to mean that we were not to make an actual revision of the entire book, but to make a study of whether or not another version should be attempted, and if so, by what method, in what manner, and in what style.

III. Our research has brought us to the following conclusions:

1. That the present Authorized Version is already a *revised* version. There are over 300 variations between the Manuscript and the 1830 edition (see Report of 1884 Committee, *Herald*, Vol. 31, page 546 ff.). James Wardle reports further that there are "more than three thousand corrections in spelling, diction, grammar, additions, and deletions," and "more than ten thousand punctuation corrections" in the various editions of the Book of Mormon (*Herald*, March 21, 1955). The church has already "revised" the Book of Mormon in these and many other instances by supplying punctuation (which is largely absent from the manuscript) capitalization, sentence division, paragraphing, and versification; by substituting "and" for the ampersand "&" which the manuscript uses throughout, and even by omitting "it came to pass." By incorporating these changes into the Authorized Version, we have already approved a policy of revision and accepted it without question for many years.

2. That the Manuscript itself was corrected and revised between 1830 and 1837, presumably by Joseph Smith, Jr., with the assistance of Oliver Cowdery.

3. That there appear to be in the Book of Mormon certain recognizable Hebraisms and Egyptianisms which are powerful internal evidence that the story of its Hebrew origin is true, and that much of the faulty construction and clumsy English of the Book of Mormon may be due to the too literal translation of these. *Such evidences will be preserved in the Authorized Version, which will continue to be published.* They will also be retained in large part by a version such as we propose.

4. That other seeming errors are the result of changes in the English language since 1830.

5. That in addition there are numerous errors of grammar for which we cannot account.

6. That there is need for a Readers' Version of the Book of Mormon which will improve questionable grammar, awkward sentence structure, obsolete words and spellings, obscure meanings, and confusing punctuation.

7. That the original Book of Mormon writers did not forbid revision of their work, but on the contrary actually anticipated it in these words from Mormon 4: 97:

"Condemn me not because of mine imperfection; neither my father, because of his imperfection; neither them who have written before him, but rather give thanks unto God that he hath made manifest unto you our imperfections, *that ye may learn to be more wise than we have been.*"

There is condemnation for those who reject the *message* of the Book of Mormon, but none for those who recognize and seek to remedy what its authors freely admit—that the language itself could be improved.

8. That since the book has already been translated into German by Alexander Kippe, Danish by Peter Andersen and Peter Muceus, Hawaiian by Gilbert J. Waller, and is now being translated into *modern* Spanish (not the Spanish of 1830) by José Aranda and Apostle Charles R. Hield, and since each translation involves some degree of interpretation before the translation, it now seems wise and timely to give the book a more modern English rendition, in order that it may be given increased power to minister to inquiring readers.

IV. The Conference and the Presidency have already assured the church that the present Authorized Version of the Book of Mormon will continue to be published (*Daily Herald*, April, 1956,

page 83). In addition, we recommend that the Conference authorize the appointment of a Committee to prepare manuscript for a Readers' Version of the Book of Mormon.

We further recommend:

1. That the Committee should be composed of persons having a deep spiritual appreciation for the Book of Mormon and for its doctrinal and historical message, a reverent and prayerful approach to the problems involved, an aptitude for painstaking research, a willingness to seek out the best scholarship available in semantics, philology, literary criticism, English, Hebrew, and Egyptian to assist them in deciding on the meaning of the original language, and selecting the modern language and sentence structure which best convey that meaning.
2. That any such attempt should be unhurried and thorough; and that it should be the work of people who can devote a goodly portion of their time to the task until it is completed.
3. That the Readers' Version of the Book of Mormon be paragraphed and versified in such a manner as not to break the textual continuity (see sample appended), and that the present system of versification be noted either in the margin or in small superior figures for reference when citing quotations or using concordances and other reference works.
4. That the Readers' Version should have as few changes as possible, compatible with its purpose of offering a more readable and understandable text.
5. That this Committee also compile a system of marginal cross-reference to suggest parallel or related passages in all Three Standard Books—Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants.
6. That diacritical markings should be placed over proper names and place names for ease and uniformity in pronunciation.
7. That the work of revision should follow the general style of the sample appended hereto, which is a revision of the first chapter of III Nephi.
8. That the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric be authorized to draw on the Missionary Reserve Fund for such financing as may be needed to implement this project.

BOOK OF MORMON REVISION
COMMITTEE

Evan A. Fry, Chairman
Russell Ralston
Leonard Lea
Herbert Scott
Elva Oakman

The Book of Nephi

The Son of Nephi, Who Was the Son of Helaman

CHAPTER I

Editor's note: The vowel markings of proper nouns were left off the report because not all of them were available.

1 B.C.

(And Helaman was the son of Helaman, who was the son of Alma, who was the son of Alma, a descendant of Nephi who was the son of Lehi, who came out of Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, the king of Judah.)

1 Ne. 5: 236

Now it came to pass that the ninety and first year had passed away and it was six hundred years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; and it was in the year that Lachoneus was the chief judge and the governor over the land.

Om. 23
Al. 30: 15
I Ne. 1: 61
Al. 30: 1

Nephi, the son of Helaman, had departed out of the land of Zarahemla giving charge unto his eldest son, Nephi, concerning the plates of brass, and all the records which had been kept, and all those things which had been kept sacred, from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem. Whither he went no man knoweth. His son Nephi did keep the record in his stead, yea, the record of this people.

v. 46
Al. 21: 20
1 A.D.

In the commencement of the ninety and second year the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully; for there began to be greater signs and greater miracles wrought among the people.

He. 5: 138
v. 38

He. 5: 55-61

Some began to say that the time was past for the words to be fulfilled which were spoken by Samuel, the Lamanite. They began to rejoice over their brethren, saying, "Behold, the time is past, and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled; therefore, your joy and your faith concerning this thing have been vain."

He. 5: 56-58

They did make a great uproar throughout the land; and the people who believed began to be very sorrowful lest by any means those things which had been spoken might not come to pass. They did watch steadfastly for that day, and that night, and that day, which should be as one day, as if there were no night, that they might know that their faith had not been vain.

v. 11, 18

v. 8

Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet.

When Nephi, the son of Nephi, saw this wickedness of his people his heart was exceeding sorrowful. He went out and bowed himself down upon the earth and cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people, yea, those who were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.

v. 8
He. 5: 56

Is. 49: 1
Zech. 10: 9

He cried mightily unto the Lord all that day, and the voice of the Lord came unto him saying, "Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given. On the morrow come I into the world to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets. Behold, I come unto my own, to fulfill all things which I have made known unto the children of men from the foundation of the world, and to do the will both of the Father and of the Son—of the Father because of me, and of the Son because of my flesh. And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given."

Mos. 1: 3-7
Mos. 8: 30
Mos. 1: 97
Gen. 3: 3, I.V.
D. C. 76: 3
He. 5: 56-64
D. C. 90: 1
Jn. 1: 16, I.V.

And it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi were fulfilled according as they had been spoken; for at the going down of the sun there was no darkness. The people began to be astonished, because there was no darkness when the night came.

He. 5: 56-64

Many who had not believed the words of the prophets fell to the earth and became as if they were dead. They knew that the great plan of destruction which they had laid for those who believed in the words of the prophets had been frus-

A.V.

He. 5: 59

Matt. 3: 2, 9

He. 5: 114

Acts 21: 21
Mos. 1: 113

Lk. 24: 26, 43

I.V.

II Ne. 11: 45

III Ne. 4: 47

Matt. 5: 19, I.V.

A.D. 1

Lk. 8: 1

Lk. 2: 10, I.V.

D. C. 76: 4

He. 4: 32, 39

A.D. 2

v. 50

III Ne. 2: 11

IV Ne. 1: 50

A.D. 3

He. 5: 128

A.D. 4

v. 4

Matt. 15: 6

D. C. 1: 3

Isa. 24: 5

He. 5: 137

Jn. 12: 40

D.C. 3: 3

trated, for the sign which had been given was already at hand. They began to know that the Son of God must shortly appear.

Yea, in fine, all the people upon the face of the whole earth, from the west to the east, both in the land north and in the land south, were so exceedingly astonished that they fell to the earth. They that the prophets had testified of these things for many years, and the sign which had been given was already at hand. They began to fear because of their iniquity and their unbelief.

And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as though it were midday. The sun did rise in the morning again according to its proper order; and they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given.

It had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit, according to the words of the prophets. A new star did also appear according to the word.

From this time forth, there began to be lyings sent forth among the people by Satan to harden their hearts to the intent that they might not believe in those signs and wonders which they had seen. Notwithstanding those lyings and deceivings, most of the people did believe and were converted unto the Lord. And Nephi and also many others went forth among the people, baptizing unto repentance, in which there was a great remission of sins.

Thus the people began to have peace in the land and there were no contentions, save it were a few that began to preach endeavoring to prove by the scripture that it was no more expedient to observe the law of Moses. Now in this thing they did err, having not understood the scriptures. But they soon became converted and were convinced of the error which they were in, for it was made known unto them that the law was not yet fulfilled, and that it must be fulfilled in every whit. Yes, the word came unto them that it must be fulfilled, that not one jot nor tittle should pass away until it should all be fulfilled. Therefore, in this same year were they brought to a knowledge of their error, and did confess their faults.

Thus the ninety and second year did pass away bringing glad tidings unto the people because of the signs which did come to pass according to the words of the prophecy of all the holy prophets.

The ninety and third year did also pass away in peace, save it were for the Gadianton robbers, who dwelt upon the mountains and did infest the land. So strong were their holds and their secret places that the people could not overpower them; therefore, they did commit many murders and did do much slaughter among the people. In the ninety and fourth year they began to increase in a great degree, because there were many dissenters of the Nephites who did flee unto them, which did cause much sorrow unto those Nephites who did remain in the land.

There was also a cause of much sorrow among the Lamanites, for they had many children who grew up and began to wax strong in years and became self-willed, and were led away by some who were Zoramites, by their lyings and their flattering words, to join those Gadianton robbers. Thus were the Lamanites afflicted also and began to decrease as to their faith and righteousness, because of the wickedness of the rising generation.

Thus passed away the ninety and fifth year also, and the people began to forget those signs and wonders which they had heard and began to be less and less astonished at a sign or a wonder from heaven; insomuch that they began to be hard in their hearts, and blind in their minds. They began to disbelieve all they had heard and seen, imagining up some vain thing in their hearts, that those signs and wonders were wrought by men, and by the power of the devil, to lead away and deceive the hearts of the people.

Thus did Satan get possession of the hearts of the people again, insomuch that he did blind their eyes, and lead them away to believe that the doctrine of Christ was a foolish and vain thing. The people began to wax strong in wickedness and abomina-

tions. They did not believe that there would be any more signs or wonders given. Satan did go about leading away the hearts of the people, tempting them, and causing them that they should do great wickedness in the land.

The ninety and sixth year passed away, and also the ninety and seventh year, and also the ninety and eighth year, and also the ninety and ninth year, and also a hundred years had passed away since the days of Mosiah, who was king over the people of the Nephites.

And six hundred and nine years had passed away since Lehi left Jerusalem. And nine years had passed away from the time when the sign was given which was spoken of by the prophets that Christ should come into the world.

Now the Nephites began to reckon their time from this period when the sign was given, or from the coming of Christ. Therefore, nine years had passed away and Nephi, who was the father of Nephi who had the charge of the records, did not return to the land of Zarahemla and could nowhere be found in all the land.

And it came to pass that the people did still remain in wickedness notwithstanding the much preaching and prophesying which was sent among them. Thus passed away the tenth year. And the eleventh year also passed away in iniquity.

In the thirteenth year there began to be wars and contentions throughout all the land, for the Gadianton robbers had become so numerous, and did slay so many of the people, and did lay waste so many cities, and did spread so much death and carnage throughout the land, that it became expedient that all the people, both the Nephites and the Lamanites, should take up arms against them.

Therefore, all the Lamanites who had become con-

verted unto the Lord did unite with their brethren, the Nephites, and were compelled for the safety of their lives and their women and their children to take up arms against those Gadianton robbers. And also to maintain their rites and the privileges of their church and of their worship, and their freedom and their liberty.

Before this thirteenth year had passed away the Nephites were threatened with utter destruction because of this war which had become exceeding sore.

It came to pass that those Lamanites who had united with the Nephites were numbered among the Nephites. Their curse was taken from them, and their skin became white like unto the Nephites. Their young men and their daughters became exceeding fair. They were numbered among the Nephites and were called Nephites. Thus ended the thirteenth year.

And it came to pass in the commencement of the fourteenth year the war between the robbers and the people of Nephi did continue and became exceeding sore. Nevertheless the people of Nephi did gain some advantage of the robbers inasmuch that they did drive them back out of their lands, into the mountains and into their secret places. Thus ended the fourteenth year.

In the fifteenth year they did come forth again against the people of Nephi. Because of the wickedness of the people of Nephi, and their many contentions and dissensions, the Gadianton robbers did gain many advantages over them. And thus ended the fifteenth year, and thus were the people in a state of many afflictions. The sword of destruction did hang over them, inasmuch that they were about to be smitten down by it, and this because of their iniquity.

Official Minutes of General Conference

*Business Session, Monday,
October 6, 1958*

The 1958 General Conference assembled for its initial business session at 2:00 p.m., October 6, in the General Conference Chamber of the Auditorium, Independence, Missouri. Elder F. Henry Edwards of the First Presidency was in the chair. The Conference activities of Sunday, October 5, are covered in the *Official Program* of the Conference, as are the educational and devotional services for the entire week.

The national anthem was sung by the assembly, under the leadership of Elder Franklyn S. Weddle, with Mrs. Joy Browne of Lawrence, Kansas, at the organ.

During the singing of the national anthem, Explorer Scout Jim Nichols, accompanied by Scout Lynden Talcott and Cub Scout Kenneth Stoner, carried the flag of the United States to the rostrum. Oriole Virginia Scott, accompanied by Oriole Barbara Nahkunst and Skylark Jo Anne Prine, carried the church flag to the rostrum. Elder F. Henry Edwards of the First Presidency stated:

We have sung the national anthem of the United States of America. This great republic is but one of the nations whose citizens comprise the world-wide church, the mission of

which is to enlist the peoples of all lands in the cause of the kingdom.

As a symbol of unity in saintly allegiance, the flags of other nations are here displayed as the flags of the United States and of the church are set in their places.

The flags of the United States and the church were then placed in their holders. On this signal, the flags of other nations were carried to the rear of the rostrum and together were placed in holders.

The hymn "Redeemer of Israel" was sung, and the invocation was offered by Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith.

Apostle D. T. Williams and Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp moved "that the present members of the First Presidency and the President of the Council of Twelve shall preside over this Conference and complete its organization, with the understanding that the President of the Council of Twelve shall preside during reorganization of the Quorum of the First Presidency, the Conference thereafter to be presided over by the newly constituted First Presidency." The motion prevailed unanimously.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson, President of the Council of Twelve, then joined the First Presidency, Elders F. Henry Edwards and W. Wallace Smith, in the chairmanship of the Conference.

The chairman, under the authorization of the Conference, made the following appointments:

To the General Conference of 1958

In harmony with your action, we wish to announce the following appointments to perfect the Conference organization:

Secretaries: Charles D. Neff, Fred L. Young, Roy Stearns

Stenographers: Gladys Gould, Berneice Anderson, Rosamond Sherman, Marguerite Constance, Flora Hallier, Eleanor Minton

Music: Franklyn S. Weddle, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Press: Charles D. Neff, Evan A. Fry, Duane Couey, Leonard Lea, Roger Yarrington, Arthur Rock

Radio-TV: Evan A. Fry, Duane Couey, Norman Bernauer, Steele Bryant, Les Wight, Merle Harmon

Administration to the Sick: E. Y. Hunker, Lynn E. Smith, with the privilege of choosing any assistants

Usbers: James E. Campbell, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Housing: Harold Downey, H. M. Scott, Robert Taylor, with the privilege of choosing any assistants

Decorations: Albert Handy, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Messenger Service: Ralph Freeman, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Communion Service: William Worth, Jr., with the privilege of choosing assistants

Registration: C. V. Graham, Herbert Live-ly, Joseph Baldwin, E. A. Theys, with the privilege of choosing assistants

Credentials: Merle Guthrie, Fred O. Davies, with the privilege of choosing assistants

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By F. Henry Edwards

The chairman called attention to the report of the Credentials Committee, as found on pages 49-52 and page 74 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. The

following supplementary report was read to the Conference:

To the First Presidency and General Conference

We recommend

1. That changes as follows be made in our report as found on pages 49-52 of the *Conference Bulletin*:

- a) Page 52—Fort Lauderdale, Florida—strike the name John Lawrence Barnes and add the name M. E. Fisher.
 - b) Page 49—Detroit International Stake strike the name Irving W. Jones and add the name Norma Pomeroy.
2. That with these changes the persons designated on these reports be seated as delegates in the Conference and given voice and vote in all deliberations.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Merle P. Guibrie
Fred O. Davies

Elders H. L. Livingston and A. Orlin Crownover moved that the reports be approved as corrected. The motion prevailed, and the chair stated that persons designated on these reports are hereby seated as delegates in the Conference and given voice and vote in all deliberations.

The chair stated, "I now declare the General Conference of 1958 to be officially organized."

The following communication was read by Elder W. Wallace Smith of the First Presidency:

To the General Conference of 1958

At this opening business session of the 1958 General Conference it becomes our duty to make formal report to you of the loss by death of President Israel Alexander Smith. This occurred on June 14, 1958. In harmony with the law, and with the prior consent of the other General Church officials concerned we have administered the affairs of the First Presidency since this sad event. We have been grateful for the privilege of service, for the measure of the Holy Spirit accorded us, and for the support of the church.

We recommend that the Conference shall now consider and approve a successor to President Israel A. Smith in the office of President of the High Priesthood and of the Church.

Your servants,
F. Henry Edwards
W. Wallace Smith

Apostle M. L. Draper and Bishop G. L. DeLapp moved that the chair appoint a committee of four to prepare resolutions concerning the passing of the late Israel Alexander Smith, and that such resolutions be presented to this Conference for consideration and action. The motion prevailed unanimously. The chair stated that the membership of the committee would be announced at a later session.

The First Presidency relinquished the chair to Apostle Paul M. Hanson, and

retired from the General Conference Chamber.

Apostle Hanson requested that Apostle D. T. Williams be associated with him in presiding over the Conference.

The chairman then addressed the assembly as follows:

It is with emotions of sadness and joy that the Council of Twelve takes direction of the Conference at this time—sadness because of the passing of our president whom we all loved, and yet with joy because provision was made in the choosing of his successor.

The law of the church provides that the Council of Twelve Apostles as the second presidency and regulating authority of the church shall assume this position during the choosing of a successor in the First Presidency. This function of the Twelve is also set forth in clarity by President Joseph Smith in a "Letter of Instruction," published in the *Saints' Herald*, March 13, 1912.

With humility and reverence we move in this place of responsibility designated in the constitutional law of the church.

We pray that the grace of God may attend all who take part in the deliberations of this World Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The chair was then turned over to Apostle D. T. Williams, who made the following statement:

This is an occasion of great significance and solemnity. The record of our doings today will be a matter of history for future generations. We have now before us a document addressed to the Church and to the Council of Twelve Apostles, left for our instruction by the late Israel A. Smith. There is a statement attached to the document which will in due time be presented.

The Council of Twelve affirms the wisdom of presenting the document to this Conference, and has already made copies available to the Quorums and Councils of the Church.

The following was then read by Elder Charles D. Neff, General Church Secretary:

(This is the "Document on Successor" on page 77.)

The chair recognized Apostle Arthur A. Oakman who presented the following statement and motion:

October 6, 1958

Mr. Chairman,
Fellow Ministers and Delegates

The vacant chair at the sacramental table yesterday served to remind us once again most vividly of the departure of President Israel Alexander Smith, grandson of the Prophet-Martyr Joseph Smith. Brother Israel won the affection and esteem of us all, and it is characteristic of his kindly and prophetic insight that he made adequate provision for the church, as he has said, that in the event of his death there would be no confusion of mind among the members as to his successor. He has interpreted for us the law which he himself most nobly honored, and now we come together to elect that successor.

Well-grounded procedure provides that the Twelve as the second presidency of the church shall undertake the solemn task of supervising in the process of choosing a new President.

We recognize the right of the incumbent in the prophetic office to name his successor.

We recognize the law of lineal descent. Joseph the Martyr designated his son, Joseph; Joseph designated his son, Frederick Madison Smith; Frederick Madison Smith designated his brother, Israel Alexander Smith, and now Israel Alexander Smith has designated his brother, William Wallace Smith, to be his successor.

We recognize the need for and have received revelatory confirmation of that which we are about to do.

We honor the voice of the church expressed in free assembly by representative democratic vote.

We shall set apart by the laying on of hands and by the prayer of ordination that successor so designated and chosen by the body.

As a representative of the Apostolic Quorum, I can certify that this task was undertaken by us with deep solemnity and in the spirit of concern and mutual counsel. We bear witness that this is the Church of Jesus Christ, his body on earth, and the law which fitly frames the church together conserves and perpetuates the life and ministry of Christ through the church, when that law is honored. That law has been and still is honored among us.

It is fitting that Brother Israel should have designated William Wallace Smith to be approved and ordained as President of the High Priesthood and Prophet, Seer, and Revelator to the Church, and it is hereby moved that the said William Wallace Smith be so approved by this Conference and ordained in harmony with the law, and thus be set free thereby to exercise all the functions of his office in harmony with and agreeably to the mind and will of God as revealed in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and in the Doctrine and Covenants.

Elder Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President of the Seventies, stated: "Brother Chairman, Members of the Conference, I speak with deep conviction of the divinity of this document presented by the Prophet Israel Alexander Smith, designating William Wallace Smith as his successor. I am happy to second this motion, which gives this body the right to deliberate and act upon it."

The chair extended to Elder F. Henry Edwards as custodian of the document, and a member of the First Presidency with Israel Alexander Smith, the opportunity to speak in regard to this matter.

F. HENRY EDWARDS' STATEMENT

Brother Williams, members of the Conference, I have in my possession a document signed by Brother Israel dated February 27, 1948, signed by Brother Hanson, and witnessed by O. W. Newton, who was then church secretary. In this document Brother Israel states that the document itself was made because he then expected to undergo a major operation. In the document Brother Wallace is specifically designated as Israel's successor as President of the High Priesthood of the Church. The document states further that this was made known to Brother Israel at the General Conference of 1947, at which time Wallace was set apart to be an Apostle in the Council of Twelve. He states further that the document should be returned to Brother Israel in the event that he survived

this major operation, and when I first became aware of it some six years ago, it was in his possession; and having executed a later document which is now before us, Brother Israel, at my suggestion, canceled it and then gave it into my possession. It is my intention to turn this over to the First Presidency when the Presidency is reconstituted.

The background of this document now before us, which bears the date of May 28, 1952, is this, as it explains within its own body:

Brother Israel was about to go to Europe. He felt that the need of the church for specific direction in the event of his death should be part of his stewardship, and he decided to make a statement which would incorporate all that had been said in the earlier document, but would add thereto his affirmation that the call of Wallace was confirmed to him at the time that Wallace was ordained a Counselor in the First Presidency in 1950.

When Israel had prepared the document, he showed it to me, and we talked at some length about its provisions and the ways to make it effective. He noted that this document might become effective a few weeks before some Conference, as it might have been if he had died as did his brother, or it might become effective a few weeks after a General Conference, in which event the procedure would involve the whole question as to whether General Conference should meet specially or not.

I was, therefore, given basic instructions as to what should be done, and these were summarized in a statement which was signed with the other document by myself and by Brother DeLapp. In this statement occurs this which should be noted:

"It is understood and agreed that this statement shall remain in the possession of President F. Henry Edwards and, in the event of the death of Israel A. Smith, is to be delivered by him to the President of the Council of Twelve, to be presented by him to the Council of Twelve, and within their wisdom to the next succeeding General Conference of the church." This document, as I said, was witnessed by Bishop DeLapp. It was understood by both of us that the confidence involved in our being asked to be witnesses in this later document was of a high order, and accordingly we never mentioned the document to each other, nor did we mention it to anyone else. So far as we were able to do, apart from the knowledge of its existence, we tried to ignore its implications. It was kept in a strongbox in the office of the First Presidency. Inside that box, it was in a letter which was addressed to my wife, instructions on the outside being given that if my death preceded that of Israel, it should be handed back to him. It was thus available to him, but available only beyond that to me, and I had no right to use it apart from him.

After the death of Brother Israel, Wallace, who was in Iowa, and I, who was in Texas, came back to do what we could and to take part in the funeral. After the initial arrangements had been made, we got together in the office of the First Presidency, and when it was appropriate to do so, I informed him of the existence of this document of which I understand he had not previously been aware.

I had been told to consult Wallace. I had been told to consult the President of the Twelve. It was obviously necessary to consult Brother DeLapp, who was a party with me in witnessing the document. We four met together, and it was decided that with about five months before the Conference it would be all right to release the document

at that time. Accordingly the document was handed to Brother Hanson. He communicated it to the Twelve. Later it was shared with a Council which included the Presidency, the Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, the Presiding Evangelist, the President of the Quorum of High Priests, and the Senior President of Seventy.

Some photostatic copies were made. These were placed back in the strongbox where the other document had been, the original document being included in the minutes of the Joint Council for preservation and reference. None had access to it except those persons having legal rights in connection with it. It was agreed at that time that the document should be released to the press in a statement that Brother Wallace had been designated. That was imperative, because the whole church was concerned, and the selection of the President of our church has wide community significance. It was felt, however, that it would not be consistent with the dignity of the situation if the document itself were released. It was felt that this should be held for transmission by members of the Twelve at their discretion to the quorums of the church. The document, therefore, was held, as I said, in the minutes. Photostatic copies were distributed only to those having official relations and in this way, it now comes to you.

The following statements from the Councils, Quorums, and Orders were presented:

To the General Conference

The document of May 28, 1952, left to the church and the Council of Twelve by our late and beloved President Israel A. Smith, has been given careful and prayerful consideration by the Council of Twelve; and reporting for that body I wish to present the following unanimous action taken this morning:

"Moved that it is our conviction that the document coming from the hand of our revered Brother Israel A. Smith contains a statement of the Divine Will and is acceptable to us as guidance in confirming the calling of William Wallace Smith as the President of the High Priesthood and of the Church.

"And moreover that we recommend the acceptance of this document by this Conference as revelation for the guidance of the church."

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE
By Charles R. Hield
Secretary

To the General Conference and the Council of Twelve

The First Quorum of Seventy met at 9:45 a.m., on October 6, 1958, and considered by prayerful and careful deliberation the document presented by the late President Israel A. Smith, designating his successor as William Wallace Smith.

This document was approved unanimously by the Quorum.

FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY
By Aleah G. Koury, Secretary

To the General Conference and Council of Twelve

The Second Quorum of Seventy received the document from the late President Israel A. Smith, designating William Wallace Smith as his successor. The Quorum moved the approval of the document as read. The motion carried unanimously.

THE SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY
By Eugene A. Theys, Secretary

To the General Conference and the Council of Twelve

We, the Quorum of High Priests, have received the document prepared by our late President Israel A. Smith, naming W. Wallace Smith as his successor as President of the High Priesthood of the Church, and in consideration of the evidence before us and of the witness of the Holy Spirit, it is our belief that the document represents the mind and will of God for his church.

We feel a deep sense of gratitude to God for his wisdom, love, and concern for his people.

We wish, gratefully, to commend the foresight of Brother Israel and the considerations of our church councils for the manner in which the welfare of the church has been safeguarded and conserved.

THE QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS
By Ward A. Hougas, President
Elroy E. Hanton, Secretary
pro tem

To the General Conference and the Council of Twelve

The Order of Bishops met Monday, October 6, and the following action received unanimous approval and was made a part of the formal minutes of the Order:

"Resolved, That the Order of Bishops approve unanimously the document of Israel A. Smith dated May 28, 1952, accepting it as the will of God for the church. The Order pledges its full support to William Wallace Smith who is named therein as the President of the High Priesthood."

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
By W. N. Johnson, Secretary

To the General Conference and the Council of Twelve Apostles

The Order of Evangelists in session the morning of Monday, October 6, 1958, received from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles the letter by Israel A. Smith, designating W. Wallace Smith as his successor in the office of President of the High Priesthood of the Church.

It was moved and seconded to approve this document as representing the will of God to the priesthood and to the church.

After several spoke bearing testimony of the divinity of the call of W. Wallace Smith, the Order of Evangelists voted unanimously the approval of this call.

BY ELBERT A. SMITH
Presiding Evangelist
LYNN E. SMITH
Secretary of the Order of Evangelists

To the General Conference and Council of Twelve

The mass meeting of Elders met October 6, 1958, and, after deliberation and discussion, approved the following motion as the will of the body and in harmony with church law and precedence of previous Conferences:

"We approve as revelation the document left by Brother Israel Alexander Smith in which he designated William Wallace Smith as his successor to the office of President of the High Priesthood of the Church."

BY RICHARD B. LANCASTER
Secretary pro tem

To the General Conference and the Council of Twelve

A letter was received from the Council of Twelve dated October 6, 1958, enclosing a copy of the document signed by Israel A. Smith, dated May 28, 1952, designating Wil-

William Wallace Smith as his successor as President of the High Priesthood of the Church.

This document was considered by the Aaronic Order in an assembly this date, October 6, 1958, in which there were approximately 340 members of this order assembled in the lower auditorium of the Stone Church, Independence, Missouri. The following resolution was adopted:

"That we, as the Aaronic Order of the Priesthood, accept this document as a revelation expressing the will of the Lord in the filling of this vacancy, and that we, the members of the Order, pledge full support to W. Wallace Smith."

BY G. LESLIE DELAPP, *President*
Aaronic Order of Priesthood

Attested to by
CLAYTON J. WOLFE,
Secretary pro tem

Other supporting statements were presented.

The following message from Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith was read by Elder Lynn E. Smith, Secretary of the Order of Evangelists:

To the General Conference and the Council of Twelve

I have been under General Conference appointment for a period of sixty years. During that time I have worked with and have rather intimately known all of the men who have presided over the church. And I have had a personal spiritual testimony to the calling of each one.

The first of these men was President Joseph Smith, my father's brother. I first met him when I was a small boy with my mother attending a fall reunion in western Iowa. I saw him at the close of the service standing straight and tall, in the prime of life—a man to attract attention in any audience.

Young as I was I had a spiritual testimony that he was a prophet. Years later in 1909 I was called to be one of his counselors in association with Frederick M. Smith. My conviction concerning his calling was strengthened by my personal intimate association with him to the end of his life.

Following his death, President Smith was succeeded by his son Frederick M. Smith, and I was continued as Brother Fred's counselor. For a long period of time we were the only members of the Presidency until Floyd McDowell was called as counselor. I continued in the Presidency until 1938 when I became Presiding Patriarch.

President Israel Smith I knew from his youth. For a time we were closely associated as editors of the *Herald* and had our desks in the same room in the old *Herald* office in Lamoni. We were close friends. Brother Israel was a fine Christian gentleman. I mourn his untimely death.

And now to this illustrious line of our presidents is to be added W. Wallace Smith. I have known him from his boyhood. At a time when he stood up in the assembly at the Stone Church I had the witness that he would do an important work, though at that time he had not yet been ordained. Much more recently, on September 11 of this year when I was alone in my home, the Spirit was with me to testify that Brother Wallace is called to be ordained to the office of President of the Church. He will

make a strong, able, and consecrated servant of the church. That is a difficult position, and we should give to him our individual moral support.

The chair gave opportunity for additional statements.

At the request of the chairman, the document was again read by Secretary Charles D. Neff. The motion by Apostle Arthur A. Oakman was also reread.

The vote was then taken on the choice of Elder William Wallace Smith for President of the High Priesthood, and of the church, and prevailed unanimously. The courtesy of voting was also extended to the visitors present, who expressed unanimous approval. The chair then stated that the motion prevailed and that "Elder William Wallace Smith is hereby declared unanimously chosen to serve as President of the High Priesthood and of the Church."

The following was moved by Apostle D. Blair Jensen and Elder W. J. Black: "Inasmuch as the document just approved by this Conference as revelation is acceptable to us as guidance for the church, I move that it be published in the Doctrine and Covenants and that the First Presidency be authorized to provide such introductory statement as in their wisdom seems appropriate." The motion was unanimously approved.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson resumed the chair at this juncture, and called on Apostle D. V. Lents, Elder Ward A. Hougas, President of the High Priests' Quorum, Elder Z. Z. Renfro, Senior President of the Seventies, and Presiding Bishop G. L. DeLapp to escort Brother William Wallace Smith into the assembly. The hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung, and the congregation stood in tribute while President Smith was escorted to the rostrum.

The chair stated: "Brother Wallace, it is now for me to inform you that the Conference has approved President Israel's designation of you to serve as President of the Church." President Smith addressed the Conference as found on page 77 of the *General Conference Bulletin*.

Apostle Hanson announced that the ordination of President Smith will be conducted in the Conference Chamber this evening at seven thirty.

With the singing of the hymn "Fountain of All Revelation" and the benediction by Apostle Reed M. Holmes, the Conference adjourned at 3:45 p.m. to meet again at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
ROY STEARNS

Secretaries

Proposed Resolutions Presented by the Presidency

Organization and Function of General Conference

To the General Conference

WHEREAS:

(1) The General Conference of 1956 considered a resolution submitted by the Center Stake of Zion, and endorsed by the San Francisco Bay District, namely:

WHEREAS, The primary function of the General Conference is the adequate consideration of and action upon matters which properly come before it, and

WHEREAS, Certain delegates holding membership in the various priesthood quorums and councils have opportunity to discuss and act upon matters which originate with such groups or which are referred to them by the General Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils shall be organized as a legislative committee with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference. Be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency shall appoint a chairman for this committee, which appointment shall be subject to the approval of the committee, and that time and space be provided in the Conference program for the meeting of this committee.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
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and

(2) the statement of the First Presidency concerning this matter (page 82 of *Daily Herald* for April 10, 1956), pointed out that certain classes on Conference legislation had been provided for to acquaint those participating with the principles involved in Conference business, and

(3) in view of the growing awareness of the membership at large concerning many church problems and the related need for more clearly defined delegate organization and function; therefore be it

Resolved, That the San Francisco Bay District submit the following to First Presidency for consideration at the next General Conference. That a representative committee on General Conference organization and function be appointed by the First Presidency to study this problem and to report its findings and recommendations ninety days prior to the next General Conference and that findings and recommendations (immediate and long-range) be published in the *Saints' Herald* for general information to the membership at large and the delegates in particular, for consideration prior to the next General Conference. Be it further

Resolved, That when such committee is appointed an announcement shall be made in the *Saints' Herald*. Such committee shall consider suggestions and recommendations submitted to it from members, groups, quorums with respect to this matter. Such committee shall consider, but not necessarily be limited to the following matters:

(a) The desirability and need for organization of delegate Conference committees to hold hearings and summarize pros and cons to make recommendations to the Conference on matters reviewed by them.

(b) The desirability and need for more effective functional organization and spatial arrangements to encourage and facilitate participation in the democratic process.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Church Literature in Public Libraries

To the General Conference

From the New York-Scranton District.

By action of the New York-Scranton District conference the following resolution was approved by vote to be submitted to the General Conference of 1958:

WHEREAS, Reliable information regarding the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Restoration movement is most usually obtained from literature printed by the Herald Publishing House, official publishing organ for the church, and

WHEREAS, Many persons studying about the church in various cities and particularly in colleges and universities throughout the land refer to sources of reference available in the libraries of these cities and educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, The availability of literature fairly and adequately representing the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the restored gospel is often sparse and even completely lacking in those libraries, and

WHEREAS, Many persons of means and desire would willingly contribute literature to these libraries, or assist in programs designed to raise funds to contribute literature to these libraries, but do not know which books or publications would be most helpful to particular libraries, and

WHEREAS, The providing of adequate books or literature is often an expensive undertaking, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Saints of New York-Scranton District in conference assembled hereby recommend to the General Conference of the church that the following be adopted:

1. That the First Presidency of the church appoint a committee of persons who will study the problem of placing literature representing the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the restored gospel in city and institutional libraries, and that this committee shall make recommendations as to the type of literature to be placed in specific types of libraries as in city, college or university, seminary, and church libraries, etc.
2. That the results of this study and recommendations pertaining thereto be made available to the church by the next General Conference.
3. That the church, through its official publishing division, Herald House, sell this literature at manufacturer's cost to persons or groups desirous of placing this literature in such libraries.
4. That the members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints be invited and encouraged to contribute our distinctive Restoration literature to city and institutional libraries in accordance with recommendations forthcoming as herein mentioned.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Foster Care and Adoption Agency

To the General Conference

From the New York-Scranton District.

In view of several cases that have been made known in regard to the need for administrative direction in providing for the placement of children of church families, the following resolution is submitted to the Conference for study and action.

WHEREAS, Sections 82: 2 and 127: 3 of the Doctrine and Covenants have placed upon us the direct responsibility to provide for the needs of orphans and/or children from church families in need of care and homes, and

WHEREAS, There are qualified personnel within the church who could do the administrative work necessary to give the service that the church has been commanded to give, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the New York-Scranton District in Conference assembled hereby recommend to the General Conference of the church that the following be adopted:

1. That the church sponsor a foster care and adoptive agency.
2. That this agency be organized in accordance with the meeting the standards of state and national requirements.
3. That stakes be urged to operate branches of this agency as soon as expedient.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Abbreviating the Name of the Church

To the General Conference

At the business session of Saturday, April 14, 1956, the Conference gave attention to a proposal concerning the name of the church. The original document presented by the First Presidency was amended by the addition of the following:

... and further, that whenever we must abbreviate the name of the church we should henceforth use the more significant phrase "Church of Jesus Christ" in lieu of the current use of the undignified "R.L.D.S."

Despite our earnest desire to submit to the will of the Conference in this matter, we have found it both inadvisable and extremely difficult to avoid the use of "R.L.D.S." on signs and in publicity releases since our public relations have been following this designation for a number of years. Other church officers and ministers report similar difficulty. Rather than ignore the action of the Conference, we bring this matter to your attention with the suggestion that the resolution of April 14, 1956 (1000), be now amended by the deletion of the words which were added to the original document from the First Presidency, and which appear above.

This action has the approval of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve and Presiding Bishopric.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Administration to the Sick

A change has been made in the published schedule (*Conference Program*, page 52) by omitting the 8:30-9:30 A.M. period. Based on the experience of the last few Conferences, this period does not seem necessary.

What Happened on Monday

First day of classwork and quorum sessions. Priesthood worship and music and health classes led off the morning beginning at 7:30.

Youth, religious education, women's department, and camp leaders sessions begin at 9:45. A solicitors' class met at 11.

Prayer services were held at 8:30 and 9:45.

Delegate sessions (a preview of Conference resolutions) for delegates and ex officii began at 8:30.

Apostle R. E. Davey preached at the Stone Church at 11.

The first business session of the Conference began promptly at 2 p.m.

Reception for registered women was held at the Stone Church Education Building at 4:15.

W. Wallace Smith was ordained president of the church at a special service in the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

A youth mixer and a reception for elders and their wives was scheduled for 9:15.

Conference Concert

The Independence Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Franklyn S. Weddle, played two numbers, "Toccata" (Girolamo Frescobaldi) and "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis" (Ralph Vaughan Williams) at the concert presented Sunday afternoon in the Conference Chamber of the Auditorium. The orchestra also accompanied Guest Artist Donald G. Henrickson, who sang "Easter," "The Call," and "Antiphon" from *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Elder Henrickson, who holds a Master's degree in applied voice, has been honored for his singing since high school days. Last year he appeared as Haman in the world premier of Jan Meyerowitz's opera *Esther*. He sang the role of the count in *The Marriage of Figaro* in 1956 and the shopkeeper in the stage premier of *Griffelkin*.

Also appearing in the concert was the 175-voice Conference Choir under the direction of Frank Hunter, accompanied by Organist Bethel Knoche. Singers came from six different choirs (Liberty Street, South Crysler, Stone Church, Walnut Park, Youth Music Camp, and the Radio Choir) and were trained by their individual directors prior to this performance. One of the anthems, "We Shall See God," was written by Elder Stanley Leonard, tympanist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. He took the text for his original music from Doctrine and Covenants 85: 17, 18. This was its first public performance. Other anthems presented were "Sing Ye to the Lord" (Everett Titcomb), "My Eternal King" (Jane Marshall), and "Praise" (Alec Rowley).

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W. Wallace Smith Ordained

Monday evening, in a service of dignity and before a packed Conference Chamber of nearly 7,000, W. Wallace Smith was ordained the fifth president of the church.

President Smith was ordained under the hands of Apostles Paul M. Hanson and D. T. Williams, Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp, and High Priest (quorum president) Ward A. Hougas. Apostle Hanson was the spokesman.

Other members of the Council of Twelve apostles participated in the service. Apostle Charles R. Hield was in charge of the service, and Apostles Percy E. Farrow and Donald O. Chesworth offered the invocation and benediction. Apostle Donald V. Lents read the Scripture, after which Apostle E. J. Gleazer presented the "charge to the people and the priesthood."

Brother Wallace, who had been seated in the audience early in the service, was escorted to the rostrum by Apostles Arthur A. Oakman, Roscoe E. Davey, Maurice L. Draper, and Reed M. Holmes. Apostle D. Blair Jensen read the charge from the Council of Twelve to the incoming president.

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session Tuesday, October 7, 1958

The General Conference convened in business session at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 1958. President W. Wallace Smith was in the chair. He requested Apostle Paul M. Hanson, President of the Council of Twelve, to assist in presiding over the Conference at this session. Apostle Hanson took his place beside President Smith.

The opening hymn "The Lord Jehovah Reigns" was directed by Brother Frank K. Hunter, with Mrs. Lois Burton, of Independence, Missouri, accompanying at the organ. The invocation was by Elder Nathaniel Walkley of Sydney, Australia.

MAYOR SPEAKS

President Smith announced that the Honorable William Sermon, Mayor of the City of Independence, was in the gathering and would address the assembly. He was escorted to the rostrum by Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp, where he greeted the Conference on behalf of the city of Independence.

Minutes of the October 6 business session were read and approved.

Because of other commitments, Mayor Sermon asked to be excused. Bishop DeLapp escorted him from the rostrum, and Chief of Police Louis Howell accompanied the mayor from the General Conference Chamber.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

The chairman called attention to the General Conference Reports as published in the *General Conference Bulletin*:

Report of the Council of Twelve, Paul M. Hanson, pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

The Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric, Presiding Bishopric, G. L. DeLapp, H. L. Livingston, W. N. Johnson, pages 8-11, and with Exhibits and Schedules, pages 11-28

Church Auditor's Report of Examination, Lloyd L. Bland, Certified Public Accountant, pages 28-30

Reports of Board of Publication, Board of Publications, W. N. Johnson, Chairman; Kenneth L. Graham, Secretary-Manager, pages 30-33

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., page 31

Report of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital and School of Nursing, A. Neal Deaver, Administrator, pages 33-36

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., pages 36, 37

Report from the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Independence Sanitarium and Hospital Board of Trustees, H. L. Livingston, Treasurer, page 37

Report of Graceland College, William S. Gould, pages 37-40

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., pages 40, 41

Report of the Order of Evangelists, Elbert A. Smith, Presiding Evangelist; Lynn E. Smith, Secretary, Order of Evangelists, pages 41, 42

Report of the Council of Presidents of Seventy, The Council of Presidents of Seventy, Z. Z. Renfro, Senior President; Russell F. Ralston, Secretary, page 42

Report of the First Quorum of Seventy, J. H. Yager, Quorum Secretary, pages 42, 43

Report of the Second Quorum of Seventy, Russell F. Ralston, President, Eugene A. Theys, Secretary, page 43

Report of the Quorum of High Priests, Ward A. Hougas, President, The Quorum of High Priests, pages 43, 44

Report of the Department of Statistics, Department of Statistics, Merle P. Guthrie, Statistician, pages 44, 45, 46, 47, 48

Report of the School of Restoration Board of Trustees, The Board of Trustees School of the Restoration, by F. Henry Edwards, page 52

Report of the Director of Priesthood and Leadership Education, L. Wayne Updike, page 53

Report of the Department of Religious Education, Clifford A. Cole, Director, pages 53-56

Report of the Director of Youth Camping, Carl Mesle, Director of Youth Camping, pages 56, 57

Report of the General Department of Women, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, Chairman of General Council of Women, pages 58, 59

Report of the Audio-Visual Department, Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director, pages 59, 60

Report of the Music Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Music for the General Church, pages 60-62

Report of the Radio Department, Charles F. Church, Jr., Director of Radio, pages 62-64

Report of the Society for Archaeological Research, Charles R. Hield, President, page 64

Report of the Church Historian, Evan A. Fry, General Church Historian and Librarian, page 65

Report of the Church Physician, Chas. F. Grabske, M.D., Church Physician, pages 65, 66

Report of the RLDS Professional Teachers Association, Aleta Runkle, President, pages 66, 67

Report of the Committee on Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel, Charles Neff, Chairman, pages 67, 68

Report of the First Presidency, F. Henry Edwards, W. Wallace Smith, pages 69-71

An Epistle from the Council of Twelve Apostles, The Council of Twelve, by Paul M. Hanson, President, pages 71, 72

Report of Committee on Book of Mormon Revision, by Book of Mormon Revision Committee, page 78

The chair stated that the reports would be received and made a part of the record, and added, "Those whose names appear at the end of these reports and who wish to comment thereon will please file a statement to this effect with the chair and time for such comments will be set apart."

CONFERENCE GREETINGS

The following greetings and messages were read to the Conference by Elder Charles D. Neff, General Church Secretary:

Chatham, Ontario

*Office of Presidency,
The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri*

Praying for a good Conference—Chatham Branch. I wish I could be with you.

ELDER JOHN M. BOWMAN,
Chatham Pastor

*The First Presidency
The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri*

Wishing you a very successful Conference.
MIYAMOTOS, SEKINES
Tokyo

Papeete

*The First Presidency
The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri*
Greetings to the General Conference from Saints of French Polynesia. May heavenly blessings abide with all.

BRECKENRIDGE
TYREE
KALEIKAU
HORAHITU

Birmingham, England

*The First Presidency
The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri*
Our prayers and best wishes are with you for a most successful Conference.

TOM AND BETTY WORTH
Preston, Victoria, Australia

*The First Presidency
The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri*
Victoria District members pray for rich blessings as Conference shapes the future of church.

ALAN FRATER

Honolulu 14, Hawaii
To the Saints assembled in Zion

From the crossroads of the Pacific, we sense keenly the need of many nations for Christ and the message of his church. As we view the great contrast between the mobilization of the armies of men and that of the army of the Lord, we look for this Conference to be one of great significance and of major importance in hastening the establishment of Christ's kingdom.

Our thoughts and prayers are ever with you. May the Spirit of God guide the prophet, the quorums, and all the deliberations of the Conference.

Aloha Nui Loa

THE APPOINTEE FAMILIES IN HAWAII
Sister Sylvester Coleman,
Sylvia, Dennis, and Cynthia
Brother and Sister Richard Reid
and Carol
Brother and Sister Delbert Smith,
Alan, Ronald, Steven, Karen and
Douglas

South Wales
England

The General Conference

The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri

We should like you to know that our thoughts are with you and we are praying that God will direct in all deliberations and actions of the Conference.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK A. FRY
ERIC S. ROWE

Hannover, Germany

*To the Saints assembled in
General Conference*

Our prayers are that the Spirit of God will bless you abundantly as you serve together to conduct his affairs in this Conference. We will continue to remember you, and we feel a strong bond of unity with you in this work entrusted to us all.

Affectionately and fraternally,
VERN WEBB
and the Saints of the
German Mission

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The following document was read and was adopted upon a motion to approve by Elder Sylvester Coleman and Apostle R. E. Davey:

To the General Conference of 1958

We recommend that the following be adopted to govern parliamentary procedure in General Conferences:

A ye and nay vote may be ordered on petition of one third of the delegates and ex officio present and voting.

A motion to suspend the rules, or to make any matter a special order of business, shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

The previous question, objection to consideration, and motions to limit debate may all be ordered by majority vote.

In all elections, voting shall be continued until a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, except where otherwise previously announced.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

ORDINATIONS

The chairman called attention to the list of recommended ordinations as found on pages 74 and 75 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. It was further

stated that inasmuch as there had been no objections received concerning any of the names published, consideration would continue on all the recommendations.

SEVENTIES

The following letter from the Presidents of Seventy was read:

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

The Presidents of Seventy have recommended that the following named elders be ordained to the office of Seventy. The brethren called are

Ralph A. Bobbitt
John W. Bradley
C. M. Carpenter
Wm. R. Clinefelter
N. G. Coltharp
J. M. Curtis
Lyman F. Edwards
Kenneth G. Fisher
Kenneth T. Green
Peter H. Harder
Keith E. Harvey

O. C. Henson, Jr.
William F. Horn
(in Holland)
John F. Jordan
Charles R. Mundorff
M. N. Page
R. W. Pearson
R. M. Seeley
Lester I. Tacy
John S. Thumm
Charles E. Vreeland

These above men have been contacted by the Presidents of Seventy and each has indicated a willingness to accept this call.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY
By Russell F. Ralston
Secretary

Elders Z. Z. Renfroe and Frederick C. Bevan moved that we approve the recommendations and the ordinations be provided for. A supporting statement was presented by Elder Harry Doty, of the Presidents of Seventy. As each candidate's name was called, he stood, signifying his willingness to accept the ordination. The motion was unanimously approved.

HIGH PRIESTS

The following communication from the First Presidency was read:

To the General Conference of 1958

We wish to recommend that the following named elders be ordained to the high priesthood:

Clifford P. Buck, Independence, Missouri
Calvin B. French, Philadelphia Pennsylvania
Merle P. Guthrie, Sandusky, Michigan
Raymond W. Huggett, Vancouver, British
Columbia

Since each of these brethren is under General Conference appointment, the Joint Council of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric has concurred in these recommendations.

Each of the brethren has expressed his willingness to serve.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Elders John G. Wight and B. F. Kyser moved that we approve the recommendations and the ordinations be provided for. Each candidate stood as his name was called, signifying his willingness to accept the ordination. The motion was unanimously approved.

EVANGELISTS

The following letter was read:

*To the First Presidency and the
General Conference*

The Council of Twelve recommend the ordination of Elder Denison H. Smith of East Chicago, Indiana, to the high priesthood and the evangelical order. This recommendation has been concurred in by the First Presidency and Elder Smith.

He has expressed his willingness to serve. This recommendation is now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE
By Paul M. Hanson
President

Elders D. T. Williams and LaMont R. Mair moved the approval of the recommendation, and that the ordination be provided for. Apostle E. J. Gleazer spoke in support of this call. Brother Smith was asked to stand to signify his willingness to accept the call, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A letter from the Council of Twelve was read:

*To the First Presidency and the
General Conference*

The Council of Twelve recommends the ordination of the following high priests to the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency:

William Archer, Toronto, Ontario
Herbert R. Blakeman, Los Angeles, California
Herman A. Chelline, Independence, Missouri
(absent)
Alva Dexter, Lansing, Michigan
Elmer L. Johnson, South Gate, California
Guy R. Johnson, Denison, Iowa
Rigby H. Leighton, Detroit, Michigan
Kenneth D. Lusha, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis J. Richards, Independence, Missouri
Otis J. Stephens, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
James B. Welch, Louisville, Kentucky
C. David Wilson, Fairland, Oklahoma
J. Adelbert Withee, Memphis, Tennessee
Each of the brethren concerned has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE
By Paul M. Hanson
President

The motion to approve the recommendations and provide for the ordinations was made by Elders M. L. Draper and Eldon Dickens. Apostle E. J. Gleazer spoke in support of these calls, and each of the brethren stood, signifying his willingness to accept the call. The motion carried unanimously.

BISHOPS

A letter from the First Presidency was read:

To the General Conference of 1958

After careful thought and prayer we wish to recommend that Elders John H. Boren and Harold T. Downey be ordained to the high priesthood and set apart to the office of Bishop.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Elders G. L. DeLapp and Barnett W. Berridge moved the approval of these recommendations and provision for the ordinations. Again each man signified his willingness to accept the call by standing as his name was read. The motion was unanimously approved.

The following communication was read:

To the General Conference of 1958

Having been led thereto by the direction of the Spirit we recommend the ordination of High Priests Harold S. Cash, Jr., and William E. Timms to the office of Bishop and ask the approval of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Bishops H. L. Livingston and James Burdick moved the approval of these recommendations and that provision be made for the ordinations. Each of the men stood as their names were called, signifying acceptance, and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

The hymn "Soldiers of Christ Arise" was sung, as the men approved for ordination took their places among the delegates and ex officis.

HYMN NO. 580

The chair read the following communication from the First Presidency:

The General Conference of 1958

The Utah-Southeast Idaho District Conference has submitted a resolution asking the deletion of Hymn 580 from future publications of *The Hymnal* and the discouragement of the use of this hymn.

The Presidency concur in the recommendations and are willing to put them into effect without further action. This is agreeable to the Utah Delegation and to the Department of Music.

Unless there be objection, this agreement will be conveyed to the Utah-Southeast Idaho District and no further action will be had on the motion at this time.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Brethren Floyd T. Rockwell and Arthur DuRose moved that we ignore the request. During the discussion Elder Russell F. Ralston rose to a point of order, stating that the discussion should be limited to the motion before the body and not upon the merits of the hymn. The chair ruled that Brother Ralston's point was in order. A substitute motion was moved by Elders Elroy Hanton and Howard Sheehy, that "we the Conference commend the First Presidency and Councils concerned on the recommendation regarding this matter and hereby move approval." After further discussion, the previous question was moved by Brethren James Menzies and W. K. Gard. Brother Victor Humphrey rose to a point of order in regard to the substitute motion, and the chair stated that the substi-

tute motion was in order. The vote was then taken and the substitute motion carried.

GRACELAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

The following communication from the First Presidency was read:

To the General Conference

The term of office of four members of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College expires as of 1958 and the trustees need to be replaced. These are:

Earl T. Higdon
L. F. P. Curry
D. R. Carmichael
Dr. Addison Brown

L. Merle Spence of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Frank Parsons whose term was to expire in 1962. We are requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Brother Spence and are also placing in nomination to succeed themselves the other members whose names appear above.

To fill the unexpired term of Dr. Voas Meredith of Iowa City, Iowa, which was to expire in 1960, we are placing in nomination the name of Dr. Franklin Graybill of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Your consideration of this matter will be appreciated.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

The chairman placed in nomination the following brethren to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees of Graceland College: Earl T. Higdon, L. F. P. Curry, D. R. Carmichael, and Dr. Addison Brown. With each nomination opportunity was given for additional nominations by the Conference. As there were no other names presented, the vote was taken on each nomination and approved.

Elder L. M. Spence was approved to fill the unexpired term of Brother Frank Parsons, in harmony with the above letter.

The chair placed in nomination Dr. Franklin Graybill to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Voas Meredith. Elder Donald E. Manuel was also nominated. The vote was taken and Brother Manuel was elected.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE

A letter from the First Presidency was read:

The General Conference of 1958

In harmony with the General Conference action of 1944, authorizing the Presidency to nominate the Executive Committee of the Society for Archaeological Research, we submit the following:

Charles R. Hield, President; Paul M. Hanson; H. I. Velt; Roy Weldon; and Melvin R. Fowler.

This involves no changes in the present Executive Committee.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Brethren W. Ralph Shrader and Cecil V. Robbins moved to accept the recommendation, which motion carried.

LATIN AMERICA

Elders George Young and James Christenson moved to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, Section 83: 8 of the Doctrine and Covenants places the church under condemnation, which state shall continue until the children of Zion remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon, and the former commandments which God has given them, not only to say but to do according to that which He has written, and

WHEREAS, The Second Book of Nephi 12: 80-87 indicates that we who believe the words of the Book of Mormon are to carry them forth unto the remnant of the seed of the people of the Book of Mormon in order that the remnant may come to know that they are descendants of the Jews and may know their fathers believed the gospel of Jesus Christ, in order that other things might also be fulfilled according to God's will and word, such as the bringing of the Jews to a knowledge and acceptance of Christ and the commencement of the work of God among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, and

WHEREAS, Section 87: 3 c, d confirms God's will in this latter day that the prophecy recorded in the Book of Mormon be fulfilled in that it records that the word should go unto the Gentiles first and then should we turn unto the Jews (remnant of the seed of the people of the Book of Mormon) and then the day of power of God should come in convincing all the nations, and

WHEREAS, Church members have gone to Honduras and Colombia and have laid some groundwork from which missionary activities can be extended, therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Conference express deep concern for the advance of missionary effort into and within Latin America and will look with favor on the sending of a missionary appointee into the countries to the south with Honduras and Colombia as first objectives and then such other areas in Latin America as wisdom and the interests of the church may direct.

George P. Young
Deam H. Ferris

The chair stated that consideration would be deferred pending publication of the resolution.

TIME LIMIT

The following was approved upon the motion by Elders Merle P. Guthrie and E. Elwood Smith:

The General Conference of 1958

We suggest that the time limit for the introduction of new business be set at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 9. As is our custom, business coming from the quorums and General Conference committees is not affected by this action.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

The closing hymn was "O God, Give Strength to All Thy Saints." Apostle D. T. Williams pronounced the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m., to meet again at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 8, 1958.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
ROY STEARNS
Secretaries

Report of the Board of Appropriations

To the General Conference of 1958

The Board of Appropriations, consisting of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Order of Bishops, met at the Auditorium on May 3 and 4, 1958, in harmony with General Conference Resolution dated April 15, 1956, and gave consideration to the 1958 budget requirements of the General Church and approved the listed recommendations for 1958. We have been operating under the 1958 budget as approved by the Board of Appropriations which is listed herein. We would like your ratification of this action.

The Board also met October 3 and 4, 1958, and considered the 1959 budgetary requests and are submitting both of these schedules to the General Conference for approval.

We are also submitting a list of special appropriations recommended for approval by the Board of Appropriations set up from the available cash due to net increase from operations for the years 1956 and 1957.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS
By W. Wallace Smith

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MISSIONS ABOARD	
French Oceania	\$ 70,000.00
New Zealand Parsonage	12,040.00
Missionary Reserve	69,463.08
Auditorium	100,000.00
Graceland College	100,000.00
Independence Sanitarium and Hospital	60,000.00
Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund	100,000.00
Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund Missions	25,000.00
Utah—Salt Lake City	50,000.00
Nauvoo and Kirtland	15,000.00
Employees Pension	40,000.00
Districts	19,400.00
Shenandoah Organ	1,789.00
TOTAL	\$662,692.08

RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS—1958, 1959

	Actual Expense 1957	Approved by the Board of Appropriations May 3, 4, 1958 BUDGET 1958	Approved by the Board of Appropriations Oct. 3, 4, 1958 BUDGET 1959
MINISTERIAL—ACTIVE			
Family Allowance	\$ 834,988.17	\$ 872,848.00	\$ 874,986.00
Ministerial Reserve	75,881.08	81,611.84	85,042.00
Elder's Expense	267,010.50	293,860.00	308,736.00
Auto Insurance	18,463.75	15,000.00	16,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,196,343.50	\$1,263,319.84	\$1,284,764.00
MINISTERIAL—RETIRED			
	\$ 67,791.96	\$ 69,417.00	\$ 71,889.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE			
General Church	\$ 312,673.12	\$ 394,547.00	\$ 435,355.00
Stakes	58,297.12	63,735.00	67,445.00
Canadian	3,498.14	4,600.00	4,600.00
B and A Field Expense, Districts	8,960.60	17,400.00	17,900.00
Missions Abroad	9,990.58	14,519.00	15,179.00
Depreciation Equipment	24,986.21	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 418,405.77	\$ 519,801.00	\$ 565,479.00

PAYMENTS TO GRACELAND

Appropriation	\$ 85,500.00	\$ 95,250.00	\$ 105,000.00
Interest on Endowment	11,679.00	11,679.00	11,679.00
Social Security	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Retirement Reserve	—	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 103,179.00	\$ 127,929.00	\$ 137,679.00

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Kirtland, Ohio	\$ 5,527.00	\$ 3,188.00	\$ 3,248.00
Nauvoo, Illinois	8,137.68	8,364.00	8,520.00
Salt Lake City	(360.00)Cr.	13,535.00	
Other Houses of Worship	(1,290.86)Cr.	500.00	500.00
Architectural Services	688.25	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,702.07	\$ 26,587.00	\$ 13,268.00

Actual Expense 1957	Approved by the Board of Appropriations May 3, 4, 1958 BUDGET 1958	Approved by the Board of Appropriations Oct. 3, 4, 1958 BUDGET 1959
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Exchange	\$ (121.41)Cr.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Messiah Broadcast	6,576.32	7,800.00	7,800.00
Radio Broadcast	3,217.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,825.55	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,497.46	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 16,300.00

TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,809,919.76	\$2,022,353.84	\$2,089,379.00
Less Ministerial Reserve	75,881.08	81,611.84	85,042.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,734,038.68	\$1,940,742.00	\$2,004,337.00

Equipment

Auto and Regular	\$ 98,940.00	\$ 99,200.00
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 29,787.90	\$ 16,284.00

GENERAL CHURCH

First Presidency	\$ 27,588.98	\$ 30,131.00	\$ 32,891.00
Priesthood	1,162.35	3,492.00	3,804.00
Evangelist	3,283.71	4,230.00	4,501.00
Council of Twelve	13,976.66	17,098.00	17,818.00
Presiding Bishopric	52,683.69	60,541.00	62,086.00
Tithepayers Service	30,683.07	37,826.00	41,196.00
Religious Education	18,853.20	23,237.00	28,053.00
Music	4,320.57	7,131.00	13,289.00
Radio	18,071.28	22,561.00	25,767.00
Statistics	25,120.66	30,247.00	34,899.00
Historian	2,748.78	4,171.00	7,552.00
Presidents of Seventy	588.28	800.00	800.00
Quorum of Seventy	1.85	550.00	550.00
Auditor	2,965.35	4,900.00	4,900.00
Women	(590.99)Cr.	1,558.00	1,758.00
Legal	5,010.86	8,000.00	10,400.00
Guide Service	1,698.87	1,901.00	1,958.00
Auditorium Operating	78,389.40	102,127.00	107,239.00
Quorum of Seventy (No. 2)	—	—	125.00
Archaeological Society	25.50	75.00	75.00
Ministry to College Students	4,741.66	5,715.00	6,015.00
Audio-Visual Department	15,211.39	15,082.00	15,812.00
School of the Restoration	6,138.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Ministry to Armed Forces	—	3,422.00	3,900.00
Youth—Camping	—	1,252.00	1,467.00
TOTALS	\$ 312,673.12	\$ 394,547.00	\$ 435,355.00

STAKES AND DISTRICTS

Center Stake	\$ 24,034.00	\$ 25,385.00	\$ 27,300.00
Kansas City Stake	7,450.00	8,200.00	8,970.00
Far West Stake	5,636.93	5,900.00	6,000.00
Central Missouri Stake	4,044.63	4,950.00	5,275.00
Lamoni Stake	5,106.56	5,200.00	5,200.00
Detroit International Stake	6,025.00	7,100.00	7,700.00
Los Angeles Stake	6,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTALS	\$ —	\$ 63,735.00	\$ 67,445.00

Canadian

Canadian	3,498.14	4,600.00	4,600.00
B and A Field	8,960.60	15,800.00	16,300.00
Hawaiian	—	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOTAL	\$ 70,755.86	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,500.00

MISSIONS ABOARD

Australasian	\$ 4,628.36	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 7,965.00
British Isles	403.95	740.00	800.00
Hawaiian	1,255.34	—	—
European	—	150.00	150.00
Scandinavian	217.69	150.00	150.00
Society Is. (French Polynesia)	2,435.20	3,772.00	4,147.00
Germany	380.58	510.00	510.00
Holland	87.90	225.00	225.00
New Zealand	581.56	1,232.00	1,232.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,990.58	\$ 14,519.00	\$ 15,179.00
Depreciation F. and F.	24,986.21	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$ 418,405.77	\$ 519,801.00	\$ 565,479.00

Bulletin

Independence, Missouri

October 9, 1958

Document on Changes in Quorums

To the Elders of the Church and the General Conference

While working at my desk in the Auditorium during the day on Thursday, August 21, 1958, I had given sustained consideration to the many needs confronting the church. Consequently these things weighed heavily on my heart and mind. Later at home I had made them a matter of prayer and while I had come to some conclusions, I was not sure they were the right ones. Weary, I decided the best remedy was to rest—sleep if I could—and then go on from there. Having retired somewhat earlier than is my custom and due to the fatigue of a heavy day's schedule at the office, I dropped to sleep almost immediately.

I had been asleep for several hours when I awoke. It was dark in my room so I was aware that it was not time to arise. Ordinarily when something like this happens I can go back to sleep without a great deal of trouble. On this occasion I could not, because the problems confronting me began to pass in review before my mind.

In this experience none of my questions seemed to have satisfactory answers. Since I could not go back to sleep and my mind was active and my soul disturbed by a realization of the enormity of the task before me, I decided to again make it a subject of prayer. Consequently I presented myself to the Lord and once more propounded the questions to which I was seeking answers.

Instead of a solution to my queries unfolding as I had hoped, there appeared before me, in bas-relief, an image of the face of the Master. This was not close to me; it appeared indistinct as if it were afar off. No words were spoken but I was made to know that while my prayers had been heard the answers which I sought would not yet be given me. I realized there was still a way for me to go before I would be close enough to hear the words spoken by the Lord for the guidance of his church. Despite the distance and indistinctness of the vision I was made to know that the need is great, the answers are prepared, the servants of God are available, the maturing process is going forward, but it is

yet a little while until we shall be ready for the Lord to reveal his mind and will as fully as we need.

Since it became apparent that the burden of its prophetic leadership would be mine, I have given additional prayerful consideration to the needs of the church, and have sought earnestly for light with such powers of mind and body as are at my command. As a result of this, and other experiences which I deem inspirational, I bring this word to the Saints as being the mind and will of God unto his people.

It is now almost seven weeks since the initial experience took place. As I write these things are confirmed unto me.

TO THE CHURCH

I have taken unto myself my own. It was wisdom that my servant Israel A. Smith be released from his onerous duties. He has found his reward with the faithful.

It is my will that F. Henry Edwards be sustained as a counselor to the President of the High Priesthood and the Church, and as a member of the quorum of the First Presidency. He is called to this office by reason of his preparation through long years of faithful service and should be ordained for the strength and support he can give to his associates and in the councils of my church.

To fill the other vacancy in the quorum of the First Presidency Maurice L. Draper is called from among his brethren. His apostleship is extended in presidency as he takes his place as a counselor to the President of the Church and a member of the quorum of the First Presidency.

Due to the infirmities of the flesh, my beloved and faithful servant Elbert A. Smith has responded to the direction of the Spirit in resigning his office as Presiding Patriarch of the church.

To fill this position in my church Roy A. Cheville is called and should be chosen and set apart to this high and holy office, and be given the responsibility of presiding over the brethren of the patriarchal order as Presiding Patriarch. This is in harmony with my instructions to the Saints at an early date.

The wisdom of changes in the Council of Twelve was a continuing question in the mind of my servant who has gone to his reward. It is a continuing grave concern of the one whom I have designated to lead you as his successor and, while I am not yet ready to reveal all

that shall be, the following changes should be made.

Few in my church have served as long and as faithfully as my servant, Paul M. Hanson. He is honorably released from his responsibilities as a member of the Council of Twelve, but is free to labor as a member of the High Priesthood wherever and whenever the opportunity is present and his strength will permit. Likewise my servants, Daniel T. Williams and Edmund J. Gleazer, who have also served in the councils of the church over a long period and with evident distinction, are honorably released from their responsibilities in the Council of Twelve.

While there is but one office in the patriarchal order, there are multiple functions. All my servants who have been called to this office will not be equally proficient in each of the separate functions. My servant Daniel T. Williams has ability to counsel, advise, and give blessings. If faithful, my servant Edmund J. Gleazer will be especially blessed in the ministry of the preached word while he maintains his health and vigor. These, my sons, are now called to be patriarchs and should be ordained pursuant to and in harmony with my will revealed through the spirit of wisdom. This should be done as soon as practicable in order that not one jot or tittle of their ministerial effectiveness be lost to me.

In harmony with my will now revealed to you, Charles D. Neff and Clifford A. Cole should be ordained Apostles and take their places in the Council of Twelve along with their brethren whose duty it is to spread the gospel into all the world as especial witnesses.

It is my will that the day shall soon come when the provisions within the law may be sufficiently understood to enable the bonds of indecision to be loosed and the fulfillment of my purposes to be accomplished.

There are others of my priesthood who are called to the Apostleship who, if faithful, will find their places in due course. Though it is desirable for the Quorums to be filled it is not expedient that it shall be done at this time. As I have made known to my servant, the time is yet a little while until all shall be made clear. Amen.

Your servant in Christ,
W. WALLACE SMITH

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI
October 8, 1958

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Wednesday, October 8, 1958

With President W. Wallace Smith in the chair, the business session of Wednesday, October 8, 1958, commenced at 2:00 p.m.

The hymn "Awake! Ye Saints of God, Awake!" was sung under the leadership of Elder F. S. Weddle, with Brother Frank K. Hunter at the organ. The invocation was offered by Dr. Harvey H. Grice, President of Graceland College.

The minutes of the business session of Tuesday, October 7, 1958, were read and approved, with the following correction:

On page 86 of the *General Conference Bulletin*, under the section entitled "HIGH PRIESTS," the name should read "Calvin V. French."

The chair read the following announcement:

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Bishop J. August Koehler. His funeral was held this morning. Brother Koehler has served the church long and faithfully.

LEI CEREMONY

President Smith introduced Elder Sylvester Coleman, who in turn introduced Sr. Emily Inouye. She conducted a ceremony in which leis were presented to the General Church officers and others on the rostrum. This was concluded by the singing of the song "Aloha Oe."

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

In harmony with the action of the Conference as found on page 81 of the *General Conference Bulletin*, the chair announced that the following four brethren would prepare resolutions concerning the passing of the late Israel Alexander Smith: Elders Arthur A. Oakman of the Council of Twelve, G. Leslie DeLapp of the Presiding Bishopric, Ward A. Hougas of the Quorum of High Priests, and Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President of the Seventies.

CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENT

President Smith stated: "I have transmitted to the quorums and councils of the church a document embodying light for the guidance of the church in her present situation. It is well that this document shall receive the consideration of the Conference at this time. For this purpose I resign the chair to Elders A. A. Oakman, Charles R. Hield, and D. Blair Jensen, who will preside during the consideration of this document."

President Smith then left the General Conference Chamber, and the above brethren assumed the leadership of the Conference, with Apostle Charles R. Hield as chairman.

At the request of the chair, Apostle Jensen read the document referred to by President Smith:

(This is the "Document on Changes in Quorums," page 89 of this *General Conference Bulletin*.)

Apostle Paul M. Hanson requested the privilege for the brethren named in the document to withdraw from the assembly. The chair granted the request, and Apostles Paul M. Hanson, D. T. Williams, E. J. Gleazer, and M. L. Draper withdrew.

Apostle R. E. Davey moved the following:

Members of the Conference, I have read and heard read very carefully the document that has been presented to us by the President of the Church. I am fortunate in being personally acquainted over a rather lengthy period of time with all of the individuals mentioned in the document. As a result, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to move acceptance of this document as a revelation to the Church.

The motion was seconded by Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp.

The following statements from the Councils, Quorums, and Orders were presented:

To President W. Wallace Smith and the General Conference

The message dated October 8, 1958, from President W. Wallace Smith, and presented as the will of the Lord to the Elders of the Church and the General Conference, has received the prayerful consideration of the Council of Twelve. The following motion was made:

"Moved that this document be received and accepted for what it purports to be—an expression of the mind and will of God to the church."

After many testimonies were expressed bearing witness to the divinity of the message, the vote was unanimous.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE
By Charles R. Hield, Secretary

President W. Wallace Smith and the General Conference

During the morning session of October 8, 1958, 9:45 a.m., the First Quorum of Seventy considered the document presented by the Prophet, W. Wallace Smith.

An excellent spirit prevailed in which the document was accepted unanimously by the Quorum.

FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY
By Aleab G. Koury, Secretary

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

The Second Quorum of Seventy received the document presented by President W. Wallace Smith this morning.

Following a season of prayer we gave careful consideration to this document. In this we were blessed by a rich portion of the Holy Spirit which bore undeniable witness that this is a true expression of the mind and will of God to the church at this time.

As a quorum we took action unanimously to approve this document as a revelation from our heavenly Father. We express appreciation for the inspiration and challenge it brings to the church.

THE SECOND QUORUM OF SEVENTY
By Eugene A. Theys, Secretary

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

The Quorum of High Priests received the document from President W. Wallace Smith dated October 8, 1958. Many of the brethren responded with deep conviction that this message was inspired. Following this, the Quorum voted unanimously that the document be approved as a revelation from God.

QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS
Ward A. Hougas, President
Elroy E. Hanton, Secretary pro tem

To President W. Wallace Smith and the General Conference

The Order of Bishops gave careful consideration to the document received from President W. Wallace Smith on October 8, 1958, and the following action was approved unanimously and made a part of the formal minutes of the Order:

RESOLVED, That this document be approved as expressing the will of God to the church.

A good spirit prevailed throughout our deliberations, and the Order pledged its full support to the men called to fill the offices named.

We express also our sincere appreciation to Brethren Elbert A. Smith, Paul M. Hanson, Daniel T. Williams, and Edmund J. Gleazer for their long years of devoted and efficient service. These four faithful brothers have our deep affection and abiding respect.

We are confident also that the ministry of Brethren Williams and Gleazer will be continued in the Order of Evangelists, and our good wishes and our prayers accompany them in their continuing labors on behalf of the membership of the church.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

To President W. Wallace Smith and the General Conference

The Order of Evangelists received the document submitted to them by the President of the church, and after a season of prayer gave careful consideration to the contents paragraph by paragraph.

The order then unanimously approved the entire document as being a revelation of the mind and will of God to the church.

ORDER OF EVANGELISTS
E. Y. Hunker, Chairman, pro tem
B. H. Hewitt
W. J. Sherman
Secretaries, pro tem

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

The mass meeting of Elders met October 8, 1958, to consider a document transmitted to this body by a letter dated October 8, 1958, presented to the church by President W. Wallace Smith. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit numerous supporting testimonies were given concerning the divinity of this docu-

ment and to the specific calling of the individual brethren named.

A pronounced spirit of unity was present and prevailed throughout the meeting in testimony, discussion, action, and prayer. The unanimous action of the body is as follows:

"This body of Elders approves this document from President W. Wallace Smith as a revelation from God to his people."

Clifford P. Buck
Chairman, pro tem
Richard B. Lancaster
Secretary, pro tem

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

At the meeting called by the President of the Aaronic Priesthood, held October 8, 1958, at 10:35 a.m., in the lower auditorium of the Stone Church, the document enclosed in a letter dated October 8, from President W. Wallace Smith was read and presented to the body. In view of the fact that there was not adequate time for discussion, the matter was suspended to be discussed at the reconvening of the order at 1:00 p.m. in the lower auditorium of the Stone Church.

At this time, proper consideration was given to the document. After considerable deliberation and discussion, the following resolution was adopted with only one dissenting vote:

"That we, as the Aaronic Priesthood, accept this document as a revelation expressing the will of the Lord in filling the Council of the Presidency with F. Henry Edwards and Maurice L. Draper as Counselors."

The other provisions in the document received the same support of the Aaronic Order. The Order moved to include in this resolution expression of deep appreciation for the long years of service of Elbert A. Smith and Paul M. Hanson. This appreciation is also expressed in the same respect as to Daniel T. Williams and Edmund J. Gleazer, and the members of the Aaronic Order pledge to support them in their prayers for additional years ahead of successful ministry and service in this Church of Jesus Christ; and also to bring support to those who have been called to positions of responsibility, to Roy A. Cheville as Presiding Patriarch, and Charles D. Neff and Clifford A. Cole as Apostles.

AARONIC ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD
G. L. DeLapp, President

Attested to by
Kenneth Tousley
David C. Crandall
Secretaries pro tem

At the invitation of the chairman, statements of acceptance were made by Elders F. Henry Edwards, Maurice L. Draper, Roy A. Cheville, Charles D. Neff, and Clifford A. Cole.

The portion of the document addressed "To the Church" was reread. The document was approved unanimously by a rising vote.

INCLUSION IN DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS

Elders P. E. Farrow and Z. Z. Renfro moved:

Inasmuch as the document just approved by this Conference as revelation is acceptable to us as guidance for the church, I move that it be published in the Doctrine and Cove-

nants and that the First Presidency be authorized to provide such introductory statement as in their wisdom seems appropriate.

During the singing of the hymn, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," Apostle D. O. Chesworth was sent by the chair to request President Smith to resume the chairmanship of the Conference. Upon his arrival, President Smith was notified of the unanimous acceptance of the document.

The chair was relinquished to President Smith.

Elders Paul M. Hanson, D. T. Williams, and E. J. Gleazer were invited to the rostrum and were afforded the opportunity to speak to the Conference.

President Smith announced that the ordinations provided for would take place in the Conference Chamber this evening at seven thirty.

The hymn "By Revelation Called of God" was sung; benediction was pronounced by Evangelist Floyd M. McDowell, and the Conference adjourned at 4:00 p.m., to meet again at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 9.

FRED L. YOUNG
ROY STEARNS
Secretaries

Registration

The registration through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 8, was 7,924 divided as follows:

Delegates	597
Delegates Ex officii	561
Ex officii	853
Visitors	5,913
Total	7,924

The Registration Booth is open each day from 8:00 to 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Registration Committee

C. V. GRAHAM
H. C. LIVELY
E. A. THEYS
J. E. BALDWIN

High Lights of Business Sessions

Monday

The Presidency organized the Conference; then withdrew from the Chamber.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson, president of the Council of Twelve, presided during the presentation of document by Israel A. Smith naming new president.

Reports of quorum actions on document presented to Conference. All priesthood quorums approved document naming W. Wallace Smith as the new president of the church.

Supplementary reports of quorum presidents were received.

At 3:22 p.m., delegates voted on document, and accepted it unanimously.

Visitors in the Conference Chamber were then allowed to express their approval—again unanimously.

Apostle D. Blair Jensen moved that document be published in future editions of the Doctrine and Covenants. Unanimous approval.

Representatives of the major quorums escorted W. Wallace Smith to rostrum. Brother Smith presented his acceptance speech.

Tuesday

Mayor William H. Sermon of Independence addressed the Conference.

Recommendations to various priesthood offices were presented and approved.

These ordinations will add twenty-one to the quorums of Seventy, four to the bishopric, and fourteen to the Evangelists' quorum. Four administrative high priests were also approved.

A spirited discussion led to the approval of a recommendation by the First Presidency that Hymn No. 580 be deleted from future editions of *The Hymnal*, and that its use be discouraged.

Graceland College Board of Trustees gained a new member: Donald Manuel. Four others (Higdon, Spence, Brown, and Curry) were re-elected.

The present executive committee of the archaeological society was renominated and approved.

A resolution asking for the appointment of a full-time missionary to Latin America, specifically Honduras and Colombia, was introduced.

Wednesday

Presentation by President W. Wallace Smith of revelation on changes in personnel in leading quorums.

Delegates approve document providing for ordination of F. Henry Edwards and Maurice L. Draper as counselors to the President; Charles D. Neff and Clifford A. Cole as Apostles; and Roy A. Cheville as Presiding Patriarch. (Document provided for release of Apostles Paul M. Hanson, D. T. Williams, and E. J. Gleazer, and Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith.) Document ordered printed in Doctrine and Covenants.

Ordination Service for New Leading Officers

Wednesday night, in the Conference Chamber, the ordinations provided for by the afternoon business session were consummated.

Under the hands of Apostles Arthur A. Oakman and Charles R. Hield, assisted by Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp and High Priest Quorum President Ward A. Hougas, the two counselors to the President were ordained. Brother F. Henry Edwards has served as a counselor in the First Presidency for the past twelve years. Brother Maurice L. Draper has served in the Council of Twelve since 1947.

The new Presiding Patriarch, Roy A. Cheville, was ordained by President W. Wallace Smith, assisted by Apostles D. O. Chesworth and D. V. Lents. Dr. Cheville has served many years as religious life director at Graceland College.

Elders Charles D. Neff and Clifford Cole were ordained apostles under the hands of Apostles D. Blair Jensen and Roscoe E. Davey, assisted by Apostles P. E. Farrow and R. M. Holmes. Brother Neff has been serving as assistant to the First Presidency prior to this ordination, and Brother Cole has been Director of Religious Education for the General Church.

In the same service, Brethren E. J. Gleazer and D. T. Williams, released from the Council of Twelve under the document approved at the afternoon business session, were ordained to the Order of Evangelists. President Edwards and Draper, assisted by Apostles Farrow and Holmes were spokesmen at the ordinations.

Special music for the service was provided by the Central Missouri Stake Choir, directed by Metta Anderson.

Proposed Resolutions Presented by the Presidency

To the General Conference of 1958

To allow the Bishopric to fulfill the obligation of the church to the Graceland College Endowment Fund as authorized by the 1956 General Conference, the Board of Appropriations took the following action to be transmitted to the Conference for your consideration and action:

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to sell such lands as may be necessary in addition to funds available in the Stewardship Funds to meet the General Church obligation to Graceland College in the amount of \$233,300.00.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS
By W. Wallace Smith

To the General Conference of 1958

The Board of Appropriations took the following action in order to meet the pressing

demands for additional funds in the construction of houses of worship. This is transmitted to you for your consideration and action:

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to use an additional \$100,000.00 from the Ministerial Reserve Fund to loan to the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS
By W. Wallace Smith

Youth Enjoy Classes, Mixers

About one thousand older youth jammed the lower floor of the Stone Church Education Building Saturday evening and a similar number of Zion's Leaguers filled the Memorial Building for the opening youth mixers of the Conference.

Monday evening the main auditorium of the Stone Church was also full for another youth mixer—this time a sing-spiration led by Carl Mesle. As a featured part of the program, Evan A. Fry and Dr. Roy Cheville led hymns which they composed.

A mock football game with the "Saints" vs. the "Aints" was the high light of the Tuesday evening youth mixer in the Memorial Building.

Youth classes at Conference have also had a large attendance. Dr. Roy Cheville and Richard Lancaster have been leading the 9:45 a.m. youth class in the Stone Church Annex. This large class is considering the administration and agenda of the Conference.

At 11 a.m. each day Lee Hart has been in charge of a second youth class in the Annex. Its theme is "Putting the 'Go' in the Gospel." Monday's class was led by Apostle Reed Holmes. Tuesday's class featured a panel of Leaguers. Robert Taylor spoke on Wednesday morning.

Richard Lancaster has been leading a class for youth leaders each day in the Stone Church Education Building at 11 a.m. On Monday the class heard Robert Taylor, Center Stake Youth Leader. Roger Yarrington, editor of *Stride*, spoke on Tuesday. Carl Mesle spoke on Wednesday to the class concerning youth camping.

Film to Be Shown

Due to the fact that space was not available for all who desired to see the movies of the John C. Blumenschein family when they were shown on Tuesday night, they will be shown again at the Stone Church Education Building, Room 202, at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, October 9.

We Believe in Learning

A service of worship was presented by the educational institutions of the church on Tuesday evening, October 7, at 7:30 in the Conference Chamber. Represented in the service were Graceland College, the School of the Restoration, and the Independence Sanitarium School of Nursing.

Providing special music were the singing choirs—the Graceland Concert Choir conducted by Henry Anderson, and the Graceland Chapel Choir conducted by Mable Hyde—which presented the choral hymn, "O Thou Whose Feet Have Climbed Life's Hill," "Thou Strong Young Man of Galilee," "Thou to Whom the Sick and Dying Ever Came," "Send Forth Thy Light," and an arrangement by Noble Cain from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with words adapted to the occasion. Six presentations by the Graceland Speech Choir, under the direction of Celia Schall, were "The Stewardship of the Learned," "The Graceland Vision," "Education for All," "That I May Heal You," and "The Church Exploring—Learning," all written by Cleo Hanthorne Moon, and "The Girl in White," written by Enoi Foo Jaynes. "Nurses Credo," written by Nettie Alford Wade, was read by Student Nurse Barbara Thoman prior to the banding service in which nineteen seniors, now at the School of Nursing, received double bands, and thirty-nine juniors received single bands. The fourteen seniors who are on affiliation will be awarded their bands at a later date. Also on the rostrum were representatives of the faculty and administration of the three educational institutions. Dr. Roy Cheville offered the benediction.

Both the processional and recessional were played by Oliver Houston, organist, of the Graceland faculty.

RLDS Social Workers Association to Be Planned

A meeting to plan the organization of an R.L.D.S. professional social workers association will be held in Room 301 of the Stone Church Education Building Saturday, October 11, at 9:15 p.m. All professional social workers, students in social work, and students interested in entering social work are invited to attend. Those interested are also urged to leave their names, addresses, and present positions at the "After Graceland" table in the Graceland Booth.

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Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session Thursday, October 9, 1958

The business session of Thursday, October 9, was called to order by President W. Wallace Smith at 2:00 p.m. The hymn "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning" was directed by Brother Harold Neal with Mrs. Edna Ehlers of St. Joseph, Missouri, accompanying at the organ. Presiding Evangelist Roy A. Cheville offered the invocation.

The minutes of the business session of Wednesday, October 8, were read and approved with the interpolation by the secretary to add "The motion was approved" after "Elders P. E. Farrow and Z. Z. Renfroe moved:" on page 91, column 1, of the *General Conference Bulletin*.

GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY

The chair read the following document:

The General Conference of 1958

In view of his ordination to the apostleship, Brother C. D. Neff is not available to serve as General Church Secretary and we recommend that he be released with the thanks of the Conference for his excellent service. To succeed Brother Neff we suggest the selection of Elder Fred L. Young who has been serving as Assistant General Church Secretary. To succeed Brother Young as Assistant General Church Secretary we present the name of Elder Roy Stearns.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

The motion to approve was made by Elders Cecil V. Robbins and Jack M. Curtis and carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

A word of appreciation was offered by the chairman in behalf of the brethren named in the document yesterday, three of whom were present on the rostrum, and were invited to be present with us throughout the remaining business sessions.

TIME LIMIT

Attention was again called to the time limit set for the introduction of new business—3:00 p.m., today. The chair stated that resolutions introduced would be printed for later consideration by the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

The following was read to the Conference. Elders Wilford G. Winholtz and James Christenson moved its adoption:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON WORLD-WIDE WORTHY ASSISTANCE

For consideration by the October General Conference

WHEREAS:

- (1) The present status of world conditions continues to reveal the needs for such basic human requirements as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care among millions of our fellow men from this nation and most nations of the world, and
- (2) Christ's teachings and actions emphasized his concern for linking the spiritual with the physical needs of mankind, and,
- (3) There is need for our church to consider and evaluate its role, along with other religious and service agencies in meeting these unanswered needs. Therefore be it

Resolved:

- (1) That a committee be appointed by the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric to appraise the world problem involving the need of millions of our fellow men as reported through various national and international social welfare agencies such as those associated with the United Nations Organization, outlining the needs for such basic human requirements as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care, in relation to existing programs of assistance by various religious and humanitarian service organizations, and to prepare a statement evaluating the methods and means whereby our church can best assist collectively, as well as individually, and
- (2) That such statement be prepared in the form of a suggested resolution for consideration and adoption by the succeeding General Conference, and that publication and distribution be made two months prior to such Conference.

Elders Wilford G. Winholtz and Robert Flanders moved the adoption of the following resolution which was read by the secretary:

The following resolution was presented:

Proposed Resolution on PEACE, WAR, and the USE OF FORCE for Consideration by the October General Conference

WHEREAS:

- (1) The problems of peace, war, and the use of force continue to plague mankind, and
- (2) None of the existing Church Resolutions apply directly to these issues, and
- (3) There is great and pressing need for a General Church statement restating our Christian beliefs and clarifying our position and views on these matters in modern terminology, and in relation to present world conditions, and in reference to specific problems, therefore be it

Resolved:

- (1) That a committee be appointed by the First Presidency to study and review, and to prepare a statement expressing our church views on the basic factors pertaining to the problems of peace and war and the use of force, with appropriate reference to such problems as the doctrine of non-violence, pacifism, capital punishment, H-bomb testing, military service, enlistment, draft, volunteering, conscientious objector, etc., and
- (2) That such statement be prepared in the form of a suggested resolution for consideration and adoption by the succeeding General Conference, and that publication and distribution be made two months prior to such Conference.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED:

1. That the Presidency appoint a special Conference rules committee to consider special rules of Conference procedure to facilitate the transaction of legislative business at the General Conferences of the church, to overcome some of the problems which have arisen because of the increasing number of delegates and ex officios in the Conferences resulting from the growth of the church, and to make more effective the principle of common consent in General Conference deliberations.
2. That said committee be authorized to receive suggestions from members of the Conference and others in the church about improving said procedures.
3. That said committee make a preliminary report to the First Presidency and to some inter-Conference meeting of the Joint Council.
4. That the final report of said committee be published in the *Saints' Herald* at least sixty days prior to the convening of the next General Conference of the church, containing recommended special rules of Conference procedure.
5. That the said report be made a special order of business at the initial business session of the next General Conference.

Motion to adopt was by Elders Carroll L. Olson and Stephen Robinson.

APPRECIATION

A resolution from the Quorum of High Priests was presented by President Smith:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

The Quorum of High Priests approved unanimously, this date, a motion to present the following resolution to the General Conference through the First Presidency:

"WHEREAS, Elbert A. Smith, Paul M. Hanson, Daniel T. Williams, and Edmund J. Gleazer, Senior, have served the church in special ministerial capacity for a great number of years; and

WHEREAS, we as a body desire to pay tribute to them for this period of rich and fruitful ministry to the cause of Christ for our sakes, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference suggest that the First Presidency address to each of these brethren letters of suitable expressions of our sincere appreciation for his consecrated ministry over this period and the assurance of our prayers now and for the days ahead."

THE QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS

Ward A. Hougas, President

Elroy E. Hanton, Secretary pro tem

Elders Lewis Landsberg and J. C. Stuart moved the approval of this document, which carried unanimously by a rising vote.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

Brethren Leonard Rhodes and B. F. Kyser moved the adoption of the following:

PROPOSED REVISION OF CHURCH COURT PROCEDURE

Moved that paragraph 8 of Section 3 of "Church Court Procedure" be amended to read as follows:

"Members may prosecute or defend their own cases in person or by counsel; provided that where the penalty, if defendant's guilt should be established, is excommunication or expulsion from the church, if no counsel appears, the court shall, in consultation with the defense, appoint counsel for the defense. Where no qualified member is available, or the defendant deems it essential to adequate defense, counsel may be selected from without the membership. Such counsel should be authorized in writing filed with the court having jurisdiction of the case."

The adoption of the following motion was moved by Brethren Edward Larsen and Arthur DuRose:

TRANSCRIPTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS:

- (1) The present custom and practice of the church results only in an official minutes summary of the General Conference proceedings (business sessions), with no complete written transcription of the Conference stenographers' shorthand notes, which are filed with other Conference material, but never transcribed, and
- (2) The basic purpose of the General Conference is for discussion and action on various matters affecting the general welfare and progress of the Church in its world-wide mission, and
- (3) Such discussions, both pros and cons, constitute legislative history pertinent to understanding and interpreting actions taken and not taken, and therefore it is important that a record be available for current reference and use, as well as for future generations, and
- (4) Delegates, members, and other interested persons gather, several thousand strong, and at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars, to participate in and witness the actions taken in public meetings of the General Conference, and
- (5) All of the words spoken in such public meetings, with the press invited, do in fact become public property and subject to publication in both public and private press, and
- (6) The secretarial costs of transcribing the Conference proceedings are relatively small, and estimated not to exceed two hundred dollars for the ten to twenty hours of business sessions involved, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference authorize a transcription of the shorthand notes (or other recordings) of the proceedings of the Conference as a matter of historical record, and that individuals desiring copies of such proceedings, in whole or in part, be granted copies by paying for the cost of the secretarial or other expense involved in preparing same

Elder Stanley I. Hayes and Sr. Verna Knapp moved to adopt the following:

To the General Conference

In view of several cases that have been made known in regard to the need for administrative direction in providing for the placement of children of church families, the following resolution is submitted to the Conference for study and action.

WHEREAS, Section 82:2 and 127:3 of the Doctrine and Covenants have placed upon us the direct responsibility to provide for the needs of orphans and/or children from church families in need of care and homes, and

WHEREAS, There are qualified personnel within the church who could do the administrative work necessary to give the service that the church has been commanded to give, and

WHEREAS, Most state laws provide for the placement of children in homes that protect the child's religion, Catholic in Catholic homes and Protestant in Protestant homes, and as a church we need to emphasize our position as neither Protestant nor Catholic and that as a church of separate identity we require protection for the teaching and training of our own children, and

WHEREAS, Funds used for family and child care are provided from the oblation fund, therefore be it

Resolved, That:

1. The church establish a family and child care service for the purpose of providing for, and the planning and supervision of, the dependent, neglected, or orphaned children of church members; and that this service work in harmony and co-operation with public agencies; and
2. That a committee including persons of professional qualifications in this field be appointed to work out the details of this activity and submit same to the General Conference of 1960.

BOOK OF MORMON

The chair brought to the attention of the Conference the Report of the Committee on Book of Mormon Revision as found on pages 78 to 80 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. President Smith recognized Elder Evan A. Fry, Chairman of the Committee on the Book of Mormon Revision, who presented the following:

I call the attention of the Conference to the Report of the Committee on Book of Mormon Revision, which appears on pages 78 to 80 in the *General Conference Bulletin*, and move the adoption of the specific recommendation contained in Roman Numeral Paragraph IV, beginning at the top of column three, page 78, which reads as follows: "In addition, we recommend that the Conference authorize the appointment of a Committee to prepare manuscript for a Readers' Version of the Book of Mormon."

The motion to approve was seconded by Sister Elva Oakman.

The following substitute was moved by Brethren Roy Weldon and Francis Shrunk:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

I move that the Presidency provide for continued committee consideration of Book of Mormon literary problems and that this committee give primary consideration to the advisability of an authorized proof edition with marginal or footnote explanations of Egyptianisms, Hebraisms, archaisms, and other literary irregularities, and that this committee give consideration to the advisability of other alternatives such as a short Book of Mormon or a Story of the Book of Mormon. This committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Conference of 1960.

Brethren Howard Downs and Kenneth Graham moved the previous question.

Brother Robert Carr rose to a point of order, asking for a ruling as to whether or not the previous question deals only with the substitute. President Smith ruled that the previous question dealt with the substitute as well as the original motion. The vote was cast in the affirmative on the motion for the previous question.

Elder Richard Lancaster rose to a point of order, and appealed from the decision of the chair. The appeal was seconded by Elder Blair Wildermuth. Elder Lucien Amos rose to a question of privilege, asking for the rule to be read to the body which would govern this situation. The chair read this ruling, and stated, "Do you sustain the ruling of the chair." The body voted in the affirmative.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion. President Smith declared the vote to be a tie, and called for another vote and the substitute lost. The original motion was then approved by the Conference.

Elders Evan A. Fry and Donald D. Landon moved that recommendations 1 through 8 under Section IV of the Report of the Committee on Book of Mormon Revision, as found on page 78 of the *General Conference Bulletin* be adopted. Action was deferred until a later session because of the lateness of the hour.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., to meet again at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 10. The closing hymn was "With a Steadfast Faith," and the benediction was pronounced by Elder Charles V. Graham.

FRED L. YOUNG
ROY STEARNS
Secretaries

Proposed Resolutions Presented by the Presidency

Help to Local Budgets

To the General Conference of 1958

At the Conference of 1956 the Southern New England District made recommendations concerning the allocation of funds to districts and stakes from the tithing resources of the church. The Order of Bishops gave consideration to this and submitted recommendations which can be found on page 107 of the *Conference Daily* for that year. The recommendations of the Order were approved, and from them we quote:

Resolved, That the Order of Bishops recommends to the First Presidency and the General Conference that this matter be referred to the Board of Appropriations, pending receipt of recommendations from the committee appointed; and that the Board of Appropriations bring back to the next General Conference specific recommendations relative to this problem of allocation of funds to stakes and districts; and

WHEREAS, A resolution has been presented for consideration of the General Conference regarding allocation of funds to districts, be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be a substitute in lieu of the resolution coming from the Southern New England District printed on page 72.

We now have pleasure in presenting a series of recommendations adopted by the Board of Appropriations which consists of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Order of Bishops. These are transmitted to your honorable body for adoption if you so desire:

Resolved:

1. That costs arising directly from gathering, processing, and accounting for General Church funds and tithing statements should be borne by General Church funds. Local offerings should provide for all normal administrative expenses of branches, districts, and stakes.
2. That a sufficient amount be set in the budget for gathering and handling of General Church funds and tithing statements. This budget will then include and replace the present "Bishops and Agents Field Expense Account" and will provide funds for direct costs incurred by solicitors, agents, and bishops, and also reimburse stake treasuries for costs incurred in soliciting and handling General Church funds and processing tithing statements. The Presiding Bishop's office will be responsible for recommending this budgetary item to the Board of Appropriations for final recommendation to the Conference.
3. That General Church administrative officers may at any time exercise their rightful prerogatives to define and develop projects in branches, stakes, or districts. General funds for these projects should be made available as project appropriations, and such projects should include by definition some statement of purpose, scope, and termination so that these appropriations will not be regarded as a part of branch, stake, or district budgets.

4. That this policy be put into effect as of January 1, 1960.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Order of Bishops recommend the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Graceland College, in a letter to the Presiding Bishopric, dated September 29, 1958, called attention to the needs of Graceland for two buildings, viz:

Food Service Building at an estimated cost of	\$400,000.00
Women's Dormitory Building at an estimated cost of	225,000.00
or a total of estimated cost of	\$625,000.00

and

WHEREAS, A suggested source of finances to meet these needs is as follows:

Use of Endowment Funds	\$233,300.00
1956 General Conference appropriations	100,000.00
Request for 1958 General Conference appropriation	100,000.00
Use of 1958-1959 College Day Offerings, estimated	42,000.00
Issuance of debenture bonds for sale to church members	150,000.00
	\$625,300.00

and

WHEREAS, There is obvious need for these buildings, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations has recommended to the General Conference that the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to dispose of such lands as may be considered not vitally essential to the program of the Gathering to provide funds needed in addition to those now available in the Stewardship Endowment Fund, it being estimated that approximately \$100,000.00 could be available from this fund, thus paying off the Endowment Fund Bonds, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations has recommended to the 1958 General Conference the appropriation of \$100,000.00 as requested by Graceland College, and

WHEREAS, It is the consensus of this Order that \$150,000.00 of debenture bonds could be sold to members of our church without adversely affecting our financial program, therefore be it

Resolved, That we approve the issuance by Graceland Foundation of \$150,000.00 of such bonds to be amortized over a period of 12½ years, with interest at 3½ per cent, guaranteed as to principal and interest by the college, and with funds provided by Graceland College in the amount of \$15,000.00 per annum to meet principal and interest payments. Further

That we concur in the use of the 1958-1959 College Day Offerings in the approximate sum of \$42,000.00.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Meeting of Boanerges

The Society of the Boanerges will meet in Room 202, Stone Church Education Building, at 9:15 p.m., Friday, October 10. All members of the public relations organization are urged to attend.

Report from Committee for Research on Missions Abroad

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The Committee for Research on Missions Abroad has been ably assisted by Elder Donald D. Landon in the gathering of helpful data for the use of the Council of Twelve and the Joint Council in developing our world evangelism program. Brother Landon's data has been selected from sources relating to nations, groups, and people around the world. Included is information about our own existing missions, policies and procedures of evangelical denominations in missions everywhere, and economic, political, and cultural data about areas which will be of concern to us in the further expansion of our world evangelism ministry.

The committee is pleased with the work of Brother and Sister Kisuke Sekine in Japan. They have been employed by the church to prepare literature for publication in Japan. They have translated these tracts:

Joseph Smith Tells His Own Story
Hear Our Story
Faith in God
Repentance
Baptism in Water
Baptism of the Holy Spirit
Laying On of Hands
Immortality and the Resurrection
The Eternal Judgment
What Is Christ's Church?

Two of these, "Hear Our Story" and "What Is Christ's Church?" have been printed, and supplies are available in Japan, Hawaii, and in the office of the Council of Twelve. Others are being printed as they are edited and corrected.

In addition to their work on translations, Brother and Sister Sekine are holding regular meetings with twenty to twenty-five children and a number of adults. One of their friends, Yoshiyasu Yoshida, is at Graceland this year, his first contact with Christianity being through our group activities in Japan.

The Joint Council has acted to continue the employment of Brother Kisuke Sekine as during the past Conference period.

It is the intention of the Joint Council to continue its research studies, and to make decisions from time to time which will increasingly meet the challenges of our world-wide evangelistic responsibility. Many factors are involved, and action must be bold and vigorous, but well conceived and wisely planned. Our

needs include more financial resources, linguists, a growing body of trained ministerial personnel, and the faithful devotion of the Saints which makes these resources available.

D. B. JENSEN
M. L. DRAPER
D. O. CHESWORTH
F. HENRY EDWARDS
G. L. DELAPP

Registration

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

The registration through 12:00 noon Thursday, October 9, was 8,371 divided as follows:

Delegates	476
Del. Ex officii	574
Ex officii	981
Visitors	6,340
Total	8,371

This report has been adjusted and corrected through a recount of all registrations.

The registration booth is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Registration Committee

C. V. GRAHAM
H. C. LIVELY
E. A. THEYS
J. E. BALDWIN

Special Ministries Program

"The Kingdom in the World" was the significant title of the program held in the Conference Chamber, Thursday evening. Sponsored by the special ministry committees and the professional associations of the church, it told the story of the services these committees and associations were giving to members of the church.

The story of ministry to armed forces personnel was narrated by Apostle Charles D. Neff, recently chairman of this committee. A tableau dramatized the beginnings of this ministry through a need felt by Lt. Col. Millard Caldwell, then in Korea and Japan.

Dr. Lawrence Brockway, chairman of the Committee on Ministry to College People, then presented the story of the

growth of this committee's activities and pointed out the great need for ministry still ahead in this area.

Under a theme, "The Power of Initiative," the story of the outreach of individuals into countries abroad was told. Participating in this presentation were people who had been instrumental in taking the message of the gospel with their profession into such countries as Korea, South and Central America, and Iran. A tableau with William Whenham and Captain Lee Hai Joon of Korea, and a playing of the recorded voice of Dr. John Blumenschein in Honduras were features of this portion of the program.

The expression of group initiative in outreach to the world brought the story of the professional associations.

The finale of the program was the singing of the familiar hymn of inspiration, "Admonition," by Elder Garland E. Tickemyer.

Religious Education Materials on Display

General Conference visitors who go to register in the lower auditorium will note the impressive display along the south wall of the lounge area. The world spread out before them brings their attention to the expanding outreach of the church. The array of religious education materials illustrates tools with which they can go out to minister in that world of need.

This booth was originated and developed as a work of love, consecration, and skill by J. Robert Farley. Brother Farley is a recent graduate of the Arts Center School in Los Angeles, where he studied in the field of industrial designing. He majored in projects designing.

When visitors express their appreciation to Bob for the tremendous amount of time and skill which he has so generously given to this work, he smiles and says, "I have not lost anything by doing this for the Master."

High Lights of Thursday Business Session

Fred Young was appointed new General Church Secretary. Roy Stearns became his assistant.

Several resolutions were introduced ahead of the deadline determined earlier in the week. They will be brought up

for further consideration at a later date.

Approval was given to the preparation of a Book of Mormon "readers' edition." (See General Conference *Bulletin*, October 7, pages 78-80 for committee recommendation which was approved.)

Next business session was set for 10 a.m., Friday morning.

TV Interest in Conference

Three Kansas City television stations have expressed interest in giving special news coverage to the General Conference, according to Arthur Rock, director of the Audio-Visual Department.

Specially prepared packets of pictures and texts have been supplied to stations KMBC, KCMO, and WDAF in Kansas City. The packets were delivered to the stations by Merle Harmon, TV liaison man.

Each packet contained about fifteen black and white photographs of different phases of the General Conference. It is hoped that the pictures and descriptive texts will be used by the stations sometime this week.

If the TV stations use the material supplied by the Audio-Visual Department and the Television Committee, it will be used in the form of special news programs.

Brother Rock said this Conference is receiving the best photographic coverage of any General Conference. There are six photographers working this week for the department. They are photographing the Conference in black and white, color, and with sound motion pictures.

Reception for Women

Over one thousand women attended the reception held Monday afternoon at the Stone Church Education Building. It was sponsored by the General Council of Women.

Receiving lines, composed of members of the General Council of Women and wives of members of leading councils of the church, welcomed the guests.

Assisting hostesses were women representing the various Center Stake congregations and organizations.

Bulletin

Independence, Missouri

October 11, 1958

Memorial Tribute to Israel A. Smith

October 10, 1958

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial tribute to our late, beloved President of the church, Israel Alexander Smith, have for your consideration and action the following statement:

"We express deep gratitude for the life and ministry of Israel Alexander Smith, who through all the long years walked 'the shadowed vales between' humbly, quietly, and fearlessly 'with the Nazarene.' He entered this old, old path early in life and held membership in the church for seventy-two years. He was Assistant Editor of the *Saints' Herald* from 1908 to 1913, and served one term in the Iowa Legislature from 1911 to 1913. In 1912 he was admitted to the Iowa Bar, and in 1930 to the Missouri Bar. Since January, 1929, until his death, he was a member of the Independence and Missouri Bar Associations.

"He was ordained a high priest in 1915, and in 1920 occupied in the office of a Bishop and Second Counselor to the General Church Bishop until 1925. He served as a member of the Standing High Council of the church for twenty years. He was secretary of the church from 1930 to 1945. In October of 1938, he was associated with his brother Frederick Madison Smith as counselor, and his ordination as a member of the Presidency came by authorization of the 1940 Conference. In 1942 he was elected President of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers' Association, serving with this body for several years, and in 1943 was appointed a member of the Missouri Constitutional Convention and was made chairman of its Committee of Public Health, Welfare, and Federal Relations Committee.

"Upon the death of his brother, he became President of the High Priesthood and the Church in 1946, bringing with him all his rich gifts which these years of experience had matured in him, and he served in this high calling until his death on June 14, 1958. These are

but the statistical facts in the life of one who served his church and his generation well.

"Brother Israel, as he was affectionately called, was essentially one of those humble men, 'full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, with an eye single to the glory of God.' As prophet, seer, and revelator, he carefully devoted all his faculties to the task of bringing to the church language as nearly perfect as he could make it to serve as a fit vehicle for such divine insights as he was granted in his twelve years under this calling. His legal training made him supremely aware of the value of rightly placed words. We express gratitude to God for the revelations given to us in the Doctrine and Covenants bearing his signature as a servant of the church.

"Not only was he concerned about administrative changes in the leading quorums and councils of the church, but his wise, prophetic counsel reminded us that the foundations of the Lord standeth sure and gave encouragement directed at bringing the cause of Zion ever nearer.

"In the Councils, Brother Israel spread a spirit of unity among the men, and this extended through the whole church. We humbly acknowledge our gratitude to the divine Father for this expression of his power through his servant to his people.

"He was an intensively active man and his personal presence and influence reached to the farthestmost places of the globe to which the word of God has gone, from the Isles of the Pacific eastward to the iron curtain, from the Land of the Southern Cross to the Land of the Midnight Sun. Men and women in isles and continents rejoiced and were made glad in his personal presence and under his kindly ministrations. His clean life was reflected in his tall, upright figure and splendid posture right down to the end of his days. As a presiding officer at the General Conferences, his sense of fair play enabled the humblest and lowliest of the delegates and ex officio to feel free and be encouraged to express themselves, for Israel Alexander Smith loved, passionately, the right of free speech; and even though he did not always agree with what was expressed, he defended to the utmost the right of the dissonant voice to be heard.

"Children and youth loved him; those who were middle aged and older in years both loved and respected him, sought

his wisdom, cherished his counsel, and valued his friendship.

"Long experience in various offices gave him a deep appreciation of areas of responsibility attached thereto. He was well aware of the functional rights and duties of the various officers and quorums of the church. This enabled him to be considerate and wise in all his dealings with all in these offices and quorums. There was no man too small in his estimation. He was incapable of meanness. He ministered to all. The lowly were uplifted by his kindness. The haughty were humbled by his wisdom. He was God's man. We mourn his loss. We revere his memory. He was without guile. His name will endure and his memory long be cherished."

Respectfully submitted,
Your Committee

Arthur A. Oakman
G. Leslie DeLapp
Ward A. Hougas
Z. Z. Renfroe

High Lights of Friday's Business Session

Supplementary recommendations in procedure for preparing the "readers' edition" of the Book of Mormon were approved.

Tribute to the late President Israel A. Smith was presented by a committee and was approved by the delegates.

The financial report of the Presiding Bishopric was presented and approved.

The Board of Appropriations recommendations for the budgets of 1958 and 1959 were approved.

The death of Bishop J. A. Koehler was memorialized in a letter of tribute to be sent to his widow.

The superannuation of John Blackmore, former historian; John R. Grice, missionary and Evangelist; Charles May, missionary and Evangelist; M. A. McConley, Apostle and Evangelist; and Arthur E. Stoft, Evangelist, was approved. President and Mrs. W. Wallace Smith presented the men and their companions with superannuation pins and corsages.

Approval was given for the selling of certain lands and a bond issue to supplement appropriations to build a new food service building and women's dormitory at Graceland College.

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Friday, October 10, 1958

The General Conference convened in business session at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 10, 1958. President W. Wallace Smith presided, assisted by Presidents F. Henry Edwards and Maurice L. Draper.

The opening hymn was "When Holy Ghost Shall Come in Power," and the invocation was by Elder Emery E. Jennings. Elder Franklyn S. Weddle directed the singing, and Mrs. Beatrice Mengel was at the organ.

The minutes of the October 9 business session were read and approved with the following corrections:

Delete "The following resolutions were presented" on page 93, column 2 of the *General Conference Bulletin*.

Substitute the name of "Robert Matthews" for "Robert Carr" in column 3, page 94.

GREETING

A greeting from Stockport, England, was read:

STOCKPORT, ENGLAND

To the First Presidency, Officers, and Members in Conference Assembly

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wish we were also.

THE BARRINGTONS

CONDOLENCE

The chair read a message of condolence:

October 10, 1958

*Your Eminence Benedetto Aloisi Masella
Vatican City, Italy*

Your Eminence:

The world has suffered the loss of a great leader in the death of Pope Pius XII.

We extend our condolences to your order and to the millions who mourn the loss of your leader.

Respectfully,

THE REORGANIZED CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY
SAINTS

W. Wallace Smith, President

OFFICERS OF THE TWELVE

President Smith read a letter from the First Presidency. Elders E. J. Gleazer and Arthur A. Oakman moved the approval of the recommendation:

To the General Conference

We have received official notification from the Council of Twelve that Apostle Charles R. Hield has been selected as President of that Quorum. In harmony with our usual custom we recommend that the Conference approve this selection and provide for the ordination of Brother Hield.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Apostle Charles R. Hield was afforded an opportunity to make a statement of acceptance. The chair reported that Apostle Arthur A. Oakman had been selected as Secretary of the Council of Twelve. The motion to approve the selection carried.

TIME LIMIT ON SPEECHES

A motion to limit the length of speeches was moved by Elder Carroll L. Olson and Sister Lucinda Madden, which motion carried:

Resolved, That in view of the volume of business still to be transacted at this Conference and the shortness of time available, a time limit of five minutes be placed on all speeches on legislative matters, provided that at the end of five minutes a speaker may be allowed an additional five minutes upon a majority vote of the Conference, and provided further that with respect to published reports the department heads and General Church officials concerned shall be permitted as much time for the discussion of same as shall be allowed by the chair.

BOOK OF MORMON

Attention was called to the motion made at the previous business session recommending adoption of the eight paragraphs found in Section IV, page 78 of the *General Conference Bulletin*, on the Book of Mormon revision. President Smith stated:

I would like to add to what Brother Fry has said, that it is our feeling in the Presidency that we would welcome any suggestions after this committee has been appointed which any of you might wish to make, and when the personnel of the committee is announced, those can be channeled directly to the committee. We also are suggesting here publicly that members of this committee, whoever they may be (and at this moment we have no names in mind specifically for assignment to this task), give serious consideration to the essence of the substitute motion which was offered and which lost by such a small margin yesterday afternoon. I think the committee would be agreeable to this because it contained a good deal which is of a constructive nature and which would help, I am sure, in the consideration.

These provisions are rather clear. It appears to us that it is a big task. We will approach it seriously and prayerfully.

Paragraph 5 of the recommendation was amended by adding the following upon the motion of Elders James Wardle and Houston Hobart:

And that these marginal references include notation to all changes or corrections of meaning from the manuscript having any material consequence.

After considerable discussion, the previous question was moved by Brethren William Dale Wismer and Edward Closson, and carried. The vote was taken on the original motion as amended, and was approved.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Apostle Arthur A. Oakman, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions concerning the passing of the late Israel Alexander Smith, presented the following:

(This is the Memorial found on page 97.)

Elders E. Elwood Smith and D. T. Williams moved the approval of the resolution, which approval was given by a standing vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The chair called attention to the Report of the Presiding Bishopric as found on pages 8 through 11 and 11 through 27, and the Auditor's Report of Examination on pages 28 through 30 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. The motion to approve was by Bishop James Burdick and Elder Charles Brockway. The following corrections in the report were noted:

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference*

Attention is drawn to the statement of Administrative Expense in the *General Conference Bulletin*, page 19, where typographical errors occurred under Stakes and Districts for Total Net Expense covering Kansas City Stake, Far West Stake, and Central Missouri Stake.

These were shown as follows:

Kansas City Stake Total Net Expense	\$4,362.85
Far West Stake Total Net Expense	6,770.00
Central Missouri Stake Total Net Expense	5,569.24

The items should have read

Kansas City Stake Total Net Expense	\$6,770.00
Far West Stake Total Net Expense	5,569.24
Central Missouri Stake Total Net Expense	4,362.85

This statement of Administrative Expense should be amended accordingly.

Also on page 17, upper right hand column an extra zero is placed in the Scandinavian Mission appropriation figure of \$50,000.00.

On page 27, "Michigan, South Bend," should be corrected to read "Michigan, South Central."

G. L. DeLapp
Presiding Bishop

Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp took the tribune and discussed this matter. The vote was then taken and the reports were unanimously approved.

The Conference recessed at noon, after the singing of "Onward to Zion" and the benediction by Elder F. O. Davies, to meet again at 2:00 p.m.

The General Conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with President W. Wallace Smith in the chair. Sister Lois Spence

was at the organ. The hymn "Awake, My Soul" was sung, and the invocation was offered by Elder Harry J. Simons.

CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was presented, and on the motion of Elders Roy A. Cheville and Lewis Landsberg the Conference concurred in the action taken by the Order of Bishops:

October 9, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Koehler and Family
Independence, Missouri

Dear Sister Koehler and Family:

At a meeting of the Order of Bishops immediately following the death of Brother Koehler, the Order of Bishops unanimously moved and adopted the following resolution, requesting that we advise you of this action:

"It is with sorrow and regret that we, of the Order of Bishops, have received the word of the passing of our brother and co-worker Bishop J. A. Koehler.

"In our contemplation of this event there comes to mind his many years of faithful service for Christ and his long and notable ministry as a bishop in the church. We shall remember him for his untiring study and research to clarify and implement the temporal aspects of the Gospel. The desire to quicken the spirit of intellectual inquiry and to make clear the social goals of Zion was the motivating purpose of his life.

"In recalling these years of service, we are made aware of your constant assistance and ministry of the home which contributed to these worthy achievements. Our sympathy is extended to you at this time of bereavement. It is our hope that the memory of his good works and the continuing benefits to the church may be a source of consolation to you."

Sincerely yours,

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS

By G. L. DeLapp

SUPERANNUATIONS

President W. Wallace Smith read the following communication regarding superannuation:

To the General Conference of 1958

By action of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we have been authorized to ask your approval of the superannuation of Elder John Blackmore.

Brother Blackmore was baptized in Australia in 1908. He was ordained a deacon fifty years ago this year, and a priest five years later. He was called to the eldership in 1918 during which year he accepted General Church appointment in his native land. Brother Blackmore came to the United States in 1921 and has filled many important pastoral assignments. A member of the high priesthood since 1928, he was also Church Historian from 1950 until this present year.

We recommend that the motion according Brother Blackmore the honor of superannuation shall be adopted by a standing vote and that this shall be recognized to include acknowledgment of the splendid services given by Sister Blackmore down the years.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By W. Wallace Smith

The chair requested Brother and Sister Blackmore to come to the rostrum. Elders Blair Wildermuth and J. F. Curtis moved approval, which carried by a standing vote.

Another communication regarding superannuation was presented:

To the General Conference of 1958

In harmony with action of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that Elder John R. Grice be granted the honor of superannuation.

Brother Grice has been a member of the church since 1907. He was ordained a priest in 1909. After accepting General Church appointment in 1913, he was ordained to the office of Seventy and labored in this office from 1915 until his ordination to the Order of Evangelists in 1946. During all these years Brother Grice has served the church faithfully, fulfilling many responsible assignments in the United States and Canada. His distinguished ministry still continues.

We ask that the approval of this recommendation shall be affirmed by a rising vote of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By W. Wallace Smith

Brother Grice was invited to the rostrum, after which a motion was made by Elders John Whipple and David E. Dowker to accept the recommendation, and a standing vote of approval was given.

The following communication was read:

To the General Conference of 1958

On behalf of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend the superannuation of Elder J. Charles May.

Prior to accepting General Church appointment in 1909, Brother May had already served the church as a priest and an elder. He was ordained a Seventy in 1913 and served in this office until his call to the High Priesthood and Evangelical Order in 1951. His ministry has taken him to many fields in the United States and to the Society Islands. He has always represented the church with faith and devotion. Sister May has given him excellent support in his work.

We recommend that the motion according the honor of superannuation to Brother May be adopted by a standing vote.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By W. Wallace Smith

The chair invited Brother and Sister May to the rostrum. A standing vote of approval was given after a motion to accept the recommendation was made by Elders Cecil V. Robbins and John G. Wight.

President Smith read an additional communication regarding superannuation:

To the General Conference of 1958

The Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric has

authorized us to recommend the superannuation of Elder Myron A. McConley.

Brother McConley has been known throughout the church because of his devoted missionary service. This dates back more than fifty years to the time of his ordination as a priest in 1907. He was called to the Melchisedec priesthood in 1910 and became an appointee of the General Church in 1911. He also served as a Seventy (1914-1920), an Apostle (1920-1948) and an Evangelist. He was called to this latter office in the revelation of 1948.

Brother McConley's ministry will be remembered, chiefly, in connection with his devoted service in Hawaii, but he has also labored with distinction as Minister in Charge of Australasia and of the European Mission as well as in various fields in the United States and Canada.

We ask that the rising vote granting to Brother McConley the honor of superannuation shall include our thanks for the splendid services of Sister McConley.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By W. Wallace Smith

After Brother and Sister McConley accepted the invitation to come to the rostrum, Brethren Richard K. Wood and Cecil Talcott moved approval, which carried by a standing vote.

The following recommendation from the First Presidency was presented:

To the General Conference of 1958

On behalf of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve and Presiding Bishopric, we wish to recommend the superannuation of Elder Arthur E. Stoft.

Brother Stoft has been a member of the church since 1897. He served as a priest and an elder prior to accepting General Church appointment in 1919. Since that time he has held many important pastoral responsibilities and has discharged his obligations with deep concern for those committed to his charge. Brother Stoft has served as a High Priest since 1922, and as an Evangelist since 1950. At every step of the way his ministry has been supported by his devoted companion.

We recommend that the honor of superannuation be granted Brother Stoft by a rising vote of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By W. Wallace Smith

President Smith stated that Brother and Sister Stoft were not present at the Conference. The motion to approve was made by Brethren Ray Frisbie and Adolphus E. Edwards, and was unanimously approved by a standing vote.

President W. Wallace Smith stated that the superannuation pin had been redesigned. As he presented each of the brethren with a new superannuation pin, Sister W. Wallace Smith presented each of their companions with a corsage. Greetings were extended to the brethren and their companions, and as they resumed their places in the Chamber, President Smith asked the Conference to stand in their honor.

RECOGNITION

The chair recognized former General Church Secretary Elder O. W. Newton in the delegation, and he was invited to the rostrum to be seated with the Secretaries.

MISSIONS ABROAD RESEARCH

Attention was called to the Report from the Committee for Research on Missions Abroad found in the *General Conference Bulletin*, on page 95, which was read by General Church Secretary Fred L. Young. President Smith stated this would be received and made a part of the minutes, and called up for later consideration.

APPROPRIATIONS

Attention was directed to the Report of the Board of Appropriations on page 88 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. At this juncture President Smith relinquished the chair to President F. Henry Edwards, who called for a motion

to approve the recommended appropriations for 1958 and 1959. Elders Rigby H. Leighton and J. C. Stuart moved approval. Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp discussed the recommended appropriations. Each item was considered separately, and the appropriations as listed were approved. During the discussion, it was noted that the first category under Missions Abroad should read "Australian" instead of "Australasian," and that the heading for this section should read "MISSIONS ABROAD."

Elders Glen H. Johnson and Stephen Robinson moved approval of the Special Appropriations as found on page 88 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. Bishop DeLapp discussed each of the items listed under this heading. The Special Appropriations as listed were approved.

FUNDS FOR GRACELAND

President Edwards read the proposed resolution from the Board of Appropriations concerning the Graceland College

Endowment Fund, as found on page 92 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. The recommendation was approved upon the motion by Elders E. Elwood Smith and Willard Becker. Before the vote was taken, Bishop DeLapp discussed and answered questions concerning this recommendation and the one which follows.

The chair called up for consideration the document on page 95 of the *General Conference Bulletin*, relating to the sale of debenture bonds by Graceland College. Elders Chester Richards and Ben Simmons moved to approve the recommendations contained in the resolution. The motion to approve carried.

The hymn "Blest Be Thou, O God of Israel" was sung, the benediction was offered by Seventy Z. Z. Renfro, and the Conference adjourned at 4:00 p.m., to meet again at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 11.

FRED L. YOUNG
ROY STEARNS
Secretaries

The final (Sunday) issue of the "General Conference Bulletin" is being mailed to the home of each person who addressed an envelope at time of registration.

Bulletin

Independence, Missouri October 12, 1958

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Saturday, October 11, 1958

With President W. Wallace Smith in the chair, the General Conference assembled in business session at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 11, 1958. Elder Franklyn S. Weddle led the singing of the hymn, "Church of Christ, in Latter Days," with Mrs. LaVern Taylor at the organ. Elder Garland E. Tickemyer offered the invocation.

The minutes of the October 10 sessions were read and approved with the following changes:

Delete the following at the top of column 2, page 98: "The motion to approve the selection carried." Insert in place of this sentence the following: "Apostle Oakman was given an opportunity to speak. The motion to approve the recommendation of the selection of the President of the Council of Twelve was then taken, and carried."

At the top of column 2, page 99, add by inserting after "Elders Blair Wildermuth and J. F. Curtis moved approval," the following: "of the recommendation for superannuation."

In the last column of page 100, change "Graceland College" to read "Graceland Foundation."

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The following recommendation concerning the Board of Publication was approved upon the motion by Brethren Roy A. Cheville and Marshall McGuire:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference

We recommend the continuation of the present personnel of the Board of Publication, which is:

Walter N. Johnson
Harry G. Barto
David S. White
Howard P. Andersen
Arthur B. Taylor
Shankland S. Arnsen
Montague L. Parker

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
G. L. DeLapp

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUND

The following action by the Board of Appropriations was read to the Conference:

To the General Conference

The following action of the Board of Appropriations of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Order of Bishops concerning the Graceland College World Fellowship Fund is herewith transmitted to you:

"Resolved, That the World Fellowship Fund of Graceland College be made a General Church fund with contributions going to the college, the fund being administered by the college and the beneficiaries determined by the college with the approval of the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric."

We will appreciate your support of this proposal.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

The motion to adopt the recommendation was made by Elders Charles Brockway and Perry Hiles. This motion carried.

EXPENSE REPORTS

Attention was called to the proposed resolution concerning the publication of appointees and family expenses, as found on page 73 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. The motion to adopt this resolution was made by Elders LaMont Mair and Joseph Yager. Elders John Blackstock and Jack Curtis moved to amend by adding to the fifth paragraph of the proposed resolution, after "Presiding Bishopric," the words "and all appointees." An amendment to the amendment was moved by Brethren Jack Swall and Glenn Bishop to add to the above "Also available to members on request." The vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment which lost, as did the amendment. The original motion to adopt this resolution carried.

BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS

President Smith referred to the document on page 73 relating to special meetings of the Board of Appropriations. The recommendation was approved upon a motion by Brethren LaMont Mair and Robert Brigham.

G.C.R. 905

Consideration was given to the recommendation on page 73 of the *General Conference Bulletin* that General Conference Resolution 905 be rescinded. Elders Lewis Landsberg and Trevor Norton moved the adoption of this recommendation. Bishop Walter N. Johnson discussed the proposal, after which the vote was taken and the recommendation was adopted.

HELP TO LOCAL BUDGETS

Reference was made to the proposed resolution on help to local budgets as found on page 95. The motion to approve was by Elders Kenneth Byrn and Joseph Baldwin. Bishop Johnson reported on the study made by the committee on this matter. The motion to approve carried.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

The recommended resolution on the use of funds by the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, found on page 92 of the *General Conference Bulletin*, was presented. Sr. Lucinda Madden and Elder Howard Sheehy moved the approval of this recommendation, after which Bishop H. L. Livingston discussed the matter. The vote was then taken and the motion approved.

NAME OF THE CHURCH

President Smith called attention to the recommendation concerning the abbreviating of the name of the church as found on page 84. The motion to approve was by Elders Lester Tacy and John Darling. President F. Henry Edwards discussed this resolution. A substitute motion was moved by Elders Norman Bernauer and Franklyn S. Weddle:

WHEREAS, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints needs a short name for press usage, and

WHEREAS, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has always attempted to differentiate our position from that of both Roman Catholic and Protestant, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Conference authorize and direct the usage of the name "Restorationists" but only when a short form is needed.

After considerable discussion, an amendment to the substitute was moved by Elders C. L. Olson and Al M. Pelletier, as follows:

Resolved, That the General Conference does hereby authorize the use of "The Restored Church of Jesus Christ" as an alternative name of the church, it being understood that such alternative name shall be considered for all legal purposes as the equivalent of the "Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints."

Elders Howard Downs and James S. Menzies moved the previous question. Elder Norman Bernauer rose to a question of privilege, stating that the substitute motion did not mention any change in the official name of the church. Elders F. Henry Edwards and Rigby Leighton moved to lay the matter on the table. President Edwards was granted the privilege of speaking on this matter. The vote was then called for on the motion to lay the matter on the table which motion carried.

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Consideration was given to the document on alternate delegates, found on page 73 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. Motion to adopt this resolution

was made by Elders Sylvester R. Coleman and LaMont Mair. The following corrections were noted in the fourth paragraph of the document: Change the word "appoint" in the second line to "elect"; change the word "of" in the sixth line to "if." President Draper stated that a part of the recommended addition to the first paragraph of Section 26 has been left off and the addition to the paragraph should read as follows:

"This certified list of delegates should indicate the delegate receiving smallest number of votes in the election of delegates. In the event that one more than is allowed has been elected, the one so designated becomes the first alternate."

Elders Wayne Updike and Cecil V. Robins moved that we table the matter, and on taking the vote this motion to table the matter was defeated. Brethren Norman Bernauer and Samuel A. Martin moved that the First Presidency be empowered to refer this matter to a committee for further study. Brethren Victor Humphrey and Wayne Hough moved the previous question, which motion carried. The vote was taken on the motion of referral, which motion lost. The vote was then taken on the original motion to approve the document, and this motion carried. The document as approved by the Conference reads:

Section 23 of the Rules of Representation ("Rules of Order," page 16), add the following:

"Conference and business meetings are also authorized to elect two alternate delegates, and, if they have more than ten delegates an additional alternate for every ten additional delegates, said alternates to have full delegate rights if and when they shall be seated with their delegation on recommendation of the Credentials Committee (see Section 26)."

Section 26, at the end of the first paragraph add:

"This certified list of delegates shall indicate the delegate receiving the smallest number of votes in the election of delegates. In the event that one more than is allowed has been elected, the one so designated becomes the first alternate."

Immediately after this paragraph add:

"The alternate delegates certified to the Credentials Committee shall be listed in the order of the votes cast for them at their election, and shall be seated by the Committee in place of regular delegates who cannot attend, in the order of such listing; it being understood that the action of the Credentials Committee in this regard shall be based on a written statement signed by the administrative officer and secretary of the conference or business meeting concerned, indicating which properly selected delegates cannot be present. This statement must be in the hands of the Credentials Committee not less than ten days prior to the opening of General Conference."

From the second paragraph of this section delete the words following "entitled," so that the paragraph will read:

"The Credentials Committee shall certify delegates to the General Conference, up to the number to which the stake, district, mission, or branch is entitled."

Delete section 28.

It will be noted that if the foregoing is adopted, this will rescind General Conference Resolution 821.

AUDITORIUM COMPLETION

The following letters were read regarding the resolution adopted by the Order of Bishops:

To the General Conference

We are transmitting herewith preambles and resolution adopted at the meeting of the Order of Bishops, October 9, 1958.

This action has our approval and that of the Council of Twelve, and we recommend adoption by the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The Order of Bishops in session at this Conference has given careful consideration and study to the need for further work toward completion of this Auditorium building. In its deliberations, the Order has considered the present economic situation, the business trends of the future, the present financial status of the church, and the past record of performance of the church members in supporting the efforts which have been put forth to bring this building to its present state of completion.

The church members are to be commended for the generous contributions made. Such contributions in the period of 1952 to 1957 inclusive amounted to \$1,282,378.83, a yearly average of \$213,729.80. Appropriations were made by the General Conferences in this period totaling \$550,000.00. Contributions and appropriations for this period totaled \$1,832,378.83, the yearly average for both amounting to \$305,396.46. The amount contributed in 1958 up to the end of August in the sum of \$262,086.65 (including Christmas Offering) also reflects the same consistent generosity on the part of our church members and their desire to get this project completed. Present appraised value is approximately \$6,000,000.00.

The consensus of this Order is that it would be highly advisable to continue the program which has been in effect in recent years in raising funds and moving toward the completion of the building. In its session of October 9, 1958, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Conference Chamber has been completed, and the organ contract has already been signed and the work of building the organ is in process and funds set aside with which to meet this cost, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the First Presidency and General Conference that the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to continue its program of raising funds for the completion of this Auditorium, and that this program be further implemented to make possible the accomplishment of the following:

1. The completion of the lower auditorium, the front wings, the south portico of the building, and the south elevator before the General Conference of 1960.

2. That the ramps and any other additional work necessary be completed if possible before the General Conference of 1962.
3. Further, that we request delegates and ex officio members and visitors of this 1958 General Conference to give their earnest, untiring, and generous support and help upon their return home to their respective stakes, districts, branches, and missions to take the lead in encouraging all church members to contribute funds to complete this important project.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
By G. L. DeLapp

The motion to approve this resolution was made by Brethren Earl Moore and Edward Closson. Bishop G. L. DeLapp discussed this matter and answered questions from the delegates. Brethren Joseph Albus and Robert Gould moved the following substitute: "That we defer further improvements for a period of three years, and instead, such moneys as are subsequently intended should be turned in to the Houses of Worship Fund which will bring about a greater return in the purpose of our evangelistic program." Elders Thomas Gough and Howard Sheehy moved the previous question, which motion carried. The vote was taken on the substitute, which motion lost. The motion to approve this resolution, as presented, carried.

The Conference recessed at noon, to meet again at 2:00 p.m., after the benediction was pronounced by Apostle Charles D. Neff.

The General Conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with President W. Wallace Smith in the chair. Brother Fred Weddle directed the singing of the hymn, "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing," with Brother Frank K. Hunter at the organ. Elder John W. Blackstock offered the invocation.

RECOGNITION

The chair recognized and welcomed Brother Elbert A. Smith who had been invited to the rostrum and was afforded an opportunity to speak to the Conference. Brother Smith bore his testimony to the divinity of this work, and offered a prayer of blessing on the Conference. The assembly stood in his honor.

President Smith stated that unless there was objection, the chair would name committees to draw up suitable resolutions honoring the following brethren: For Brother Elbert A. Smith, the committee named was Elders Maurice L. Draper, Charles R. Hield, Garland E. Tickemyer, Z. Z. Renfroe, and G. Leslie DeLapp; for Brother D. T. Williams, the committee named was Elders W. Wallace Smith, D. Blair Jensen, and Glen H. Johnson; for Brother E. J. Gleazer, the committee named was Elders F. Henry Edwards, Arthur A. Oak-

man, and George A. Njeim; for Brother Paul M. Hanson, the chair stated that the remaining members of the Council of Twelve would comprise this committee.

At this juncture, President Smith relinquished the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

ORIOLE AND SKYLARK PRESENTATION

President Edwards called on Oriole Janette Draper and Skylark Krisna Kay Young, representing the Orioles and Skylarks of the church, to come to the rostrum. Sister W. Wallace Smith was also invited to the rostrum, and as she arrived, Oriole Janette Draper stated: "The Orioles and Skylarks bring you this token of appreciation and love from all the church to our new First Lady," and handed Sister Smith a bouquet of red roses. Sister Smith expressed her appreciation for this recognition, and as she left the rostrum, the Conference stood in her honor.

HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM

President Edwards read the following letter from the Quorum of High Priests:

The First Presidency and the General Conference

This is to inform you that the Quorum of High Priests met this day and accepted the resignation of Ward A. Hougas as President of the Quorum. A rising vote of appreciation was extended to Brother Hougas for his twenty-six and a half years as President of the Quorum.

The Quorum then voted unanimously to approve the recommendation by the First Presidency that Garland E. Tickemyer be President of the Quorum of High Priests.

Eloy E. Hanton
Secretary pro tem

The action of the Quorum of High Priests was approved upon a motion by Elders Emery E. Jennings and Amos Higdon.

President W. Wallace Smith assumed the chair at this point.

RULES OF ORDER

Motion to approve the following recommendation was made by Elders Arthur A. Oakman and Merle Guthrie:

To the General Conference

In *General Conference Bulletin 2* (October 6), page 72, column 3, in a statement concerning the rules of representation and a proposed amendment thereto.

It has been suggested to us that the proposed amendment might be clearer if the addition is phrased in a separate paragraph. We therefore recommend that the Rules of Order, paragraph 24, be amended by the insertion of the following as paragraph 2:

"Each mission abroad not organized into a district or districts shall be entitled to one delegate and to one additional delegate for

every one hundred (100) members above the first one hundred (100); and to one vote in Conference for each delegate."

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By *W. Wallace Smith*

Brother Oakman discussed the matter, after which the motion to approve carried.

CONFERENCE OF 1960

The chair read the following recommendation from the First Presidency:

To the General Conference of 1958

April 6, 1960, occurs on Wednesday. Easter of that year occurs on April 17. We therefore recommend that when this General Conference adjourns it shall do so to meet Sunday, April 3, 1960.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By *W. Wallace Smith*

On motion of Elders John Whipple and D. T. Williams, the Conference approved this recommendation.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Attention was called to the resolution on divorce and remarriage on page 74 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. Elders Cecil Robbins and Noble C. Gault moved that we lay this matter on the table, which motion the Conference approved.

CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

President Smith called up for consideration the resolution on Conference procedures, as found on page 93, column 3. Elder Carroll L. Olson took the tribune and called attention also to the proposed resolutions on page 83, column 3, regarding other Conference procedures. Elders Olson and Myron LaPointe moved that these three proposals be referred to the First Presidency for appointment of a committee to consider all of these suggestions. The vote was taken, and the motion of referral carried.

LATIN AMERICA

The resolution on Latin America, found on page 87 of the *General Conference Bulletin*, was brought up for consideration. Elders Maurice L. Draper and Arthur A. Oakman moved to amend by the deleting of all which follows the words "Latin America" in the final paragraph, so that the resolution will read: "Resolved, That this General Conference express deep concern for the advance of missionary effort into and within Latin America." Brother Draper discussed this matter. After additional discussion, the following substitute motion was moved by Brethren A. J. Goodwin and D. T. Williams:

WHEREAS, The Conference recognizes the urgency of spreading the gospel as broadly and

as quickly as possible into all the world—both domestic and overseas,

WHEREAS, The Conference further expressed its confidence in the ability and efforts of the General Church officers to properly evaluate the many complex factors involved in choosing between the different areas; and, to wisely determine the time and extent of our commitment in the various areas of need—whether domestic, overseas, missionary, or pastoral, therefore be it

Resolved, That the officers normally making these decisions be free to discharge their responsibility under God without specific requests from the Conference.

Elders Barnett Berridge and Lee Oliver moved the previous question, which motion carried. Elder George Young rose to a question of privilege, asking if the substitute motion meant that no further consideration of spreading the gospel could be brought before a General Conference. President Smith answered that it was not possible to so limit a Conference. The vote was taken on the substitute motion, which was approved.

WORLD-WIDE WORTHY ASSISTANCE

Consideration was directed to the resolution on world-wide worthy assistance, on page 93 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. Elders G. Leslie DeLapp and Wayne Jackel moved to amend by striking out all of the second paragraph in the resolution under "Resolved" and the word "and" of the first paragraph, leaving a period after "individually." Brother DeLapp discussed this proposed change. The vote was taken, indicating Conference approval of the amendment, and the document was approved as amended. The resolution now reads as follows:

WHEREAS:

- (1) The present status of world conditions continues to reveal the needs for such basic human requirements as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care among millions of our fellow men from this nation and most nations of the world, and
- (2) Christ's teachings and actions emphasized his concern for linking the spiritual with the physical needs of mankind, and,
- (3) There is need for our church to consider and evaluate its role, along with other religious and service agencies, in meeting these unanswered needs. Therefore be it

Resolved:

- (1) That a committee be appointed by the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric to appraise the world problem involving the need of millions of our fellow men as reported through various national and international social welfare agencies such as those associated with the United Nations Organization, outlining the needs for such basic human requirements as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care, in relation to existing programs of assistance by various religious and humanitarian service or-

ganizations, and to prepare a statement evaluating the methods and means whereby our church can best assist collectively, as well as individually.

PEACE, WAR, AND THE USE OF FORCE

Attention was called to the motion previously made to adopt the resolution on peace, war, and the use of force, as found on page 93. The vote was taken, and this motion approved.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Discussion of the resolution on the transcription of General Conference proceedings, found on page 94 of *General Conference Bulletin*, was initiated. A motion to approve had been made previously. Elders Philip Moore and Lester Tacy moved to place this matter on the table, which motion carried.

FAMILY AND CHILD CARE

The motion to approve the resolution on family and child care, as found on page 94, was brought up for consideration. Elders H. L. Livingston and Lewis Landsberg moved the following:

Resolved, That the resolution providing for the establishment of a family and child care service in the church be referred to the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric for the selection of a committee, which committee should include persons with professional qualifications in social service to study the proposal and report its findings and recommendations to the First Presidency for presentation to the next General Conference.

Brother Livingston spoke on the matter, after which the motion of referral was approved.

CHURCH COURT PROCEDURE

President Smith referred to the motion to adopt the resolution on the revision of church court procedure, found on page 94 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. Brother Leonard Rhodes talked on this matter for five minutes, and then asked for an extension of time. Brethren E. E. Moorman and Robert Flanders moved to extend additional time to Brother Rhodes for his presentation. The vote was taken and the motion to extend time lost. Elders John Blackstock and Thomas Gough moved to amend by deleting the following:

"Where no qualified member is available, or the defendant deems it essential to adequate defense, counsel may be selected from without the membership."

Elders Maurice L. Draper and Wayne Hough moved that this matter be referred to the Standing High Council. The motion of referral was approved.

LITERATURE IN LIBRARIES

Elders J. V. Pement and Stanley I. Hayes moved to adopt the resolution on church literature in public libraries, as found on page 84 of the *General Conference Bulletin*. Elders Walter N. Johnson and Kenneth Graham moved to amend by deleting paragraph 3 under "Resolved." Bishop Johnson discussed this proposal. The amendment carried, as did the amended resolution. Following is the adopted resolution:

WHEREAS, Reliable information regarding the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Restoration movement is most usually obtained from literature printed by the Herald Publishing House, official publishing organ for the church, and

WHEREAS, Many persons studying about the church in various cities and particularly in colleges and universities throughout the land refer to sources of reference available in the libraries of these cities and educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, The availability of literature fairly and adequately representing the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the restored gospel is often sparse and even completely lacking in those libraries, and

WHEREAS, Many persons of means and desire would willingly contribute literature to these libraries, or assist in programs designed to raise funds to contribute literature to these libraries, but do not know which books or publications would be most helpful to particular libraries, and

WHEREAS, The providing of adequate books or literature is often an expensive undertaking, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Saints of New York-Scranton District in conference assembled hereby recommend to the General Conference of the church that the following be adopted:

1. That the First Presidency of the church appoint a committee of persons who will study the problem of placing literature representing the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the restored gospel in city and institutional libraries, and that this committee shall make recommendations as to the type of literature to be placed in specific types of libraries as in city, college or university, seminary, and church libraries, etc.

2. That the results of this study and recommendations pertaining thereto be made available to the church by the next General Conference.

3. That the members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints be invited and encouraged to contribute our distinctive Restoration literature to city and institutional libraries in accordance with recommendations forthcoming as herein mentioned.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

RECOGNITION

President Smith stated that unless there was objection, the chair would name a committee to draw up suitable resolutions concerning the service of Elder Ward A. Hougas as President of the High Priests' Quorum. Members on this committee are Elders Maurice L. Draper, Roscoe E. Davey, and Harry L. Doty.

The singing of the hymn, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," was followed by the benediction by Apostle Clifford A. Cole. The meeting was declared adjourned at 3:45 p.m., to meet at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 12, 1958.

FRED L. YOUNG
ROY STEARNS
Secretaries

Business Session, Sunday, October 12, 1958

The final business session of the General Conference of 1958 convened at 2:00 p.m., October 12, with President W. Wallace Smith in the chair, assisted by Presidents F. Henry Edwards and Maurice L. Draper.

The hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" was sung under the direction of Elder F. S. Weddle, with Elder Evan A. Fry accompanying at the organ. The invocation was by Elder W. Blair McClain.

The minutes of the October 11 sessions were read and approved as corrected.

ORDINATIONS

Apostle Charles R. Field was set apart as President of the Council of Twelve by President F. Henry Edwards assisted by President Maurice L. Draper.

Elder Garland E. Tickemyer was set apart as President of the Quorum of High Priests by President Maurice L. Draper assisted by President F. Henry Edwards.

CHURCH PHYSICIAN

The chair presented a letter of resignation as Church Physician from Dr. Charles F. Grabske, Sr.

*The First Presidency
The Auditorium
Independence, Missouri*

Brethren:

As has been already conveyed orally to you personally, I am committing to paper that request that I be relieved at this Conference of the appointment to the position of Physician to the Church.

It has been a great privilege and pleasure to have served in such a capacity through the several years. To have worked with the Presidency, the Twelve, the Bishopric, as well as with all those serving the church in the many various ministries has been most agreeable and satisfying to me. Their co-operation has always been most prompt, full hearted, and gratifying.

Needless to say, I shall continue to be willing and happy to do all that I can and may do for the church.

With gratitude to all and thanks for the granting of this and the past requests.

Sincerely,
CHARLES F. GRABSKE, M.D.

A motion to accept the resignation was moved by Brethren Roy Smith and John Jordan, which motion carried.

President Smith expressed appreciation for Dr. Grabske's services and announced that unless there was objection a committee would be appointed to draw up a suitable expression of appreciation.

MEDICAL COUNCIL

The following letter was read concerning the General Church Medical Council. The motion to approve the recommendation was by Elders Noble Gault and W. Blair McClain. The motion to approve carried:

To the General Conference of 1958

In giving consideration to the best methods by which the needs of the church can be met in the matters of health and welfare, we propose the following:

The appointment by the First Presidency of a group of local physicians, devoted and consecrated equally to the principles of the church and to the highest ideals and ethics of the medical profession, to be known as the General Church Medical Council with an administrative head known as Chairman of the General Church Medical Council.

It would be greatly desired that members of the Council regard their responsibilities as a consecrated stewardship, and function in their capacities as physicians in accordance with the highest interests of the church.

In harmony with the above, we are appointing the following to be known as the General Church Medical Council:

Vance E. Link, M.D.
Otto H. Elser, M.D.
Charles F. Grabske, M.D.
Charles F. Grabske, Jr., M.D.
James VanBiber, M.D.

The Chairman of the General Church Medical Council shall be appointed for an inter-Conference period, and to fill the first chairmanship of this newly constituted Medical Council, we are appointing Vance E. Link.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

STAKE PRESIDENT

The following letter concerning the assignment of Elder Duane Couey as President of the Los Angeles Stake was read.

To the General Conference of 1958

Since Elder G. E. Tickemyer has been transferred to other responsibilities, we recommend that Elder Duane E. Couey be assigned to the Los Angeles Stake to serve as Stake President. This recommendation has the approval of the Joint Council of the Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

We ask the approval of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Elders E. J. Gleazer, Sr., and James Renfro moved approval, which motion carried.

WOMEN'S LEADER

A letter of resignation from Sister Alice M. Burgess as General Church Leader of Women was presented:

To the General Conference of 1958

We have received the resignation of Sister Alice M. Burgess, who has served faithfully as Leader of Women of the church since 1954, and have accepted this resignation.

We request that the Conference concur in this action.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

The motion to accept the resignation with regret was moved by Sister Lucinda Madden and Sister Lewis Landsberg. The motion carried. The chair expressed appreciation for her service. President Edwards escorted Sister Burgess to the rostrum where a corsage was presented to her by Sister Charles R. Hield on behalf of the church as a token of appreciation for her service. The assembly stood in honor of Sister Burgess as she left the rostrum.

The following recommendation concerning the appointment of a leader of women was read:

To the General Conference of 1958

To fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Sister Alice M. Burgess as Leader of Women, we have appointed Sister J. T. Westwood, Jr., of Independence, Missouri, and ask the approval of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Elders Glaude A. Smith and W. Blair McClain moved the approval of the recommendation, which carried.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN

President Edwards assumed the chair.

The selection of members for the Council of Women was brought to the attention of the Conference. The following letter was read:

To the General Conference

In harmony with your prior action we call attention to the fact that the terms of office of three members of the Council of Women and two associate members of the Council expire at this Conference. In addition we have to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Sister Bernice Six who was a member of the Council and whose term of office expires in 1960. And we need to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Sister Ena Slasor, an associate member, whose term of office expires in 1960.

Recommendations will be made and nominations from the floor will be entertained.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By W. Wallace Smith

Sister Howard Cook was elected for a six-year term to succeed Sister W. Wallace Smith.

Sister Aletha Runkle was elected to succeed Sister H. I. Velt.

Sister Myron Zerr was nominated to succeed herself, and was elected.

Sister Elmer Armstrong was elected to fill the unexpired term of Sister Bernice Six.

Sister Louis Ostertag was elected to succeed herself as an associate member.

Sister LeRoy Squire was nominated to succeed herself as an associate member. Sister Garland Tickemyer was also nominated. Sister Squire was elected.

To complete the unexpired term of the late Sister Ena Slasor of Detroit, Michigan, the following nominations were made: Sister J. E. Lancaster, Sr., Sister Jennie Page, Sister Orlin Crownover, Sister Dorothy Shurback, and Sister Garland Tickemyer. After some discussion the vote was taken and Sister J. E. Lancaster, Sr., was elected.

SANITARIUM BOARD

President Smith assumed the chair.

Bishops H. L. Livingston and Lewis Landsberg moved the following resolution, which carried:

WHEREAS, Previous General Conferences have approved certain changes in the official personnel of the Board of Trustees of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, one of which provided for the General Church Physician as an ex-officio member of the board, be it now

Resolved, That approval be given by this Conference for such changes as may be necessary in the Articles of Incorporation of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital to provide for the chairman of the General Church Medical Council to serve as ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees during such period as his term of appointment may cover.

SUSTAINING OFFICERS

President Smith turned the chair over to Apostle Charles R. Hield, who called for a motion to sustain the First Presidency. Apostle Arthur A. Oakman and Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp moved that we sustain the First Presidency. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

President Smith assumed the chair.

The motion to sustain the Council of Twelve carried unanimously, after being moved by Elders E. J. Gleazer, Sr., and D. T. Williams.

On motions duly made and seconded the following officers, councils, quorums, orders, and departments were sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference:

The First Presidency
President and the Council of Twelve
Presiding Evangelist and Order of Evangelists
Presiding Bishopric and Order of Bishops
Presidents of Seventy and Quorums of Seventies
President and Quorum of High Priests
Standing High Council
Fred L. Young, Secretary
Roy Stearns, Assistant Secretary

THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Clifford P. Buck, Director
Donald D. Landon, Director of Church School Division
Richard B. Lancaster, Director of Young People's Division
Athol B. Packer, Director of Children's Division
W. R. Clinefelter, Director of Adult Division

THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN, Mrs. J. T. Westwood, Jr., Director

THE RADIO AND AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENTS
Franklyn S. Weddle, Co-ordinator
Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director
Charles F. Church, Jr., Radio Director
Cecil R. Ettinger, Radio Minister

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
Franklyn S. Weddle, Director

THE CHURCH HISTORIAN, Evan A. Fry

THE CHURCH STATISTICIAN,
James E. Lancaster

CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CHURCH MEDICAL COUNCIL: Vance E. Link

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS

Presidents Smith and Draper read the list of General Conference assignments. Those named were requested to stand in their places when their names were read, and upon direction moved to the rostrum and the choir loft:

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

W. Wallace Smith
F. Henry Edwards
Maurice L. Draper

COUNCIL OF TWELVE

- A. A. Oakman—British Isles, European Mission, and the First Presidency
- C. R. Hield—French Polynesia, Hawaii, Latin American Mission, and Book of Mormon Translation
- D. B. Jensen—Wisconsin, Minnesota, Red River District, Illinois, Northern Indiana, St. Louis and Southern Missouri Districts
- R. E. Davey—Australasian Mission (with Sydney Jacka as Associate Minister in Charge), Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, and Southern Indiana District
- P. E. Farrow—The Prairie Provinces of Canada, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Unorganized North Dakota, South Dakota, and British Columbia
- R. M. Holmes—California, Nevada, Utah, and Southeast Idaho, and Western Colorado Districts, and Alaska
- D. O. Chesworth—Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Texas, Eastern Colorado, Kansas-Colorado, Rich Hill, Springfield, Missouri, Joplin, Missouri, Miami-Pittsburg and Arizona Districts, Unorganized New Mexico and Unorganized Nebraska
- D. V. Lents—Maine, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Southern New England and Washington D. C., Districts
- C. D. Neff—Central Stakes, Iowa, including Waterloo-Clinton, Galesburg; Black Hawk, and Nauvoo Districts, Eastern Nebraska and Nebraska Districts, and the Missouri Missionary Development Area
- C. A. Cole—Ontario, Canada, and Michigan

PRESIDING EVANGELIST
Roy A. Cheville

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
G. Leslie DeLapp
Henry L. Livingston
Walter N. Johnson

STANDING HIGH COUNCIL
D. O. Cato
Carroll L. Olson
Howard P. Andersen
Charles F. Grabske
F. S. Weddle
Amos E. Allen
Arthur B. Taylor
Howard W. Harder
C. Myron Zerr
L. Wayne Updike
Lloyd L. Bland
Sanford Downs

HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM
Garland E. Tickemyer, President
Byron Constance, Secretary

PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY
Z. Z. Renfroe
Glen H. Johnson
George A. Njeim
James E. Daugherty
Russell F. Ralston
Harry L. Doty
Sylvester R. Coleman

GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARIES
Fred L. Young
Roy Stearns, Assistant

THE STAKES

Center Stake
Charles V. Graham, President
Harold W. Cackler, Bishop

Kansas City Stake

F. O. Davies, President
J. E. Baldwin, Bishop

Central Missouri Stake

Emery E. Jennings, President
Willard C. Becker, Bishop

Lamoni Stake

Harry J. Simons, President
Leslie W. Kohlman, Bishop

Far West Stake

John Blackstock, President
Fred L. Dickson, Bishop

Los Angeles Stake

Duane E. Couey, President
Francis E. Hansen, Bishop

Detroit-International Stake

W. Blair McClain, President
O. Kenneth Byrn, Bishop

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Department of Women

Mrs. J. T. Westwood, Jr. (Kathryn)

GENERAL CHURCH APPOINTEES

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Argotsinger, G. Dale—California
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Baldwin, Joseph E.—Kansas City Stake, Bishop
Banta, Frederick C.—Scandinavia
Banta, R. Wayne—Missouri Missionary Development Area
Barlow, T. Edward—Northern Indiana District
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Becker, Willard C.—Central Missouri Stake, Bishop
Benton, Donald E.—Assistant to Presiding Bishop
Berndt, G. Everett—Supervisor Auditorium and Guide Services
Berridge, Barnett W.—Wisconsin District
Bethel, Dayle M.—Galesburg and Black Hawk Districts
Billings, Virgil J.—Lamoni Stake
Black, Harry W.—Kirtland District until April 1, 1959, then, British Isles Mission
Black, Stephen A.—Seattle District
Blackstock, John W.—Far West Stake, President
Bobbitt, Ralph A.—Southern Ohio District
Booth, John E.—Southwestern Iowa District—Council Bluffs, objective
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Butterworth, F. Edward—Ontario
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Cackler, Harold W.—Center Stake of Zion, Bishop
Carmichael, N. Ray—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
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Clinefelter, William R.—Department of Religious Education, Director of Adult Division
Coleman, Sylvester R.—Hawaii District
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 Dickson, Frederick L.—Far West Stake, Bishop
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 Fry, Frank A.—British Isles, Mission President
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 Gunning, Alfred R.—Australia, Sydney District
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 Guthrie, William T.—Waterloo-Clinton District
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 Hanton, Elroy E.—Chatham District
 Harder, Peter H.—Rich Hill District
 Harford, E. Merle—Northern Michigan District
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 Harvey, Donald E.—Far West Stake and St. Joseph until April 1, 1959, then Kirtland District
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 Hobart, C. Houston—Utah-Southeast Idaho and Western Colorado Districts
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 Landsberg, Lewis E.—Michigan, Bishop
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 Lynn, Herbert A.—Western Texas District, Unorganized New Mexico
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 McClain, W. Blair—Detroit International Stake, President
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 Miller, Louis E.—Lansing District
 Moore, Philip W.—New York Metropolitan District
 Mundorff, Charles R.—Central Michigan District
 Njeim, George A.—East Central States and Central States Missions
 Oliver, Lee R.—Southern Ohio District
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 Patterson, William—Central States and East Central States Missions
 Pearson, Russell W.—Northwest Iowa District, and Sioux City
 Pelletier, Al M., Jr.—Southeastern Illinois District
 Pement, Jacques V.—Western New York and New York-Scranton Districts
 Phillips, James C.—Flint-Port Huron District, Flint, objective
 Potter, Floyd A. J.—Australia: Sydney and Victoria Districts
 Pray, Jack A.—South Central Michigan District
 Puckett, John T.—Northeast Texas District
 Ralston, Russell F.—East Central States Mission
 Reid, Richard M.—Hawaii District
 Renfro, James E.—Southern Indiana, Arkansas-Louisiana, Memphis Districts
 Renfro, Zenos Z.—Central Stakes
 Robbins, Cecil V.—Northeastern Illinois District
 Rock, Arthur J.—Audio-Visual, Director
 Rowe, Eric S.—British Isles Mission
 Ruch, Verner D.—Eastern States Mission
 Russell, R. Melvin—Grand Rapids District and Grand Rapids
 Scherer, Albert A.—Kansas City Stake

Scott, Herbert M.—Center Stake of Zion, Stone Church, objective
 Seeley, Robert M.—Southern Oregon District
 Serig, Joe A.—Miami-Pittsburgh District
 Sheehy, Almer W.—Flint-Port Huron District and Port Huron
 Sheehy, Howard S.—Southern Indiana District and Louisville
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 Smith, Elbert A.—Under direction of the First Presidency
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 Smith, G. Wayne—Oklahoma City District
 Smith, Glaude A.—Center Stake of Zion, Stone Church, objective
 Smith, Lynn E.—Central Stakes
 Sorensen, Vivian C. R.—Des Moines District
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 Stuart, J. C.—London District and London
 Tacy, Lester I.—Southern New England District
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 Theys, Eugene A.—Center Stake of Zion
 Thumm, John Stone—Columbia River District
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 Tyree, Alan D.—French Polynesia
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 Urban, Alfred—Germany
 Velt, Harold I.—South Central States and Southern Missions
 Vest, Elwin R.—Northwest Iowa District
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 Woodstock, Lyle W.—Assistant to First Presidency, Camping
 Worth, Thomas E.—British Isles Mission
 Yager, Joseph H.—Mobile and Pensacola Districts
 Yager, Ronald J.—Western Montana District
 Yale, Alfred H.—Des Moines District, Des Moines, objective
 Zonker, Louis C.—Nauvoo and Chicago Districts

EMPLOYEE EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

The following list of Employee Executive personnel was read by President Draper, and each man moved to the choir loft:

EMPLOYEE EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL
 O. L. Athey, chief accountant
 Don Elefson, farm manager

Leonard Lea, editorial assistant to First Presidency
 Roy Stearns, Executive Secretary, Council of Twelve
 Bishop W. E. Timms, assistant to Presiding Bishopric in personnel and office management
 Fred Young, Executive Secretary, First Presidency, General Church Secretary

The wives of those whose names were read were asked to stand and those standing sang the hymn, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." The entire assembly stood and joined in the singing of the last stanza.

Sister J. T. Westwood, Jr., was introduced and afforded an opportunity to speak to the Conference.

The assembly was seated and the men returned to their places.

RECOGNITION

The chair announced that the letters of appreciation authorized yesterday would be printed.

The minutes of the Sunday session to this point were read and approved as corrected.

Brethren W. E. Winegar and Nelson Gard moved to sustain the appointees as listed, which motion carried.

President Smith stated that in view of his message at the morning preaching service, he would not make any additional statement at this time. The motion to adjourn to meet according to the previous action of the Conference with respect to the next General Conference was moved by Elders Charles R. Hield and Franklin Rieske.

After the singing of "Church of Christ in Latter Days" and the benediction by Presiding Evangelist Roy A. Cheville, President Smith declared the General Conference adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

FRED L. YOUNG
 ROY STEARNS
Secretaries

Registration

To the First Presidency and General Conference

The registration through 7:00 p.m. closing time, October 11, was 8,565, divided as follows:

Delegates	477
Delegates Ex officii	578
Ex officii	1019
Visitors	6491
Total	8565

This is the largest registration since 1930.

The Registration Committee
 C. V. GRAHAM
 H. C. LIVELY
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