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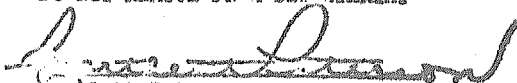
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THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONVENED AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1945.

The twenty-first biennial meeting of the General Council of the Assemblies of God was convened at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 13, 1945, in the auditorium at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, with the General Superintendent, Ernest S. Williams, presiding.

The devotional service was in charge of the Assistant General Superintendent, Ralph M. Riggs. Hilliard G. Griffin of Dallas, Texas led the congregation in singing, and prayer was offered by E. B. Crump, General Presbyterian from the Texas District. Brother and Sister Carl E. Perry of Columbus, Georgia, brought an inspiring message in song.

"Serving our Generation" was the theme of the opening address by the General Superintendent, who used for his text Acts 13:25-38. He emphasized the thought that as David served his generation by the will of God (verse 36) it is our responsibility to serve our own generation. He expressed appreciation for all that had been accomplished through our Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, our Christ's Ambassadors and our Missionary program, but said that we must not be content with past achievements—we must press on to greater effort in the power of the Spirit of God. Special emphasis was placed upon the need of seeking God for His enablement. The congregation was then led in a prayer of consecration by Brother Riggs.

W. I. Evans, principal of Central Bible Institute, was introduced by Brother Williams. In behalf of the school directorate, he extended a word of welcome to the assembled body. Thomas F. Zimmerman, pastor of the Central Assembly of God in Springfield, then introduced Mayor Harry B. Carr of the City of Springfield, Mr. H. A. Baker, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Rev. Herbert J. Miles, Vice President of the Ministerial Alliance. Each in turn expressed appreciation of the standing and influence of the Assemblies of God in the community and assured the delegates of the warm hospitality of the city. J. Narver Gortner, Executive Presbyterian, responded with an expression of thanks for the sincere welcome given to us by these representatives of the city, and for their expressions of appreciation of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Williams then read a letter written to him by S. S. Scull, one of our aged ministers from the Arizona District and a former General Presbyter, in which he expressed regret that illness prevented his coming to the General Council this year and in which he exhorted all to press on in God for greater victories.

The business meeting was then declared to be open and the General Secretary, J. Roswell Flower, was called upon to read the report of the Executive Office. At the conclusion of the reading, it was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the report be accepted as read. The morning meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional service was opened at 2:00 p.m. by LeRoy Sanders of Jefferson City, Missouri. Gene Martin of Creston, Iowa directed the singing and prayer was offered by A. B. Cox of Dayton, Ohio. Some ministers who were prevented from attending this General Council on account of illness were especially remembered in prayer. Franklyn Murray of Rolla, Missouri brought a message in song.

The afternoon speaker, J. Roswell Flower, spoke from Acts 2 and reminded the delegates that we have been left a heritage and God will hold us responsible if we fail to pass on to the generation that follows what we have received ourselves. He referred to the year 1901 when the Spirit of God was outpoured on a group of students in a small Bible School in Kansas, and of the decision then reached that the speaking in tongues is the definite initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which experience has been accepted as a distinctive testimony and has given us authority for our existence as a religious denomination. At the close of the message, the congregation sang in a spirit of consecration, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Brother Williams presided at the business session and the first order of business was the report of the Assistant General Superintendent, Ralph M. Riggs, which included a report of the Home Missions and Educational Departments for which he has been responsible for the past two years. On motion, this report was accepted.

The Chair then 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: Glenn Renick, Chairman, Martin H. Heicksen, Lawrence N. Olson, Lester P. Summers, L. O. Waldon.

Resolutions Committee: E. Bartlett Peterson, Chairman, W. T. Gaston, O. L. Harrup, H. S. Bush, Oscar C. Arnesen, Wm. S. Ramby, H. M. Fulfer, Chas. W. H. Scott, Floyd Woodworth, E. A. Beck, A. L. Chadwick.

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Educational Committee: Frank J. Lindquist, Chairman, Geo. W. Hardcastle, Bert Webb, Glenn A. Reed, Millard E. Collins, A. L. Hoy, T. A. Kessel, Irvine J. Harrison, Leland Keys, Frank Gray, Stanley H. Frodsham.

Foreign Missions Committee: Carl D. Holleman, Chairman, Harold S. Jones, John Johnson, Russell H. Olson, Chas. E. Butterfield, Jr., W. R. Williamson, T. Glenn Dunn, D. P. Holloway, Claude J. Utley, Jos. P. Wannenmacher.

Home Missions Committee: Leonard Palmer, Chairman, Herman G. Johnson, V. G. Greisen, R. C. Jones, A. H. Morrison, Louis H. Hauff, T. E. Gannon, R. F. Hudson, J. F. Slye, David Burris.

Young People's Committee: P. T. Emmett, Chairman, F. Wildon Colbaugh, Donald J. McKinney, Arthur F. Graves, Robert Cunningham, E. E. Bond, H. M. Sheats, C. S. Craighead, Paul C. Samuelson, Thos. R. Brubaker.

The report of the Foreign Missions Department was read by Noel Perkin, Secretary of the Missions Department, and on motion, the report was accepted. After the reading of this report the congregation arose to its feet and hearts were lifted in praise to God for His blessings during the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING

The morning devotional service was opened with prayer led by Niels P. Thomsen of Canton, Ohio. The congregation joined in the singing of two or three songs led by E. R. Foster of Amarillo, Texas, who also rendered a solo. It had been decided, because of the great amount of business to be transacted

by the Council, that the regular preaching be omitted from the devotional services; so the devotional service was limited to the reading of the twelfth chapter of Romans by C. W. Ringness of Tampa, Fla., who also concluded with prayer.

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

Ralph W. Harris read the report of the Christ's Ambassadors Department, and J. Z. Kamerer followed with a report of the Gospel Publishing House. Both reports were accepted by motion.

Harry Jaeger, Director of the Servicemen's Department read a telegram received from Chaplain James K. McConchie, who had just returned from overseas duty in the South Pacific, extending greetings to the General Council. He then read the report of the Servicemen's Department, which was accepted by motion.

The report of Central Bible Institute was read by its principal, William I. Evans. Referring to the spiritual life in the school, he said he had detected a tendency there as well as in our fellowship at large to let up in prayer and to yield to a spirit of lightness, dependence on methods and equipment rather than on the power of God. This tendency was decried, and he pledged his dedication for the promotion of a deeper spiritual life in the student body. The Spirit witnessed to his words, and the whole congregation was moved to prayer and praise, after which the closing prayer was offered by Brother Kenneth Erwin of Mississippi, who had been badly crippled as the result of an airplane accident.

The morning meeting was ajourned at 11:55 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The devotional service in the afternoon was in charge of U. S. Grant of Bartlesville, Okla. After congregational singing and united prayer, Brother Grant read Philippians 4:4-20. A message in song, "Ship Ahoy," was brought by Joseph Dunets of Goshen, Indiana.

The first order of business was the reading of the Sunday School Department report by Marcus L. Grable. It was moved and the motion prevailed that we accept the report with appreciation for the excellent work which has been done for our Sunday Schools.

The Chair then asked the Secretary, J. Roswell Flower, to introduce two representatives of the Metropolitan Life Insur-

ance Company. Brother Flower gave a brief explanation of the group insurance plan which is being offered the Assemblies of God and then introduced Mr. H. E. Mellin and Mr. George Henson. Mr. Mellin explained the insurance plan briefly and then advised that he and his co-worker would be available for interviewing during the rest of the afternoon.

Prayer was offered for the blessing of the Lord upon the business of the afternoon. E. Bartlett Peterson, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, then offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Resolution for Election of Four Assistant General Superintendents

WHEREAS, the growth of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the past few years has so enlarged the responsibility and increased the activities of the Executive Officers that it has become physically impossible for them to meet the demands of their offices, and the constant requests for field ministry require them to be absent from the office to such an extent that it renders them unfamiliar with current affairs at headquarters, and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Committee which was appointed to investigate this need and of the General Presbyters that interpretation of our Constitution permits the election of such other officers as may be required, and whereas the need of additional officers is apparent,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That four Assistant General Superintendents be elected without portfolio to function in one harmonious group under the direction of the General Superintendent.

2. That Article III, Section 2, Paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Bylaws be amended by substitution as follows: "The responsibility of office work and field ministry shall be equitably distributed among these men under the direction of the General Superintendent."

3. That Article II, Section 3, Paragraph (a) be amended to read as follows: "In the event any of the Executive Offices of the General Council shall become vacant through death or other cause, the Executive Presbyters shall fill such office by appointment until the

next meeting of the General Council, with the understanding that in the event of the death or incapacity of the General Superintendent, his successor shall be chosen from among the Assistant General Superintendents."

4. That the General Secretary shall be authorized to edit our Bylaws in keeping with the above amendments.

5. That the General Council recommend to the General Presbytery that the four Assistant General Superintendents be elected to the office of resident Executive Presbyters."

The motion to adopt was seconded and various amendments were proposed. Finally, Section 3 of the Resolution was amended by motion to read as follows:

3. "In the event any of the Executive Offices of the General Council shall become vacant through death or other cause, the Executive Presbyters shall fill such office by appointment until the next meeting of the General Council, **with the understanding that in the event of the death or incapacity of the General Superintendent, the Assistant General Superintendent who received the largest vote at the time of the election shall fill the office made vacant.**"

The Resolution in its amended form was then adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING

The devotional service opened at 9:10 a.m. with H. C. Ball, Field Secretary for Latin America, presiding. Robert Thomas of San Jose, California directed the singing, which was terminated by a season of united praise. Lawrence N. Olson, missionary to Brazil, South America, read a portion of Scripture from Ephesians the third chapter. Sister Ardelia Benson of Kennett, Missouri brought a message in song. The devotional service was concluded by a prayer offered by Brother Ball.

The General Superintendent opened the business meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the Friday meetings. The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved.

Election of Officers

J. Narver Gortner moved and the motion was seconded that the election of officers be the first order of business after the

reading of the minutes on Monday morning. The motion was lost, and so the Council proceeded with the election of officers. The Chair appointed the following brethren to serve as tellers: W. S. Bragg, Earl G. Vanzant, F. F. Reidenbach, W. T. Millsaps, W. W. Hurston, A. F. Berg, D. H. McLaughlin, T. Glenn Dunn, E. A. Balliet, W. H. Boyles, C. J. Utley and R. J. Renfroc.

While waiting for the report of the Roster Committee, the Chair said that it had been called to his attention that some had thought the resolution which was passed on Friday concerning the electing of four Assistant General Superintendents at this General Council was not constitutional. It was moved and seconded that we go on record as interpreting Article IX, Section 1 of our Constitution as allowing the privilege of electing four Assistant General Superintendents. Discussion followed.

The discussion was interrupted to permit Brother Glenn Renick, Chairman of the Roster Committee, to make the following report:

Ordained Ministers	849
Missionaries	72
Delegates from churches	87
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Total Voting Constituency	1,008
Visitors, of which 81 are	
Licensed ministers	213
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Total Registered Attendance	1,221

Ballots were distributed for election of General Superintendent, and while the ballots were being counted, discussion continued on the motion before the house.

On the nominating ballot, Ernest S. Williams was returned to office, receiving 686 of the 743 votes cast.

After further discussion, the motion affecting the constitutionality of electing four Assistant General Superintendents was carried. Prayer was then offered for God's blessing upon the further procedure of electing officers.

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that four names be placed on one nominating ballot and that the four Assistant General Superintendents be elected at one time. The Council then proceeded with the nominations for the offices of Assistant General Superintendent.

It was moved and seconded and the motion prevailed that

we proceed with the election of the four Assistant General Superintendents, and after their election voting shall continue until by a two-thirds vote one is chosen to be the successor of the General Superintendent in the event of a vacancy in that office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The devotional service opened with prayer at 1:45 p.m., C. A. Brown, a former representative of the Sunday School Department presiding. Omar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo. led the song service and Thomas Cunningham of Covina, California led in prayer. A message in song was brought by Brother and Sister Glen Kelly of Webb City, Missouri.

The business session was opened with prayer by Brother Williams, the General Superintendent, at 2:15 p.m. Brother Bragg, chairman of the tellers, reported there were one hundred and twenty-nine (129) nominees. Ralph M. Riggs was elected on the nominating ballot, receiving 616 of the 705 ballots cast. The chair then requested Brother Riggs to preside over the remainder of the afternoon session.

It was moved, seconded and carried that after the third elective ballot, the names of only twice the number of candidates for the unfilled offices be retained to be voted upon until there be an election. Voting was continued for the election of the three remaining Assistant General Superintendents.

Leonard Palmer, chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, presented the committee report in mimeographed form. In order to give time for study and full consideration, on motion, action was deferred till over the week end.

Report on Servicemen's Work

Bartlett Peterson, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Servicemen's Department is performing an invaluable work with servicemen, and it is evident that its continuance for follow-up work in behalf of those who have been contacted is imperative to bring about a successful harvest from the seed already sown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 1. That this General Council authorize the continued operation of this department as long as it shall be deemed advisable by the Executive Presbytery, and

2. That a new appeal for needed funds be made to our constituency, and

3. That, in the event any deficit shall occur, the Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to make up such deficiency from available funds.

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

Impromptu talks were given by Chaplain Richard M. Brown and Chaplain F. Lamar McGowan, both of whom spoke of the great blessing REVEILLE and other activities of the Servicemen's Department have been to the servicemen and of the great need that still exists for the continuance of this work. A voluntary offering of \$1,691.75 and pledges amounting to \$14,699.00 were received for the continuance of the servicemen's work.

The chairman of the tellers reported that there was no election of Assistant General Superintendents on the first elective ballot. It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that all names of nominees who had received twenty-five votes or less be deleted from the list. Voting continued for the election of the three Assistant General Superintendents. Ballots were being counted when the meeting adjourned with prayer at 5 p.m.

Sunday Services

In keeping with the usual custom, 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 a.m. Paul Pittman, Lawrence, Kans. led the congregation in its singing and C. A. Lasater, Fort Smith, Ark. led in prayer. The memorial address was brought by W. I. Evans, principal of Central Bible Institute. The General Superintendent read the names of fifty-one deceased ministers and three missionaries, as follows:

Ministers

Adamson, Floyd L., Parshall, N. Dak.
Baldwin, Samuel N., Trenton, Mo.
Benton, Alexander D., Perris, Calif.
Bercaw, John A., Tampa, Fla.
Bixler, George G., Burbank, Calif.
Buntenbach, Herman L., Davenport, Iowa
Calaway, Emery A., Wesson, Ark.
Childers, William W., Madison, Ill.

Cox, William A., Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.
 DuBose, James J., Jemison, Ala.
 Ellis, Caroline E., Oakland, Calif.
 English, W. M., Opelika, Ala.
 Fried, Meyer, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Gordon, Mrs. Eliza, Elyria, Ohio
 Griffin, Robert W., Oakland, Calif.
 Hale, Mrs. F. A., Hockley, Tex.
 Hartshorn, James M., Carlisle, Ky.
 Hazleton, Bert E., Stone Mountain, Ga.
 Hepps, Mrs. Maud M., Litchfield, Ill.
 Hummel, Monnie (Mrs. Clyde), Nevada City, Calif.
 Jones, J. L., Daisetta, Texas
 Lincoln, Mrs. Annie B., Dallas, Tex.
 Locklear, Mrs. Eva, Ft. Sumner, N. Mex.
 Loukes, William L., St. Clair, Mich.
 McCoy, James W., Houston, Tex.
 Maloney, Clarence T., Wilmington, Delaware
 Miller, E. Edward, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Miller, Jacob, South Bend, Ind.
 Miller, Richard M., Cottondale, Fla.
 Moore, Lexington E., Pensacola, Fla.
 Norris, Leonard, New Lebanon, Ohio
 Novak, S. Marie, Kewanee, Ill.
 Nowling, W. D., Pensacola, Fla.
 Osburn, W. J., Black Rock, Ark.
 Parten, James F., Austin, Tex.
 Pollard, Robert, Brookfield, Mo.
 Rhodes, Lawrence C., Century, Fla.
 Richey, Eli N., Houston, Tex.
 Roberts, Ida B. (Mrs. Walter L.), Fullerton, Calif.
 Sanford, William A., Sumas, Wash.
 Seaholm, Minna O., Springfield, Mo.
 Shank, Luetta B. (Mrs. I. A.), Youngstown, Ohio
 Shelley, H. Howard, Danbury, Conn.
 Surface, Ira E., Winton, Calif.
 Thropp, Homer R., Greensburg, Pa.
 Voight, Adolph G., Durant, Fla. (Deceased 8-30-45)
 Waters, Curtis D., Bellingham, Wash.
 Watkins, Walter, Horseheads, N. Y.
 Wight, Alfred, Natick, Mass.
 Willis, Mose, Bakersfield, Mo.
 Wilson, Forrest L., Salyersville, Ky.

Missionaries

Hammarberg, Agnes, Belgian Congo
 Munger, Oren, Nicaragua, S. A. (Deceased 8-25-45)
 Wegner, Adah (Mrs. Ed), Colombia, S. A.

Mention was also made of the 1,093 servicemen whose names have been listed as having died or been killed in action during the world war. The Memorial Service concluded with a message in song, "I See a Crimson Stream of Blood," sung by Mrs. D. H. McDowell of Elizabeth, N. J.

Rev. W. T. Gaston, Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, spoke at the 10:45 a.m. service using the texts found in Matt. 11:28, Acts 2:4 and Mark 16:15. His theme was based on the words, "Come, Tarry and Go."

The great biennial colorful and spectacular missionary rally was held in the afternoon, with nearly one hundred foreign missionaries participating, many of whom were dressed in the costumes of forty-five different countries. They chose to bring their messages in the form of a "television" broadcast, each missionary speaking behind a frame, to give the illusion of a television screen. The messages were both informative and inspiring and at the close of Howard Osgood's (China) address, a cash offering was received amounting to \$1,421.61. The Missionary Rally concluded with a great consecration service.

The auditorium was filled to overflowing for the night service. The evening speaker was Wesley R. Steelberg, Superintendent of the New York-New Jersey District, who spoke from the theme, "Omnipotence at Man's Disposal or Choose Ye—Synthetic or Supernatural." A message in tongues with interpretation climaxed the message and the people flocked to the prayer room for an after-service of prayer.

MONDAY MORNING

The morning devotional service opened at 9:05 a.m. with H. B. Garlock, Field Missionary for Africa, presiding. G. Carlton Townsend of El Dorado, Kans. led the singing, and prayer followed, led by Brother Garlock. Thomas Miller of Winter Haven, Florida read a portion of Scripture from 2 Corinthians 6 and Mrs. Philip Megna of Long Beach, Calif. brought a special message in song.

Prayer was then offered and the General Superintendent declared the Council to be open for business. The minutes of the meetings on Saturday were read and approved as read. The Roster Committee gave the following report:

Ordained ministers registered	873
Missionaries	82
Delegates	87

Total voting constituency	1,042
Visitors, of which 80 are licensed ministers	232

Grand Total Registered	1,274
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The chairman of the tellers, W. S. Bragg, made a report of the number of ballots cast for the election of Assistant General Superintendents on Saturday just before adjournment, which revealed that W. R. Steelberg and Fred Vogler were elected, which left one more to be voted upon until an election is reached. There was no election on the fourth, fifth and sixth ballots.

Business Meetings Extended

Brother Peterson, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported a large amount of business to be transacted in this General Council, all of which could not be reached at the rate the Council was proceeding. He moved that the devotional service scheduled for Monday night be replaced by a business meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

The tellers reported that on the seventh ballot, G. F. Lewis was elected to serve as the fourth Assistant General Superintendent. The meeting then adjourned at 11:50 a.m. with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:45 p.m. Thomas F. Zimmerman, chairman of the Radio Committee, played a radio transcription of one of the radio programs presented by Glad Tidings Temple of San Francisco, Calif., this transcription taking place of the usual devotional service. Following this, ballots were passed to determine the choice of the Assistant General Superintendent to succeed the General Superintendent in the event there should be a vacancy in that office between General Councils.

Brother Zimmerman read the following:

Report of the Committee on Radio

Your committee, feeling the weight of the responsibility placed upon it, met in prayerful consideration of this great ministry of the church which is freighted with such vast potentialities. The considerations of the

committee included an exploration of six fields of opportunity which lie before us.

Radio has undeniably proved its value for the transmission of information in the fields of commerce, entertainment and religion. The Assemblies of God, as an organization created for the propagation of the gospel of Christ, has been sorely negligent of its opportunities for utilization of this facility to reach the millions of unsaved and unchurched people of our land. We are well aware that other religious organizations have seized upon these opportunities and are now finding their work substantially strengthened by the favorable response which they are receiving to their ministry in this great field of radio.

We, the Assemblies of God, under the abundant anointing of the Holy Ghost, have experienced an unparalleled achievement in the heralding of the message of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the need of the hour. We have been foremost in evangelism, Sunday schools and world missions, and have received recognition as the most aggressive, spiritual and rapidly growing religious organization in the United States. This accomplishment has been achieved through some forty years of fervant prayer and consecration, and because of a divinely imparted vision which has inspired our people to this unsurpassed ministry.

To be consistent with the progress we have made in other fields of ministry, we must no longer delay the immediate inauguration of a radio ministry in keeping with the place of spiritual leadership which God has given to us.

The following fields of radio are presented by the committee as those demanding immediate development through our Assemblies of God ministry:

1. Institution of a national Assemblies of God broadcast, bearing the name of our denomination, to herald our distinctive testimony to the millions of American people unacquainted with our ministry.
2. To include in our planning, facilities for the serving of our fast-growing constituency, by the installing in our new publishing house of adequate transcription studios and broadcasting equipment.
3. That the propagation of the gospel in unoccupied

cities be effected by the preparation and use of an appropriate series of transcriptions, offering a distinctive presentation of our statement of faith.

4. That a transcription library be provided to supply our ministers with high-caliber musical recordings suitable for Assemblies of God broadcasting.

5. The construction and operation of broadcasting stations for evangelism in the homeland, which shall include the consideration and utilization of available and future methods of broadcasting.

6. To utilize the ministry of radio in our World Missions program.

To this end we submit the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That a commission on Radio be appointed by the Executive Presbyters and that authority be granted to take immediate steps for the establishment of a national broadcast for the Assemblies of God, subject to the approval of the Executive Presbytery, and, to implement the report hereby submitted, this commission shall be authorized to:

1. Appoint a Director of Radio.
2. Raise funds for financing said program among our constituency.
3. Inaugurate the program at the earliest possible date.

In their preparation of our national broadcast, the Commission on Radio shall solicit the highest possible quality in musical presentation and present capable speakers, offering a message in keeping with the Statement of faith of our General Council of the Assemblies of God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in planning for the new Gospel Publishing House adequate provisions be made for modern broadcasting and recording equipment where quality transcriptions may be made for our programs.

A transcription library shall be provided for our ministers to draw upon for use in the preparation of their own local broadcast as desired. Complete programs should also be prepared for optional use of ministers, such programs allowing time for local announcements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropri-

ate series of transcriptions offering a distinctive presentation of our Statement of Faith be prepared for use in an extended Home Missions work. This will give our pioneering efforts benefit of the finest talent in our movement and will offer the listening audience of new fields a broader perspective of our Assemblies of God.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON RADIO

Thomas F. Zimmerman, Chairman

Harry A. Jaeger, Secretary

D. P. Holloway

William J. Roberts

Leland R. Keys

P. T. Emmet.

It was moved and seconded and the motion prevailed that the report be received and that the resolutions be adopted.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee then presented a resolution for the inclusion in the Bylaws of an article providing for the creation of a Radio Department, as follows:

Resolved, That the Bylaws of the General Council be amended by inserting between Articles XV and XVI, the following article providing for a Radio Department, and that the present articles XVI to XXI be renumbered accordingly;

ARTICLE XVI. RADIO DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization

There shall be a Radio Department created to be operated under the direction of a Radio Commission and a Radio Director. Said Commission and Director are to be appointed and supervised by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 2. Objectives

(a) In the preparation of our national broadcast, the Commission on Radio shall solicit the highest possible quality in musical presentation and shall feature capable speakers who shall offer messages in keeping with the Statement of Faith of our General Council of the Assemblies of God.

(b) Programs shall originate from such sources, and be released through such outlets, and feature such talent as shall meet the requirements of the Radio Commission.

(c) A transcription library shall be provided for our ministers to draw upon for use in the preparation of local broadcasts as may be desired. Complete transcriptions shall also be prepared for optional use of ministers and churches. Such transcriptions shall allow time for local announcements. An appropriate series of transcriptions offering a distinctive presentation of our Statement of Faith shall be prepared for use in extended Home Missions work.

Section 3. Funds

The Radio Director shall be authorized to employ such means for the raising of funds as shall be deemed advisable by the Radio Commission.

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

The Resolutions Committee then presented the following resolution:

Resolution on Radio Broadcast

WHEREAS, A beginning for our proposed over-all national radio program must be made, and

WHEREAS, A program is now being broadcast over a chain of stations from Glad Tidings Tabernacle, San Francisco, California, under the direction of Pastor L. R. Keys, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Keys has been extended an offer by the Associated Broadcasting Co., consisting of a chain of thirty-four (34) stations extending across the nation, which he in turn has offered to the General Council, and

WHEREAS, This offer has been considered favorably by the General Presbytery, which is now presenting it to the General Council for acceptance;

BE IT RESOLVED; That this body hereby accept the offer and authorize

1. The signing of a contract with the Associated Broadcasting Co.;

2. The sponsoring of an Assemblies of God program emanating from San Francisco under the direction of Brother L. R. Keys and the supervision of our Radio Commission, until such time as said Commission shall be prepared to inaugurate an over-all radio program for the Assemblies of God;

3. An appropriation of at least \$10,000 from undesignated funds for the initial launching of the program, and appeals to be made through our periodicals for additional funds.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

(Broadcasts were conducted, emanating from San Francisco and released over twelve stations, for a period of five weeks, at the end of which time the contracts were cancelled and the broadcasts discontinued in view of the over-all radio programs originating in Springfield, which were released over sixty-six stations on January 6th.)

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that we extend a word of appreciation to Brother L. R. Keys and those associated with him for their generosity in giving to the General Council the opportunity of accepting the offer of a national radio hookup, which offer has been made to him by the Associated Broadcasting Co.

Elections Continued

The tellers reported that on the first and second ballots for the choice of a successor to the General Superintendent, in the event of a vacancy in his office, no election had been reached. On the third ballot, Wesley R. Steelberg was elected to succeed the General Superintendent.

On the nominating ballot, J. Roswell Flower was returned to office as General Secretary, receiving 477 of the 566 votes cast.

The election of three non-resident executive presbyters was the next order of business. The following nominations were made from the floor: W. T. Gaston, E. L. Newby, F. D. Davis, A. A. Wilson, E. Bartlett Peterson, Ben Hardin, Frank J. Lindquist, J. Narver Gortner, W. R. Williamson, D. P. Holloway, A. C. Bates, A. Newton Chase, C. O. Neece, H. M. Cadwalder, Frank Gray, H. S. Bush, C. A. Lasater, G. W. Hardcastle, D. H. McDowell, Flem Van Meter, Chas. W. H. Scott, A. M. Alber, L. R. Keys, R. J. Thurmond and Arthur F. Berg.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Article VII of the Bylaws be amended by substitution of the following:

ARTICLE VII. MINISTERS' BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Authorization

The Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to cre-

ate and put into operation an Association of Assemblies of God Ministers available to all ordained ministers of the General Council which shall have as its objective the accumulation of funds to make possible the retirement of its members at 65 years of age with a monthly income for life. This Association shall be known as the Assemblies of God Ministers' Benefit Association and shall adopt its own Articles of Association in keeping with these bylaws and subject to the approval of the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. It shall not be available to ministers of those Districts which have retirement plans of their own which involve offerings from the churches.

Section 2. Administration

The Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall serve as the first Board of Directors of this Association but shall delegate the administration of this Association to succeeding Boards of Directors which shall be elected by the members of the Association. All Boards of Directors of this Association shall, however, be amenable to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council.

Section 3. Benevolent Disbursements

This Association, through its Board of Directors, shall be authorized and instructed to continue the same assistance to needy ministers and their widows, which has been provided through the Ministers' Benevolent Fund and on the same conditions, namely: (1) that applicants shall have engaged in active and approved ministry in the General Council fellowship for a period of ten or more years; (2) that the record of the applicant shall indicate that he or she has complied with the agreed upon financial plan of the District and General Council; and (3) that the District Officer of which he or she is a member shall apply for or endorse, the application for such assistance.

Section 4. Ministers' Benevolent Fund

The Board of Directors of the Ministers' Benefit Association, in taking over the administration of the present Ministers' Benevolent Fund, shall be and hereby are authorized to assume the administration of the sum of money which has now accumulated and is being held by the Executive Presbytery in the Minis-

ters' Benevolent Fund. This Fund may henceforth be administered for Benevolent and Retirement purposes provided that, in the event that for any reason the Ministers' Benefit Association shall be liquidated and cease to function, the sum of \$100,000.00 from its funds shall be returned to the Executive Presbytery for the purpose of recreating and operating the Ministers' Benevolent Fund.

Section 5. Investment of Funds

The Board of Directors of the Ministers' Benefit Association shall be authorized to invest the funds of this Association in property of the General and District Councils and local churches of the Assemblies of God, provided that such investments are fully protected by mortgage or by note signed by General or District Council officials.

Section 6. Contributions

Each member of the Ministers' Benefit Association shall be expected to contribute at least One Dollar (\$1.00) per month to this Association.

Each assembly in our fellowship is requested to take up an assembly freewill offering for the Ministers' Benefit Fund twice each year, advisedly during May and November if these months are suitable and convenient to the local assembly. These offerings shall be sent immediately to the Board of Directors of the Ministers' Benefit Association, and shall be held and disbursed by them according to their Articles of Association.

Our entire Council fellowship and constituency is urged upon any fitting occasion and through the columns of our publications to interest friends in making special gifts and endowments to this Association.

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

Before adjournment the Council paused to welcome home Major A. C. Lane, one of the Assemblies of God chaplains who had just returned from Manila. Chaplain Lane brought a word of greeting. The meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

MONDAY EVENING

The evening session opened at 7:15 p.m. with Brother Lester Summers of Brownwood, Texas leading the singing. Prayer

followed, and the business of the Council was resumed.

The tellers reported that on the second ballot for the election of non-resident Executive Presbyters, A. A. Wilson and J. Narver Gortner were elected. F. D. Davis was elected on the third ballot.

The Chair stated that the next order of business was the resolution pertaining to the Gospel Publishing House building program, but since one of the members of the Educational Committee would not be able to remain at the Council longer than Monday night, he would entertain a motion to make the next order of business consideration of the report of the Educational Committee. It was therefore moved and the motion prevailed that the next order of business be consideration of the Report of the Educational Committee.

Frank J. Lindquist, chairman of the committee, not being present when the report was called for, the reading was assumed by Ralph M. Riggs. Before the reading was terminated, Brother Lindquist appeared on the floor and the reading of the report was referred to him. The report was as follows:

Report of Educational Committee

The Educational Committee of the General Council in session September 14, 1945 submits the following report to the Council in which report they make the following recommendations:

1. That there shall be an Educational Department of the General Council.
2. That the whole of Article XII of the Bylaws of the General Council and also Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Article XIV shall be replaced by the following; and become Article XI, and Sections 4 and 5 of Article XIV would become Sections 1 and 2 of Article XIV.

The proposed change would appear in the General Council Bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE XI. THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Constitution

There shall be an Educational Department of the General Council which shall have as its general responsibility the development and supervision of the educational activities of the Assemblies of God. This general responsibility shall specifically include Sunday Schools and other educational activities of local churches, schools for the academic education of our members,

and the education and training of our ministers and candidates for the ministry. These specific functions shall call for the creation of three divisions in the Educational Department: namely, the Church School, the Academic, and Bible Institute; which divisions are hereby recognized.

It is understood that the development and supervision referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be only to that extent and in that way which conforms with the vested authority of the General Council Executive Offices and the sovereignty of the various districts and churches.

Section 2. Government and Organization

The government and work of the Educational Department and all its divisions shall be vested in, and committed to an Educational Committee of nine members and an Educational Secretary. The Educational Committee shall be nominated by the General Presbytery and elected by the General Council. The educational secretary shall be appointed by the General Presbytery from the executive officers elected by the General Council according to Article II., Section 2, paragraph D, of the General Council Bylaws. The Educational Secretary thus appointed shall serve as Executive Secretary of the Educational Committee and head of the Educational Department.

The Educational Committee shall elect its other officers and shall conduct its business as occasion shall require, subject to the provisions of these Bylaws and of its own Bylaws which must first be approved by the Executive Presbytery. It shall continue in office for two years or until its successor is elected.

Section 3. The Church School Division

The Educational Committee shall be authorized to appoint and employ an Editor of Church School publications, editorial writers and other helpers as they shall be needed.

The Church School Division of the Educational Department shall supervise the preparation and editing of all literature and curricular material for Sunday schools and all other kinds of church schools and shall have the responsibility of promoting and developing

Sunday Schools and all other kinds of church schools in the churches of our constituency.

Section 4. Academic Division

The work of the Academic Division of the Educational Department shall include the supervision of all academic institutions of learning which are operated by and for the members of the Assemblies of God other than those which are purely local in character.

General supervision of the academic school work carried on by and for the members of the Assemblies of God shall be vested in the Educational Department. It shall be their responsibility also to encourage and provide for that academic education of the youth of our Fellowship for which there shall be need and demand.

The Educational Department shall have the right to erect standards to which all academic institutions shall be required to conform in order to receive General Council endorsement. No academic institution operated by members of the General Council or patronized by members of the Assemblies of God shall be recognized as approved by the General Council until and unless it measures up to the standards erected for such institutions by the Educational Department and has been approved by such Department. The Educational Department shall issue yearly certificates of endorsement to academic institutions meeting its standard for endorsement.

Section 5. The Bible Institute Division

The work of this division shall include the establishment of a sufficient number of Bible Institutes for the spiritual education and training of ministerial and missionary candidates and other Christian workers. The initiative in the establishment of new Bible Institutes may be taken by the Educational Department or by any interested group in any part of the country, subject to the approval of the District in which it is to be located.

The Educational Department shall have the right to erect standards to which all Bible Institutes shall be required to conform in order to receive General Council endorsement. These standards may include the

spiritual qualifications of the faculty, the required subjects of the curriculum, the length of class periods, school semesters and terms, the requirements for admission and for graduation, the aids to spiritual life such as quiet hours, daily chapel, missionary prayers, etc., rules of conduct, discipline, practical Christian work, social life, health conditions, etc. The Educational Department shall issue yearly certificates of endorsement to Institutes meeting its standard for endorsement.

It shall be the responsibility of the Educational Department to seek to maintain a high level of spirituality in all our Bible Institutes and to guard against any departure from the doctrines and spiritual experiences set forth in our statement of fundamental truths. This department shall also encourage educational and administrative efficiency in the various schools.

It shall also be the prerogative of the Educational Department to seek to provide our own textbooks for our Bible Institutes and prepare reading courses and promote short intensive institutes for those unable to attend Bible Schools and for our ministers in general. General responsibility for the welfare and development of our Bible Institute system as a whole, for the spiritual education and training of all candidates for Christian service and the stimulation of the needed interest and support of this work among our constituency shall be vested in the Educational Department.

Section 6. Central Bible Institute

1. The Educational Committee of the General Council shall constitute the Board of Directors of Central Bible Institute. They shall appoint the President of Central Bible Institute and, in consultation with him, the various members of its faculty and administrative staff.

2. As progress and growth demands, the Educational Department may provide a Full Theological Seminary Course in addition to the Bible Institute course, and provide postgraduate work for graduates who seek special training for the ministry in the United States or foreign lands.

Section 7. Finances

The salary of the Educational Secretary shall be paid out of the General Council Fund and other expenses

of this Department shall be paid out of the Gospel Publishing House Funds.

The Educational Committee's recommendation is, that Article II, Section 2, Paragraph (d), page 12 be amended and the words "**President and Principal of Central Bible Institute**" be stricken out.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. Lindquist, Chairman
Glenn Reed, Secretary
S. H. Frodsham
Bert Webb
T. A. Kessel
G. W. Hardcastle
M. E. Collins
A. L. Hoy
I. J. Harrison
Leland Keys
Frank Gray

The chairman of the committee moved the adoption of the report and his motion was seconded. Considerable discussion followed.

It was moved and the motion prevailed that no action be taken by the Educational Committee for the establishment of a Liberal Arts College unless such is authorized by the General Council in session.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Educational Committee be taken up section by section, and the report was reread in accordance with this decision.

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that all through the report, wherever the term "Educational Committee" appears, it be understood that the Educational Committee is the Executive Presbytery functioning in the Educational Department. It was then moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the first section of the report be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be referred back to the committee to be re-edited and then brought back to the Council for further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10 p.m.

TUESDAY MORNING

Ralph M. Riggs presided at the devotional service and the meeting was opened at 9:10 a.m. with singing directed by J. R. Woods of Goose Creek, Texas. T. J. Gotcher of North Little

Rock, Ark. led in prayer. For a Scripture reading Brother E. B. Crump of Wichita Falls, Texas selected and read Psalm 27.

The business session opened at 9:30 a.m., and the first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the Monday meetings, which were approved as read.

Honorary Presbyters

A resolution was offered that the following named brethren be appointed as honorary General Presbyters: Brothers S. S. Scull, Phoenix, Arizona, Robert A. Brown, New York City, Louis F. Turnbull, Los Angeles, California. On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution:

Resolution on New Building for Gospel Publishing House

WHEREAS, The Gospel Publishing House has outgrown its present quarters and the need of an enlarged modern building is evident; and

WHEREAS, After due consideration the General Presbytery recommends that this General Council go on record as authorizing the erection of a building as proposed by the architect's drawings and specifications presented herewith, with the provision that competitive bids shall be obtained and the contract let to reliable, bonded contractors; and

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Assemblies of God has recently purchased a tract of land on Boonville Street in the City of Springfield, County of Greene and State of Missouri, with the intention of constructing thereon very substantial buildings and improvements, and properly equipping the same for the purpose of housing and operating the publishing business conducted under the name of Gospel Publishing House, and

WHEREAS, It is contemplated that there will be invested in this property when the improvements are completed, and the building or buildings to be constructed are fully equipped, the sum of approximately one and one half million dollars; and the General Council of the Assemblies of God will have available for this construction work and equipment approximately seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and it will be necessary to borrow a sufficient amount, which together with the amount on hand as available, will be adequate to fully pay for the improvements and equip-

ment, and it is impossible to determine at this time the exact amount needed for this purpose;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, duly and lawfully assembled in the City of Springfield, County of Greene and State of Missouri, in its regular biennial session, pursuant to a call by the Executive Presbytery, as follows:

1. That the General Council does hereby fully authorize and approve incurring an indebtedness in the amount not to exceed the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), the payment of which shall be the obligation of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

2. That the amount of said indebtedness not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be an amount which together with the moneys on hand and available for that purpose shall be sufficient to completely construct and equip the building, buildings, and improvements to house and be used by the Gospel Publishing House and Administrative Offices belonging to the General Council of the Assemblies of God:

3. That said indebtedness shall be in the form of bonds or notes of the General Council of the Assemblies of God:

4. That the Executive Presbyters acting as trustees of the General Council of the Assemblies of God are hereby given the following authority and power:

a. To determine the amount of the bonds or notes to be authorized and issued, not exceeding one million dollars;

b. To determine the denominations or the amount of each bond or note to be issued;

c. To determine the maturity dates of said bonds or notes and the rates of interest said bonds or notes shall bear and the dates said interest shall be payable;

d. To authorize the execution of said bonds or notes and designate the officers of the General Council of the Assemblies of God who shall sign said bonds or notes for and on behalf of the General Council of the Assemblies of God;

e. To prepare the form of said bonds or notes and the provisions thereof including any redemption privileges, if thought advisable, and the interest coupons if any, and designate the place of payment;

f. To determine whether or not the payment of any or all of said bonds or notes shall be secured by deed or deeds of trust on any real estate belonging to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and if said Executive Presbytery should determine that any or all of said bonds or notes should be secured by deed or deeds of trust on any such real estate to authorize the execution of any deed or deeds of trust on behalf of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and designate the proper officers of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and empower them to execute such deed or deeds of trust on behalf of the General Council of the Assemblies of God;

g. To sell and dispose of said bonds or notes for not less than the par or face value thereof and accrued interest thereon at time of sale;

h. To use the money from the sale of said bonds or notes in the payment for the costs of the construction of the building or buildings and improvements on the real estate on Boonville Street in the City of Springfield, County of Greene and State of Missouri, and the equipment thereof for the use of the Gospel Publishing House and administrative offices belonging to the General Council of the Assemblies of God hereinbefore described;

i. To do any and all things and acts that may not hereinbefore be specifically covered or designated so as to bring about the general purposes sought to be accomplished by this resolution;

j. To make the proper report of all matters contained in this resolution at the next regular or special meeting of the General Council.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee then moved the adoption of the resolution, and after a second had been secured, and after some explanations were made and some discussion of its merits, the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with 450 delegates voting.

Discussion of Educational Committee Report Resumed

The Report of the Educational Committee was again brought to the floor by the chairman of the committee, who proposed by motion that in view of so little time remaining for the consideration of the report and the many important matters yet to come before the Council, that the Report be referred to the Executive Presbytery and the Educational Secretary for

their consideration until the next General Council. The motion was lost. It was then moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that we proceed with the discussion of Section 2 of the Report, since Section 1 had been adopted the previous meeting.

Some confusion resulted from the offering of a number of motions affecting the report, but finally the motion was made that each speech be limited to three minutes, and that each speaker be limited to one speech only on each section of the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Attention was then directed to the decision reached in the previous meeting that throughout the report wherever the term "Educational Committee" appears it be understood to mean the Executive Presbytery. A number of amendments were offered and withdrawn. Finally the motion was made and seconded and the motion prevailed that the action of last night affecting Section 1 of the report be rescinded. The report was then on the floor in its original form.

The following motion was then offered:

RESOLVED, That Section 2 be deleted and the following be inserted as a substitute:

Section 2. Government and Organization

The government and work of the Educational Department and all its divisions shall be vested in, and committed to an Educational Committee which shall be composed of the Executive Presbytery and nine other members who shall be nominated by the General Presbytery and elected by the General Council. These nine other members of the Educational Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity. An Educational Secretary shall be appointed by the General Superintendent from among the Assistant General Superintendents and shall serve as Executive Secretary of the Educational Committee and head of the Educational Department.

The Educational Committee shall elect its other officers and shall conduct its business as occasion shall require, subject to the provisions of these Bylaws and of its own Bylaws. It shall continue in office for two years or until successors are elected.

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that this amendment to the report be adopted.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The devotional service was led by S. J. Scott of Tulsa, Okla. with Brother Paul Miller of the Servicemen's Department di-

recting the singing. Prayer was offered by Gene Martin of Creston, Iowa. The business session was opened at 1:45 p.m. The Home Missions Committee presented its report in a mimeographed form, which was distributed on the floor of the Council.

Consideration of the Home Missions Committee report was postponed for a further consideration of the Educational Committee report. It was decided by motion that because of the lack of time the election of any officers not already elected to serve the General Council shall be committed to the General Presbytery, and that those elected by that body be recognized to serve the fellowship for the next two years.

Discussion then continued on the remaining sections of the report. Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted. It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the report of the Educational Committee in its amended form be adopted as a whole.

A resolution was then offered recommending that in the future this Council dispense with the reading of the reports of the different departments and that printed reports be placed in the hands of all who attend the General Council for their study and consideration. The resolution was adopted by motion.

The Chair introduced Brother Bruce Gibson of New York City, a representative of the colored race, who spoke briefly of the need of establishing an Assemblies of God colored branch. Some discussion followed regarding the establishing of such a branch and the following resolution was offered:

Assemblies of God Colored Branch

RESOLVED, That we encourage the establishment of Assembly of God churches for the colored race and that when such churches are established they be authorized to display the name, "Assembly of God—Colored Branch."

The resolution was adopted by motion.

The Report of the Home Missions Committee which had been previously passed out in mimeographed form, was read by Leonard Palmer, Chairman of the Committee as follows:

Report of Home Missions Committee

Your Home Missions Committee herewith submits the following report:

Home Missions—the evangelization of the United States presents a definite challenge to the Assemblies of God today as never before.

God has been pleased to signally bless the efforts of

our pastors, evangelists, and other workers in such a manner that there has been a marked increase in the number of workers, assemblies, and members.

While we believe the District and General Councils certainly have an important ministry in the evangelization of the unreached territories and populations, the magnitude of the unfinished task demands that we reassess the situation, and recognize the imperative necessity of a new and revived approach to the problem by our pastors and local assemblies. It is felt that a burden for those in the areas in the immediate vicinity of our assemblies should burn upon the hearts of our pastors and people so that they will go out and open prayer meetings, Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and children's meetings, hold revivals and establish new churches.

Instructors in our colleges, Bible Institutes, and Theological Seminaries should endeavor to inculcate the pioneer spirit into their students and they should be encouraged to go out to open new works, instead of looking to the established churches for a ministry.

A greater emphasis upon Pentecost must be given by our Schools, our Pastors, and our Evangelists. We must produce workers into whose hearts Pentecost has been born, and who have a vision of the need of a lost and dying world around them.

Your Committee deplores a growing trend toward professionalism among pastors and evangelists—the tendency to minister only where congregations are large and where money is plentiful, while neglected areas and smaller and poorer congregations often find it difficult if not impossible to secure the services of able ministers. The advancement of Home Missions work is promising, and needy fields have often been seriously retarded, if not effectively stopped, because of the lack of capable and consecrated workers to give themselves to the task of evangelization.

Although organization, finances, and equipment are very important considerations, every Superintendent recognizes the outstanding need for the advancement of Home Missions is the need for workers with a burden for the place. The church problem is first, last and always, essentially a preacher problem. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of Harvest, that He may thrust forth laborers into the harvest."

Perhaps one of the most serious mistakes we as a Movement have made, has been the choice of so many names for our churches, so that often our own people when going from one community to another, do not know which church is ours, to say nothing of the outsiders.

Your Committee feels chagrined to think that our workers sometimes follow the policy of certain discredited groups in seeking to conceal their identity when entering a new community. We feel we have the greatest message of the hour, and we feel we are a part of a God-honored Movement, and should neither be ashamed of our name, our Doctrine, nor our message. Brethren, let us let the world know that we are the **ASSEMBLIES OF GOD!**

One of the greatest advances made by the General Council in recent years has been the establishment of a Home Missions Department, and the appointment of a Home Missions Secretary. The co-operation and assistance received from this department by the various districts in the development of their work has been greatly appreciated.

Feeling that the department should have a more definite description in our Bylaws, your Committee recommends the substitution of the following Bylaw, in the place of the present Article X of the Bylaws, on pages 33 and 34, of the Minutes of 1941.

ARTICLE X. HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Authorization and Scope

There shall be a Home Missions Department of the General Council and the work of the Department shall be in two divisions: The Church Extension Division, and the Home Missions Division.

Section 2. Government and Organization

a. Personnel. The Home Missions Department shall consist of a Home Missions Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Council, the members of the Home Missions Committee, and such workers as shall be associated with, or engaged by them.

b. Home Missions Secretary. The Home Missions Secretary shall be one of the resident Executive Presbyters, assigned to the task by the General Superintendent, and he shall serve as the head of the Home

Missions Department, and Chairman of the Home Missions Committee.

c. Home Missions Committee. The Home Missions Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the General Council, four District Superintendents who are qualified by Home Missions experience, and are geographically representative of the Fellowship. They shall be chosen by the General Presbytery, and shall serve in an advisory capacity. Their term of office shall be for two years, or until their successors are elected.

d. Meetings. The Home Missions Secretary shall call a meeting of the Home Missions Committee within four months of his appointment. At this meeting a Recording Secretary shall be chosen from among the members of the Home Missions Committee. The Home Missions Committee shall hold its meetings and conduct its affairs in conformity with the General Council Bylaws. Further meetings shall be called as necessity arises.

e. 1. Relationship. The work of the Home Missions Department as a whole shall be under the general oversight of, and amenable to, the Executive Presbytery.

e. 2. The Church Extension and Home Missionary work of the department shall be co-ordinated under the management of the Home Missions Department and the District Councils in the field.

f. Finances. The Home Missions Department shall be financed by gifts, contributions, and such other funds as may be assigned to it.

Section 3. The Church Extension Division

a. The Church Extension Division of the Home Missions Department shall have to do with co-operation with the various Districts, in entering new fields in the United States, raising up new works, and in the general extension of our Fellowship.

b. Districts embracing more than one state, or having an extensive unevangelized area may appeal to the Home Missions Department to co-operate with them in the effective occupation of the said areas. The District Officials, the Assemblies of God workers in the said areas, and the Home Missions Committee after due consultation shall choose a Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer for such state. The new Superin-

tendent thus appointed shall give his full time to the evangelization of such state, being supported by the tithes of the workers in said area, supplemented by the Home Missions Department. Such States may be represented on the General Presbytery by their Superintendent only.

Section 4. The Home Missionary Division

Home Missionary work shall include all ministry among those classes of Americans now living in the Continental United States who are not usually ministered to by the Assemblies and Ministers of our Fellowship. Particularly listed in this group are the Jews, the population of Alaska, the Colored people, the American Indian, the deaf, the prisoners, and foreign-speaking groups of the United States; with the exception that the work among the Spanish-speaking residents which on account of the proximity to the United States of Mexico, Cuba and other Spanish-speaking countries which lie in the scope of the Foreign Missions Department shall be carried on under the supervision of that Department.

Section 5. Branches

a. A Branch is defined as a unit in the General Council organization equivalent to a District Council in General Presbytery and General Council Membership and relationship, and according to all provisions of Article X of the Constitution. A Branch is distinguished from a District Council in that its territory of operation is not geographical, but is confined to ministry among certain races or language groups. Its geographical area of operation may therefore overlap or coincide with that of one or more District Councils.

b. Branches shall be allowed that independence of operation which is accorded District Councils within the framework of the General Council Constitution and Bylaws. And transfers and other relationships between themselves and regular District Councils shall be affected with that consideration and respect practiced between District Councils. In order to promote a spirit of fellowship between them, the Branch Officials and the Home Missions Department should consult and co-operate with the Officials of the District concerning the entering and/or maintenance of a work in a given area.

c. The above paragraphs which have to do with the nature of the Branches and their relation to the District Councils, shall not apply, however, to the work among the Negro (or Colored) people of the United States. Conforming to American law and society, our work amongst the Colored People will remain distinct and separate, and the Colored Branch when formed shall be under the supervision of the Home Missions Department. It is further understood that no transfers to or from any District shall be given or received.

We further recommend the deletion of Article XI of the Bylaws concerning "Mexican Missions," since this work will be provided for under Article X, Section 4 of the Bylaws as recommended above.

And we further recommend the striking out of references to the "Home Missions Department" in the present Article XII, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Palmer, Chairman
T. E. Gannon
Herman G. Johnson
A. H. Morrison
R. C. Jones
John F. Slye
V. G. Greisen
L. H. Hauff
David Burris
R. F. Hudson

The report of the Home Missions as revised by the Committee was adopted as a whole.

The following resolutions were read and on motion, were adopted as read without change:

Trials and Appeals

WHEREAS, In the judgment of the General Presbytery, Section 18 of Article VI presents a procedure which is too complicated and cumbersome for practical use, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That said section be amended by substituting the following:

(a) Both the Officiary of the District Council and the Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall be recognized as having the right of initiative in the trial

of members. Trials shall be granted for wilful violation of Council principles, wrong doctrine, or other misconduct. In the event the officary of the District Council shall take the initiative, the trial shall be conducted by said officary in accordance with Council principles. In the event that the Executive Presbytery shall take the initiative and it should appear to them after consultation with the District Officiary not to be feasible to conduct a trial within the bounds of the District where the alleged offense may have been committed, a Judiciary Committee of six ordained ministers may be appointed by the Executive Presbytery, one of whom shall be chosen by said committee to act as chairman. This committee shall be authorized and instructed to conduct a fair trial in accordance with Council principles.

(b) A complete stenographic record of all trials of ministers shall be kept.

(c) It shall be the privilege of every minister who may have had a trial to appeal from the decision rendered, provided such an appeal shall be made within thirty days thereafter.

(d) Whenever a minister of the General Council shall appeal from a decision of the District to the Executive Presbytery, or from the decision of the Executive Presbytery to the General Presbytery, it shall be the duty of the Executive Presbytery or the General Presbytery to review the case by full examination of the documentary evidence relative to the trial in order to determine whether or not a proper trial has been conducted and a fair decision rendered. Those who conducted the trial shall, in such a case, furnish a complete record of the trial, including all evidence produced. No new evidence shall be considered in the review. All new evidence or testimony must be presented in retrials.

(e) In case the Executive Presbytery, or General Presbytery, shall decide, after such a review, that the decision made has not been a fair one, it shall be the right of that Body to which appeal has been made to reverse the decision, or, if it is decided that the case has been handled improperly, it shall be the right of those listening to the appeal to remand the case for retrial.

(f) Appeals from decisions made by the District Officials shall not be heard by the General Presbytery until after the evidence has first been reviewed by the Executive Presbytery and their decision has been made (Amendment 1945)

Marriage Annulments

WHEREAS, There seems to be a misconception on the part of some that anyone who procures an annulment to a former marriage is eligible for credentials with the General Council, resulting in an increasing number of applications for credentials made by such persons, most of which are referred by the Credentials Committee to the General Presbytery for a ruling;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in order to clarify the stand of the General Council on this subject, the Bylaws of the General Council be amended as follows:

1. Section 5 of Article XVIII be relabeled "Divorce, Annulments and Remarriage."

2. A paragraph to be designated as Paragraph (c.) shall be added to Section 5 of Article XVIII as follows:

c. The Credentials Committee of the General Council shall not be authorized to give consideration to an applicant for credentials upon the basis of an annulment of a former marriage unless the application is accompanied by clear and satisfactory evidence of an illegal marriage through deception or fraud. Every application must be judged on its own merits regardless of expressed opinions of attorneys or judges. The General Presbytery, acting as a court of appeals, has the right to make its own decisions in all such matters.

Anti-Semitism

WHEREAS, We have witnessed in this generation an almost universal increase in anti-Semitism and this has resulted in the greatest series of persecutions perpetrated in modern times, and

WHEREAS, Even in the United States of America there has been an alarming increase in anti-Semitism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Council hereby declare its opposition to anti-Semitism and that it disapproves of the ministers of the Assemblies of God identifying themselves with those who are engaged in this propaganda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the editor of publications be instructed to prepare an article including Section 1 of this resolution in which our position on anti-Semitism is set forth and that it be published in the Penecostal Evangel.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee then presented the following resolution on

Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, It is apparent that the old Fascist-Vatican treaty known as the Concordat, said treaty being an agreement between the late Benito Mussolini and the Pope, is still in effect in Italy, and the provisions of this treaty prohibit liberties which should belong to the Protestant groups; and

WHEREAS, Evidence of this has been brought to our attention by Protestant Chaplains now serving in Italy, and through other Protestant denominational sources, which alleges that ministers have been forcibly prevented from conducting religious services, and imprisoned, and

WHEREAS, Our Chaplains and members of our armed forces declare their ability to provide religious liberty to these groups only as long as armed occupation shall continue, and the privileges and provisions of the "Four Freedoms" cannot thereafter be guaranteed, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That this General Council go on record as being opposed to the hereinbefore described religious discrimination and suppression, and that the General Secretary of the General Council shall be instructed to appeal to the President of these United States petitioning for provisions which will guarantee these people protection and liberties rightly due them, to be included in the Peace Treaties between the Allied Nations and Italy; for this cause and in this behalf, sacrifices having been made by the pledging of our lives, our fortunes, our sons and our sacred honor; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that we herewith pledge to our President prayerful lives, co-operation and loyalty in his duty of preserving for us "a government of, for, and by a free people which shall not under God fail nor perish from the earth."

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted,

and that it should not only be sent to the President of the United States but also to the Secretary of State, and the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate.

(In compliance with this resolution, a telegram was sent to the President of the United States and letters were mailed to the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. The resolution was also forwarded to the Protestant Voice and United Evangelical Action and released to the Associated Press.)

The resolution was adopted by motion.

The Chairman of the Resolution Committee then presented the following resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to revise the General Council Constitution and Bylaws:

Committee to Revise Constitution and Bylaws

WHEREAS, Apparent weaknesses and discrepancies are in evidence in our Constitution and Bylaws, some of which have developed through numerous amendments and enlarged programs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we empower the General Superintendent, the Assistant General Superintendents and the General Secretary to appoint a committee to prepare a revised Constitution and Bylaws to be submitted at the next General Presbytery meeting and that the results of the work of such committee and of the General Presbytery be in turn submitted to the Districts so that it may be properly presented to the next General Council.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was presented by the chairman of the Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS, It is being taught by some of our pastors that all the tithes belong to them, and

WHEREAS, This practice has a tendency to retard the progress and expansion of the local church and its participation in World Missions, be it

RESOLVED, That Article XVIII, Section 8, subsection B, be amended by adding the following: "We disapprove of the teaching that all tithes shall belong to the pastor."

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution and Bylaws for adoption at our next General Council.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented a

resolution affecting representation on the General Presbytery by members of the Missions Department as follows:

Missionary Representation on General Presbytery

WHEREAS, Provision is made in the Constitution for the election of men of mature experience to represent on the General Presbytery all phases of our work and

WHEREAS, the work on our foreign missions fields now include forty-five countries and a missionary personnel of over six hundred persons, with a Christian constituency of approximately 168,000, and

WHEREAS, the representation on the General Presbytery of this substantial section of our fellowship is now restricted to one man;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Field Secretaries appointed by the Executive Presbytery to serve in conjunction with the Missions Department become members of the General Presbytery, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That missionaries under appointment by the General Council who occupy positions of District or Field Superintendents of foreign mission fields be constituted members of the General Presbytery, and

FURTHERMORE, Each properly constituted Foreign Field Council of the Assemblies of God not having representation on the General Presbytery because of its superintendent being on the mission field at the time of the General Presbytery meeting, may be represented by a missionary on furlough who last held such office in that particular field, provided he is supplied with a letter from his field committee requesting this courtesy.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Final Report of Roster Committee

Glen Renick, chairman of the Roster Committee submitted the final report of the committee, which was accepted and on motion the roster was closed:

Ordained Ministers	872
Licensed Ministers	80
Missionaries	111
Delegates from churches	93
Visitors	200
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Total registered	1,356

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that matters pertaining to finance and the distribution of funds be committed to the General Presbytery and that the Presbytery be given authority to revise the formula for the distribution of the profits of the Gospel Publishing House if in its estimation this is the proper thing to do.

A Vote of Thanks

On motion, the following resolutions of appreciation were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we extend a vote of appreciation to Brother Ernest Williams, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and other Executive Officers, Brother W. I. Evans, Principal of Central Bible Institute and his coworkers, and to Pastor T. F. Zimmerman and his congregation, and to all the pastors and congregations of the Springfield Assemblies, for their cordial hospitality extended to the twenty-first biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and we pray God's continued richest blessing upon all as this Council comes to a close.

RESOLVED, That the General Council of the Assemblies of God, convened in its Twenty-first Biennial Conference at Springfield, Missouri, September 12-18, 1945, hereby expresses its deep and sincere appreciation for the kind and generous hospitality extended by the City of Springfield, the Chamber of Commerce, the Ministerial Alliance, the Frisco Railway; and to the Springfield Leader and Press, the Springfield Daily News and the Associated Press for carrying news accounts of the meetings of our convention; also to Radio Stations KWTO, KGBX and KTTS for reading news accounts of the Council. Copies of the above resolution shall be forwarded to all the above mentioned.

Brother J. E. Austell, Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District, reminded the congregation of the invitation to hold the next General Council in Denver, Colorado.

The Twenty-first General Council adjourned with the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" and prayer of dismissal and benediction was offered by Brother J. E. Wilson of St. Joseph, Missouri.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Covering all departments operating under the supervision of the Executive Presbytery for two years beginning August 1, 1943 and ending July 31, 1945

When the last General Council met in Springfield, September 2-7, 1943, America was in the midst of a world war, grimly preparing for the final show-down with the forces arrayed against the democratic powers. Most of the dislocations in our assembly life had already occurred. The induction into the armed forces of our sons and daughters was being continued with heart-breaking regularity. The flow of labor into defense areas had practically ceased. The assemblies located in the defense zones were welcoming new faces continually. These assemblies were prospering financially and numerically, while many assemblies in the hinterlands were struggling for an existence. Gradually, the weaker assemblies began building up once more as many of the members who had been lured away by high wages began the homeward trek.

During the past two years, the Servicemen's Department was promoted and enlarged for a greater ministry to the men in the armed forces. Under the directorship of Harry Jaeger, service centers were opened and supported, evangelists sent into Army Camps and Hospitals, the Reveille, the Servicemen's own periodical, was published and distributed with increasing volume. Eternity alone will reveal the good that has been accomplished by means of the positive evangelical message which has been sent to thousands and thousands of men in all theatres of war. The cost of operating the department during the two-year period has been \$316,584.60, most of which has been covered by the voluntary contributions from individuals and churches who have sensed the opportunity and responded to the need.

In spite of the handicap of congested transportation facilities, for the most part, the fellowship as a whole has not suffered. Most of the districts have conducted their district councils and camp meetings as usual. Attendance, in some instances, has been greater than before the days of gas rationing and travel restrictions. Some of the districts have suffered definite loss because of these conditions which were occasioned by the world war, and which were beyond their control. To them, the conclusion of the war and the lifting of restrictions has been a great relief.

The Executive Officers of the General Council have continued their ministry to the fellowship in all parts of the country in spite

of the handicaps of travel. In fact, the ministry of the Executive Officers to the Districts has been the most extensive for any two-year period in the history of our fellowship. Practically every State in the Union has been benefited by the ministry of the General Superintendent and the Assistant General Superintendent, and their ministry has been supplemented by the ministry of the General Secretary, the editor of the Pentecostal Evangel, the Missions Department Secretary, the dean and faculty members of Central Bible Institute, the Christ's Ambassadors' Secretary and representatives of the Sunday School Department of the Gospel Publishing House, all of whom have had the privilege of ministering to the fellowship at large.

Both the Home Missions and the Foreign Missions Department have increased their services for the fellowship. In addition to the money distributed to the districts from the profits of the Gospel Publishing House, the districts have profited during the two-year period by the return to the districts for home missions work through the World Missions plan the total sum of \$177,160.75. The North Central District received the largest amount under this plan, its portion amounting to \$16,438.58. The district receiving the smallest amount was the North Carolina District, which received \$211.99. However, this district and several other of the weaker districts, received special grants from the undesignated funds assigned to the Home Missions Department from the profits of the Gospel Publishing House. All districts are reporting an increase in the number of assemblies and the ministers available to serve them. Both the Foreign and Home Missions Departments have prepared detailed reports to be read to this Council and published in the minutes.

As the tempo for the invasion of Europe increased, the local draft boards combed their lists of available registrants and oftentimes required ministers to furnish legal proof of ministerial ordination and standing. Other ministers faced induction and made appeals to the Executive Office for assistance in securing proper classification. These conditions forced upon the office of the General Secretary multiplied responsibilities hitherto unknown. Generally speaking, we were able to help our ministers unless they had filled out their questionnaires improperly. There were a few instances of ministers actually inducted into the armed forces in spite of all efforts made in their behalf.

The problem of the Conscientious Objector was not as great during the past two years as during the first two years of the

war. But there were still a number of our young men who refused all military service on the grounds of conscience. Some of them had families who were left without support when husbands and fathers were sent to C. P. S. camps. Appeals were made to us on their behalf by the National Service Board of Religious Objectors, in Washington, D. C. It was either a case of permitting the three peace churches, the Mennonites, the Society of Friends and the Church of the Brethren to support these men and their families, or else share with these churches the support of our own members. Fortunately, there are quite a number of our people who were sympathetic to the objector, and these contributed to the support of the men in C. P. S., although very little publicity was given to the need by the Treasurer.

Some of the men sent to C. P. S. during the first two years of the war were discharged on account of physical disability; others were transferred to mental hospitals, and the forest fire fighting corps; others became guinea pigs for the medical division of the government, thus reducing the charges during the last two years of the war, below the amount marked up against them during the first two years. Nevertheless, the Treasurer has paid out to the National Service Board for Religious Objectors the sum of \$13,392.51. Of this amount \$4,533.84 was contributed by sympathetic friends and the balance made up from the Special Need Fund of the General Council. The charges against these men for the year 1945 have not as yet been paid. For the first six months of the year, we were billed in the amount of \$1,383.58. This includes support of a wife and child of one of the sons-in-law of one of our ministers. The NSBRO is figuring the cost of help to this family at \$50.00 per month. We gave the Service Board \$30.00 per month for the first six months of this year.

At the General Council two years ago, we reported that we had been able to secure for our ministers recognition for the military chaplaincy service. At that time eight ministers had qualified for appointment to the chaplaincy. During the past two years, twenty-six more of our ministers received commissions. The War Department has announced that chaplaincy procurement has ceased. Two of our ministers are seriously considering the advantages of permanent military chaplaincy and it is possible they will apply to the War Department for this service.

GROWTH OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We are happy to report that in spite of the dislocations due

to the world war, the over-all membership of the fellowship has increased substantially and a number of new churches have been enrolled on our records. At the close of the fiscal year our records reveal that we now have 5,311 churches with an enrolled membership of approximately 241,782. The number of ordained ministers has increased also to 5,016 and the districts report 3,406 exhorters and licentiates. These are serving the fellowship as pastors, evangelists and Christian workers.

Much of the gain has been made possible by the distribution to the districts under the World Missions plan, plus the amount given to the Districts from the profits of the Gospel Publishing House. The amount distributed from this last named source was approximately \$60,000.00. To this sum has been added special grants to the weaker districts from the Home Missions Department.

Incidentally, we would call attention to the fact that while some offerings are sent to the Home Missions Department for the support of the Indian work, the Jewish work, the work in Alaska, etc., the department has practically no income from any source for the assistance it is called upon to render to the districts, beyond that small sum which it receives yearly from the profits of the Gospel Publishing House.

It may be desirable to appoint a committee on finance at this General Council to give consideration to and recommendations for the revising of the formula (adopted at the 1939 Council) for the distribution of the profits of the Gospel Publishing House. No provision was made in that formula for the support of the Educational Department, and the Executive Office has been burdened with all expense incurred by that department during the past two years. Then there are the Christ's Ambassadors and the Servicemen's Departments, both of which are dependent upon the good graces of the Gospel Publishing House, no provision whatever having been made for the Christ's Ambassadors Department, and the Servicemen's Department is dependent entirely upon the freewill offerings of the constituency.

The formula which was adopted in the year 1939 was as follows:

30% of the profits of the Gospel Publishing House to be set aside for replacement and expansion fund.

20% distributed to Districts for Home Missions.

15% to Foreign Missions Department to make up the lack for support of department.

15% Home Missions Department (particularly for the

aid of Districts which receive small share in the distribution to districts).

10% for the support of aged and indigent ministers.

5% for the Foreign Missionaries Retirement Fund.

5% for General Council Special Need Fund.

From this latter fund we have paid that which has been needful for the support of Conscientious Objectors in the C. P. S. Camps and the General Council contribution for the support of the National Association of Evangelicals. It has also been the source of numerous grants for other needs, for which no other provision has been made. It may be said that the time has come to review this formula for possible revision, in view of the changed conditions in the fellowship.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

During the past two years, the Assemblies of God have maintained their membership in the National Association of Evangelicals, which was authorized in the 1943 Council. About one hundred delegates attended the Columbus Convention in 1944 and about half that number attended the meeting in Chicago. The latter meeting was not a legal meeting in view of the streamlining of attendance in conformity with the ruling of the Office of Defense Transportation, so that the officers of the N. A. E. were continued in office until the next meeting, at which a legal election can take place. Authority was granted to the Executive Presbytery in our 1943 Council to contribute to the support of the N. A. E. on the basis of our constituency. Acting on this authority, a contribution was made for the year 1944 at the rate of about two (2) cents per member.

We presume it is unnecessary that we mention that membership in the N. A. E. does not in any wise compromise either our doctrinal position or our custom of worship. On the other hand, membership enables us to have a voice in national matters which affect our religious liberty, and our Missions Department in particular has profited from the Missions Commission of the N. A. E. which has its office in the nation's capital. The Assemblies of God are represented also on the Board of Administration of the N. A. E.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

During the two-year period just concluded, the General Presbytery considered the need and then authorized the expenditure of \$11,500.00 for the purchase of a property at Hot Springs, Ark. for the establishment of a Children's Home. This is the first unit of a series of such homes which may be opened in

various parts of the country in the future. A building program is now under way for the Home and funds in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00 are being solicited for the home in order that some seventy to eighty children may be cared for.

The Kentucky District has also decided to open an orphanage or children's Home and has solicited the loan of \$5,000.00 from the General Council as a down payment on a very desirable property at Carlisle, Ky.

The need for an old folks home has been expressed on a number of occasions and there are several retired missionaries and ministers who would gladly enter such a home if it were available.

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 treasurer's office is not charged to the various departments, but is carried as a feature of the general expense of the Secretary's office.

The cost of operating the Executive Office for the past two years has been met entirely through the regular offerings which have been received from the ministers, so that the Gospel Publishing House has not been burdened by any part of this General Council office expense. 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 proportionate to the increase in the number of ordained ministers in our fellowship as follows:

The fiscal year ending July 31, 1942	\$32,839.81
The year ending July 31, 1943	\$44,493.10
The year ending July 31, 1944	\$46,418.54
The year ending July 31, 1945	\$48,707.91

There has also been an increase in the operating expense of the Executive Office to care for the new services which have been taken on for the fellowship, which services include the Revolving Church Extension loan fund, the ministration of help to our aged ministers, the institution of the new Ministers' Benefit Association and the adoption of the Metropolitan Life Insurance group plan for a number of the districts. However, there has been a surplus of the receipts above ex-

penses, and this surplus has been transferred to the General Fund, which is available for appropriation for further services to the entire fellowship. The amount of this increase will be shown in the detailed Treasurer's Report.

One of the important steps taken during the past year in the way of further services to our ministers, was the inauguration of the new Ministers' Benefit Association. The membership rolls of the Association were opened on January 1, 1945, and on July 31st, at the end of the first seven months, 1,070 names of ordained ministers had been enrolled. This ready acceptance of the Retirement Plan offered by the Association speaks well for its future. The first meeting of the Association will be held during this General Council, at which time the Articles of Association will be approved and plans will be adopted for its perpetuation. It is hoped that eventually, the Ministers' Benefit Association will take over the entire responsibility of providing adequate retirement incomes for all Assemblies of God ordained ministers.

EXPLANATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement which follows 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, Central Bible Institute, and the Servicemen's Department. Cash on hand and in banks, is the necessary amount used by the various departments as a working capital.

It will be noted that current assets include Government Bonds, corporate bonds and stocks, notes receivable, etc. These assets have been accumulated primarily 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 mission funds which are frozen in special accounts, and some of the reserves of the Gospel Publishing House which are being held for building purposes. The Auditors' statement is as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 1945

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash on hand and in banks:		
General Council	\$104,198.32*	
Gospel Pub. House	120,007.91	
Central Bible Inst. ..	58,187.01	
Missions Dept.	60,366.20	
Home Missions Dept. ..	7,563.42	
Servicemen's Dept. ..	25,230.57*	\$ 116,695.65
*Overdrawn		
Checks held for collection and postage		1,823.90
Notes and Accounts Receivable	187,101.31	
Less Reserve for Doubtful notes and accounts	11,808.11	175,293.20
Accrued Interest Receivable		933.47
Inventories		134,454.98
Total Current Assets		\$ 429,201.20

INVESTMENTS:

Bonds	\$1,207,415.99	
Stocks:		
Preferred	68,122.54	
Building and Loan Associations	30,000.00	
Common	66,695.30	
Life Insurance Annuities	16,741.12	
Notes Receivable	287,147.36	
Residential Real Estate	35,492.93	
Other Investments	984.90	
Total Investments		1,712,600.14

FIXED ASSETS:

	Cost	Depreciation	Book Value
Land	\$ 53,248.18	\$	\$ 53,248.18
Buildings	402,109.91	180,264.53	221,845.38
Machinery & Equipment	188,890.79	122,859.67	66,031.12
Furniture & Fixtures	109,253.40	75,189.91	34,063.49
Type and metal	16,620.10	6,057.04	10,563.06
Autos and Trucks	5,804.87	5,803.87	1.00
Gas Plant	2,833.30	1,275.03	1,558.27
Heating Pl.	26,183.50	15,194.57	10,988.93
Sewer	1,150.39		1,150.39
Water Sys.	13,542.66	4,331.61	9,211.05
Total Fixed Assets	\$819,637.10	\$410,976.23	\$ 408,660.87

DEFERRED CHARGES:

Unexpired Insurance	\$ 4,179.39
Supplies	13,531.03
Musical Inst. (C.B.I.)	1,486.16
Ref. Books (G.P.H.)	547.06
Total Deferred Charges	19,743.64

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,570,205.85

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 13,833.27
Refunds Unredeemed	4,216.84
Reserve for Royalty	3,164.22
Ind. Sav. Acc. (C.B.I.)	619.85
Students' Acc. 1945-6	1,611.82
Accrued With. Tax	2,252.38
Accrued Payroll	1,483.77
Accrued Int. Payable	749.84
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 27,931.99

OTHER LIABILITIES:

Unearned Subscrip.	\$ 47,816.51	
Advance Sales	1,307.18	
Other Accounts	21,891.91	
Total Other		
Liabilities		71,015.60

ANNUITY BONDS OUT- STANDING (Amortized)

179,729.40

FUNDS:

General	\$1,178,750.36	
Retirement		
(Employees)	7,818.92	
Ministers' Benev.	158,676.37	
Ministers' Ben. Assn.	16,233.39	
Consc. Obj. (support)	430.43	
Employees Benefit		
(death and illness)	12,412.32	
Misc. Funds (C.B.I.)	6,135.31	
Church Revolving	150,000.00	
Special Need	9,978.54	
War Relief Fund	107.00	
Missions Dept. Funds:		
Foreign Missions		
Designated	\$690,673.09	
For. Miss., Admr. or		
Special Need	4,376.46	
Home Missions		
Designated	2,334.22	
Home Missions		
Undesignated	5,229.20	
Home Missions		
Loans	22,219.05	
Death Benefit	17,598.25	
Office Expenses	8,555.95	
	750,986.22	\$2,291,528.86

TOTAL LIABILI-

TIES AND FUNDS

\$2,570,205.85

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

AUGUST 1, 1943 to JULY 31, 1945

INCOME:

General Council	\$ 95,126.45
Income from Invest.	62,217.80

Missions Dept.

(for maintenance)	88,128.84
Central Bible Institute	190,128.16
Gospel Pub. House	1,629,252.83
Servicemen's Dept.	294,607.83

\$2,359,461.56

Total Income

EXPENSES:

General Council	\$ 52,587.46
Invest. Exp. (Interest)	22,290.62
Missions Dept.	88,128.84
Central Bible Institute	166,098.49
Gospel Pub. House	1,109,857.86
Servicemen's Dept.	316,584.60

1,755,547.87

Total Expenses.....

Net Income Before

Charging Depre-

603,913.69

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Depreciation on Build- ings and Equipment:

Gospel Pub. House	\$ 41,953.64
Central Bible Institute	27,095.28
Servicemen's Dept.	
(equipment)	713.67

\$ 69,762.59

Net Increase in

\$ 534,151.10

General Fund

The General Fund (see Liabilities) is the depository of all value, in all departments, computed at the close of the fiscal year. This value includes real estate, machinery, equipment, inventories, etc. It does not include accounts and funds held in trust.

The General Fund

(see Liabilities)

\$1,178,750.36

From this sum, must be deducted the amount covering investment in Gospel Publishing House, Central Bible Institute and residential real estate, appearing

on the detailed Treasurer's report	\$1,007,292.34
Plus amount set aside from profits of the Gospel Pub. House for distribution according to the formula adopted in 1939	103,965.18
Returned checks (doubtful Assets)	45.00
	<u>\$1,111,302.52</u>
Amount of General Fund unclaimed	\$ 67,447.84

The Statement prepared by the Southwest Audit and Systems Co. of Springfield, Missouri, after the books were closed at the end of the fiscal year, July 31, 1945 covers every asset and liability of all departments including cash on hand, notes signed by C. B. I. students, loans to churches, mortgages on real estate and the entire amount of investment in machinery, equipment and real estate used by the Gospel Publishing House, the Missions Department and Central Bible Institute. The auditors have supplied us with a detail audit of every department in a fifty-three page report. This report is available for inspection by any who care to study it.

A comparison of the statement of 1943 indicates that the Assets and Liabilities of the General Council for all departments balanced, in 1943, at \$1,940,559.17, while in 1945, the books balanced at \$2,570,205.85.

It will be noted that at the close of the fiscal year, July 31, 1945, the General Treasurer had in hand liquid assets for the various departments as follows:

The Gospel Publishing House	\$120,007.91
Central Bible Institute	58,187.01
Missions Department	60,366.20
Home Missions Department	7,563.42
Total	<u>\$246,124.54</u>

The Servicemen's Department had nothing, but had actually overdrawn its funds in the amount of \$25,230.57. The General Council office also had no cash, but had invested all in government bonds, plus \$104,198.32, belonging to the four departments. The reason for this action is that the banks do not want us to keep too large a sum on deposit and the sum of from \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 is sufficient for general operation of all

departments with the additional protection that the government issues can be drawn upon any time additional money is needed by the various departments.

The deficit of the Servicemen's Department was caused by a slump in giving for Servicemen's work which began when it became apparent the war in Europe was drawing to a close. The expense of operation of the department could not be cut off summarily, nor could the service centers be closed over night. Consequently, the expense of continuing the Servicemen's Department has resulted in an overdrawing of funds in the amount of \$25,230.57. The total expense of operation of the department for the two-year period was \$316,584.60. A full report will be given elsewhere. Efforts are now being made to reduce the activities of the department with a resulting reduction in expense of operation. Unless giving increases to cover the deficit the treasurer will be compelled to draw on the funds of the Gospel Publishing House or the Executive Office to clear accounts.

During the days of the European war when travel difficulties restricted the passage of missionaries to and from mission fields, the Missions Department built up a surplus. During the past year, the Missions Department has drawn on this surplus to the amount of \$106,046.19, thus reducing its reserve fund by that amount. By referring to the Statement of Income and Expenses, it will be noted that the income and expense of the Missions Department was balanced at \$88,128.84 for the two-year period. This does not include missionary giving, but is the actual amount of expense for the operation of the department. The balance was made possible by adding to the amount given to the department for operating expense, a portion granted to the department from the profits of the Gospel Publishing House. The remainder of the Gospel Publishing House profits assigned to the Missions Department was placed in the Missions Department general fund for missionary work.

The General Council office had an income during the two-year period of \$95,126.45, whereas the expense of operating the department was \$52,587.46. The surplus for the two-year period amounted to \$42,538.99. It was this surplus and some other available funds which enabled us to increase the Church Revolving Fund to \$150,000.00. Therefore, it is urged that all ordained ministers continue their faithful giving for the support of the General Council office. All money received above the actual expense of operation of the department can be turned back into services for the entire fellowship.

A BREAKDOWN OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICE BALANCE SHEET

The following is a breakdown of the General Council Executive Office balance sheet (not the consolidated balance sheet). It contains much that is itemized in the consolidated sheet, but does not contain all the outstanding student notes, some small investments by the Missions Department, etc. It shows the same general fund (see Liabilities) amounting to \$1,178,750.36. The General Fund is the depository of all value, computed at the close of the fiscal year. This value includes real estate, machinery, equipment, inventories, etc. A breakdown of the Fund will reveal the following information:

All fixed Assets:

Investm. in G.P.H.	\$ 727,824.04	
Investm. in C.B.I.	243,848.38	
All resid. Real Est.	35,619.92	\$1,007,292.34

All liquid Assets:

Cash, government bonds, mortgages, notes, common stocks etc.	\$1,513,580.27	
Int. Rec'd. above payable	183.63	
Ret. checks (?)	45.00	1,513,808.90 \$2,521,101.24

From these assets must be deducted amount of G.P.H., C.B.I. and Missions Dept. funds invested in government bonds by Treasurer

104,298.32

Overdraft by

22,690.44

Servicemen's Dep. All accounts payable and funds held in trust, including annuities, Ministers' Benev. fund, Benefit Assn. fund, Employees retirement and Benefit funds, etc.

390,862.22

Special funds deposited with treas. by Missions Dept. by the G. P. H.

525,000.00
299,499.90

\$1,342,350.88

The difference between all Assets and Liabilities as listed is the General Fund (see Liabilities)

\$1,178,750.36

From this sum must be deducted the amount of Fixed Assets in Publish. House, C. B. I. & residential real est.

\$1,007,292.34

Returned checks (doubtful assets)

45.00

The amount set aside from profits of the G.P.H. by the auditors for distribution according to the formula adopted in 1939 or as it may be hereafter modified

103,965.18 1,111,302.52

Amount of Gen'l Fund unclaimed

\$ 67,447.84

THE REVOLVING CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

It was the increase in the General Fund from year to year which made it possible to create the Revolving Church Extension Fund. The plan to lend money to the smaller churches was conceived with misgivings, for it had been the experience of the Executive Office that loans made to struggling churches were rarely repaid. But as requests for loans to churches persisted, a plan was devised requiring the endorsement of District Officers before loans could be granted. This plan has proved to be successful beyond our fondest dreams.

Beginning with the sum of \$5,000.00, out of which loans of not more than \$300.00 each could be granted, the fund increased to \$10,000.00 in February of 1940, to \$15,000.00 in July of 1940 and to \$20,000.00 in October of the same year. In January, 1941, the fund was increased to \$25,000.00 and in August, 1941, it was doubled to \$50,000.00. Authorization was then sought to increase to \$100,000.00, and it was granted, so that the increase was made in September, 1942. In February, 1945, the fund was raised to \$150,000.00. But even this sum has been inadequate to meet the calls for loans. For some months now we have had from fifty to sixty notes waiting in line for money to accumulate in the fund so that these notes can be honored. At the close of the fiscal year, a total of 887 loans had been made.

The resources of the General Council Office have been sifted again and again to add to the fund. Because the giving of tithes and offerings of our ministers has increased beyond the actual expense of operating the headquarters office, we have been able to make the transfers to the fund as outlined above. Should the surplus in the General Fund be transferred to the Revolving Church Extension Fund we will be enabled to at once care for all the notes on file. Otherwise, these notes must wait until payments accumulate in sufficient amount to permit new loans. The last note in line must wait for about ten months before it can be honored.

This breakdown of the financial report of the General Council is the most complete that has been made in several years and we trust that it will be studied carefully by all the members of the fellowship. There is every reason to encourage our ordained ministers to continue sending their monthly offerings for the support of the headquarters office. Our churches have been spared the burden of any of the expense of the maintenance of the office although the churches benefit from the services rendered as much if not more than the ministers of the fellowship. If our pastors would encourage their congregations to send in an offering for the support of the Executive Office at least once a year, it would greatly increase the potentialities for increased service to the entire fellowship.

The spirit of understanding and co-operation has definitely improved through the past year and we are looking forward into the new year with eager anticipation of God's continued blessing upon every phase of the work which has been entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Roswell Flower
General Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

It is with humble gratitude to God for the marvelous way in which He has helped and led us during these years of war, that we make this report to the General Council gathering. We had anticipated a period of temporary inactivity in many fields during the continuance of the war, but actually, while in some areas such as China, Japan, the Malay States, the Netherlands East Indies, and Europe, we were unable to maintain American missionaries; yet, even in these fields we have reason to believe that the native church continued its testimony. In Africa and Latin America, as well as some of the Islands of the Sea, our work has greatly increased.

Fields of Service

The fields in which we have missionary work are as follows:

Belgian Congo, Egypt, Gold Coast, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Dahomey, Nigeria, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Transvaal, China, Manchuria, Tibetan Border, Burma, India, Ceylon, Palestine, Syria, Transjordan, Iran, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Hawaiian Islands, Fiji Islands, Bahama Islands, Philippine Islands, Greece and Bulgaria.

We anticipate resuming ministry in Borneo, the Malay States, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and perhaps Russia, and look forward to opening up in Sumatra and other parts of the East Indies.

Missionary Personnel

Since August, 1943, 150 names have been added to our missionary list so that today there are 143 under appointment for Africa, 53 for China, 101 for India and Ceylon, 149 for Latin America and the West Indies, 29 for miscellaneous fields, and in addition, 35 ministers of the General Council not under regular appointment are serving in foreign lands together with 11 associate missionaries from Canada, and there are 17 superannuated missionaries, making a total of 538 altogether. Twenty-five were discontinued from our missionary list of which 2 died, and 23 were transferred to home service mostly because of ill health.

The Harvest

The known returns for missionary service have been encouraging. India and Ceylon are considered among the harder fields, but in this area, we have 143 churches with 2,732 con-

verts. In China there are 138 churches with 3,411 converts. In view of disrupted communications with Europe, the number of churches is unknown, but last reports gave 7,600 converts. In Africa there are 614 churches with 28,268 converts, while Latin America shows the biggest return with an unknown number of churches and 124,279 converts. This number includes 10,500 in our Mexican Border work and also those of the Assemblies of God in Brazil, a national body with which our missionaries co-operate. A number of smaller fields give a total of 1,793, or a grand total of 168,083 won to the Lord through our Assemblies of God missionaries.

Publications

We feel we may be justly proud of the publication work carried on during the past two years with the efficient aid of one of our missionaries, Brother Kenneth Short, who has edited the "Missionary Challenge" and assisted in the production of many of the tracts and pamphlets recently put into circulation by our Foreign Missions Department. Brother Short has also taken the major responsibility for the Missionary Column in the "Evangel." This phase of our work needs additional help from Spirit-filled writers in order to present in an adequate manner the tremendous scope of our work. People must know the need if they are to care, and when they care, they will share. As the Gospel Publishing House contemplates developing more commodious quarters, we are planning the establishment of a Spanish Publication Department, the staff of which will be largely provided from our Missions Department and missionaries. We already have associated with us secretaries who are conversant in German, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, and at least one of the African languages. The publication field in missions is of great importance since the people must have the Word of God in written form to maintain and develop spiritual life; and revivals have been known to spring up through the circulation of literature alone as was demonstrated in Nigeria. There is a widespread interest in all of the hitherto unenlightened lands where illiteracy was most common to eliminate this condition, and as a result millions are learning to read. We must be prepared to give to these people the Word of God in their own language in an attractive form through Gospel literature suited to their needs.

Radio

Our foreign missionary radio work is still in its beginnings; however, we do have over 20 broadcasts in Spanish that are

going forth in five different countries. This may well prove to be one of the means used by God to penetrate hitherto closed fields and to surmount every barrier.

Transportation

Our C. A. Department has rendered very substantial help to foreign and home missions in the enthusiastic manner with which they responded to an appeal to secure better means of transport to speed the messenger of the Gospel with his message. We now have two airplanes, two sea-going launches, and a number of automobiles purchased from the "Speed-the-Light" fund, which has been established by our C. A. Department. These vehicles are in most cases already in action and requests are before us for a number more. Planes will in many cases save weeks of weary travel and help to preserve the health of the missionary. One request just received has been for a plane and pilot, a motor launch and two cars for Colombia. This is just one of many similar requests.

Our Field Secretaries

It would be only right that we make mention of the very splendid work accomplished by our field secretaries and office staff. There are few idle moments for any worker in the Foreign Missions Department, but invariably a pile of correspondence that never seems to disappear is on every secretary's desk. The faithful and efficient services of H. C. Ball for Latin America, H. B. Garlock for Africa, H. C. Osgood for China and Gustave Kinderman for Europe, have helped very substantially in making possible our advances during the past two years. Their convention work has also been greatly blessed and in this connection we want to make mention of the fine ministry of our Brother Glenn Horst, who served as Deputational Secretary for a time. Some of these brethren will be leaving us very shortly for the foreign fields, and we are going to miss them, but God, who has helped us hitherto, will surely supply our need in His own good way and time.

Training of Missionaries

The past few years have brought about a development in the training and preparation of missionaries, the importance of which we had not previously recognized to the fullest extent. We now have missionaries studying Chinese, Arabic, and French in various colleges, and also have had a number attend the Institute of Linguistics at Camp Wycliffe which has proved very helpful to those who are doing translation work, especially in previously unwritten languages. In addition, most

of our Bible Schools now have special Missionary Courses which are proving a benefit to prospective missionaries.

Finance

The growth of our work has been so rapid that it is hard for some of us to keep pace in our thinking. One of the larger denominations with a smaller number of missionaries under appointment finds it necessary to operate with nearly twice the amount of money we are using; therefore, although our figures may seem high, they are small in comparison with the cost of operation by some of the other missionary bodies. The offerings for foreign missions plus those designated for "World Missions" for the last two fiscal years totaled \$1,294,824.78, which was designated for certain missionaries or mission fields, and \$998,694.22 designated for the Foreign Missions General Fund, or \$2,293,519.00 altogether. This is an increase of 60% over the last General Council report. Of this amount, \$177,160.93 was returned to the Districts for home missions under the World Missions Plan which was as follows:

	August, 1943 to July, 1945 (Inclusive)
North Central District	\$ 16,438.58
Southern Missouri District	14,053.03
Northern California District	12,349.57
Texas District	12,035.76
Kansas District	11,204.59
Oklahoma District	10,620.12
Central District	8,848.14
(Michigan has been included in the Central District until July 1, 1945. This month is also included in the Central District total.)	
Southern California District	7,952.35
Oregon District	7,537.59
Wisconsin District	6,056.59
Illinois District	5,911.77
Nebraska District	5,408.08
Arkansas District	5,372.92
West Central District	5,254.27
Rocky Mountain District	4,825.93
South Dakota District	4,714.09
Northwest District	3,976.97
Montana District	3,859.22
Alabama District	3,153.85
North Dakota District	2,824.42

New England District	2,520.60
West Texas District	2,319.60
Tennessee District	1,985.13
South Florida District	1,960.33
Louisiana District	1,818.61
Eastern District	1,770.84
Kentucky District	1,548.77
Southern Idaho District	1,496.26
Potomac District	1,411.03
Arizona District	1,157.53
New Mexico District	1,123.62
West Florida District	999.89
Georgia District	990.76
Mississippi District	751.81
Latin American District	725.37
New York-New Jersey District	662.74
South Carolina District	601.96
Appalachian District	501.94
North Carolina District	211.99
Ukrainian Branch District	137.59
Hungarian Branch District	38.40
Polish Branch District	27.84

Total\$177,160.95

Contributions from the various States were as follows:

	1943-1944	1944-1945	August, 1943 to July, 1945 (Inclusive)
California	\$ 190,813.35	\$ 219,288.53	\$ 410,101.88
Washington	84,505.62	100,359.64	184,865.26
Ohio	74,616.50	86,725.38	161,341.88
Texas	62,096.10	73,052.64	135,148.74
Pennsylvania	59,662.45	74,137.80	133,800.25
New York	54,389.26	73,221.76	127,611.02
Michigan	55,101.73	64,254.43	119,356.16
Missouri	53,735.05	64,592.43	118,327.48
Illinois	46,134.94	59,828.62	105,963.56
Oklahoma	32,404.65	49,921.95	82,326.60
Oregon	37,926.49	44,026.24	81,952.73
Minnesota	44,215.35	36,747.65	80,963.00
Kansas	32,514.22	44,204.25	76,718.47
Miscellaneous	21,720.48	35,152.03	56,872.51
New Jersey	27,285.37	26,094.03	53,379.40
Wisconsin	19,959.77	24,264.30	44,224.07

Colorado	18,833.49	19,946.04	38,779.53
Indiana	16,166.55	21,423.11	37,589.66
North Dakota	10,331.36	26,510.27	36,841.63
Nebraska	19,258.99	16,344.40	35,603.39
Iowa	15,805.72	19,202.45	35,008.17
Arkansas	15,503.31	19,370.77	34,874.08
Florida	13,042.18	21,820.84	34,863.02
Virginia	14,427.46	13,703.38	28,130.84
Montana	10,038.28	14,097.09	24,135.37
Idaho	9,878.76	13,199.65	23,078.41
District of Columbia	9,649.23	10,191.97	19,841.20
Delaware	8,244.52	9,530.39	17,774.91
Maryland	8,690.73	8,252.48	16,943.21
Massachusetts	10,249.99	6,621.60	16,871.59
Alabama	8,130.25	8,319.80	16,450.05
South Dakota	6,968.19	8,370.70	15,338.89
German Branch	6,930.11	6,644.93	13,575.04
Connecticut	6,854.20	5,641.17	12,495.37
Georgia	5,413.62	6,842.58	12,256.20
Arizona	5,772.04	5,632.57	11,404.61
Tennessee	4,617.80	6,293.86	10,911.66
Kentucky	3,823.32	6,650.63	10,473.95
West Virginia	3,863.91	4,880.91	8,744.82
New Mexico	3,352.22	4,825.55	8,177.77
Canada	3,265.33	3,885.20	7,150.53
Wyoming	2,247.70	4,868.35	7,116.05
Louisiana	2,992.25	3,066.72	6,058.97
Mississippi	2,487.79	2,959.49	5,447.28
Foreign	2,654.71	1,910.45	4,565.16
North Carolina	1,634.63	2,114.26	3,748.99
Maine	1,886.91	1,602.26	3,489.17
South Carolina	1,487.98	1,317.09	2,805.07
Nevada	1,324.85	1,262.36	2,587.21
Rhode Island	1,061.92	1,443.64	2,505.56
Utah	1,054.10	962.67	2,016.77
Legacies	207.31	1,757.76	1,965.07
Hungarian Branch		1,747.49	1,747.49
Alaska	880.46	495.06	1,375.52
New Hampshire	496.44	684.05	1,180.49
Vermont	349.75	556.05	905.80
Ukrainian Branch	136.41	622.06	758.47
Polish Branch		711.33	711.33

Foreign Missions \$1,157,096.10 \$1,392,155.11 \$2,549,251.21

Less amounts given
direct and design-
ated for office ex-
pense

102,758.96 152,973.25 255,732.21

Amount Rec'd for

Foreign Missions \$1,054,337.14 \$1,239,181.86 \$2,293,519.00

Amount Rec'd for

Dist. Home Missions 78,209.47 98,951.48 177,160.95

Total Amount Received \$1,132,546.61 \$1,338,133.34 \$2,470,679.95

The twenty-five leading assemblies in missionary giving from August 1, 1943 to July 31, 1945 were as follows:

1. Cleveland, Ohio, Pentecostal Church \$63,335.78
2. New York, New York, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.... 54,164.16
3. Los Angeles, California, Bethel Temple 31,689.80
4. Minneapolis, Minnesota, Gospel Tabernacle 31,111.19
5. Chicago, Illinois, Stone Church 24,232.05
6. Springfield, Missouri, Central Assembly 21,748.16
7. Detroit, Michigan, Brightmoor Tabernacle 15,935.52
8. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Highway Mission Tab. 15,798.00
9. Oakland, California, First Pentecostal Church 15,608.28
10. Tacoma, Wash., Pentecostal Assembly of God..... 15,356.92
11. San Diego, Calif., Assembly of God Tabernacle.... 14,255.14
12. Lancaster, Pennsylvania, First Pentecostal Church 13,940.05
13. Bremerton, Washington, Assembly of God Temple 13,798.01
14. Turlock, California, Bethel Temple 13,254.45
15. Battle Creek, Mich., Ch. of the Four-Fold Gospel 13,032.62
16. Kansas City, Missouri, First Assembly of God 13,019.57
17. Oakland, California, Bethel Temple 12,888.83
18. Seattle, Washington, Hollywood Temple 11,295.34
19. San Francisco, Cal., Glad Tid. Temple and B. I. 11,291.64
20. North Hollywood, California, Assembly of God 11,288.17
21. Alhambra, California, Bethany Church 10,966.00
22. Minneapolis, Minnesota, Fremont Tabernacle 10,948.81
23. Wilmington, Del., Calvary Pentecostal Church.... 10,378.24
24. Kansas City, Kansas, Full Gospel Tabernacle 9,677.75
25. Portland, Oregon, Gospel Tabernacle 9,499.50

Some of the above listed assemblies such as Cleveland, Ohio, show over 80% increase.

The question may be asked how we are placed financially for the future. Do we have a large reserve on hand? We regret to report that we do not. Our treasurer shows funds of the Missions Department held, but these largely consist of accounts

we cannot touch. For instance, a number of assemblies who desire to designate their own funds deposit undesignated missionary funds with us in the name of the assembly which are to be held for further instructions. This money may be to cover return fares of missionaries supported by these assemblies, or for any other missionary need the home assembly decides to supply. These funds total \$46,819.34. Then there are missionaries who have personal funds they wish to leave with us which may consist of legacies or savings prior to entering missionary work, or money realized from the sale of personal equipment. We give the missionary 2% interest on such deposits, and this money is held in special "interest" accounts not touched for any purpose except on the missionary's instructions. These accounts total \$54,855.37. Then, there are accounts of missionaries that consist of funds accumulating for fares, buildings, and outfit expense and also for missionaries whose return to the mission field is delayed. These funds total \$166,211.37.

We have a missionary insurance fund which for those who participate by a small monthly payment gives a protection of \$500.00 or \$1,000.00, according to the amount of the premiums. Our reserve fund for this is \$17,598.25. We have 247 missionaries under appointment or on furlough who are expected to leave within the next year. A reserve of \$1,000.00 for each missionary is really the minimum that should be allowed since the equipping and sending to the field of a missionary approximates nearly \$2,000.00 in actual cost. Our reserve for this should be \$247,000.00. The amount on deposit with our General Treasurer is \$525,000.00 and deducting from this the amounts listed, gives us a reserve of \$239,515.67 which is barely sufficient to send out the missionaries now on furlough or under appointment.

This means that unless we can increase our monthly contributions or secure the co-operation of friends in helping to provide more of the cost of fares and outfit so as to release funds held in reserve for advance moves, we may soon have to curtail new appointments except as they may be replacements for missionaries retiring or transferring to home ministry because of ill health. Our policy has not been to lay up funds for an unknown future as some have believed, but even in the days of war and great difficulty of transportation, our missionaries have continued to go out and when one field has proved inaccessible, we have entered others. Thus, our missionary staff and fields occupied are greater today than ever before. Some may be interested in knowing what the general policy is in regard to the disbursement of missionary funds. In a few words,

it is to determine what is a reasonable living allowance in the respective fields and also the cost of doing efficient work, and use offerings designated for the missionary to make up this need, adding from our undesignated funds what is lacking. If a missionary's designations exceed the amount determined necessary, the additional money is credited to the missionary's account and applied for special needs at that time, or as he may subsequently require the money for return fare or some special emergency. The personal allowances of missionaries, generally speaking, are based on \$60.00 per month, or double that amount for a married couple with special allowance for each child in a family, and for rental. Special appropriations are made on request for dental work, children's schooling, travel on the field, literature for distribution, etc. Offerings marked "extra" are added to whatever ordinarily would be sent to the missionary. The retirement allowance of missionaries reaching the age of 65 is based on a \$10.00 minimum per month plus \$1.00 for each year of service including normal furloughs. In other words, a missionary who serves 40 years receives a retirement allowance of \$50.00 per month, or a married couple with the same period of service, \$100.00 per month. The present disbursement for aged missionaries exceeds \$1,000.00 per month so that a greater reserve for this need will have to be developed as our superannuated workers increase.

Our Vision for the Future

Every Evangelical body of any size and vision is planning extensive forward moves. In brief, we would like to present for the prayerful consideration of our constituency a three-year program:

1. To enlarge our missionary staff to 1,000.
2. To double our number of native ministers and converts.
3. To encourage the formation of missionary prayer bands.
4. To develop good gospel literature and distributing centers in each country.
5. To urge every member of the Assemblies of God churches to contribute to missions on the basis of at least three cents per day or twenty-one cents per week.
6. To take advantage of every opportunity for the use of radio to broadcast on the mission fields.

Such contributions if given by our entire membership will provide sufficient money to send forth the 1,000 missionaries and would result in the doubling of our income for foreign missions. Praying the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth laborers will give us workers of God's choice.

It is our conviction that if by God's grace we avail ourselves of the present opportunities, it may not be long before our Lord will return. The radio can bridge every barrier to hitherto closed lands; the airplane will cut transportation from weeks to hours. Good literature scattered freely will reach many who would not enter a Gospel hall and the faithful witnessing and consistent living of the missionary, backed by prayer can bring about the end that we, His disciples, have been sent to accomplish. "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Perkin
Missionary Secretary

REPORT OF ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT HOME MISSIONS AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

It has been my privilege to serve the General Council for the last twenty months in the capacity of Assistant General Superintendent, Home Missions Secretary and Educational Secretary. By the number of days occupied in these various ministries, it is revealed that approximately sixty percent of my time has been spent in service as Assistant General Superintendent and twenty percent each as Home Missions Secretary and Educational Secretary. This distribution of ministry has been determined by responding to invitations as they have come in and to needs as they have arisen. It has been naturally impossible for me to do full justice to any one of these assignments which were given me and it is my conviction that each of these positions could most profitably absorb the full time of one person, three persons being needed where one is now engaged.

Seventy-eight percent of my time has been spent away from Springfield, although all my correspondence and general office work has been maintained with very little delay. This field ministry has taken me into all of the Districts except four, and to two Canadian Provinces, ministering to camp meetings, District Councils, Ministers' Institutes, Youth Conferences, Christ's Ambassador rallies, Fellowship Meetings, Missionary Conventions, American Indian Mission Stations, Jewish meetings, and to all the Bible Institutes, in addition to regular church congregations and radio audiences as it was possible between other appointments.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

At the beginning of my term of office as Home Missions Secretary, a needed readjustment was made, placing the Hawaiian and Servicemen's work in the Foreign Missions Department and directly under Executive supervision, respectively. This left the Alaskan field, work among the American Indians, the Jews, the deaf and prisoners as the special field of the Home Missions Department. Financial aid was also to be extended to the weaker districts for their Home Missions work as far as possible.

Alaska has a total population of 72,524, of which 56 percent are white, 15 percent Indians and 29 percent Eskimos. There are nine towns over one thousand population, the largest, Juneau (the capital) having 5,729. We have Assembly churches in seven of these and in the eighth also established a good Pentecostal work. There are two couples working among the Indians on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers, another two couples in a Gospel boat along the coast and among the islands of the southeastern panhandle, and a well-operated orphanage with about twenty children. Nine of the twenty-one workers now under appointment in Alaska went up during the last two years. There is apparently little need for more workers in this field but there is urgent need for finances for building churches, a new boys' dormitory for the orphanage and for the support of some of the workers already there.

But there is distinct need for workers among the American Indians. Of the 368,920 in the United States (not including those in Alaska), we have work among less than half. Of the 24 Districts where these Indians reside, only seven Districts are ministering to these original Americans. But in these seven there are 37 mission stations and 58 men and women who are giving their lives to this needy home field. But the need is still great, particularly in Oklahoma, New Mexico and North and South Dakota. Missionaries in this field need financial support about the same as on the foreign field and the work too is just as foreign in many ways. Thus there is a great need of men and money for this field right at our very doors.

The greatest and possibly the hardest of the three fields which are now the special responsibility of the Home Missions Department is the work among the Jews. As is well known, these people have suffered the most severely of all during the recent World War. It is estimated that of the nine million Jews which were in Europe ten years ago, two thirds have been killed in a most horrible fashion. The world Jewish

population has been reduced by one third and about half of all Jews now live in the United States of America. There are over 2,000,000 in New York City, 530,000 in Chicago, 293,000 in Philadelphia, 118,000 in Boston, 90,000 in Detroit, 82,000 in Los Angeles, 73,000 in Baltimore, 51,000 in St. Louis, 40,900 in San Francisco, 29,600 in Milwaukee, 25,250 in Kansas City, 23,400 in Rochester, 21,800 in Buffalo, 18,400 in Denver, 18,350 in Washington, D. C., 12,800 in Atlantic City, 12,000 in Atlanta. There are only 424,373 in all Palestine.

The Assemblies of God use Chicago as the place of their main work among the Jews. Here we have a Director and ten full-time workers. "The Jewish Friend," a sheet for distribution among the Jews, is published quarterly and the "Hebrew Evangel," for Gentile readers giving information concerning Jewish work, appears bi-monthly. (Copies of these are available free to those who want them.) In Minneapolis, Fremont Tabernacle supports two workers among the Jews and the Full Gospel Tabernacle assists another in Kansas City, and the Assembly in Plainfield, N. J. another there. But this is a very small staff of workers for work among 4,641,184 people. Dividing 9,049 (the number of ordained and licensed workers in the Assemblies of God) into 131,659,275 (the population of the United States, 1940 census), we find that there is one preacher among us for every 14,549 of the population, while there is only one Assembly worker for every 331,585 Jews. Or, expressing it differently, one twenty-eighth of our American population is Jewish whereas only one eight-hundred-and-twenty-third of our ministerial staff is working among the Jews. Thus about 29 times more workers are engaged among the Gentiles of our nation than among the Jews, in proportion to the respective population of Jews and Gentiles. Frankly, this thing ought not so to be.

One way to remedy this is for every Assembly, especially those in the cities where there is considerable Jewish population, to make special effort to win the Jews. Personal workers from the church can make preparation to do Jewish personal work and then be prayerful and persistent in their efforts to win these people. Much prayer can go up from our churches for the evangelization of the Jews and "give Him no rest day and night until He establish Jerusalem and make it a praise in the earth." "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! They shall prosper that love thee." Others can give systematically for support of those workers who give their whole time to Jewish evangelization. There is great need for such gifts and, as they are sent to the Home Missions Department marked for Jewish

work in the United States, they will be used to support this needy work. And others qualified and called can give their whole time to this field. His blessing will rest upon those who love Israel. "I will bless them that bless thee."

The additional ministry of the Home Missions Department the last two years has been to the deaf and to prisoners (making a small monthly contribution to one worker in each group) and the granting of requests made by District officials for small gifts to assist them in their Home Missions work. The various Districts have opened new churches as follows:

Alabama	33
Texas	28
North Central	27
Oklahoma	24
New York-New Jersey	16
Central	16
Kentucky	15
North California and Nevada	15
Rocky Mountain	15
Illinois	13
South Florida	13
Southern Missouri	12
Kansas	12
Montana	12
New Mexico	12
Louisiana	11
Wisconsin-North Michigan	11
Arkansas	11
Oregon	11
Northwest	10
Michigan	9
West Florida	9
Southern California	8
Tennessee	8
Eastern	6
North Carolina	6
Georgia	5
Arizona	5
North Dakota	5
South Dakota	5
West Central	5
West Texas	5
Appalachian	4
Nebraska	4

Southern Idaho	3
Potomac	3
New England	2
South Carolina	1
Total	410

As regards finances, the two-year General Council fiscal period now ended, began with \$12,420.24 in the Home Missions treasury, \$10,984.51 being in Designated Funds and \$1,435.73 being in Undesignated Funds. There were also on hand Notes Receivable, \$21,801.85 in value. In these two years \$123,685.35 have been received by the Home Missions Department, \$44,910.23 as the allotted share of the Gospel Publishing House profits and \$78,775.12 from churches and individuals marking their gifts particularly for or through the Home Missions Department; \$60,393.21 of the latter sum was designated for certain individuals or fields, leaving \$18,381.91 as gifts which the Home Missions Department could give as they saw fit. This last amount (\$18,381.91), added to that received from the Gospel Publishing House (\$44,910.23) represents the sum with which we have done the business outlined above. Undesignated gifts from the public were thus only 29 percent of what was given us to disburse, the allotment from the Gospel Publishing House making up the other 71 percent.

Designated funds are, of course, always passed on as designated. For your interest, here is a summary of such funds handled by our office, without any charge for handling:

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Cash balance, August 1, 1943	\$10,984.51
Rec. from individ., churches, etc.	60,393.21
By transfer from Undes. Funds	304.00
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	\$71,681.72

Disbursements

Alaska	\$16,072.46
Indian work	5,321.16
Jewish work	12,954.22
Kentucky Mountains	15,812.20
Prison work	912.60
Districts	239.02
Miscellaneous	18,035.84

Total Designated funds disbursed \$69,347.50

Cash with treasurer, July 31, 1945	2,334.22
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	\$71,681.72

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Cash Balance, August 1, 1943	\$ 1,435.73
Received from G. P. H.	\$44,910.23
Rec. from churches, indiv., etc.	18,381.91
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	\$63,292.14
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	\$64,727.87

Disbursements

Alaska	\$16,220.39 (Bldgs. 7,750; workers etc. 8,470.39	28%
Indian	12,521.44 (Bldgs. 3,400; workers, etc. 9,121.44	21%
Jewish	525.00 (Most Jewish work covered by designations)	1%
Districts	24,983.81	42%
Miscellaneous	4,526.83 (Deaf, prisoners, etc.)	8%
Transfer to designated funds	304.00	100%

\$59,081.47

Net increase in Notes Receivable

\$59,498.67

Cash Balance, July 31, 1945	\$59,498.67
	5,229.20

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SUMMARY TABLE

	Designated	Undesignated
Cash Balance, July 31, 1943	\$10,984.51	\$ 1,435.73
Received these two years	60,697.21	63,292.14
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	\$71,681.72	\$64,727.87
Disbursed same period	69,347.50	59,498.67
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Cash Balance, July 31, 1945	\$ 2,334.22	\$ 5,229.20
Total cash with treasurer	\$ 7,563.42	
Value Notes Receivable, July 31, 1945	\$22,219.05	

In concluding this Home Missions Report, I must call your attention to the meager reference to this department contained in our General Council Constitution and Bylaws. In the article entitled "Home Missions" (Article X, page 34) there is only one reference to the Home Missions Department in 43 lines of type. The reference to the Home Missions Department in Article XII combines it with the Educational Department (two entirely different fields of thought and labor), declares its existence in conjunction with the Foreign Missions Department, and that its secretary shall be appointed and supported by the Executive Presbytery. There is no definition or statement of its duties or prerogatives or even of its legitimate field of operation. Definite suggestions in this regard are being submitted to the Home Missions Committee, and, with their correction and approval, to the Resolutions Committee and to the floor of the General Council.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Work in this Department has consisted chiefly in attention to the various Bible Institutes of our Movement. Each of these has been visited personally and a careful study made of each. With the approval of the Executive Presbytery, a meeting of representatives of these schools was called in April, 1944, at which meeting these representatives themselves prepared a standard to which they voluntarily agreed to conform. This standard was confirmed and strengthened by their second meeting in September of 1944. It required that endorsed schools should carry the following subjects with the indicated number of hours taught in each: Old and New Testament, 8 hours each; Church History, 4 hours; Personal Evangelism, 2 hours; Doctrine I and II, 4 hours each; Epistles I and II, 4 hours each; Prophecy I and II, 4 hours each; English I, II, and III, 6 hours each. Elective subjects would also be required to make a total of 110 hours required for graduation in any of the Bible Institutes. Each school term should be 220 days exclusive of holidays and the class periods 45 minutes long.

The following Institutes subscribed and conformed to these requirements for the school year 1944-45:

- Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri
- Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pennsylvania
- Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San Francisco, Calif.
- Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Illinois
- North Central Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Northwest Bible Institute, Seattle, Washington
- Southeastern Bible Institute, Atlanta, Georgia

Southern California Bible College, Pasadena, Calif., and
Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas

Official certificates of endorsement were issued to each of these Institutes for that school year. A total of 1,797 students were enrolled in these schools this last year and 300 young people graduated from them this spring. These Bible Institutes show a combined property value of \$1,359,384.68 with practically no indebtedness against them. A total of 102 teachers were engaged in these nine schools, averaging 11 faculty members to each school and 17 students to each faculty member. The various schools' curricula show an average of 51 subjects offered and these taught 155 hours. The average school term was 239 days (exclusive of holidays) and the average total cost per day was \$1.04. There was an average of 2,270 books in each Institute library.

Southern California Bible College at Pasadena has carried a four-year course for a number of years and last year added a fifth year to its curriculum. A Bachelor of Arts degree has been awarded for four years work and a Bachelor of Theology degree is now being given for the fifth year. The school is authorized by the State of California to issue degrees and is seeking accreditation from the regular Accrediting Associations. Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie, Texas has been conducting a four-year high-school course in conjunction with its Bible School work, but last year dropped its first year of high school and gave one year of Junior College work. Their high school work has had the approval of the State of Texas.

The question of the establishment of a Liberal Arts College by the Assemblies of God was discussed at the first meeting of the Bible School representatives and received their approval. At their second meeting they recommended to the General Presbytery that the matter be looked into. This body appointed a Committee to study the project thoroughly and report its findings. This Committee of ten met at Springfield last Christmas time in conjunction with the Executive Presbytery resident here and prepared a full report submitting the same to the General Presbyters by mail. This report recommended to the General Presbytery that such a College be established. The General Presbytery, in response to an inquiry by the Executive Presbytery, also expressed themselves in favor of such a move. With this preliminary study and testing of sentiment accomplished, the Executive Presbytery have awaited the convening of the General Council to discover its will in the matter.

A third meeting of the Bible Institute Representatives was

held in June of this year. It was called for the purpose of considering the feasibility of adding a fourth year to all of our Bible Institute courses, thus converting them into Bible Colleges or Seminaries, and possibly issuing degrees to their graduates. It was decided that, if schools chose to lengthen their courses to four years, their terms to nine months and their class periods to 55 minutes, a committee be appointed to erect a standard to which such schools should conform in order to be approved by the General Council to issue theological degrees. We understand that North Central and Southwestern are planning definitely on lengthening their courses to four years. Thus in both the academic and theological fields, there seems to be a distinct desire for an improvement in our educational standards and facilities.

As in the case of the Home Missions Department, there is insufficient definition of the Educational Department in our present Bylaws. There is in reality no complete Educational Department or even Educational Committee, only a Secretary of Home Missions and Educational Department (one department with two features and one officer). References to Bible Institutes are also scattered through a number of Bylaws and are not altogether clear and self-consistent. So, at the suggestion of the General Presbyters, a draft of a new Bylaw has been prepared giving form and body to an Educational Department. This draft has been submitted to the Executive Presbytery and is now in the hands of the Educational Committee of this General Council, and, with their corrections and approval, will be submitted to the Resolutions Committee and to the General Council floor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Riggs

REPORT OF CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS DEPARTMENT

It is now two years since the Christ's Ambassadors Department was established at the last General Council, here at Springfield in September, 1943. We thank God for His blessing upon the work of the Christ's Ambassadors during the ensuing time. We have witnessed definite forward steps among the young people of the Assemblies of God. It is also encouraging to note the hunger among the C. A.'s for the preservation of Pentecostal principles.

We are glad to report an increasing interest in the district C. A. work. As an evidence of this interest, our districts are increasingly seeing the need for having the district president on the field full time. The C. A. president is now devoting all of his time to this work in approximately seventeen districts. It is in these districts, as a natural result, that the work of the young people is moving ahead most rapidly, although even in districts where the leader is limited by other responsibilities, God is blessing to an unusual extent.

PUBLICATIONS

In spite of the limitations brought by the paper shortage, there has been a great advance in the circulation of the CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS HERALD. 28,000 of this publication are now being printed each month in contrast to the 20,000 circulation two years ago. It is also gratifying to notice that the present figure represents an increase of about 45% since the General Council four years ago when 15,000 were being produced monthly.

The CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS GUIDE, our young people's quarterly was begun shortly after the conclusion of the last General Council. Now in its second year of publication, it is meeting a need among the C. A. groups, providing them with sound, interesting, helpful material for their meetings.

With restrictions on paper soon to be lifted, further helps for our young people may now be produced.

The National Youth Conference, which has just concluded its sixth year, is continuing to meet a definite need among the young people of the movement. It is encouraging to note that many of our districts are now developing youth conferences of their own.

An important development of the past two years has been the quickened missionary spirit among the youth of our Movement. A blessed feature of this awakening has been the large number of outstanding young ministers, many of them former district C. A. officers, who have offered themselves for foreign missionary service. Along with this response we have seen almost 3,000 young people enlist in the All-For-Christ Crusade, making an unreserved consecration to the cause of the Master. Surely the example set by these young ministers, coupled with these unconditional consecrations will result in an adequate supply of missionary volunteers to meet the exigencies of the postwar era in missions.

Perhaps the predominant development in the ranks of our Christ's Ambassadors has been their splendid response to the

challenge of the Speed-the-Light Campaign. Faced with the need of accelerating the pace of the missionary, and stirred with the possibilities inherent in modern facilities for transportation, the young people of our movement are rallying to the goal of \$100,000 set for 1945. Already \$55,000 has been received for the Fund. Many vehicles have been purchased, including an amphibious plane for Africa, a training plane for missionary pilots, two boats for Alaska, a cruiser for the Bahamas, a peep and two motorcycles for Latin America, and numerous station wagons. Various district C. A. organizations are raising money for the purchase of additional equipment, which will enable our missionaries to speed the Light of the Gospel to those in the night of superstition and sin.

When the last Council convened the project known as the HI-C.A. Brigade had just been launched for the help of our high school young people. Wherever this plan has had the proper leadership, it has proved eminently successful. The reports of those saved, filled with the Spirit, and caused to grow in God have made us realize that this project is worth while.

There are now organized brigades in thirty-eight States, in Canada, Cuba, and Nigeria. An Achievement Plan, containing a Bible Reading Course, a Bible Study Course, a Personal Work Course, and a Doctrine Course is available to these high school youth. The Brigade plan is so arranged that no high school young person in the Assemblies of God fellowship need be without its benefits and its help.

Knowledge that 80% of all those contacted by our churches are lost to that influence before they reach adulthood, as well as knowledge that 75% of all those saved find Christ during the teen years, should cause our people to welcome such a plan as the HI-C. A. Brigade, for its help in winning our high school youth.

The Assemblies of God has every reason to be proud of the Christ's Ambassadors in the Armed Forces. On every front they have proved to be good soldiers for Jesus Christ while serving their country well. The large majority of our chaplains who have served so nobly are C. A.'s. In addition, many of our young men have had a spiritual ministry, a large number of them serving as chaplain's assistant and winning his commendation by their faithfulness, sincerity, and spirituality. Others have started Bible classes, or have been of assistance to churches near which they were stationed.

Worthy of special merit are the Marianas C. A.'s. Stationed on Guam, Saipan and Tinian, these Assembly of God men, rep-

resenting every section of the country, organized themselves as C. A.'s and have held services. They have set as their goal \$1,000 for the Speed-the-Light Fund, of which more than half has already been sent in. Also our young men stationed in Manila have organized a C. A. group there.

Steps have been taken toward co-ordinating the work of this department with that of the Servicemen's Department. Realizing that the task of capitalizing on the splendid work of that department will devolve to a large extent upon the Christ's Ambassadors Department, steps are being taken which will enable us to help our Christ's Ambassadors to become re-orientated to civilian life and will provide an opportunity to find an Assembly of God church home for those who have been saved through the efforts of the Servicemen's Department.

Many servicemen are becoming awake to the possibility of having a ministry for God. We are helping those interested to get in contact with the Bible school of their choice. We trust that adequate preparations will be made for the great influx of youth which will come to our Bible schools, with the return of the servicemen and the rapidly accelerating growth of interest among our C. A.'s in full-time ministry for God.

The National C. A. Secretary has enjoyed the opportunity of ministering on the field on behalf of the Ambassador work. During the past two years he has traveled 42,795 miles to conventions and rallies. He has visited the following districts and states: Potomac, North Dakota, South Carolina, Appalachian, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Indiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, West Texas, Texas, South Florida, Tennessee, and Ohio. He has also ministered in two of the Canadian districts, in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In the last two years we have been largely laying the groundwork for the future activities of the department. We are now ready to move ahead along some new lines, which should prove beneficial to the young people of our Movement.

There is a great need of an enlistment campaign, which would help our Christ's Ambassadors to find God's will for their lives, and would, as a by-product, have the purpose of finding recruits for ministry in both the home and foreign fields. A feature of such a campaign would be to develop leadership in the home assembly.

One of the functions of this department was to be the development of a standardized district program. At the recent Youth Conference, steps were taken toward the realization of this aim. The various features of this proposed plan are to be

tried by the various district organizations during the coming year. Then, after this experimentation has proved the feasibility of the various points under consideration, it is hoped that a program can be developed which will enable the Christ's Ambassadors of all the districts to move forward on a common front.

It is with keen interest that we have seen our Canadian brethren take steps toward organizing the young people of the Dominion as Christ's Ambassadors. Five of the seven districts in our sister-movement now have organized their young people's work. We have been glad to be able to assist them to some extent in this foundational work. Of interest, too, is the development of the C. A. work on the foreign field. The English-speaking natives in Nigeria are using the C. A. HERALD and the C. A. GUIDE. Also the young people of the Peruvian field have been organized as C. A.'s. Our young men of the armed forces have taken the news of the Ambassador work to New Zealand, and to other places as well.

We have appreciated the co-operation of the district C. A. officers. Since the establishment of the C. A. Department, there has been a constantly increasing degree of co-ordination of effort by all the district C. A. organizations. We also are deeply grateful for the kind consideration and advice always given us by the executive brethren. Their kindly counsel has helped us to follow a course which we feel has been blessed of God.

We are living in days which are filled to the brim with opportunities to achieve great things for God and His cause. This is an epic day. Before us lies a great task. Behind us lie the laurels of a God-blessed past. Within us beats a heart afire with Calvary love, anointed with the Spirit's power, aglow with a vision of divine possibilities. The Assemblies of God stands on the threshold of the greatest forward move in its history, ready to plunge forward in a gigantic task of evangelism which will help to introduce the cloud-splitting return of the Christ. For this task the Christ's Ambassadors offer to the Movement their talents, their strength, and their powers; 100,000 strong, they represent the Movement's greatest resources. Saved by the blood, filled with the Spirit, this army of Pentecostal youth marches on.

REPORT OF THE SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT

On January 5, 1944 the Servicemen's Department was organized under order of the Executive Presbyters by authority of the General Council to carry out a program of ministry to

men and women of the armed forces. Since its establishment, the Department has enjoyed the guiding hand of the Lord upon its activities, and to this the results achieved may be attributed. We are thankful for the host of redeemed who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior through the fourfold ministry of this Department.

The plan of operation of the Department was outlined as follows:

1. A Servicemen's Directory to be established for the purpose of serving our men by correspondence, literature, and field ministry.
2. REVEILLE to be continued and its ministry broadened to reach a greater number of the thousands of chaplains then in service.
3. Evangelists or field representatives to be selected by the Department for the purpose of conducting such spiritual activities as various military areas permit.

Since the birth of the Department, the director and personnel have made every effort to carry out this program to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

SERVICEMEN'S DIRECTORY

Work was at once commenced on the compilation of information for the Servicemen's Directory. Through the co-operation of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL and CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS HERALD, our pastors were contacted and the names of Assembly of God servicemen began to flow in from churches throughout the country. A total of 76,600 men have been registered in our Directory. Of these, 1,093 have been killed or deceased, 6,000 are temporarily out of contact because of change of address, while over 68,000 are still being contacted regularly by the Department. These have been ministered to through general letters, and thousands of personal supplies have been received from all parts of the world, many of the men asking the way of salvation. Each letter from a serviceman receives a personal answer. REVEILLE, tracts, and a special edition of the C. A. HERALD have been supplied to all the men. Those who have requested it have been furnished with larger quantities of literature, also with special supplies such as quarterlies, song books, and a Bible Study Course. Assembly of God chaplains, pastors, and field workers from the Department have made effective use of the directory in contacting all the Assembly of God men in various military areas.

Our service to these men has included every spiritual assistance that can be rendered through correspondence.

Spiritual problems have received personal attention. A surprising number write to ask the way of salvation, and these are given top priority attention, resulting in many conversions.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE

The Bible Study Course offered by the Gospel Publishing House has been adapted for use among servicemen and arrangements have been made for our Bible Schools to give appropriate credit to men who have satisfactorily passed the examination provided. To date, over 1,000 men are enrolled in this course as preparation for a greater service for God. Several hundred have indicated their interest in Bible School or a Pentecostal Liberal Arts College under the GI Bill of Rights. Each entry in the course represents a minimum cost of \$2.50 to the Department.

It is also interesting to note that quite a number of servicemen have expressed their desire to enter missionary service and a good many are planning for the ministry. A good percentage of the saved men have indicated that they have been saved or their Christian experience strengthened during military service. It seems that military life has proved a sifting place.

CASUALTIES

There are many individual ministries through the services of the Department that seem almost incidental, yet are of great importance. One is the attention given in the case of those who are wounded, killed, or missing in action. In every such case, an appropriate letter of sympathy, condolence, and prayer is written to the nearest relative or friend. Prisoners of war received special attention and correspondence as far as permitted by postal restrictions. In response to not infrequent appeals from distressed relatives, every endeavor possible has been made through various military channels to glean at least some information regarding the whereabouts of men missing in action. The touching letters and many financial contributions from the relatives of these men has indicated the spiritual fruitfulness of this ministry.

CHAPLAINS

Not of minor importance has been our ministry to chaplains. They constitute our major distributors of REVEILLE. At the present time, we are serving 3,469 representing every Protestant denomination, as well as some Catholic and Jewish. It is interesting to know that they have also requested 2,062 monthly subscriptions to the C. A. HERALD which are provided at

the expense of this Department. This, we feel, is a great booster for our Assembly of God activities.

We now have 34 ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHAPLAINS in the armed forces with whom close contact is maintained through detailed monthly reports to the Department. They are provided with many services which include the supply of portable radios for overseas work, public address systems, communion sets, and various supplies or equipment needed in their ministry. The majority of these are or have been overseas. To our knowledge they have been awarded two purple hearts and two citations. We feel that the work of our ministers in uniform is worthy of the highest commendation. They have well represented our Assemblies and on a few occasions their ministry has led other chaplains into the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. They have faithfully preached Christ and Him crucified. They have ministered the sacrament of water baptism to a great many of their converted servicemen.

REVEILLE

Since its first appearance in the fall of 1941, REVEILLE has been welcomed by chaplains throughout the world, their demand for the bulletin having grown continually. A total of fourteen million copies have been printed to date.

Chaplains have written to tell of men converted through its ministry. A notable example is the case of one unsaved young man stationed in Africa who had never heard the Pentecostal message. He received a copy of REVEILLE and through it was saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit without any other aid than the anointed pages of our literature. It has been acclaimed by the Chief of Army Chaplains and many other high-ranking officials as by far the most popular religious literature among servicemen.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

The Department has maintained 11 Field Representatives who have carried on an able ministry in camps, hospitals, and churches. Our records reveal that they have averaged 1,320 camp and hospital visits each month besides conducting a large number of church services. Their ministry is worthy of much detail not possible in this report. It has included the work of Brother and Sister Teeter supported jointly by the Department and the Oregon district who have carried on a splendid work among the servicemen in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. It has also included Robert Fierro and Anastachio

Huacuja who have ministered to the Spanish-speaking servicemen in Mexico. They have distributed large numbers of Spanish Testaments along with Spanish tracts and REVEILLE. In addition, there is a group of evangelists and pastors not on salary with the Department who have served as contact men and have been very helpful in winning many unsaved and giving spiritual assistance to numerous Assembly of God men in service.

VICTORY SERVICE CENTERS

Since the founding of the Department, 41 Christian Service Centers have been established or affiliated with our organization. Sixteen of these have been closed because of the transfer of groups or change in war conditions; 25 are in operation at the present time. In several military areas Assembly of God groups have been responsible for the organization of Christian service centers. The Department has assisted these in every way possible.

We are happy to report that our centers have maintained a high percentage of conversions. The purpose of the operation of these centers has been to provide "A Home Away From Home" for members of our armed forces—a retreat from the sinful environment of wordly entertainment—a place for an effective soul winning program to reach the unsaved and a refuge of Christian influence for our own godly men.

Our Victory Service Center in Long Beach which has just recently been closed was attended by 238,000 men during its one year of operation. This is the largest attendance of any of our centers. Hundreds of souls were converted there. Another center recently closed was the Victory Service Center in Oklahoma City which operated for a little more than a year. This center entertained a total attendance of 38,000 men and witnessed 1,015 conversions.

FOLLOW UP

One ministry that might appear to be incidental has proved its tremendous importance, namely our follow up on conversions. Every man who accepts Christ in our service centers, or through our field workers is persistently followed up in a close series of letters. After being carefully instructed in Christian living he is urged to a systematic Bible Study. In view of the fact that through our regular church ministry, new converts are so frequently lost to the kingdom of God because of failure to maintain contact with them, we have felt urged of the Lord to carry on this vitally important phase of our service.

After a man has been led to Christ, we do not relinquish our hold on him until he has been returned to civilian life and placed in contact with our local assembly or the church of his choice. We feel that this follow up ministry will prove its infinite value to our churches in future years, if Jesus tarries. Its worth in souls to the kingdom of God will be immeasurable.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the major portion of our office expense is involved in direct ministry of correspondence to our servicemen, particularly those overseas. Over fifty-eight percent of the total number of our men are in overseas duty. Previously, it was necessary for us to announce that more than fifty percent were unsaved. We are happy to report that this percentage is steadily being reduced.

RECONVERSION

From the thousands of letters received from servicemen, we have gleaned many valuable suggestions on postwar activities in our church and among young people. In close co-operation with the C. A. Department, these men are being carefully linked with local C. A. organizations and our Pentecostal youth activities, so that in the postwar era their spiritual services may be utilized for Christ.

There is a rapidly growing interest in full time Christian service and missionary ministry. A recent survey among 1,600 Christ's Ambassadors in service revealed several hundred who are interested in future Christian education at government expense under the GI Bill of Rights. We expect this number to increase greatly as we are able to promote further interest in Bible Study.

With the cessation of hostilities we purpose by God's help that we shall return thousands of men to their home churches with a greater faith in God and thousands more with a new-found joy in personal salvation. It is more pronounced at this date than heretofore that a readjustment program to bring our own men back into active fellowship with their regular assemblies is a vital necessity. Co-operative plans with the C. A. Department are being made to handle this readjustment.

On the recommendation of the Executive Presbytery, the activities of the Servicemen's Department have been conducted on a non-denominational basis, serving all men in spiritual need, regardless of church affiliation. However, we realize that there are many who through months of correspondence have gained confidence in our ministry and who are anxious to know the denomination behind the work. We are now engaged in a pro-

cess of securing the home addresses of these and giving them detailed information regarding the Assemblies of God. They will be given the opportunity of coming right into our fellowship. During the years of war we have sown faithfully—now, by the help of God, we shall reap bountifully—if we prove diligent a short while longer.

DISCHARGES

When notification is received that a man has been discharged from service, after a special letter has been written urging him to accept responsibility for God in a local assembly, his name and address are submitted to the C. A. Department, that he may be placed in contact with the local C. A. group. To date we have a record of 693 discharged.

WHAT THE MEN DESIRE

We cannot close this report without stating that hundreds of men from every front where war has been waged have expressed their desire to return to a church "that is on fire for God and has a real burden for souls—that is willing to lay aside petty differences in an all out effort for God—a real missionary church."

These men have paid a heavy price for the liberties we now enjoy—their buddies have given their lives and they have sacrificed arms and legs and eyes. Many have been pitifully burned, crippled, and diseased, to maintain our right to serve God. They are worthy of every consideration, prayer and patience. They are our sons!

APPRECIATION

We are deeply grateful for the co-operation and kind patience of the Gospel Publishing House, the General Council offices, and the Missions Department and we are sincerely thankful for the earnest prayers and generous offerings of our entire constituency, which, through God have made possible a ministry to literally millions of our men in the armed forces.

Respectfully submitted

SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Harry A. Jaeger, Director

REPORT OF CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Since the General Council last convened in 1943, the Central Bible Institute has continued under the manifest favor of God.

In a material way this favor has been marked. The number enrolled has passed 500 in both years, 1943-44 and 1944-45. Due

to the scarcity of young men, because of war, the proportion of women students to men has been about three to one. Some of the young men have been released from military service, forerunners of a host who are either coming or planning to come immediately upon release from service. In the past two years hundreds of young women have been refused admission because of lack of room.

Certain physical improvements have been made despite the difficulties we all have had to experience as the result of war-time conditions.

Since serving as host to the General Council of 1943, Central Bible Institute has entertained the National Youth Conferences of 1944 and 1945. The commodious facilities of the institute cared for the material needs of these gatherings so blest and refreshed by the Spirit's gracious working.

The special Missionary Course has proved not only an attraction to returned and prospective missionaries but a great blessing to those able to take advantage of its excellent provisions. New subjects are being added to the curriculum providing an even wider range of valuable courses for prospective Pentecostal workers.

The school has had its visitation of spiritual revival making possible the sustained high plane of spiritual life otherwise unknown. In reevaluating the essential factors of a course of training for Pentecostal workers we are more than ever convinced of the super-importance of dependence upon the Holy Spirit. In the endeavor to keep abreast of the times we as a Movement are experiencing considerable disturbance on the surface of the school situation. We are in danger of losing our sense of real values and of putting emphasis where God never intended it be placed. It would be tragic indeed after having come so far in simple dependence upon the Holy Spirit, should we now allow emphasis to be placed upon factors so less important by comparison that we substitute things that seem good for that which God deems best. The convulsions of spiritual revolution through which we are brought into existence would then seem all in vain. The only way to preserve our Pentecostal heritage in more than name is to keep constantly renewed in its vital elements. Fundamental and forever essential among these is the Spirit of Prayer. Where the Spirit of Prayer prevails Pentecost is actually present. Where the Spirit of Prayer has flagged—a condition present in all too many places—real Pentecost does not exist though much of outward Pentecostal form may be in evidence.

Could we now under God experience a general revival of the spirit of intercession we would have a fresh universal outpouring of the Holy Spirit that would rid us, in our thinking and devising, of things at present considered essential to the progress and development of our fellowship. These things would, under the Spirit's more intense light, appear insignificant as at the beginning and we would be amazed at having allowed ourselves to become occupied with things so non-essential by comparison.

Two years ago a nucleus of our Senior class caught the vision and began giving themselves to earnest continuous prayer involving actual sacrifice. Although a large proportion of the student body seemed unmoved by their beautiful examples they nevertheless made a deep impress upon the body and, more than that, they gave peculiar Pentecostal temperature and atmosphere to the school year and commencement exercises. The following year, that is, last year, another group of Seniors responded to the Spirit's challenge through their predecessors and a high spiritual tone was sustained as through the previous year.

As we enter another school year our hearts are longing intensely that we may have not only a nucleus of Seniors devoting themselves to God in sacrificial intercession but that a revival of spirit-inspired prayer may sweep the whole student body. Such prayer precipitated the Pentecostal outpouring of 1905 and 1906. It will do it again. What is happening and what we hope will happen at school we believe is but a miniature of what God longs to have happen throughout our constituency. We covet your prayers that our hearts' desire may be realized in this increase of the ministry of intercession among us here at Central Bible Institute.

We would like to call the attention of our General Council membership to the need of further enlargement for the accommodation of our growing family. Our present imperative need is an administration building to relieve the cramped conditions produced by continuing our offices, Assembly Hall, Library, and class rooms in the Girls' Dormitory building. Hundreds of girls have been turned away during the past two years for want of rooms. In turn all married couples have had to be housed in the men's building reducing the number of rooms available to single men students. We wish to recommend that the General Council give serious consideration to this present urgent need.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. Evans, Principal

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Sunday School Department is pleased to report progress in Sunday School interest and efficiency, and God's blessing upon the Department.

At the close of the 1942-43 Sunday School year the Sunday School Department received Checkup Forms from only 155 Sunday Schools, even though Checkup forms had been sent to all Schools. Those 155 Schools were rated, and proper recognition was given to them.

With the beginning of the new Sunday School year, 1943-44, we set out with renewed interest to acquaint Sunday School leaders with the Lighthouse Plan, corresponding with Sunday School representatives directing this work through the Districts.

The last year has shown increased interest and in October, 1944, when the second Checkup Forms were returned, there was more than a 100 percent increase in the number of Schools reporting. Lighthouse Rays were awarded to a number of Schools which rated more than 80 percent. In addition, more and 1,500 Schools received posters awarded in recognition of the progress they had made. By the first of October, 1944, the Department had designed and produced four significant posters, and every School reporting was awarded one of these. They were: "A Progressive School Poster," for each School which rated less than 80 percent; "A Blue Shield Poster," for each School with a rating of 80 to 85 percent; "A Scarlet Cross Poster" for each School rating 86 to 90 percent; "A Gold Crown Poster" for each School rating 91 to 100 percent. By this arrangement of poster awards, no School is left without an award, and every School is awarded according to its own earnings.

In addition to the posters, attractive state maps were made, framed, and given to the District leaders. These maps, by means of miniature symbols corresponding to the posters, give at a glance information concerning the location and rating of Schools which had reported within any State or District. Sectional Sunday School Conferences also were held during the fall and early winter months of 1944. In these Conferences, poster awards were made to pastors and superintendents in attendance at the Conference.

In February, 1945, a four- and five-evening National Sunday School Conference for Christian workers was held here at Springfield, attended by leading Sunday School workers from 38 states, representing 28 Council Districts. At this Conference

practically every phase of Sunday School work was presented by leaders who represented various sections of the country.

"Our Sunday School Counsellor" has proved to be a valuable medium for the promotion of Sunday School work, and each day brings to our office letters from workers on the field who appreciate its value in Sunday School help. The subscription list for this paper has shown a steady increase. Our Sunday School representatives have been very faithful and co-operative in the advancement of the Sunday School cause, and the value of the Lighthouse Plan is now beginning to bear fruit.

One of the main features of the Lighthouse Plan is "Teacher Training," and emphasis along this line has more than doubled our work in the Teacher Training division. So great has been the increase in correspondence that the services of one full-time stenographer are required to carry on this work.

Since the National Conference, Sunday School representatives who were in attendance have been provided with excellent equipment for conducting Sunday School Conferences. This equipment is packed and carried in a convenient case which is known as the Sunday School worker's Toolkit. Fifty of these kits have been made and are available for use not only by Sunday School representatives, but by evangelists who have a Sunday School ministry. In each case is a folding tripod, blackboard, and various sets of attractive visual-aid displays. In Conferences this visual-aid equipment is used on a large background eight feet square. Such equipment makes possible both interesting and instructive Sunday School Conferences. This is illustrated by an incident where a brother confessed, "I have been preaching thirty years but you have taught me more along Sunday School lines in two days than I ever learned before."

Special training and equipment has been provided Bible School students who have gone out during the summer months in home mission work. More than fifty Bible students have been directed into various channels of Child Evangelism, especially Vacation Bible School work, during this summer. Oklahoma led in this Christ for the Homeland Crusade, employing 21 students for the summer months. Special emphasis has been placed upon the promotion of Child Evangelism, and there are two full time Child Evangelism workers now in our Department. They have monthly correspondence with more than 2,000 interested Child Evangelists.

Numerous Sunday School Conferences have been conducted with representatives from the Gospel Publishing House as guest

speakers. Two National Sunday School Representatives, C. A. Brown and William E. Kirschke, have been engaged in field work, in addition to part time service by your Department Superintendent. Almost every state west of the Mississippi has been visited with a series of Sunday School Conferences, and a number of Eastern states including Illinois, Michigan, the Virginias, Oklahoma, Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. Many of these states have already definitely arranged for another series of Sunday School Conferences immediately following the close of the present Sunday School year.

In these Conferences new poster awards will be made to every School within a District which reports on the 1944-45 Checkup. These Checkups are now being mailed to pastors and superintendents with the consent of the District Superintendents. Several evangelists are emphasizing Sunday School work. They are conducting revival meetings in the usual way, holding additional services dealing with Sunday School problems, and the Department has been given capable writers and speakers whose services are a blessing to conference gatherings. Sunday School helps for free distribution also are mailed to almost all of the Conferences held, and whenever possible, announcements of Conferences are sent prior to the meetings to every Sunday School work in the vicinity. Thousands of pounds of back-date literature have been mailed free to personal workers.

Sunday School supplies at half price were provided to 710 Schools in 1944 and 500 in 1945. Part time employment has been provided a number of Central Bible Institute students who are now on the field in fruitful ministry. At least four outstanding young men have been trained for a definite field ministry along Sunday School lines and one of them already been chosen as a District Sunday School Representative. There are eighteen full and part time workers in the Department. Special thanks and appreciation should go to Brother C. A. Brown for his contribution to the Sunday School cause. Special prayers have been ascending for him during his time of convalescing at Boulder, Colorado.

To our Lord who is always faithful, be all the glory and praise for this opportunity of Christian ministry.

Respectfully submitted

M. L. Grable

REPORT OF THE GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Although the past two years have been full of testings in various ways, owing to the conditions caused by the war, yet we have every reason to be thankful to Him who has so graciously helped us through the hard places.

We are pleased to report that God is continuing to bless our efforts, and that progress is being made in all departments of the work.

The continuation of the limitation orders placed on use of papers, and also the government orders which affected labor and wages, have been the two main factors in slowing our progress and hindering in the service we so much desired to offer to our constituency.

THE PAPER SITUATION

The paper shortage which has been so critical for the past two years, is now showing signs of improvement, and we trust it will not be too long until we are able to operate our printing department on a more normal basis.

We were notified during the last week in August that practically all restrictions on the use of paper had been lifted. This means that if we can get the paper, we can use it. However, we were also informed at this same time that the paper mills are still operating under a limitation order, and that the paper supply will be short for months to come.

We have been compelled, through a lack of paper, to reduce in size a number of our periodicals, but it is our intention to enlarge them again just as soon as more paper is available. It is also our intention to again offer to print the District Council Minutes and stationery as we did before the war. We will notify the district superintendents and secretaries when we will be able to do this.

While the rate of increase in the circulation of our many publications has not been as rapid as in some former years, yet good progress has been made during these past two years. The Pentecostal Evangel has moved up from 102,000 to 116,000, and splendid increases of other publications are shown by the following table:

Pentecostal Evangel	102,000.....	116,000
Christ's Ambassadors Herald	20,000.....	28,000
Gospel Gleaners	88,000.....	102,000
High School Christian	42,000.....	58,000
Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls	56,000.....	72,000

Primary Story Paper	47,000.....	62,000
Sunday School Counsellor	10,000.....	17,000
Missionary Challenge	15,000.....	15,000
Adult and Young Peoples Quarterly	162,000.....	180,000
Senior-Intermediate Quarterly	60,000.....	72,000
Junior Quarterly	70,000.....	81,000
Primary Quarterly	34,000.....	45,000
Adult and Young Peoples Teachers Qtrly.	36,000.....	48,000
Senior-Intermediate Teachers Quarterly	9,000.....	10,500
Junior Teachers Quarterly	10,500.....	10,500
Primary Teachers Quarterly	8,000.....	9,000
Beginner Teachers Quarterly	5,000.....	6,000
Sunday School Lesson Leaves	66,000.....	81,000
Junior Workbook Quarterly	34,000.....	28,000
Senior Workbook Quarterly	17,000.....	13,000
C. A. Guide	3,200
Primary Picture Roll	2,700.....	3,450
Beginner Lesson Pictures	1,500.....	1,825
Primary Picture Cards	50,000.....	57,000
Beginner Picture Cards	35,000.....	47,000

Total	980,700	1,166,475
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An increase of 185,775 on all periodicals combined.

The above table does not show the millions of copies of Reveille and tracts which have been published, but we might add that these also have been printed in great quantities.

THE LABOR SITUATION

Your Publishing House, like many others, has been greatly handicapped by the loss, during the war, of experienced men, especially those employed in the mechanical departments. These men were from our linotype department, composing room, press room, bindery, and cutter departments, and had to be replaced in many instances, with employees with but little or no experience.

The "turn-over" of office workers in the many different departments of the Publishing House during this time has been unusually heavy. This was due mainly to two reasons; first, because of the office workers getting married to the man who contemplated entering the service of his country and following him to his place of training; and second, owing to wages offered by the government and war industries beyond that which we could grant. Wages were "frozen" shortly after war started, and only by authorization of the War Labor Board could a

general wage increase be made. We did, however, increase the wages of a number of our employees on the basis of merit and length of service.

Since the lifting of the government order regarding the increase of wages, we are pleased to report that we have given our employees a general wage increase, amounting to approximately \$26,000 annually.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT

Our Book Department has been unusually active during the past two years, and while we experienced much difficulty in securing books and Bibles from other publishers, and the printing of our own publications, our sales record shows splendid gains.

The demand for Vacation Bible School material this season far surpassed anything experienced before in this part of our work, and we are confident that there will be a still greater demand as emphasis is brought to bear on this important feature of our educational program.

Our song books are also selling well, but we have had some difficulty in keeping up with the demand, owing to the labor shortage, and binding materials.

We feel the need for a new congregational song book, as our best song book, "Songs of Praise," has now been on the market for over ten years. We plan to have a music department added to the Publishing House in the near future and through such a department a number of good song books for the many branches of the church work could be compiled and published.

An expression from our brethren of the different districts would be appreciated relative to the publishing of a church hymnal, when conditions will warrant our doing this.

Several new books are in our printing department at present, and we trust that in the very near future we will be able to greatly increase our stock of good books which can be offered to the reading public.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

While the war has been a real disturbing factor in carrying on the work along Sunday School lines throughout our country, yet we are very much encouraged by the new interest shown by a large number of Sunday School workers who are giving much time and thought to this most important work.

The demand for Sunday School papers, quarterlies, supplies, etc., is constantly growing, and all indications at present point to a continual growth in our Sunday School Department. We are looking forward to the time when we can furnish materials

which will be helpful in Junior Church work, Child Evangelism, and other branches of the church.

In February of this year a National Training School was held here in Springfield. Leading Sunday School workers from twenty-eight General Council Districts were present. Expressions made by those in attendance were to the effect that this meeting was one of the most helpful ever held, and an urgent appeal was made for similar meetings to be held annually. We trust such arrangements can be made.

Many requests are being received from Sunday School representatives asking that we send workers into their districts to help in the promotion of Sunday School work. Owing to gas and tire rationing during the war, together with difficulties in transportation, we were unable to furnish the needed workers.

On account of ill health our Brother C. A. Brown, who had been representing our Sunday School Department on the field, was compelled to give up this work. We regret this loss, and we trust the Lord will soon restore him to his normal health and strength. Brother William E. Kirschke is now carrying on this part of the work in a splendid manner, and his services are in great demand.

The Macedonian cry is being heard from many quarters, and it is our desire to respond to these appeals by sending workers and literature in order to help gather in precious souls for our Master.

The Sunday School Counsellor is proving to be a very helpful medium in the promotion of Sunday School work. The circulation is showing a steady increase, and we trust that every teacher and Sunday School worker will avail himself of the helpful material contained in this publication.

NEW BUILDING PROJECT

In our report of two years ago mention was made of the crowded condition in our Publishing House, and the offices occupied by the General Council and its several departments. Since that time this condition has gradually grown worse.

At the General Presbyters meeting held last September the matter of a new location for the erection of necessary buildings for the expansion of the headquarters work was given serious consideration. Considerable discussion was given to this subject and later was placed in the hands of the Executive Presbyters.

After careful consideration was given to the amount of ground needed and the type and size of building required, a

search for a suitable building site was made. Many offers were presented, but we finally decided on the White City Ball Park as the best location for such a building.

This piece of property is located in the 1300 block on Boonville Avenue, approximately five blocks from the County Court House and Post Office, and six blocks from the City Hall and Public Library. There is a fraction over five acres in this plot of ground. The purchase price was \$35,000.

Plans are now being drawn for a new building which will adequately care for our needs for some years to come. Our present quarters provide approximately 45,000 square feet of floor space, and in our plans for a new building we will have more than three times that amount of space—approximately 165,000 square feet.

Time and space will not permit for us to go into details regarding the plans for a new building, but we might add that it is our intention to equip it with the best systems available in the way of light, heat, cooling, and ventilation. We also plan for the installation of a cafeteria, which will be a real service to our large group of workers.

The proposed floor plans with elevations have been provided by the architect and may be viewed by those desiring to do so.

It is our thought to start work on this building project next spring, or just as soon as building materials can be purchased in sufficient quantities to justify us doing so.

The estimated cost for the erection of this building is approximately \$1,855,000.

As we make our plans for expansion throughout the many departments of the Gospel Publishing House for the spreading of the Gospel, we earnestly covet the prayers of all for divine guidance and wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Z. Kamerer, Manager