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General Secretary

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THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, INC.

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Perkin, Wm. I. Evans, S. H. Frodsham, J. Narver Gortner,
Wesley R. Steelberg, Aaron A. Wilson

THE TWENTIETH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONVENED AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 2-7, 1943.

The twentieth biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God convened at 9:00 A. M. Thursday, September 2, 1943 in the Auditorium at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, with the General Superintendent, Brother Ernest S. Williams presiding. Brother Carl Barnes, pastor of the Assemblies of God Church at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, led in the devotional singing, which was followed by a season of united worship and praise to the Lord. Prayer was offered by Brother Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary. The burden of his prayer was that God might move in our midst, anointing afresh with the Spirit.

The General Superintendent explained briefly that owing to war conditions it had not been possible to accept the cordial invitation of the brethren of the Rocky Mountain District to hold this General Council session at Denver and that the General Presbyters had felt it wise to hold the session at Central Bible Institute. He expressed a hope that when world conditions permit, the Council might be convened at Denver.

The General Superintendent introduced Brother William I. Evans, principal of Central Bible Institute, who extended a word of welcome to the assembled body. He stated that he wanted all to enjoy their sojourn on the beautiful and sacred grounds of Central Bible Institute and to rejoice in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, introduced Mayor Harry B. Carr of the City of Springfield and Mr. L. H. Turner, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, both of whom expressed their appreciation of the standing and influence of the Assemblies of God institutions in the community, and extended a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates. The General Superintendent responded by thanking these representatives of the City for their presence and for their sincere and kindly words concerning the work of the Assemblies of God.

The opening message of the General Council was delivered by Brother Williams. He used as his text Matthew 13:44 and his message was based upon the slogan which had been adopted for this session, "The Place of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in a Postwar World." He recalled that the Movement was founded on an earnest waiting on God which brought a spiritual anointing and a deep hunger for the word of God and said that it will require this same waiting on God to equip us to minister to the postwar world which is "going to need a tender touch of the tender religion of the Lord Jesus Christ." "Of primary importance to us," he said, "is the perpetuation of the old paths, the old power and the old glory."

As an answer to the challenge presented, the congregation prayerfully sang the chorus, "Keep Me True, Lord Jesus."

The business meeting opened at 10:55 A. M., the General Superintendent presiding. The ushers were instructed to distribute the printed reports which had been prepared by the Executive Presbytery (See Reports and Financial Statements on pages 32-62), telling of the progress of the work during the past two years in the Assemblies of God fellowship. While these were being distributed, the General Superintendent read the names of those who had been appointed to serve on the various committees during the General Council. The personnel of the committees was as follows:

General Council Committees

Roster Committee: Clarence D. Goudie, J. Robert Ashcroft, Guy M. Heath, Leonard L. Norville, Lyman B. Richardson, Donald G. Foote.

Resolutions Committee: Frank Gray, A. M. Alber, E. E. Bond, T. C. Anderson, Marvin L. Smith, Claude J. Utley, Geo. W. Hardcastle, Leland R. Keys.

Ministerial Resolutions Committee: G. F. Lewis, Roy E. Scott, V. G. Greisen, R. J. Thurmond, Roy Smuland, E. L. Tanner, Carl W. Loenser, R. F. Hudson, E. F. M. Staudt.

Educational Committee: Ben Hardin, W. I. Evans, Ralph P. Byrd, Allen A. Swift, F. J. Lindquist, J. N. Gortner, Demetrio Bazan.

Foreign Missions Committee: Wesley R. Steelberg, Noel Perkin, H. C. Ball, W. R. Williamson, Arthur F. Berg, H. Paul Holdridge, Wallace S. Bragg.

Home Missions Committee: Russell H. Olson, Fred Vogler, H. M. Fulfer, J. E. Austell, J. J. Humphries, Charles O. Green, David Burris, H. E. Waddle, L. O. Waldon.

Sunday School Committee: R. M. Riggs, Agnes Stokes, J. D. Courtney, Herman L. Johnson, M. L. Grable, Maxine Williams, H. S. Bush, George L. Hanley,

Young People's Committee: Ralph W. Harris, Atwood Foster, Robert Cunningham, Leonard Palmer, Wm. E. Pickthorn, G. J. Unruh, F. D. Davis, Floyd T. Buntenschach.

Christ's Ambassadors Committee (Vesper Services): C. A. Brown, Guy M. Heath, Margaret E. Miller, Robert E. LeMon, Joseph E. Neely, Paul M. Cooper, Joseph M. Bell.

Publicity Committee: Milton R. Summers, Glenn A. Renick.

The remainder of the morning was spent in the reading of the report of the Executive Office by the General Secretary.

At twelve noon, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. A number of announcements were made, followed by the singing of the Doxology and the prayer of dismissal offered by Brother Adolph Peterson of Wood River, Illinois.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional service opened at 2:00 P. M. with Brother Frank Gray, superintendent of the Northwest District, presiding and Brother Leonard Palmer, superintendent of the Montana District, leading the singing. Brother Grover L. Coleman of Gooding, Idaho, led in prayer. Brother and Sister Leonard Palmer brought a message in song.

Home missions was the theme of the afternoon devotional service, and Brother Fred Vogler, Assistant Superintendent and Home Missions Secretary, related the progress which had been made in getting out literature to the men of the armed forces. He stated that four million copies of Reveille had been printed and that a large number of service tracts had been sent out and substantial contributions made to the Testament fund of the American Bible Society—that the Assemblies of God was one of the four denominations making the largest contributions to this Testament fund. Of special interest in connection with our work among the men of the armed forces was the presence of two of our Assemblies of God chaplains, Lieutenant C. P. Smales and Lieutenant A. C. Lane, both of whom spoke, telling of the marvelous opportunities they are

having in the military training camps in ministering the Word of God and in leading men to Christ.

The business meeting opened at 3:20 P. M. Brother William Coxé of Windber, Pennsylvania asked God's blessing upon the business of the afternoon and also prayed for Brother S. K. Biffle of Joplin, Missouri who had been painfully injured in a car accident.

The first order of business was the reading of the reports of the Foreign Missions Department. This was read by the Missionary Secretary, Brother Noel Perkin. Brother Stanley Frodsham, Editor of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL, summarized the report of the Gospel Publishing House, and the General Superintendent read the report of the Central Bible Institute. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the reports of the different departments at headquarters be accepted.

There were no committees ready to report, nor was there any unfinished business.

It was moved by Brother Gortner, seconded and carried that the first order of business immediately after the reading of the minutes on Monday morning be the election of officers.

The General Superintendent requested Brother Ralph Harris, who has been serving at headquarters in the interest of young people's work, to report concerning the activities of that department. His report was received with appreciation.

The afternoon business meeting adjourned at 4:35 P. M., Brother F. C. Cornell of Tulsa, Oklahoma pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

The morning devotional service opened at 9:00 A. M. with Brother E. F. M. Staudt, superintendent of the Potomac District, presiding. Brother Edwin Anderson, Pastor at Providence, Rhode Island directed the singing and prayer was offered by Brother H. B. Strickland, General Presbyter of the Potomac District. Brother J. Narver Gortner, Executive Presbyter of the General Council from Berkeley, California ministered the Word. He used as his text 2 Peter 1:12 and chose as his subject, "Some things we should not forget," among which were—living unto God; separation from the things of the world; success in the ministry dependent upon the anointing of the Spirit; the great commission of our Lord Jesus

Christ; and the blessed hope of the Lord's return. At the close of his message the congregation spontaneously arose to its feet and lifted hearts in praise to God. They jubilantly sang, "Our Lord is coming back to earth again."

At 10:45 A. M. the meeting was opened for business. Brother C. E. Roberts of Quincy, Illinois led in prayer asking that God may help us to catch the vision we ought to have for the times in which we are living.

The minutes of the preceding day's meeting were read by the General Secretary and were approved as read.

The General Superintendent reviewed the circumstances in connection with the army's desire to obtain the premises of Central Bible Institute for a convalescent hospital and requested the General Secretary to read the resolution which was adopted by the General Presbyters and the covering letter which was sent to Colonel George B. Foster.

Resolution Affecting Central Bible Institute

WHEREAS, The General Presbyters of the Assemblies of God in regular session have considered the request of Colonel George B. Foster pertaining to the leasing of the facilities of Central Bible Institute to the government to be used as a convalescent hospital, and

WHEREAS, The Assembled Presbytery has given the request of Colonel Foster due and careful consideration; a committee having been appointed to make investigation of available facilities for the carrying on of the work of the Institution, in an effort to make compliance with the request possible, said committee reporting that such facilities are not available;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is their conviction and decision that the interests of our country as well as of our constituency can be more largely served by continuing the Institution in its present status as a training center for ministers and missionaries, thus contributing to the up-building and maintenance of national morale.

The General Presbytery places itself on record as being in full sympathy with the government's program to provide adequate facilities for the re-

habilitation of our servicemen who have been injured in action, but the postwar program of the Assemblies of God, which is distinctively spiritual in its nature and international in its character and scope, is largely centered in Central Bible Institute, and the Presbytery is convinced that the maintenance of this institution in its present status is essential to the carrying out of this program.

It was moved by Brother Gortner, seconded and carried that the General Council in session ratify this decision of the General Presbyters.

Brother Frank Gray, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

The National Association of Evangelicals

Whereas, there exists a need for a united voice to speak authoritatively for Evangelical Protestantism in America; and whereas, we can identify ourselves with other Fundamental Evangelical groups without jeopardizing our denominational identity, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Council of the Assemblies of God affiliate with the National Association of Evangelicals. Be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Presbytery be authorized to contribute to the support of the National Association of Evangelicals in proportion to our constituency.

The General Secretary explained concerning the purpose and policy of the National Association of Evangelicals, the benefits which the General Council would derive in becoming affiliated with this organization, and answered some inquiries from the floor. The resolution was then adopted.

The morning meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon. Brother James Hamill of Okmulgee, Okla. offered the closing prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened at 2:00 P. M. with Brother Roy Smuland, superintendent of the New England District, presiding, and Brother William Snow of Quincy, Illinois in charge of the song service. Brother C. C. Garrett of Chelsea, Massachusetts led in prayer.

Four young women members of the Editorial Staff at the Gospel Publishing House were called upon to speak on various aspects of Sunday School work. Miss Dorothy Morris presented visual aid work; Miss Zella Lindsey, the Sunday School papers for the children; Miss Adele Flower, the importance of work among the beginners; and Miss May Garner, the work book quarterly for Juniors.

The business meeting opened at 3:10 P. M. The chairman of the Educational Committee, Brother Ben Hardin, presented a report of the recognized Bible Schools in the General Council fellowship, giving the total enrollment and number of graduates of each of the schools during the past two years, and the number of former students and graduates engaged in missionary service.

The report covered twelve recognized Bible Schools as follows:

Berean Bible Institute, San Diego, Calif., 15 graduates
Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., 150 graduates
Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Penna., 45 graduates
Glad Tidings Bible Inst., San Francisco, Calif., 52 graduates
Great Lakes Bible Inst., Zion, Ill., 29 graduates
North Central Bible Inst., Minneapolis, Minn., 133 graduates
Northwest Bible Institute, Seattle, Wash., 108 graduates
Southeastern Bible Inst., Atlanta, Ga., 8 graduates
Southern California Bible College, Pasadena, Calif., 29 graduates
Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., 62 graduates
Latin American Bible Inst., Saspamco, Tex., 36 graduates
Latin American Bible Inst., Los Angeles, Calif., 5 graduates.

There was a total enrollment for the years 1941-2 of 1,632, for the years 1942-3 of 1,496. Total number of graduates for the two years, 672.

The Educational Committee recommended that all Bible Schools which have General Council recognition enter into an agreement covering students who violate the rules, that no students may transfer to another school without such school obtaining a favorable record of his standing in his former school and that a copy of his recommendation be sent to each Bible School enjoying Council recognition. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this recommendation be adopted.

There were no other committees ready to report and the General Superintendent requested Brother M. L. Grable, superintendent of the Sunday School Department at headquarters, to speak concerning Sunday School work. Brother Grable emphasized the need of power from God to influence men and women to come to Sunday School and through the Sunday School to Christ, and told of the plans which the Sunday School Department has been developing for future guidance to this end.

At the request of the General Superintendent, Mrs. Lloyd Logan of Pittsburg, Kansas sang, "Oh, Love of God."

The afternoon meeting adjourned at 4:10 P. M. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Allen Swift, Principal of the Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Penna.

SATURDAY MORNING

The morning meeting opened at 9:10 A. M. with Brother Ben Hardin, superintendent of the Southern California District, presiding, and Brother Clyde A. Hensen of Ventura, Calif. leading the singing. A spirit of worship was upon the people, and following the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the entire congregation praised and worshiped God in unison. Brother E. F. M. Staudt, superintendent of the Potomac District, then led in prayer.

The speaker of the morning was the General Secretary, Brother J. Roswell Flower. He read from the second chapter of Acts, verses 41 through 47. Brother Flower chose not to expound the Scripture, but rather to give an account of the birth and early days of the Assemblies of God Movement. He read the original declaration adopted at Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1914 and sounded a warning, lest in our growth and development, we get away from the basic principle upon which the Movement was founded. He also warned about the danger of allowing a spirit of sectarianism to get into our hearts.

The General Superintendent introduced Dr. Robert Taylor of the American Bible Society, who spoke concerning the work of that Society in providing Testaments for the merchant marines and the men of the armed forces. He stated that the Assemblies of God had contributed about \$20,000 to the war emergency fund of the Society. Of special interest was the fact that the American Bible Society is endeavoring to

raise \$702,000, \$350,000 of which is to be used for printing the Scriptures in the European languages so that they will be prepared to send the gospel into Europe when the war is over. The General Superintendent stated that it was the desire of the Assemblies of God to be prepared to enter Europe well supplied with Testaments in the languages of the people and suggested that an offering be taken to assist the American Bible Society in this effort. (The offering amounted to over \$700.)

Before the meeting was opened for business, the General Superintendent requested Miss Olga Olson, of Minneapolis, Minn. to sing, "Beautiful, Beautiful Home." At 11:00 A. M. the business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the Friday meetings were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Brother Frank Gray, read the following resolution and moved its adoption.

"Whereas, there is a general feeling in our constituency that a change should be made in the age limit of our Christ's Ambassadors, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the age limit be changed to 13 to 30 instead of 15 to 35."

The motion was seconded. It was moved by Brother Vogler and seconded that the resolution be amended by adding the words "and that those over 30 be considered honorary members." The amendment was lost. The main motion was then considered. It was pointed out by some that reducing the age limit to 30 would work a hardship on our smaller assemblies where there are few young people—others felt that the young people's meetings needed the stability the older young people could contribute. There was a feeling among some that the young people were in favor of reducing the age limit. Question was asked as to whether this age limit would also pertain to the Christ's Ambassadors leaders, and the Chair stated that in his opinion it would. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

The morning meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon. Announcement was made that the afternoon service would begin at 1:30 rather than at 2:00. Brother J. R. Evans of Tampa, Florida, closed with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Brother J. J. Humphries, superintendent of the Kentucky District, presided over the afternoon devotional service which began at 1:30 P. M. Brother T. E. Gannon of Lexington, Kentucky, led the singing. God's blessing was signally upon the congregation and a volume of praise ascended following the singing of "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know." Brother H. E. Waddle, superintendent of the Tennessee District, led in prayer, Brother Charles Rice of Dyersburg, Tennessee played a trumpet solo, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

The afternoon speaker was Brother J. E. Austell, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District. His text was Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee." He said that God was calling for strong men in these days—men who dare to believe God—men of courage. Following Brother Austell's sermon, the Spirit witnessed to the Word with a message in tongues and interpretation. All the people stood to their feet and again praised the Lord and sang in consecration, "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow."

The business meeting opened at 3:00 P. M. and Brother H. M. Strickland of the Potomac District asked God's blessing upon the business of the afternoon. The following resolution was read by the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

"Whereas, there is an expressed desire to restore the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL to its original size, therefore be it

"Resolved, that the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL be restored to its original size and include such features as the weekly report of missionary offerings, announcements of various meetings, etc." Brother Gray moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded.

Brother William Coxe moved that the resolution be referred to the General Presbyters with instructions to consult with the Gospel Publishing House management to see if this suggestion can be worked out. The Chair preferred to postpone recognition of this motion, however, inasmuch as he understood there were brethren present who had suggestions they would like to make. The consensus seemed to be that the report of missionary contributions and reports of meetings were of special interest to the fellowship and should be pub-

lished. In order to make the inclusion of these possible, it was suggested that perhaps the Sunday School lessons could be omitted and the length of articles reduced. Some suggested using smaller type and thinner paper, but it was explained this would not be practicable.

The motion to refer the matter to the General Presbytery was again presented this time by Brother Renfro. The motion was seconded and carried.

Brother A. M. Alber, a member of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

"Resolved, That provision be made through our Missions Department in cooperation with our various District Councils to promote missionary activity among our American colored people."

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded. General discussion followed concerning the need among the colored folk—the situation in the South with regard to the colored people—whether or not it would be advisable to undertake such work—the possibility that we might be working in competition with the Church of God in Christ (colored) if such work were undertaken. It was moved, seconded, and carried that in order not to tie the hands of the brethren by a binding resolution, that the matter be submitted to the Executive Presbytery.

The afternoon meeting adjourned at 5:00 P. M. Brother Elmer Bilton of Iron Mountain, Mich. offering the closing prayer.

Sunday Services

As is customary, all business was set aside for a full day devoted to Spiritual ministry, fellowship and inspiration. A memorial and communion service, conducted by Brother Fred Vogler was held at 9:30 A. M. Communion was served by the General Presbyters. The list of ministers and missionaries who were memorialized is as follows:

Ministers

W. K. Aber, Monthalia, Tex.
Howard H. Baker, Pacific Grove, Calif.
Mrs. Ruth E. Baldridge, Devers, Tex.
Mrs. Annie Bamford, Fort Worth, Tex.
J. D. Brimlow, Turtle Creek, Pa.

William F. Burchett, Morland, Kans.
 Thomas H. P. Cairns, Green Lane, Pa.
 Roy Canady, Keokuk, Iowa
 Robert V. Carter, Clebit, Okla.
 William L. Couzens, Peckville, Pa.
 Mrs. Robert J. Craig, San Francisco, Calif.
 Michele DeSimone, Bronx, N. Y.
 Arthur J. Gorham, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Felix A. Hale, San Antonio, Tex.
 Fred L. Hanson, Seattle, Wash.
 Mrs. Betty Hazlewood, Temple, Okla.
 Carl O. Hedeem, Freeport, Ill.
 Mrs. Lillie E. Hinkle, Davenport, Iowa
 W. V. Kneisley, Paris, Ill.
 Charley W. Knight, Tulia, Tex.
 Marion F. Mason, Levelland, Tex.
 John T. McBride, Tyler, Tex.
 Thomas E. McMillan, Richland Center, Wis.
 Jesse I. Miller, Shawnee, Okla.
 Mrs. Roy (Edith) Murrell, Springdale, Ark.
 P. C. Nelson, Forth Worth, Tex.
 Earnest W. Ogburn, Tallahassee, Fla.
 Nimrod Park, Little Neck, N. Y.
 Myer Pearlman, Springfield, Mo.
 John D. Phifer, Hunter, Ark.
 Robert Pollard, Brookfield, Mo.
 Guy Renfrow, Modesto, Calif.
 Arthur M. Ricker, Freewater, Oreg.
 Christopher C. Self, Hornbeck, La.
 Adam H. Slagel, Madison, S. Dak.
 Ira A. Smith, St. Helena, Calif.
 James O. Smith, Lazear, Colo.
 Francis M. Spake, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Read W. Stearman, San Diego, Calif.
 Charles M. Ward, Grand Prairie, Tex.
 Henderson Wilson, Willowbrook, Calif.
 Dr. Lilian B. Yeomans, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

DECEASED since July 31, 1943, and names included in list above.

Mrs. Estella (David H.) McDowell, Elizabeth, N. J.
 William L. Lyle, Knoxville, Tenn.

Missionaries

Miss Beulah Buchwalter, Tamale, Gold Coast, West Africa
 Mrs. Bernardine Kitch, Ouagadougou, Ivory Coast, West Africa
 G. K. Johansen, Chee Foo, North China.
 Clarence T. Maloney, South India (deceased while on furlough)

The morning address was brought by Rev. Robert Cummings, late of India, who has been secured for the faculty of Central Bible Institute, and who will be devoting his time and experience for the training of missionary candidates during the coming year.

The afternoon service was devoted to the missionary cause, the largest number of missionaries ever to attend a General Council, marching down the aisles to the platform, the majority clothed in costumes of the countries represented, bearing flags and banners of the fields occupied by the Assemblies of God. They were preceded by two Assemblies of God chaplains and a group of men in army uniform, bearing the United States and the Christian flags. Also included in the company were groups in costume representing the American Indian work, the Jewish work and the Alaskan field. The objective of raising \$5,000,000 and the sending forth of 500 missionaries for postwar world evangelism was given emphasis during the service.

The main service Sunday night was preceded by an inspiring Christ's Ambassadors service. The speaker for the final service was Rev. Wesley R. Steelberg, superintendent of the Eastern District. His theme, "God's Rehabilitation Program." The service was concluded by a mass prayer meeting on the platform.

MONDAY MORNING

Brother L. O. Waldon, superintendent of the Louisiana District, presided at the morning devotional service. The song service was in charge of Brother T. Horace Clark of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Brother O. M. Montgomery of Monticello, Arkansas led in prayer. The morning speaker was Brother David Burris, superintendent of the Arkansas District. He used the following Scriptures as his text, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall ye do also and greater works than these shall ye

do because I go unto my Father" and "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also."

The business meeting was called to order at 10:15 A. M. The minutes of the Saturday meetings were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Brother Clarence Goudie, chairman of the Roster Committee, made the following report.

Ordained ministers	857
Delegates	133
Licensed ministers	141
Visitors	274
Total registration to date	1405

The order of business was the election of officers. The Chair appointed the following brethren to serve as ushers: Brothers Troy Frazier, M. B. Netzel, J. W. McClelland, J. Philip Johnson, H. H. Shelly and Phinas Lewis; and the following to serve as tellers: Brothers Bartlett Peterson, Paul Pittman, Wesley Morton, Paul Ferguson, Charles Parker, H. M. Strickland, T. E. Gannon, E. E. Bond and H. S. Bush.

While the ballots were being distributed, the following resolution was presented by Brother Stanley Frodsham.

"Resolved, That those of us who are assembled in this twentieth General Council of the Assemblies of God go on record that we greatly miss some of our brethren who for many years past have usually met with us, and that we as a body make request that a notice shall be put in the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL by our General Secretary at the close of this session to convey to them our loving greetings and the assurance that we have not forgotten them."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that this resolution be adopted.

Election of General Superintendent

On the nominating ballot for General Superintendent, Brother Ernest S. Williams was returned to office, receiving 651 of the 675 votes cast.

Nominating ballot was then cast for the office of Assistant General Superintendent. While the tellers were counting the ballots, other matters of business were given consideration.

The following resolution was offered.

"Whereas, there is a great need for a national service di-

rectory for the convenience of pastors to inform those who desire church locations and church names in various places, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the General Secretary be authorized to compile such a directory."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the resolution be adopted.

Brother Foster moved, and it was seconded and carried that this church directory and the list of ministers be compiled in one volume.

It was moved by Brother Gortner, seconded and carried that those churches which are recognized in our District as definitely cooperative be included in this directory along with our affiliated churches.

Tellers reported that there was no election on the nominating ballot for the office of Assistant General Superintendent.

The morning meeting adjourned at 12:10 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened at 1:30 P. M. with Brother Ferris A. Dodd of Idaho leading the singing. Brother Irvin Harrison, the only representative present from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, led in prayer.

Brother Harrison extended greetings on behalf of the Canadian brethren to the General Council, and in return, was requested to convey greetings from the General Council in session to our Canadian brethren.

Brother T. J. Jones, Dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute of San Francisco, California, ministered the Word. He presented an exposition of 2 Corinthians 5:9-14.

At 2:40 P. M. the business meeting was called to order. A list of the nominees for the office of Assistant General Superintendent was read. The following were nominated. Brothers Fred Vogler, R. M. Riggs, Wesley R. Steelberg, G. F. Lewis, G. W. Hardcastle, A. A. Wilson, J. R. Flower, D. P. Holloway, A. M. Alber, F. J. Lindquist, V. G. Greisen, Frank Gray, Wallace Bragg, L. R. Keyes, Ben Hardin, W. I. Evans, and Glen Millard. Votes were cast, and while the ballots were being counted, the following resolution was presented.

"Whereas, at the present time there is no specific Sunday set aside by the editors of our Sunday School literature as Temperance Sunday, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That there be at least two Sundays out of the year designated as Temperance Sunday, at which time the editors of our Sunday School literature shall include in the lesson notes facts and informative aids that will be helpful to our teachers in stressing the evils of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that this resolution be adopted. Suggestion was made that possibly the lessons in our Whole Bible Course could be adapted to this subject.

There was no election on the first ballot cast for the office of Assistant General Superintendent. Voting continued.

The following resolution was presented by the Resolutions Committee.

"Whereas, there will be considerable expense in printing and mailing the church directory, and whereas, there must be a large number printed to supply licensed ministers who are pastors in addition to the ordained ministers, therefore be it

"Resolved, That each minister who desires such a directory be asked to pay twenty-five cents to cover postage and to help in the defraying of a part of the printing costs."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that this resolution be adopted. (When the printing of the Church Directory was completed it was ascertained the cost of production greatly exceeded the original estimate. Consequently a price of fifty cents postpaid was placed upon it.)

There was no election on the second or third ballots for the office of Assistant General Superintendent. Voting continued on the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the third ballot cast—Brother Fred Vogler, R. M. Riggs, and W. R. Steelberg.

The following resolution was presented for consideration.

"Whereas, alcoholic beverages are being sold within the camps of armed services and in the communities surrounding the said camps, thereby creating a demoralizing influence among the members of the armed forces, therefore be it

"Resolved, That this Council go on record as being opposed to the sale of any alcoholic beverages in the camps of our armed forces and in the communities surrounding the camps, and be it further

"Resolved, That our protest against the above practice be placed on record with the executive branch of our Government in the form of a petition, requesting that the sale of all

alcoholic beverages be banned from the camps and the communities surrounding the camps."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that this resolution be adopted.

No election was declared on the fourth and fifth ballots. Voting continued for Assistant Superintendent.

Election of Assistant General Superintendent

An election was declared on the sixth ballot, Brother R. M. Riggs receiving 494 of the 675 votes cast. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the brethren give faithful support to the newly elected Assistant General Superintendent.

Explanation was made that the retiring Assistant Superintendent had filled the office of Home Missions Secretary as well as the office of Assistant General Superintendent and some of the brethren expressed a desire to have him continue in the office of Home Missions Secretary. It was moved by Brother Gortner and seconded that the matter of the appointment of a Home Missions Secretary, and as to whether or not the Assistant General Superintendent shall be expected to reside at headquarters, be referred to the General Presbytery for due consideration with the suggestion and request that said Presbytery prepare a resolution to be presented to this general body for consideration.

This motion was before the house at the time of adjournment of the afternoon meeting at 5:15 P. M.

TUESDAY MORNING

The morning devotional service opened at 9:00 o'clock with Brother H. Paul Holdridge, secretary of the West Texas District, presiding and Brother E. R. Foster of Amarillo, Texas, leading the singing. There was a beautiful spirit of worship and praise to God throughout the service. Brother A. N. Trotter of East St. Louis, Illinois led in prayer. The morning speaker was Brother W. R. Williamson, superintendent of the Illinois District. He used as his text Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

At 10:15 A. M. the business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the Monday meetings were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The General Superintendent read the resolution which was before the house at the close of the Monday afternoon meet-

ing pertaining to the retiring Assistant Superintendent continuing to serve as Home Missions Secretary. He stated that the General Presbytery had given consideration to the resolution and had come to the conclusion that since the same person had served previously as both Home Missions Secretary and Assistant Superintendent, that when the brethren voted for the Assistant Superintendent they felt they were voting for one to fill both of these positions, and therefore the Presbytery recommended that the newly elected Assistant Superintendent be recognized also as Educational and Home Missions Secretary. By the consent of the body, the resolution before the house was withdrawn.

The General Superintendent asked that Brother R. M. Riggs, the newly elected Assistant Superintendent, take the chair and preside at the morning meeting.

Brother McClellan moved, and it was seconded and carried, that in recognition of the fact that Brother Vogler is entitled to a rest and vacation and in appreciation of his faithful services to the fellowship that a love offering be taken for him. (The offering amounted to \$375.09.)

Brother Vogler spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation of the thoughtfulness and generosity of the brethren and stated that he would continue to serve the fellowship to the best of his ability, no matter what the future held for him.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the General Council in session go on record as expressing their confidence in the retiring Assistant Superintendent by giving him a rising vote of appreciation for his past service.

Brother Gortner moved, and it was seconded and carried that if necessary arrangements for travel can be made, and if feasible, that the General Presbytery appoint Brother Vogler to represent the Assemblies of God as their ambassador to the brethren in Australia, New Zealand, and in any other field to which God may lead him to go.

The election of officers continued, and the next office to be filled was that of General Secretary. While the ballots were being counted, Brother Gortner presented the report of the committee on reading courses. This report was accepted and the recommendations in the report were adopted.

Reports of Committee on Reading Courses

Your Committee appointed at last year's session of the General Presbytery to prepare a ministerial reading course,

to be recommended, in the interest of uniformity, to all our districts, begs leave to report as follows:

1—It is our judgment that the course should be a three-year course. In the most of the districts two years of active approved service in the pastorate or evangelistic field are required before one who has been licensed to preach can qualify for ordination, but in some districts three years of approved service are required. If a three-year course shall be adopted adjustments can be made in those districts where only two years of approved service are required. These adjustments can be made by the district officary, or by the ministers of the district assembled in regular session.

2—We believe it would be wise for each district to have an examining committee, and conduct regular examinations at such times and places as may be determined by the brethren. But it is our opinion that this matter should be left entirely in the hands of the ministers of each district, said ministers being authorized to determine what course is best suited to the needs of their particular field. In some districts it may seem wise to require written examinations; in others, oral examinations; in still others, that each candidate shall be required to prepare a written synopsis of each book read; or, in some cases, it may seem sufficient to simply require the candidates to state upon their honor that they have carefully read the books of the required course.

3—Your Committee wishes to emphasize that it should always be understood that the passing of a satisfactory examination is not to be regarded as in itself a sufficient reason why a candidate should be entitled to a license, a renewal of license, or ordination. Your Committee feels that we should lay the greatest emphasis upon a general fitness for the work of the ministry, and a definite divine call to preach the Word. We believe that every minister should have a conviction that God has called him; and it would be well if that conviction were as deep seated as was the conviction of Paul who said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" Accompanying the conviction of a divine call, there should be evidences of both gifts and graces, indicating that the hand of the Lord has indeed been laid upon him. He should have a clear testimony that he has been born of the Spirit and baptized in the Holy Ghost, and

is living in harmony with the teachings of the inspired Word, and desires above everything else to please God and "make full proof of his ministry."

4—Your Committee regrets that a larger number of books, suitable to be placed in a reading course of this kind, has not been provided by distinctively Pentecostal writers. We do not feel that this failure is the result of insufficient talent among us. We believe that we have capable writers who have not as yet seen the necessity of furnishing such books for our ministers and people. Your Committee has tried to make use of books written by writers of our own fellowship where such books of a suitable nature have been found. Some very excellent books by gifted writers are out of print, or can be secured only through importation, and at this time when the risk of loss in importing books is so great, it has not seemed wise to your Committee to place in the reading course books that cannot be procured in America. Among the books we should like to have included in our list are "Many Infallible Proofs," and "The New Acts of the Apostles," by Dr. A. T. Pierson; also "The Life and Letters of Paul," by our own Brother P. C. Nelson of now sainted memory. We very much regret that this last named book is so soon out of print, and we trust that it will be republished at an early date.

5—We recommend that in the event any district already has a reading course that is regarded as comparable to the course herewith recommended, the matter of substituting the course we recommend for the course already adopted be left to the judgment of the brethren of said district.

The books we recommend for the three-year course are as follows:

FIRST YEAR

- "What the Bible Teaches," by R. A. Torrey.
- "The Life of Jesus Christ," by James Stalker.
- "God's Wonderful Word," by F. M. Boyd
- "With Signs Following," by Stanley H. Frodsham.
- "A Faithful Minister," by E. S. Williams.
- "Preacher and Prayer," by E. M. Bounds.
- "A Successful Pastor," by Ralph M. Riggs.

SECOND YEAR

- "Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible," by Myer Pearlman.
- "How to Prepare and Deliver Gospel Messages," by Jno. A. Broadus.
- "Ages and Dispensations," by F. M. Boyd.
- "The Life of Paul," by James Stalker.
- "Pentecost Examined," by a Baptist Lawyer.
- "The Gospel of Healing," by A. B. Simpson.
- "My Message to Sunday School Workers," by Marion Lawrance.

THIRD YEAR

- "The Path of Prophecy," by Ralph M. Riggs.
- "The Book of Revelation," by F. M. Larkin.
- "Daniel Speaks Today," by Myer Pearlman.
- "Earth's Earliest Ages," by G. M. Pember.
- "History of the Christian Church," by J. L. Hurlbut.
- "Jesus Is Coming," by W. E. Blackstone.

J. Narver Gortner

Chairman of the Committee.

(Because of war conditions, some of the books listed above are not obtainable at the present time. Consequently, when books listed are unavailable, the Gospel Publishing House has been suggesting books of a similar nature in substitution.)

Election of General Secretary

Brother Bartlett Peterson presented the report of the tellers. On the nominating ballot for the office of General Secretary, Brother J. Roswell Flower was returned to office, receiving 468 of the 582 votes cast.

The election of the three non-resident executive presbyters was the next order of business. The following nominations were made from the floor: Brothers G. F. Lewis, J. N. Gortner, Frank Lindquist, E. B. Crump, G. W. Hardcastle, Carl Barnes, W. R. Steelberg, A. A. Wilson, Frank Gray, Flem Van Meter, V. G. Greisen, David Burris, and Ben Hardin.

After the first ballot was cast, and before the ballots were counted, the meeting adjourned. Brother R. M. Riggs led in the closing prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional meeting opened at 1:30 with Brother C. W. Loenser of Cleveland, Ohio presiding. Brother

Gustave Kinderman of Oxford, Pa. led the song service and Brother L. W. Drewitz of Chicago, Illinois offered prayer. The speaker of the afternoon was Brother E. L. Tanner, General Presbyter from Louisiana. His subject was, "The Responsibility and Power of the Church."

The business meeting opened at 2:45 P. M. Brother Jesse E. Smith asked God's blessing upon the business of the afternoon.

The tellers reported that on the first ballot for the three nonresident executive presbyters, there was no election. Voting continued.

Brother Hamill called attention to the fact that in the reading course accepted in the morning meeting, there were no books on Sunday School work included. It was moved, seconded, and carried that in addition to the books recommended for study in the reading course, books on Sunday School work shall be included.

Brother Ralph Harris, chairman of the Young People's Committee, read the following report submitted by that committee.

Report of Young People's Committee

Your General Council Young People's Committee has given considerable time to deliberation on young people's activities and to consideration of the critical problems with which the youth of our Movement is faced today.

Our Executive Presbyters have made a sincere effort to meet these needs by the establishment of a new department at headquarters.

Over a period of several years the Executive Presbyters, the General Presbyters, and young people's leaders from all sections of our constituency have made recommendations as to the purpose which could be served by such a department. Furthermore, research work authorized by the executive brethren has obtained a consensus of the sentiment of our fellowship.

The work of this Committee has been to coordinate these various recommendations and suggestions and to embody them in the following resolution.

Whereas, the present title of Article XIII of the General Council by-laws is applicable only to local young people's societies, and

Whereas, the preamble is no longer essential to this article, and

Whereas, the article contains no provision for the department which the Executive Presbytery under authorization of the General Presbytery has established at headquarters for our young people, therefore be it

Resolved, That Article XIII be amended as follows:

1. By changing the heading from "Young People's Societies" to "Christ's Ambassadors."
2. By striking out the first four paragraphs.
3. By inserting the following new sections:

Section 1. NAME

The organizations comprising local and district groups of young people of the Assemblies of God shall be known as Christ's Ambassadors.

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Christ's Ambassadors shall be to foster and promote the work of God among our young people in harmony with the constitutional principles of cooperative fellowship and unity of the Assemblies of God.

4. By renumbering Sections one, two and three, making them three, four and five.

5. By adding the following new sections.

Section 6. CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

a. There shall be a Christ's Ambassadors Department at headquarters under the supervision of the Executive Presbytery.

b. The head of this department shall be appointed by the General Presbytery and shall be known as the National Christ's Ambassadors Secretary.

c. The purpose of this department shall be to plan and promote a spiritual program to save and conserve young people for the kingdom of God and to correlate the wisdom and leadership of our older brethren with the zeal and enthusiasm of youth.

- d. The functions of this department shall include:

1. Encouraging and assisting the development of regional young people's conferences;

2. Providing aid in the development and promotion of constructive district young people's programs;

3. Producing literature and helps to meet the specific needs of each age group in the local young people's societies;

4. Promoting spiritual programs adaptable to the particular problems of young people in high schools and colleges.

e. Duties of the Secretary shall include

1. Supervising the work of the department in the fulfillment of its intended purpose and functions.

2. Ministering on the field in the interests of Christ's Ambassadors work.

Section 7. CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS HERALD.

The CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS HERALD shall be the organ of the Christ's Ambassadors Department.

Respectfully submitted,
YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Ralph W. Harris, Chairman
Atwood Foster
Leonard Palmer
G. J. Unruh
F. D. Davis
W. E. Pickthorn
F. T. Buntenbach
R. C. Cunningham

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

On the second ballot cast for non-resident executives, there were two elections, Brothers J. N. Gortner and A. A. Wilson. Voting continued for the third non-resident executive.

The following resolution was presented.

"As there is now a bill before Congress for a year of compulsory military training for our American youth, be it

"Resolved, That this body of people go on record as being against such a bill and send our protest to Washington as against compulsory youth military training."

Some question arose as to whether or not such a bill were actually before Congress, but it was moved, seconded and carried that we express ourselves as being opposed to compulsory military training if and when such a bill does come before Congress.

On the third ballot, Brother Wesley R. Steelberg was elected as a non-resident Executive Presbyter.

Brother Russell H. Olson, Chairman of the Home Missions

Committee, read the following report submitted by that committee.

Report of Home Missions Committee

We praise the Lord for the splendid work of the Home Missions Department in the development of activities among the American Indians, the Jews, in the Hawaiian Islands, in Alaska, in the Armed Forces and its continued cooperation with the District Councils in the development of the local home missions fields.

A survey made by questionnaires sent to each district Secretary, reveals a very gratifying report of development throughout every district with some districts reporting a good number of new works established in the last 2 years, the three highest of which are; Alabama District, 32; North Central, 34; Northwest, 38.

Our recommendations to this General Council are as follows:

Whereas, there are some districts that are still in great need of workers, and

Whereas, we believe that the expansion of these districts at an early date will materially increase the source for additional recruits for our great world missions plan, create more Sunday Schools, increase business for our Publishing House, and

Whereas, after viewing all needs from the various angles of our General Council home missions work, we find the paramount need of our work to be God-called, consecrated, Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, trained workers,

We recommend that each official, pastor, evangelist, and Christian worker exhort our constituency to obey the Word of God which urges us to "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest," and

We recommend further that in order to further emphasize this paramount need, we ask our General Secretary to include the following admonition in the next general letter to our ministers. "The Home Missions Committee at the General Council session, after prayerfully discussing the various needs of the work in expanding our efforts and propagating our Pentecostal message, concluded that the greatest need of today is for God-called, consecrated, Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, trained workers. We therefore definitely

urge every official, pastor, evangelist, and Christian worker to exhort our constituency to obey the Word of God and 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest,' and because so many graduates and recruits for the ministry appear to have such an inadequate conception of pioneer work, we also urge each Bible Institute and College and Ministers' Institute to stress instruction in pioneer work to further meet this need."

Respectfully submitted,

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Russell H. Olson, Chairman
Fred Vogler
H. M. Fulfer
J. E. Austell
J. J. Humphries
Charles O. Green
David Burris
H. E. Waddle
L. O. Waldon

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of the Home Missions Committee be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Brother M. L. Grable read the following report submitted by the Sunday School Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

During the past two years the Gospel Publishing House has made available to the constituency a Sunday School advancement program which it has called "The Sunday School Lighthouse Plan." This plan has twelve features which are intended to guide pastors and superintendents in their building of Christ-honoring Sunday Schools. It encourages regular attendance of officers, teachers and pupils; encourages monthly workers' conferences and teacher-training classes; provides for proper grouping of pupils according to age, adequate records of the school's progress and for proper financial support through regular and missionary offerings. It encourages regular and consistent soul winning, attendance at morning worship and a ministry to the unreached through the cradle roll and home departments.

Your committee's first concern was to ascertain how well the Lighthouse Plan had been received by our constituency. Inasmuch as the District Sunday School representatives are in touch with their local situations, those Sunday School representatives present at the General Council were invited to sit with your committee. Each was frank to confess his appreciation of the Lighthouse Plan, and urged its uninterrupted use until some future time when a more feasible plan can be adopted. The representatives stated that there was no way of accurately determining the number of schools using the plan, but they estimated the number at twenty-five per cent. They had discovered that the only reason the plan had not been adopted more widely was because of the brevity of time in which it had been presented, and they were unanimous in the belief that where the Lighthouse Chart was properly explained and presented it would be accepted by leaders of local schools.

With this information at hand your committee is in position to recommend that district executives give serious consideration to the Lighthouse Plan and support it wherever possible, and that local pastors obtain the Lighthouse Chart and the folders which explain it from the Gospel Publishing House and as soon as possible acquaint themselves with its twelve features. Your committee also recommends that when the Lighthouse Plan is introduced into any school it be done with the full knowledge and approval of the local pastor.

It is further recommended that the Gospel Publishing House make awards under the supervision of the district executives to the schools earning credits. Either the district representative or the district executives will recommend to the Gospel Publishing House which schools merit awards. Where local situations warrant, district leaders will be at liberty to award credits to schools which have labored faithfully but have been handicapped by weather, bad roads, or as in some defense areas, working shifts which make Sunday School attendance impossible for many.

Your committee feels that District Sunday School representatives or Sunday School leaders in general should use the greatest care when they are presenting Sunday School features, such as the Lighthouse Chart, not to force an issue and therefore cause opposition or prejudice in As-

sembly of God Sunday Schools. This is important since we recognize the power of the Holy Spirit in all of our Sunday School efforts, and do not wish to impose any plan or device which would tend to transfer confidence from the Spirit's power to organizational methods or standards.

Respectfully submitted,

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Sunday School Committee be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The following resolution was presented by the missionaries assembled at the General Council:

Whereas, it is generally considered that visual aid is of great value in making plain the conditions on the mission field, and

Whereas, there has been some opposition to the showing of moving pictures, therefore be it

Resolved, That rather than to eliminate altogether this means of missionary education, the Executive Presbytery be requested to act as a committee to censor films so that just those that are believed to be helpful may be shown among our assemblies, and be it further

Resolved, That due respect be given to the opinion and desire of the local pastor and district officary in each locality in such matters.

It was moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that this resolution be referred to the General Presbyters for consideration, but the motion was lost.

It was then moved by Brother D. P. Holloway that inasmuch as so many of the brethren had already departed, consideration of the motion before the house be postponed indefinitely. The motion to postpone indefinitely was seconded and carried.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, there has been the most cordial relationship between the press, radio and the General Council of the Assemblies of God in session at Springfield, Missouri, therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation both to the press and radio for the favorable publicity given to the convention, and be it further

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as commend-

ing and appreciating the editorial entitled, "Time to Tarry" which appeared in the Sunday edition of the paper.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we express our appreciation for the hospitality extended to the members of the General Council by the management of Central Bible Institute, and also for the many services supplied by those who have ministered to the comfort and convenience of the guests of the Central Bible Institute while the General Council has been in session.

Brother C. D. Goudie, chairman of the Roster Committee, submitted the final report of the committee. The total registration at the desk of the Roster Committee until the afternoon of the closing session was 1454.

Ordained ministers	902
Canadian minister	1
Delegates	138
Licentiates	149
Visitors	264

It was noted that the registration for the 1941 General Council in Minneapolis totaled 3,624. Owing to war conditions and restrictions for travel, the total enrollment for the 1943 meeting was only 1454, less than half the registration at the 1941 Council. However, the number of ordained ministers attending the 1943 Council compared favorably with the number registered in 1941. At the Council in Minneapolis 952 ordained ministers registered, and at the 1943 Council, 902 ordained ministers were registered.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Presbytery be authorized to edit, correct and publish the minutes of this General Council and to mail a copy to each minister and missionary in the fellowship.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Twentieth General Council adjourn, with thanks to God for His wonderful presence and for divine help in all the deliberations. By motion, all unfinished business was committed to the Executive Presbytery.

The Twentieth General Council adjourned at 5:45 p. m. with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer of dismissal and benediction offered by Brother W. T. Gaston of Sacramento, Calif.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY

Covering all departments operating under the supervision of
the Executive Presbytery for two years beginning

August 1, 1941 and ending
July 31, 1943

The past two-year period closed on July 31st with the flag of victory flying high over every department of the headquarters work in Springfield, in spite of the handicaps we have faced on account of the world war. We may have had misgivings concerning the future when the last report was prepared two years ago, but few of us could have anticipated Pearl Harbor and all the events that followed. Nor could we have anticipated the effects of the war upon our Sunday Schools, our Churches, our Home and Foreign Missionary work, building programs, Bible Schools, Publishing interests, etc., etc.

Thousands of our young men have been inducted into the armed services of our country. Some have estimated the number to be thirty thousand. But be that as it may, the taking out of our assemblies such a large number of young men has had definite effect in both the Christ's Ambassador work and the Assembly life as well.

In addition to the loss of our young men, our churches are suffering from three other serious handicaps. The first is that caused by the exodus of many members of our assemblies located in non-defense areas into areas where defense work is being undertaken. The second is the temporary loss of many of these migrants, who fail to join up with new assemblies in the territory to which they have moved. The third is the handicap suffered by many of our pastors who have had to stand still and see the membership of their assemblies gradually diminish, as the members, one after another, have moved away to engage in defense work.

Some pastors, lured by the prospect of high wages, have been greatly tempted to leave the work of the ministry. Never has the Executive Office received so large a number of annual questionnaires bearing the information the minister is engaged temporarily in secular work. Other pastors have held on

grimly, suffering deprivation rather than to forsake their diminished congregations. May God bless them for their faithfulness.

Restrictions in travel, gas rationing, etc., have also taken their toll from attendance at District Councils, camp meetings, conventions and conferences. And yet, in spite of these handicaps, special meetings have been largely attended, surprisingly so, and great blessing has been experienced in the majority of these meetings.

The Executive officers of the General Council have continued their ministry to the fellowship, in all parts of the country. At times, they have had to stand up in railway coaches for many miles in order to make an appointment. They have returned home from field service, often weary in body, only to start out again in response to the many calls they have received. Their absence from the Executive Offices has at times caused considerable delay in the answering of correspondence addressed to them, but this seems to have been well understood and little dissatisfaction has been expressed by those who have had to wait for replies to their letters.

The field work of the General Superintendent has virtually covered the entire country, for it has been ascertained that he has ministered in all of the thirty-six districts with the exception of seven, the Appalachian, Georgia, Kentucky, Montana, South Carolina, West Central and West Florida.

Some of these districts have been visited more than once, and in four districts, the Eastern, Northwest, Idaho and New England, a series of local conventions were ministered to. The field ministry of the General Officers is a valuable factor in the binding together in Christian co-operation and fellowship of those sections of the constituency which are separated by territorial boundaries.

The duties of the Assistant General Superintendent have been varied. The major portion of his time has been spent in field work in all parts of the country where he has devoted his time to the promotion of home and foreign missions, Sunday Schools, our Pentecostal youth and special spiritual ministry. He has attended and ministered to six camp meetings and twelve district councils, including the German branch. Both Jewish work and Indian work has been under his supervision and as Educational Secretary he has visited four of our Bible Schools.

During the past two years his duties have been enlarged to include Jewish work, Indian work on the reservations, work among the deaf, work among those confined in penal institutions, etc. One of the greatest ministries has been rendered to the men in the service of their country. The responsibility for raising funds for the purchase of Testaments and the arrangements for the distribution of New Testaments to the men of the Merchant Marine has been borne by his department. The Home Missions Department has also had the responsibility of contacting and corresponding with the more than four hundred chaplains who are receiving "Reveille" for distribution among the men in the armed services.

The war has brought to the office of the General Secretary multiplied responsibilities hitherto unknown. Improper classifications by local draft boards of both ministers and laymen has necessitated much correspondence. At times, appeals have been addressed to the President of the United States, when all other efforts to obtain proper classification of our members had failed. The problems of the Conscientious Objector who has been consigned to the Civilian Public Service Camps and the young men who have sought for non-combatant service in the army as objectors to military training and service, have forced upon the office multiplied correspondence in their behalf.

When it became known the War Department was seeking to add to the Chaplain service a large number of men to care for the spiritual needs of a growing army, many of our ministers envisioned an opportunity to serve their country and at the same time to continue in their calling as ministers of the gospel. Consequently many applications were filed with the local Service Corps for appointment to the chaplaincy. It has been no easy task to convince many of these applicants that definite standards for the chaplaincy have been adopted and that candidates who cannot meet these standards are not eligible for commissions. As the war has progressed, it became apparent to the War Department that educational standards must be lowered if the army is to receive its full quota of chaplains. Consequently, more of our ministers have been encouraged to apply for commissions, and at the time of writing this report, eight men have been accepted and granted commissions. None of these men so far have been sent overseas, but there is a prospect that some will be sent in the very near future.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

Ordained Ministers

While District Council Credentials Committees have the responsibility of examination of candidates for the ministry, and are entrusted with the privilege of setting apart and ordination of those who have proven their call to preach, the secretarial office of the General Council is responsible for the issuance of ordination certificates and the annual fellowship certificates which are carried by all ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God. We are able to report that there has been another increase in the number of ordained ministers who are ministering to the fellowship. At the close of the fiscal year of 1941, the list contained the names of 4,159 ministers. At the close of the fiscal year of 1943, the list had grown to 4,664 ministers, a net gain of 505 or 12.14 per cent. Since the last General Council the names of 798 ministers have been added to the list and 293 names have been removed. Of this number, 44 ministers withdrew, 28 were dropped for various reasons, 45 have passed on to be with Christ and 172 failed to renew their fellowship, or were not recommended by their districts for renewal. The product of our Bible Schools continues to be a large factor in the increase of ordinations in all our districts.

Assemblies and Church Membership

The District Secretaries have been most co-operative in furnishing every assistance to the office of the General Secretary to enable us to arrive at a fairly accurate estimate of the total number of assemblies in the fellowship of the Assemblies of God, and the membership of each assembly. We are including in this list those churches who count themselves a part of the fellowship, although they have never applied for nor obtained a proper letter of affiliation from the General Council office, together with those assemblies which are still in a formative stage and are being cared for by district supervision until of sufficient maturity to warrant full recognition of sovereignty.

At the close of the fiscal year in 1941 the number of assemblies reported was 4,348. At the close of the fiscal year of 1943, the list had grown to 5,106, a gain of 758, or 17.43 per cent. Church membership has also shown a marked gain, for the present figure, computed at the close of the 1943 fiscal year, has reached 226,705, whereas the total number of mem-

bers at the close of the fiscal year in 1941 was 209,549. This is a gain of 17,156, or 8.19 per cent.

A goodly portion of this gain has been made possible through the Home Missions program of the General Council. God has prospered the Gospel Publishing House so that we have been able to take close to \$45,000.00 from the profits of the Publishing House for distribution to the Districts to be used in home mission efforts, during the past two years. Under the blessing of God, it will be possible to distribute a further substantial sum for this purpose, this year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

While each department of the General Council functions as a separate unit, all departments have been co-ordinated under the Executive Office, and all finances of all departments are handled through the General Treasurer's office. The work of the Treasurer has been combined with that of the General Secretary, so that the financing of the office is not charged to the various departments of the General Council, but is carried as a feature of the general expense of the secretary's office.

For a number of years, offerings being received from ministers were inadequate to meet the expense of the Executive office, although that office was operated on a very economical basis. At the close of each fiscal year, it was found necessary to make an appropriation from the Gospel Publishing House funds to cover the deficit. In recent years, however, the cost of operating the Executive Office has been met entirely from the offerings which have been received from the ministers, and the Gospel Publishing House has been relieved of this burden and permitted to use its funds for other purposes. The Publishing House, however, is still furnishing to the Executive Office without cost, office space, heat, light, telephone, janitor service, etc.

There has been an increase in the amount of tithes and offerings received from our ordained ministers during the past two years, over and above the amount received during the two previous years as follows:

The fiscal year ending July 31, 1940	\$21,265.77
The year ending July 31, 1941	\$27,064.64
The year ending July 31, 1942	\$32,839.81
The year ending July 31, 1943	\$44,493.10

Whether the increase in giving has resulted from the in-

creased number of ministers on the official list, or a greater spirit of loyalty to the headquarters office and general fellowship, or the general prosperity which has prevailed over the country, we are unable to judge. But the increase has been welcomed inasmuch as the needs of the Executive Office have increased proportionately. In addition to the three Executive Officers who are supported from the tithes and offerings of the Assemblies of God constituency, there were five office helpers giving full time service in the Executive Office at the beginning of the fiscal year. The employment of these office workers has been necessary to care for the enlarged service being performed by the Executive Office, which includes the administration of the Ministers' Benevolence Fund, the Revolving Church Extension Fund, the issuance of credentials to ministers who have been ordained to the ministry, the compilation of statistics for the Assemblies of God, the heavy correspondence with district officers and the more than forty-five hundred ministers, etc., etc. It is highly imperative, therefore, that all of our brethren continue to send their offerings of \$1.00 per month in order that the Executive Office may continue to serve the fellowship adequately.

THE MINISTERS' BENEVOLENCE FUND

We are happy for the privilege of reporting that during the past two years the total offerings received from the constituency for the support of our aged ministers have been adequate to meet the need. For the years since the fund was established until July 31, 1941, the disbursements were greater than receipts, the difference being made up from the sums contributed to the fund from the Gospel Publishing House. Beginning with the General Council of 1941, offerings increased one and a half times for the year 1942 and two times plus for the year ending July 31, 1943. Greater interest in the fund shared by a larger number of people, together with the fact that there is more money now in the country, accounts in a large measure for the increase in giving. It is well that the fund has increased beyond the actual present needs for a surplus is thereby provided for lean years which may be before us, or for an increase in the number of beneficiaries, which is certain to occur should our Lord tarry.

The number receiving aid from the fund has remained about the same for the past three years. The distribution has been as follows: For 1941, \$18,564.00; for 1942, \$18,629.83; for 1943, \$18,288.50. Ten names have been removed from the list of

beneficiaries because of death and the names of others have been added in their places. On August 1, of this year, sixty-four checks were mailed to beneficiaries to provide for the needs of approximately 115 persons. The distribution was on a basis of \$15 to \$18 per month for single persons and \$20 to \$30 per month for married couples, the amount being dependent upon location, living costs, actual needs and other factors.

It was never intended that this fund should be a burden to our constituency, but it is desirable that all our churches cooperate at the times when this need is presented to them, in the Spring and the Fall of each year. It is not the size of the offering that counts, but the fact that all have the opportunity to share with the older ministers as God has prospered them.

THE REVOLVING CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

One of the greatest aids ever given to home missions of the Assemblies of God was the establishment of the Revolving Church Extension Fund. This fund has made available to small churches loans to be used for buildings and improvements. Since the founding of the fund until July 31st of this year, a total of four hundred and forty-six loans have been granted. The increase in value of church properties has been far in excess of the total investment. Small, struggling churches have been encouraged and given a boost toward independency which could not have been achieved otherwise.

Because of the revolving principle (as loans are being repaid on the monthly basis, the loan payments are again loaned to other churches) a total of \$88,500.00 has been made available to 300 churches during the past two years. Churches in almost all districts have received the benefits of the fund, the largest number of churches benefiting being found in the State of Texas, in which State sixty-nine loans were made. Oklahoma followed with twenty-three loans; Southern Missouri, twenty-one; Kansas, eighteen and Arkansas, eighteen. Reports from these sections of our fellowship indicate the benefits received from the fund to have been incalculable.

The fund was founded with a limit of \$50,000.00. Because this sum was found to be inadequate, it was decided at the General Presbyters meeting in September, 1942, to increase the fund if need be to \$100,000.00. Shortly after this decision was made a set-back to all building operations was suffered through the passing of laws requiring priorities for building materials. Some building has been undertaken under great

difficulty, while other building projects have been postponed for the duration of the war. Nevertheless, one hundred and forty-three applications were received and loans granted during the fiscal year which closed July 31st. The number of loans granted during the preceding year was one hundred fifty-seven.

We are quite certain that just as soon as priority bans are lifted and building materials are again available for church construction, there will be further demands upon the fund from all sections of the country.

When the fund was established, it was decided to provide the loans at the lowest cost possible. It was determined that an interest rate of 4 per cent would be adequate to cover the overhead expense of handling the fund, and this estimate of cost has been confirmed as the administration of the fund has been continued. Applications for loans are to be made to the District Officer and not to the Executive Office of the General Council. Full responsibility for the repayment of loans is shared by the local Church and the District Councils.

EXPLANATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement has been prepared by the Southwest Audit and Systems Company and is a combined statement of all assets and liabilities of all departments of the General Council, including the Executive Office, the Gospel Publishing House, the World Missions Department and Central Bible Institute. Cash on hand and in banks is the amount used as working capital in the various departments.

In addition to the buildings and equipment used by the Gospel Publishing House and Central Bible Institute, it will be noted that current assets include bonds, stocks, notes receivable, etc. These assets have been accumulated to secure the annuities issued by the General Council office in conformity with the laws governing the issuance of annuities. Upon the death of an annuitant, such funds as have been invested are released to be applied to the work of the Lord in home and foreign lands. Only through the holding of sound securities can interest be realized for the payment of interest due on annuity contracts.

Other investments have been made with funds which are being held in special accounts, not immediately needed for the purpose for which they are held. This includes some missions funds which cannot be transmitted to the field on account of war restrictions, but which will be needed for disbursement just as quickly as restrictions are lifted.

In behalf of the Executive Presbytery, the preceding report is respectfully submitted.

Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent
 Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent
 J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 1943

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash on Hand and in Banks:

General Council	\$ 29,767.73	
Gospel Publishing House	107,615.32	
Central Bible Institute	49,490.45	
Missions Department	287,718.47	\$474,591.97

Checks Held for Collection
 and Postage

1,498.26

Notes and Accounts Re-
 ceivable

\$ 64,985.01

Less Reserve for Doubtful

Notes and Accounts	11,954.43	53,030.58
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Accrued Interest Receivable

880.46

Inventories

109,763.21

Total Current Assets

\$ 639,764.48

INVESTMENTS

Bonds

\$550,632.02

Stocks:

Preferred

42,751.19

Building and Loan As-

sociations

30,000.00

Common

45,495.52

Life Insurance Annuities....

16,741.12

Notes Receivable

170,747.33

Residential Real Estate

41,938.48

Other Investments

144.95

Total Investments....

898,450.61

FIXED ASSETS:

	Cost	Depreciation	Book Value
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Land	\$ 18,191.58	\$	18,191.58
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Buildings	388,097.32	154,221.11	233,876.21
Machinery and Equipment	182,609.54	106,757.94	75,851.60
Furniture and Fixtures	86,535.23	64,024.17	22,511.06
Type and Metal	16,147.35	5,457.04	10,690.31
Autos and Trucks	5,804.87	5,134.23	670.64
Gas Plant	2,833.30	991.69	1,841.61
Heating Plant	18,883.50	7,088.55	11,794.95
Sewer	1,150.39		1,150.39
Water System	13,542.66	3,248.19	10,294.47

Total Fixed

Assets	\$733,795.74	\$346,922.92	\$386,872.82	\$ 386,872.82
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DEFERRED CHARGES:

Unexpired Insurance

\$ 3,203.60

General Council and Camp

Meeting Equipment

151.84

Supplies

11,489.07

Reference Books

626.75

Total Deferred

Charges

15,471.26

TOTAL ASSETS.....

\$1,940,559.17

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable

\$ 21,306.27

Refunds Unredeemed

1,264.17

Reserve for Royalty

2,187.54

Individual Savings Ac-

count (C. B. I.)

1,985.56

Students' Accounts, 1943-44

438.91

Accrued Taxes

1,006.40

Accrued Interest Payable

1,751.73

Total Current Liabilities

\$ 29,940.58

OTHER LIABILITIES:

Unearned Subscriptions

36,611.78

Other Accounts

37,894.21

Total Other Liabilities..

74,505.99

ANNUITY BONDS

OUTSTANDING

144,362.37

FUNDS:

General	\$921,432.56	
Retirement	2,938.94	
Ministers' Benevolence	81,913.45	
Conscientious Objectors	447.10	
Employees' Benefit	10,235.88	
Traveling Expense	3,255.49	
Church Revolving	100,000.00	
Special Need	16,328.46	
Students	5,045.15	
Reservations General		
Council Meeting	775.50	
Missions Department		
Funds:		
Foreign Missions,		
Designated	\$451,331.39	
Foreign Missions,		
Undesignated	31,827.39	
Home Missions,		
Designated	10,984.51	
Home Missions,		
Undesignated	23,237.58	
Foreign Missions, Admr.		
or Special Need	12,295.25	
Office Expense	3,778.09	
Death Benefit	10,923.49	
C. B. I. Missionary		
Courses	5,000.00	549,377.70
Total Funds		1,691,750.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND FUNDS \$1,940,559.17

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES, AUGUST 1, 1941 to JULY 31, 1943

INCOME:		
General Council	\$ 77,789.68	
Income from Investments	38,900.36	
Missions Department:		
Income	\$ 52,350.37	
Transfers	7,343.91	59,694.28
Central Bible Institute	123,301.31	
Gospel Publishing House	1,290,099.11	
Total Income		\$1,589,784.74
EXPENSES:		
General Council	\$ 45,363.30	
Investment Expense	22,117.02	
Missions Department	59,694.28	

Central Bible Institute	93,032.01	
Gospel Publishing House	919,829.39	
Total Expenses		1,140,036.00
Net Income Before Charging		
Depreciation		\$ 449,748.74
Depreciation on Buildings		
and Equipment:		
Gospel Publishing House	\$ 42,363.01	
Central Bible Institute....	27,055.49	
Total Depreciation		69,418.50
Net Increase in		
General Fund		\$ 380,330.24

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Certificate

We have made a general audit of the books and records of the GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD for the period beginning August 1, 1941 and ending July 31, 1943 and

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the Cash Receipts and Disbursements as shown by the records are properly accounted for, and that the investment securities and cash balances as of July 31, 1943 were verified by count or properly authenticated certificates; and further, that, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet as of July 31, 1943 and the Statement of Income and Expenses beginning August 1, 1941 and ending July 31, 1943, are correct.

SOUTHWEST AUDIT AND SYSTEMS COMPANY
By Henry A. Haas

MISSIONS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shortly after the convening of our last General Council gathering, our nation was drawn into the world conflict which naturally has multiplied the problems of our overseas missionary work.

If we include Alaska we have 51 missionary fronts to maintain, each with its own problem in consideration of the necessity of maintaining the missionaries on the field, the providing of furloughs and the replacement of those returning home by new missionaries or the sending back of those whose fur-

lough is over. The transportation problem is the most difficult since it is not only the danger of travel but the practical impossibility in many instances of getting accommodation by boat or plane for civilian use. As a result of this we have 158 missionaries now on furlough, most of whom are unavoidably delayed from going back but who will be ready to leave as soon as war conditions change. There are probably 25 more who should return home now for their health's sake, but transportation is either unavailable, or the needs of the work are such that the missionaries prefer to stay on regardless of the effect on their health. We should not let them stay longer than is absolutely necessary.

In spite of these difficulties our work continues active in 41 of the 51 fronts, and in practically all of the other ten there are known to be live assemblies operating under native leadership.

Although curtailed in some sections, our work has continued to expand in other directions, so that seven new fields have been opened since last General Council. These are Nyasaland, Basutoland, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Colombia, Jamaica and the Bahama Islands. There is definite prospect of getting workers into still other fields even if war conditions continue.

The present world situation and outlook does not in our opinion present ground for any slackening in missionary interest and giving, but rather presents reasons for an increase in preparation for what may be the last great opportunity of the church to fulfill our Lord's command.

The postwar world will be one in which every country will be our near neighbor. The plane and radio will enable us to reach the uttermost parts of the earth with a speed that hitherto has not been possible. Other missionary societies are making special preparation for the qualifying of missionary workers and accumulating of funds to send these out so that a small army of missionaries will be moving forth at the termination of the war. Shall we of the Assemblies of God be less diligent about our Master's business?

The steps already taken toward a greater efficiency and expansion in our missionary work include the appointing of Field Secretaries as authorized by our General Presbytery. These brethren are missionaries of experience in work at home and abroad whose duties will be to maintain close contact with developments on the foreign field and the needs of the territory under their supervision. This involves residence

abroad for extended periods of time when their counsel and spiritual ministry to the younger missionaries will be of great help, while on their return to the homeland they will be in a position to present the needs of the field and endeavor by God's help to recruit new missionaries and encourage financial support for advance moves.

Those appointed already, H. C. Ball and H. B. Garlock, will represent Latin America and West Africa. Other appointments should follow in order to adequately provide for our ever-enlarging territory. These Field Secretaries are not considered as additions to the headquarters office so much as leading men in active missionary service whose ministry will be more or less evenly divided between the helping and guiding of the work abroad and the stimulating of missionary interest at home, while an important feature of their responsibility will be the advising of the Missions Department in its administration.

A second step in our seeking to fulfill the Lord's commission is the recruiting of five hundred new missionaries. We would like to see such a company selected from among those who have already heard the call of God into the work of the ministry and who have given proof of their calling in some few years of fruitful service in the homeland. One of the greatest needs of our overseas territory is the leadership of young men and women who have had Bible training and practical experience. Closely connected with our desire to contact young people qualified for missionary service is a plan of our Young People's Department to get the names and addresses of 10,000 of our youth who will consecrate their lives to the service of God without reservation as to what or where it may be.

A third step is the appointing of advisory committees of experienced brethren who will be active in giving counsel relative to the fields with which they are acquainted. A beginning along this line has been made in the appointment of a committee for Europe composed of ministers and missionaries who know that continent and speak many of its languages. Europe is going to need not only rehabilitation but the regenerating power of the gospel at the close of the war.

Other committees might be established composed of missionaries of experience who may be enlisted for special service in this capacity while on furlough.

A fourth and important step is the providing of additional training for missionary candidates and for missionaries on

furlough; so that those we send out may be better prepared to meet the complex task of presenting the gospel to the peoples of a foreign race and tongue under the adverse conditions of trying climates and sometimes undesirable living conditions. We have been fortunate in securing the aid of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummings to head a special course of instruction at Central Bible Institute. These friends are missionaries and teachers of considerable experience and reputation, Mr. Cummings having been head of the language school in Landour, India, and selected by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America as its teacher for a special course of instruction for new missionaries of many denominations.

We have been sending others of our missionaries to language schools where under able teachers they are preparing themselves for quicker and better service when they go abroad or return to their former field of labor. Missionary candidates for Latin America are being given opportunity to learn Spanish and get practical experience in work that is provided for them in Spanish-speaking communities here in the U. S. A. These when sent out to Central or South America will already have a good start in the language and will have learned something of what is required to work among the people of Latin race.

A fifth step we are contemplating is the establishing of a series of missionary conventions in convenient centers with a team of workers qualified to present various phases of the missionary enterprise. These conventions should be educational as well as inspirational and we believe will serve to meet a real need in giving information concerning our world wide missionary work and its needs. Our objective is not only to have every assembly a missionary contributor but every individual member a missionary enthusiast. The fulfillment of this plan may have to be deferred in a measure until transportation is simplified.

Lastly, in order to carry out this program, we have set as our goal the raising of a fund of \$5,000,000 which, though at first thought might seem large, is small in comparison with what is involved. The raising of this fund and carrying out of our purposes may prove to be a definite factor in the bringing back of our Lord. The financial feature can be cared for by the united co-operation of our Assemblies of God membership. As little as 25 cents given as an extra missionary offer-

ing each week by each member for two years will provide all the money needed.

The amount contributed for Foreign Missions by the various States is as follows:

	1941-1942	1942-1943	August 1941 to July 1943 (inclusive)
California	\$92,126.20	\$138,570.24	\$230,696.44
Washington	50,070.87	68,243.99	118,314.86
Pennsylvania	48,730.12	50,512.58	99,242.70
Ohio	44,869.52	52,155.34	97,024.86
Michigan	36,971.21	44,902.63	81,873.84
New York	37,324.51	43,860.96	81,185.47
Texas	28,535.39	44,147.08	72,682.47
Illinois	29,671.35	33,089.25	62,760.60
Missouri	27,317.90	33,591.54	60,909.44
Miscellaneous	21,679.38	27,188.68	48,868.06
Oklahoma	20,509.58	26,864.69	47,374.27
Oregon	19,131.83	25,182.88	44,314.71
Kansas	19,121.41	23,255.73	42,377.14
Minnesota	19,805.74	21,007.16	40,812.90
New Jersey	18,270.45	20,710.88	38,981.33
Wisconsin	13,497.45	14,111.54	27,608.99
Arkansas	9,584.39	13,510.29	23,094.68
Colorado	9,838.98	12,638.41	22,477.39
Indiana	9,909.56	11,743.93	21,653.49
Virginia	8,157.96	12,276.96	20,434.92
Legacies	13,267.06	4,282.21	17,549.27
Florida	6,417.55	10,729.28	17,146.83
Iowa	8,280.82	8,701.25	16,982.07
Montana	6,107.10	10,139.12	16,246.22
Dist. Columbia	7,409.13	7,320.06	14,729.19
Nebraska	6,355.65	8,278.85	14,634.50
Maryland	6,365.63	8,054.81	14,420.44
North Dakota	7,040.00	6,950.75	13,990.75
Massachusetts	7,087.88	6,768.21	13,856.09
Idaho	5,193.82	8,287.06	13,480.88
Delaware	6,350.73	7,127.71	13,478.44
Connecticut	5,924.26	6,104.18	12,028.44
Alabama	3,821.72	5,634.56	9,456.28
German Branch	3,926.74	5,137.83	9,064.57
Arizona	3,483.98	5,535.90	9,019.88
South Dakota	3,898.42	4,482.63	8,381.05
Georgia	2,391.81	3,338.21	5,730.02
Kentucky	2,351.88	3,249.49	5,601.37
Foreign	3,155.65	2,427.02	5,582.67
Tennessee	2,270.79	2,881.53	5,152.32

West Virginia	2,551.64	2,486.46	5,038.10
Mississippi	2,339.23	2,195.56	4,534.79
Maine	2,013.50	1,782.45	3,795.95
New Mexico	1,996.53	1,768.73	3,765.26
Wyoming	1,587.83	1,876.07	3,463.90
Louisiana	1,473.71	1,858.91	3,332.62
Canada	1,738.35	1,368.97	3,107.32
North Carolina	1,329.94	1,484.32	2,814.26
Rhode Island	976.40	1,265.42	2,241.82
Nevada	942.39	1,184.13	2,126.52
South Carolina	851.00	1,038.26	1,889.26
New Hampshire	731.76	647.31	1,379.07
Utah	216.11	613.02	829.13
Alaska	350.04	424.99	775.03
Vermont	224.72	191.60	416.32

Foreign Missions	\$695,547.57	\$863,181.62	\$1,558,729.19
Less amounts given direct and designated for office expense	61,407.38	64,411.56	125,818.94

Amount received for Foreign Missions	\$634,140.19	\$798,770.06	\$1,432,910.25
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Amount received for Home Missions	84,910.27	158,758.95	243,669.22
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Total amount received	\$719,050.46	\$957,529.01	\$1,676,579.47
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TWENTY-FIVE LEADING ASSEMBLIES IN
MISSIONARY GIVING AUGUST 1, 1941 TO
JULY 31, 1943

1 New York, New York, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.....	\$33,989.00
2 Cleveland, Ohio, Pentecostal Church	33,526.69
3 Los Angeles, Calif., Bethel Temple	21,971.95
4 Minneapolis, Minn., Gospel Tabernacle	14,111.68
5 Philadelphia, Pa., Highway Mission Tabernacle	12,553.39
6 Springfield, Mo., Central Assembly of God	11,221.67
7 Wilmington, Del., Calvary Pentecostal Church	10,601.15
8 Battle Creek, Mich., Church of the Four-Fold Gospel	10,448.87
9 Chicago, Ill., Stone Church	10,198.92
10 Oakland, Calif., First Pentecostal Church	9,342.62
11 Detroit, Mich., Brightmoor Tabernacle	9,224.27
12 Lancaster, Pa., First Pentecostal Church	8,870.04
13 Bremerton, Wash., Assembly of God Temple	8,185.72
14 Washington, D. C., Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle ..	7,738.50
15 Tacoma, Wash., Pentecostal Tabernacle	7,570.05
16 San Diego, Calif., Pentecostal Full Gospel Taber- nacle	7,372.72

17 San Francisco, Calif., Glad Tidings Temple	6,725.06
18 Centralia, Wash., Assembly of God	6,137.50
19 Seattle, Wash., Hollywood Temple	5,525.81
20 Kansas City, Kansas, Full Gospel Tabernacle	5,424.22
21 Cincinnati, Ohio, First Christian Assembly	5,223.53
22 Washington, D. C., Full Gospel Assembly	5,214.20
23 Pasadena, Calif., Trinity Full Gospel Church	5,108.21
24 Seattle, Wash., Fremont Tabernacle	5,106.45
25 Oakland, Calif., Bethel Tabernacle	4,995.69

In addition to the State totals for Foreign Missions, the following amounts have been given to the Districts for Home Missions through the World Mission Plan:

North Central District	\$8,690.49
Southern Missouri District	8,355.48
Texas District	6,363.13
Kansas District	5,923.35
Northern California-Nevada District	5,069.95
Central District	4,945.81
Oklahoma District	4,494.91
Southern California District	4,084.05
Arkansas District	3,501.30
Wisconsin-North Michigan District	3,416.21
Illinois District	3,193.15
West Central District	2,613.62
Rocky Mountain District	2,418.06
South Dakota District	2,321.46
Alabama District	2,000.63
Nebraska District	1,914.46
Northwest District	1,859.47
Montana District	1,666.02
North Dakota District	1,571.34
Kentucky District	1,302.30
Eastern District	1,098.66
Arizona District	1,019.64
New England District	1,017.57
West Texas District	986.95
Oregon District	981.46
Louisiana District	879.92
Potomac District	714.84
South Florida District	709.52
Mississippi District	631.41
Georgia-South Carolina District	587.66
Georgia District	532.98
South Carolina District	459.54
West Florida District	429.42
Appalachian District	363.15
Tennessee District	354.23
New Mexico District	336.60

Latin-American District	296.05
Southern Idaho District	47.40
Total	\$87,152.19

Our Home Missions Department reports victory and advance in the various branches of its work in the United States and possessions.

The work in Hawaii for a time was hindered in a measure by war conditions, but some of the restrictions have now been lifted, and recent reports concerning the growth and progress of the work are most encouraging. The present great need is for added missionary personnel.

In Alaska, the outstanding accomplishment during the past year has been in children's work. To cope with the tremendous and urgent need of the many homeless children in that northland, a corporation has been formed known as "Children of Alaska" operated by our mission on the field working through the Home Missions Department. Already two homes have been established, one for the white children and one for the natives, and it is purposed to open other such institutions as funds are available and the way is opened.

Another ripe field of home missionary endeavor is that among the Jewish people. We are assisting in the support of a number of workers of the Hebrew Mission in Chicago which is organized in direct affiliation with the Assemblies of God. The Lord is blessing the work of the mission, especially among the Jewish refugees. Much of the fruit is hand picked, yet the glowing testimonies of those brought from darkness to the light of salvation encourage us to believe that the effort is well worth while.

The American Indian presents a responsibility which perhaps in a great measure we have neglected in the past. In co-operation with our District Councils we are sponsoring efforts among several tribes—in the Northwest District, in Wisconsin and Arizona. It is not an easy field, and oftentimes there is a long period of patient sowing the seed without visible results. An outstanding instance is the work among the Apache Indians at San Carlos, Arizona, where for years our workers faithfully plodded on with little to show for their labors; but the break came about two years ago, and since then there has been an almost continuous revival on the reservation, with souls being saved and believers baptized. A fine building of native tufa stone is now under construction to meet the

demands of the Indian church which has grown so rapidly there.

The Home Missions Department is assisting in prison work and in ministry to the deaf. There are many other needy fields of home missionary endeavor, such as the Kentucky mountains, the Ozarks, and pioneer efforts in all parts of the country. In the promotion of such efforts it is the policy of our department to work with and through the various District Councils, so that it is not possible to give a very tangible report concerning these fields.

The outstanding home missionary project during the past two years has been in the field of evangelism among the armed forces, and in this regard our efforts have been directed into two main channels: (1) The publication and distribution of service literature, and (2) the raising of funds for furnishing Service Testaments.

With the publication of "Reveille" Number 8, we have printed 4,000,000 copies of the bulletin, at a cost of \$30,000, besides millions of patriotic tracts. The project has been financed entirely through freewill offerings, and it has been our privilege to make the literature available without charge to chaplains of whom there are around five hundred on our regular mailing list—several receiving as many as 5,000 "Reveille" per issue. We are now working on the publication of the bulletin in Spanish for the benefit of our Latin-American armed forces.

About a year ago it came to our attention that no provision had been made for the supply of Testaments for the men of the Merchant Marine, and our organization undertook the responsibility of raising funds to be sent to the American Bible Society for the meeting of this need. The original appeal was for 50,000 Testaments, but the number was soon increased as the project expanded to include waterproof Testaments in lifeboats of all merchant ships. Still later the undertaking was further extended to take in lifeboats and rafts of Naval vessels, transports, as well as Flying Fortresses and other large planes.

A few months ago we launched a further project in response to a need presented to us by the Bible Society for 250,000 Testaments in Spanish to be distributed among the armed forces of Latin-American republics. The project is well under way and the response thus far has been encouraging.

The following is a summary of our investment during the past two years in work among the armed forces:

Publication of 4,000,000 copies of "Reveille"	\$30,000.00
Red, white and blue tracts	5,000.00
2,000 subscriptions to "C. A. Herald" provided for camp reading rooms, libraries, etc.	1,000.00
Support of evangelists working among servicemen	6,000.00
Tents used in evangelistic efforts near army camps	2,000.00
Merchant Marine Testaments, and waterproof Testaments for lifeboats, rafts, etc.	11,500.00
Spanish Testaments for Latin-American armed forces	4,000.00
Testaments and Gospels for other branches of American armed service	4,500.00

We are thankful to the Lord for what has been accomplished, but when we consider that there are more than 9,000,000 men in the armed services, a number which is being increased by almost 5,000 daily, our combined effort seems but a trifle in comparison with the overwhelming need.

In closing, a few statistics may be of interest. Our missionary receipts have risen 47 per cent during the past two years. A total of \$1,676,579.47 has been given for World Missions during that period of time. Of this amount \$220,642.66 has been disbursed in District or special Home missionary work.

Although only 245 are actually abroad, including those in Alaska, yet the expense of maintaining these workers has increased tremendously so that in some cases living cost has risen as much as 200 to 300 per cent.

Furthermore, travel expense has in some cases more than doubled so that to send back the missionaries now on furlough will require something like \$100,000.

The total number of ministers and missionaries on our list in foreign service or under appointment for foreign service is 403.

Four of our missionaries have been promoted to higher service, Mrs. Bernardine Kitch of Ivory Coast, G. K. Johansen of North China, Beulah Buchwalter of Gold Coast and Clarence Maloney who entered into the presence of the Lord this last month. We regret the loss of these faithful servants of the Cross. There have been 21 others who have transferred from our missionary list to home ministry be-

cause of ill health or other causes preventing their return to foreign service. Against these losses we are happy to report the addition of 42 new missionaries most of whom have sailed to the field in face of war conditions and dangers.

Twenty-five of our missionaries and ministers are in Axis-occupied territories, nine in North China, one in Japan, twelve in the Philippine Islands, two in Greece, and one in Poland. Some of these are in internment camps and merit our remembrance in prayer.

In addition to the missionaries home on furlough who are ready to return to the mission field as soon as practicable, there are 22 more who have been approved for appointment who will be sent out in the near future since many of these are under appointment for Latin America.

It is our conviction that we are at the entrance to what may prove the greatest epoch in missionary activity the world has known, and we look to a Spirit-filled Assemblies of God fellowship to be foremost in leading the advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary

REPORT OF THE GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Since making our last report, which was presented in Minneapolis in 1941, many important world events have taken place. The unsettled conditions caused by the war have greatly affected our efforts in the spreading of the Gospel through the printed page. However, we are pleased to report that the Lord has been with us throughout these past two years, and has graciously blessed our labors in all departments.

By referring to the Treasurer's report and the table showing the circulation of our publications, it will be seen that an appreciable gain has been made in net earnings and increased circulation of most all publications.

Owing to government rulings relative to the amount of paper which can be used in the publishing of our periodicals, books and other supplies, we have had quite a handicap to overcome since January of this year. In order to conform to these rulings it has been necessary to reduce the page size of some of our periodicals and reduce the number of pages in others. Also it has been necessary for us to discontinue printing the District Council Minutes and Stationery, which service we have been pleased to render our districts for many years past. It is our hope that we shall again be able

to do this printing for our districts just as soon as the curtailment of paper stock is lifted.

Some of our experienced men have been called into the service of their country. Also because of war conditions there has been a rapid labor turn-over throughout the entire plant. Because of these circumstances, which have necessitated the employment of many inexperienced workers, we have been unable to give our friends and patrons the quality of service which we have desired.

Real progress has been made in our editorial and Sunday School departments. The adoption of a new Sunday School standard has been a forward step in the promotion of Sunday School activities. This new standard has been presented through the Lighthouse Chart, which introduces twelve features of Sunday School endeavor, and which, if prayerfully followed, will undoubtedly assure success for our schools. The first six features are foundational to guide leaders in laying a scriptural and spiritual foundation for growth and efficiency. The last six features are evangelistic which are designed to direct leaders in soul-winning and in the building up of the pupil's spiritual life.

During the past two years we have supplied 1,515 new schools with literature at half price. We have no record of schools discontinued. However, we are furnishing supplies to more than 6,000 schools throughout the United States.

Several new Sunday school publications have been added during the past two years. The need for material to aid the teachers and pupils in the Beginner department became apparent and a quarterly has been prepared for the teachers, together with Beginner Lesson Pictures and Picture Cards for the Children. Also flannel board figures have been provided for this department. For the Junior and Senior-Intermediate departments Workbook Quarterlies have been provided. These are in great demand by a large number of schools.

The circulation of the Pentecostal Evangel has passed the 100,000 mark, for which we give God the glory. The following table shows that we are now publishing twenty-four periodicals with a combined circulation of 978,700. In addition we have printed 4,000,000 copies of "Reveille" and several million tracts during the past two years.

	1941	1943
Pentecostal Evangel	75,000.....	102,000
Christ's Ambassadors Herald	15,000.....	20,000

Gospel Gleaners	81,000.....	86,000
High School Christian	38,000.....	42,000
Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls	49,000.....	56,000
Primary Story Paper	46,000.....	47,000
Our Sunday School Counsellor	5,000.....	10,000
Daily Devotions	15,000.....	15,000
Adult and Young People's Quarterly	160,000.....	162,000
Senior Intermediate Quarterly	67,000.....	60,000
Junior Quarterly	74,000.....	70,000
Primary Quarterly	32,000.....	34,000
Adult and Y. P. Teachers Quarterly	34,000.....	36,000
Senior-Intermediate Teachers Quarterly	9,000.....	9,000
Junior Teachers Quarterly	10,000.....	10,500
Primary Teachers Quarterly	11,000.....	8,000
Beginner Teachers Quarterly .....	.....	5,000
Sunday School Lesson Leaves	65,000.....	66,000
Primary Bible Picture Lesson Roll	2,875.....	2,700
Beginner Lesson Pictures .....	.....	1,500
Primary Little Picture Lesson Cards	80,000.....	50,000
Beginner Little Picture Lesson Cards .....	.....	35,000
Junior Workbook Quarterly .....	.....	34,000
Senior-Intermediate Workbook Quarterly .....	.....	17,000
	868,875.....	978,700

Although we have been and are experiencing difficulty in securing Bibles, New Testaments and other books requested by our many friends, our book sales have increased. The financial report indicates that the percentage of gain in sales is greater in this department than in any other.

For the past year we have been offering ministers a 20 percent discount on Books and Bibles when purchased for their own use. (This offer does not apply to song books and Sunday School supplies.) We are confident this offer not only has been a help to our ministers, but also has helped to increase sales and net earnings, a percentage of which is given to our districts for the promotion of Sunday Schools and Home Missions. We trust we will be able to continue this policy.

In our printing department we have installed another Miller Major press which has greatly helped in the printing of "Reveille" and tracts for men in the service of their country. Also we have purchased a hinged paper covering machine, a Ludlow type casting machine, a Postage Meter machine and a number of small pieces of equipment.

In the late Fall of 1941 our old lighting system was replaced by new fluorescent fixtures throughout the entire building at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. This improvement has greatly increased efficiency.

There are approximately 155 persons in our employ, and we are pleased to report that we have experienced no labor troubles of any kind.

In concluding this report we again express our sincere appreciation to our brethren, churches, and Sunday Schools for their splendid co-operation, and trust we may have the pleasure of further service to all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Z. Kameron, Mgr.

REPORT OF CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Central Bible Institute has continued to enjoy the blessing of God during the time since we last met at a General Council. It was feared that the entrance of the United States into the war might hurt the enrollment, but for the school year 1941-42 the attendance was 380, the number of young men being almost equal to the number of young women. For the school year 1942-43, the number enrolled was 370, again the number of men well balancing the number of maidens.

Because of increased cost of operation, it has been necessary to raise the cost of board and room, which includes personal laundry, from \$5.25 per week to \$5.75 per week, but it continues the policy of the School Directorate to make the cost of schooling as cheap as possible, as this gives opportunity to so many more to have these advantages. In addition to the regular charges for board and room, each student is expected to contribute two hours of work daily to the school. This is a part of the expense of maintaining the school. Without this duty work cost of schooling would have to be materially increased.

As we look toward the school year of 1943-44, prospects for students are excellent. At the time of this writing the number of students accepted is 290, against 84 at the same time a year ago.

During the past school year we have lost Brother Myer Pearlman through death. His unique ministry in the school will be greatly missed. We are thankful for the excellent manner in which Brother Ralph Harris was able to take over the subjects taught by Brother Pearlman when our brother

had to discontinue his teaching. Because of ill health, it has also become necessary for Miss Hazel Fairchild, who has taught at C. B. I. for several years, to give up her work. Brother and Sister Howard C. Osgood, who were a rich blessing in the school during the past year, have arranged to take further studies in preparation for their return to China. Miss Trella Hall, who served faithfully as registrar and teacher, has felt led to labor among the Latin Americans. Brother and Sister Charles Boshell have taken a pastorate in Kansas, and Miss Louise J. Rohl has taken up work elsewhere. These were all faithful workers, and we wish them God's blessing on their change of ministry. While it is not easy to replace efficient workers, we expect to enter the coming school year with a fully qualified staff.

We have secured the services of Brother and Sister Robert Cummings, whose spiritual ministry will prove an enrichment to all and whose missionary experience and the training which they will be able to impart will assist the students to greater efficiency. Brother and Sister Henry Garlock and Brother and Sister Kenneth Short are coming to the Missions Department and Brother and Sister H. C. Ball are already with us. They will prove of further strength to the students at Central Bible Institute.

Besides the opportunities for learning, Central Bible Institute affords outstanding opportunities for practical experience. During the past school year, students held 1,289 services in various communities. The total attendance was 41,902; the number converted, 237; the number who received the Baptism with the Spirit was 13. What a number of rural people thus heard the message of our Lord Jesus Christ! Twenty-three outstations were supplied pastors and other helpers from the student body.

It is the aim of Brother Wm. I. Evans and those associated with him in conducting the school to keep the Institute in the most spiritual state possible. They wish this important feature to be never overlooked. Services in the chapel each morning, missionary prayers, and frequent night times of waiting on God by the students are ties of rich blessing. That the young men might have better facilities for this purpose, a big change was made this summer in the basement of the boys' dormitory that the boys might have a place where they might pour out their hearts and where they might congregate for meetings with their faithful dean, Brother George H. Carmichael.

The young ladies have their special prayer times in the chapel and other rooms in the girls' dormitory and each night Mother Bowie, dean of women, loved by all, has a group of the girls together for prayer and conference before they retire for the night.

The properties of Central Bible Institute are kept in good condition. Credit for this must go to Brother Raymond Tuck, his coworkers, and the boys whose duties are to assist with work outside the buildings.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest S. Williams, President

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

At the General Council in Minneapolis, held in 1941, it was recommended by the General Presbyters that the Executive Presbyters be authorized to establish a department at headquarters to assist the young people in the way deemed advisable. It was in response to this recommendation that the present Secretary of your Young People's Department was asked to leave his pastorate at Clio, Michigan to assume this post of responsibility. We have been engaged in this activity since the first week in February of this year.

During this time we have been carefully and prayerfully feeling our way, endeavoring to ascertain the mind of the Lord in regard to that which would be for the best interest of the young people of our Assemblies of God movement. Realizing that the young people of today will be Pentecost of tomorrow, we have been particularly desirous of being led by God. It is a matter of church history that every movement begun by God has met defeat in the second or third generation. Although this has seemed to be an unvarying record of the past, it is our earnest and sincere conviction that this movement need not meet such a fate. If we can avoid the errors of the past, and discover the principles underlying the success of our predecessors, we have every right to believe that God has a future fully as glorious and bright as the days of yesteryear. It is our constant prayer that God will lead us and all others concerned with our young people in such a way that the young people of this Pentecostal generation will carry on in the illustrious and brilliant pattern of our Pentecostal pioneers.

During the past seven months, since our coming to Springfield, our time has been spent in office work, although we have had a number of opportunities to minister at Conventions and rallies. In regard to our field ministry we have ministered at conventions in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Southern Missouri, the Potomac District, and Tennessee. In addition, we have spoken on numerous occasions at rallies in various states.

Our office ministry, has been devoted to the following work: Compilation of a mailing list of the Christ's Ambassadors groups of all of our churches; production of helps for the assistance of local C. A. officers; writing of two columns for the Christ's Ambassadors Herald; personal replies to scores of letters which have come asking for advice; research work in preparation of promotional material in connection with the HI-C.A. Brigade, and other projects introduced by this department.

We wish to report God's signal blessing resting upon the Christ's Ambassadors Herald of which Robert C. Cunningham is editor. It was in 1938 that the Herald was taken over by the Gospel Publishing House. Since that time it has had a steady growth, and in the last two years has had an unusual increase in popularity. In August 1941, 15,000 copies were being printed; in August, 1943, more than 20,000 copies were being distributed. Although grateful for God's blessing upon this splendid paper in the past, we are anticipating that its circulation will greatly increase in the coming months. We wish to urge every pastor to encourage his young people to subscribe for this publication.

Having laid the foundation during the past few months, we are now ready to take definite steps forward, to offer specific aid to our young people. This aid is along four distinct lines:

1. One of the things mentioned as to the functions of a Young People's Department at headquarters, was the formulating of a plan for helping our young people in high school to stay true to God; and to further an aggressive soul-winning program. It was to meet this vital and striking need, that the program of the HI-C.A. Brigade was launched.

The purpose of the HI-C.A. Brigade is twofold. One purpose is to develop high-school Christians into sturdy, efficient workers for Christ. The other purpose is to foster and promote a great soul-winning crusade in high school, to reach the unsaved young people of that age.

Taking as their motto, "Representing Christ in High School," the members of the HI-C.A. Brigade will be encouraged to develop three principles of successful Christian living; namely, daily reading of God's Word, daily communion with Christ in prayer, and daily witnessing to someone who needs a Saviour.

Already since being instituted one month ago, God seems to be blessing this plan to conserve young people for the kingdom of God. Almost 100 requests about the HI-C.A. Brigade have been received, from all sections of our country, expressing the desire to see such brigades begun in the local schools. Well over half the states of the Union, 32 to be exact, have been heard from. If you are interested in helping the young people of high-school age in your church, you may obtain additional information from the Young People's Department.

2. For some time a great cry has arisen from the young people for helps in their services, which would give them variety, and help them to develop an interesting, yet spiritual weekly meeting. If Jesus tarries, we plan to give them such help in 1944.

The Ten Christ's Ambassadors Objectives, formulated by youth leaders, and endorsed by our executive brethren, will form the basis and the theme of the C. A. services during the coming year; and those young people who decide to follow this plan will reap its benefits. The Ten Objectives are these:

1. Achieving Bible Acquaintance
2. Developing the Habit of Prayer
3. Attaining the More Abundant Life.
4. Maintaining Christian Standards in Life.
5. Witnessing Individually for Christ.
6. Cooperating in Evangelism.
7. Enlisting for Missionary Action.
8. Promoting Church Loyalty.
9. Sharing in Stewardship.
10. Conserving Leisure Time.

One of the basic principles back of this plan is that these Ten Objectives are not merely to be studied, but also to form the basis for a definite course of action. With this in view, in addition to the weekly topics which will have various items of the Ten Objectives as their theme, certain definite projects

and goals will be suggested. For example, along the line of Achieving Bible Acquaintance, the young people will have as a goal, reading the Bible through during the year. Rather than merely a study course it is planned to make this a stirring course of action. It is our desire that as the young people strive to attain these goals, they will acquire spiritual habits which will be a help and a blessing to them throughout their lives.

Additional information concerning this plan will be forthcoming from time to time. Again we shall appreciate greatly the help of our pastors in encouraging their young people to participate in this course of action.

3. Encouraged by the success of the National Young People's Conference held yearly at the grounds of Central Bible Institute, a number of districts have made ventures along this line. They are to be congratulated upon their vision. It is our conviction that these Conferences may be the answer to a great problem in Pentecost, the training of our young people in the fundamentals of the faith. Those who have attended such conferences could not but go away encouraged as they see the eagerness and hunger as the young people drink in of the Word of God, and wait in His presence for long periods of time, until the glory of God comes down in power.

It is our hope that other districts will see the possibilities in these Young People's Conferences, and attempt them for themselves. With this in mind, we are endeavoring to prepare material to form the basis for material to be used by the teachers in the different classes.

4. In conjunction with the Foreign Missions Department, we are beginning a new project, which may have a far-reaching effect. At rallies, conventions, and in the local church, young people are to be encouraged to make a definite consecration, offering themselves unreservedly to the Lord for Missionary service, either at home or abroad.

A consecration card has been prepared to help in this effort. Records of all those who volunteer will be kept in our files, and in a system of following up the names, workers for our postwar opportunity will be discovered. Instead of waiting until the war has been concluded, we are going to help our Missions Department to discover those who will be qualified to enter the many doors of opportunity in the postwar period.

In our contacts with district officials, young people's leaders, and lay young people, we are encouraged to discover a spirit of consecrated optimism. Despite the crises forced upon us by conditions in a world at war, the loss of more than 20,000 to the armed forces, and the spirit of wickedness and worldliness stalking through the land, we are encouraged to believe God for a great move forward under the guiding hand of our great Commander. Confident in the assurance that "where sin did abound, grace did much more abound," this great army of Pentecostal youth, at least 100,000 strong, is marching on in glad response to Him whose trumpet shall never sound retreat.

This department will always welcome suggestions and advice from the brethren on the field. Your prayers are requested that God will guide in every endeavor, that His work may advance, and that His name might be glorified in the earth.

Ralph W. Harris
Secretary

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