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	Feb. 27	Mar. 6
Denver, Colorado	5:49	5:57
Grand Junction, Colo.	6:04	6:12
Topeka, Kansas	6:13	6:21
Kansas City, Missouri	6:08	6:16
St. Louis, Missouri	5:51	5:59
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:15	6:23
Casper, Wyoming	5:50	6:01

Voice of Prophecy Sermons

March 1: The Pre-Existence of Christ
March 8: The Deity of Christ

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CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE SESSION PROGRAM

Sunday — February 22, 1959

Hour	Meeting	Speaker	Chairman	Platform Manager	Music
a.m. 10:00	Steering Committee		T. Carcich		
Afternoon	Registration of delegates on Mezzanine floor		R. E. Spangle		
p.m. 6:45	Union College Program		D. J. Bieber	B. J. Liebelt	
p.m. 7:30	Business Session		T. Carcich	B. J. Liebelt	F. W. Avery
	1. Hymn				
	2. Scripture Reading				
	3. Prayer				
	4. Welcome—R. S. Joyce Colorado President				
	5. Announcements				
	6. Organization of Conference				
	7. President's Address				
	8. Treasurer's Report				
	9. Selection of Large Committee				
9:30	10. Benediction				

Monday — February 23, 1959

a.m. 8:00 to 9:30	Large Committee Meets		W. B. Ochs		
9:30	Business Session		R. S. Joyce	D. B. Reid	J. E. Hickman
	1. Hymn				
	2. Prayer				
	3. Report	J. F. Kent			
	4. Report	W. A. Howe			
11:45	5. Large Committee Reports				
12:00	6. Benediction				
p.m. 1:30 to 2:45	Committees				
3:00	Business Session		H. C. Klement	P. F. Pedersen	S. D. Meyers
	1. Hymn				
	2. Prayer				
	3. Report	D. E. Reiner			
	4. Report	B. L. Schlotthauer			
	5. Committee Reports				
4:15	6. Benediction				
4:30 to 5:30	Business Session		H. C. Klement	P. F. Pedersen	S. D. Meyers
	1. Porter Sanitarium and Hospital	O. T. Moline			
	2. Committees				
	3. Benediction				

Monday—continued

Hour	Meeting	Speaker	Chairman	Platform Manager	Music
p.m.					
7:30	Business Session		J. L. Dittberner	M. W. Deming	S. D. Meyers
	1. Hymn				
	2. Prayer				
	3. Music				
	4. Central States	F. L. Bland			
	5. Colorado	R. S. Joyce			
	6. Kansas	F. O. Sanders			
8:45	7. Committee Reports				
9:00	8. Benediction				

Tuesday — February 24, 1959

a.m.					
8:00	Business Session		F. O. Sanders	G. C. Williamson	P. A. Kostenko
	1. Hymn				
	2. Prayer				
	3. Committees				
	4. Boulder Sanitarium and Hospital	H. C. Hartman			
	5. Central Union Conference Association	B. L. Schlotthauer			
9:45	6. Benediction				
10:00	Business Session		F. O. Sanders	G. C. Williamson	P. A. Kostenko
	1. Prayer				
	2. Missouri	H. C. Klement			
	3. Nebraska	N. C. Petersen			
	4. Wyoming	J. L. Dittberner			
11:30	5. Committee Reports				
12:00	6. Benediction				
p.m.					
1:30 to 2:45	Committees				
3:00	Business Session		F. L. Bland	Ray Davidson	L. H. Opp
	1. Prayer				
	2. Omaha Branch	O. L. Driskell			
	3. Christian Record	C. G. Cross			
	4. Legal Meetings				
	5. Committee Reports				
4:30	6. Benediction				
4:45 to 5:45	Ingathering Victory Report		D. E. Reiner		L. H. Opp
	Session adjourns "Sine Die" Benediction				

Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Ministerial Institute

February 24-26

Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**Chairman, N. C. Petersen****Music, F. W. Avery**

7:30 p.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Announcements

Music

Elder R. R. Figuhr—"The Rod In Thy Hand"

Discussion

Hymn

9:00 Benediction

3:30 p.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Elder R. S. Joyce—

"Organizing Church and Church Officers"

Discussion

5:00 Benediction

7:30 p.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Announcements

Elder R. A. Anderson—

"Building An Evangelistic Congregation"

Discussion

9:00 Benediction

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**Chairmen, J. L. Dittberner****F. O. Sanders****Music, S. D. Meyers**

8:45 a.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Announcements

Music

Elder W. B. Ochs—

"The Preacher and His Preaching"

Discussion

10:15 Benediction

10:30 a.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Elder R. A. Anderson—

"The Minister's Evangelistic Concept"

Discussion

12:00 Benediction

2:00 p.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Elder W. P. Bradley—"Called to Serve"

Discussion

3:15 Benediction

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**Chairmen, H. C. Klement****F. L. Bland**

8:45 a.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Elder R. F. Schneider—"Obtaining Decisions"

Discussion

10:15 Benediction

10:30 a.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Union President

"The Minister's Best Counsellor"

Discussion

12:00 Benediction

2:00 p.m. — Opening Hymn

Prayer

Music

Announcements

Elder R. A. Anderson—

"For Such A Time As This"

Discussion

3:30 p.m. — Benediction

PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

THEODORE CARCICH,

President,

Central Union Conference

To the Central Union Conference delegates assembled in the seventeenth quadrennial session—Greetings! First, we wish to express our gratitude to God for a safe journey and for this comfortable place in which to conduct our session. We are happy for the opportunity to meet in this beautiful city of Denver, and wish to thank the Colorado Conference, the hotel managers, city officials and business men for their kind attention to our comfort and needs.

It is my privilege to bring you a short report outlining the progress attending God's work in this section of the world field. Since I have been with you less than two years, it is proper and right to point out that a good share of this progress was accomplished under the direction of my able predecessor, Elder J. D. Smith, now the president of the Lake Union Conference. Without question, his sunny disposition and good leadership qualities will be missed by the entire delegation.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to three new members of our union staff: Elder J. F. Kent, publishing secretary; Brother R. E. Spangle, auditor; and Mrs. Ina Eyman, office secretary. We are sorry to lose Elder C. G. Cross, but he has not moved too far away and is still a member of our union committee.

Let us now look at the results of the past four years. Of course, the details of this general report will be filled in by my colleagues on the Central Union staff, the local conference presidents and the institutional leaders. You will find their reports most interesting.

At the same time, may I point out that the facts of progress contained in any report are due largely to the faithful leadership of conference workers and church officers, along with the loyal support of each church member. We thank God for the fidelity and devotion of our church members. To them, under God, belongs much credit for the results enumerated here.

Our membership gain would be larger were it not for the inevitable losses by death, transfer and apostasy. Records reveal that we lost 1,131 by death, 7,595 by letters of transfer (incoming letters amount to 7,036, or 559 less than outgoing letters), and 2,090 by apostasy and missing. The first two are beyond our control, but there surely is something we can do about the last two. We will consider a possible solution later on.

Many new church buildings have been erected throughout the field, while some have been purchased from other denominations. The presidents will point out that many of these buildings are outstanding in quality and location. At Union College we have recently completed what is considered to be the best in a college women's dormitory. At Boulder Sanitarium and Hospital we recently completed what medical authorities consider the best in hospital facilities. The Porter Sanitarium and Hospital is engaged in a long-range program that will make it one of the outstanding 300-bed hospitals in Denver.

Throughout the field new Welfare buildings are springing up. Living as we do in tornado country, we can well understand how civil authorities appreciate our contribution and co-operation. The work of our Welfare units and Dorcas Societies goes a long way in dispelling prejudice and establishing good will for our work.

While we still have a long way to go, constant progress is being made in erecting new and comfortable school buildings for our children. Continual attention to this phase of our work will make for stronger academies and a still stronger college. We look upon this type of activity as true evangelism. In saving our own children, we qualify ourselves to save those outside of our ranks. We must do the latter, but never neglect the former.

In Literature Evangelism, Ingathering, Missionary Volunteer activity and Sab-

	1951-54	1955	1956	1957	1958	1955-58	Increase
Baptisms	5,699	1,295	1,166	1,179	1,296	4,936	763 Dec.
Membership	21,939	22,243	22,434	22,629	23,095	23,095	1,156
Tithe	\$6,966,494.70	\$1,974,359.93	\$2,030,845.98	\$2,192,256.89	\$2,355,132.72	\$8,552,595.52	\$1,586,100.82
Missions	\$2,362,091.63	\$ 627,624.86	\$ 656,919.29	\$ 677,644.61	\$ 697,585.47	\$2,659,774.23	\$ 297,682.60
Literature							
Sales	\$ 721,803.00	\$ 253,713.00	\$ 280,830.05	\$ 235,869.50	\$ 302,698.14	\$1,073,110.69	\$ 351,307.69

bath school giving, the trend is upward. Right now, the *It Is Written* television program, featuring Elder G. E. Vandeman, is blanketing Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and a large share of Wyoming. Pastors are training their lay forces to follow up the interest and we are praying for a large harvest.

Conference presidents and conference committees are giving careful study to the needs of public evangelism and are moving ahead courageously in this important work. Our publishing leaders and Literature Evangelists, sensing anew their important part in the over-all evangelistic program, are rising to new heights of sales and deliveries in full-message books.

Likewise, the medical workers located in our territory are co-operating with the ministry in spreading the gospel. We appreciate the graduates of C.M.E. among us, as well as the large number of Adventist nurses and the hundreds of institutional workers at Porter and Boulder. Together with still other medical workers, they join with the ministry and laity in making a strong and aggressive evangelistic team.

I might also add here that our field is blessed with two other institutions that add strength to the work; namely, the Christian Record, under the management of Elder C. G. Cross, and the Pacific Press Central Branch, under the management of O. L. Driskell. Both institutions are manned by staffs whom we deem it a privilege to count as fellow workers.

I would be remiss in my duty if I did not express our appreciation for the counsel and assistance that comes to us periodically from the General Conference. We are a part of the great world family of Seventh-day Adventists and we never want to be anything else. Therein is our strength and safety. God is leading a people, a movement, and we always want to be right in the middle of it. The world field can count on our continued prayers and support until the work is finished and the Lord returns for His people.

So much for the past; now for the future. Living as we do in an age when men's minds are absorbed in preserving a fragile world peace, the mysteries and expectations of space travel, the rising tides of hatred and nationalism, the desperate struggles to maintain sound economic systems, and the disappearance of moral values, it is entirely proper that we define—Why are we assembled in session?

Surely, it is not merely to laud ourselves for any gains, or console ourselves for any failures, or just to elect a new union conference administration. While it is wholly proper and right that reports be rendered and comparisons made in order to ascertain trends and directions, we should recognize at the outset that it would be a waste of time, money and energy if we were to leave this session the same men and women that came in.

If ever the prophetic hand of God pointed to a generation of men living in the "time of the end," it is pointing

to ours. If ever conditions and circumstances were ready for the total mobilization of our manpower and means for the finishing of God's work on earth, that time is now. If ever we needed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fire our minds, control our lives, and magnify our facilities, we need that heavenly blessing now.

That is why I say that this session must not degenerate into a prosy recital of facts and figures, for whether the reports are favorable or unfavorable, this gathering, under God, must be a springboard of inspiration and plans that will

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reverberate throughout the conferences represented in this session.

What we are, our churches will be. The work reflects our thinking, our enthusiasm and our determination. From this meeting should go men so motivated by the Spirit of God that they in turn will rally the churches under their care to the finishing of the gospel commission. In this session defeatism should be replaced by victory, timidity by holy boldness, low aim by high vision, excuses by application and hard work, indifference and enervating independence by a sense of responsibility and unity.

Men of God, the spotlight of the universe is upon us. In this challenging hour shall we be content with the accomplishments of the past? Will they suffice when the world's population increases 47 million each year? Can we remain sluggish and indifferent when every agency of God and man is being agitated for the final movements that ring down the curtain of human history?

As the reports are rendered I trust that new purposes, new resolutions and new determinations will surge through each mind. I earnestly pray that all jealousy, bitterness, evil surmising, envy, pride and contention will be swept from our hearts so that we might enjoy an upper room experience.

In spite of the obstacles and hindrances which face us, the promise of God is that "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."—Isaiah 40: 4, 5.

Disturbing as certain factors in this field may be—diminishing farm population, low income areas, migration of youth and church members to other conferences—we cannot use such as a norm in planning God's work. The remedy is not in changing problems, but in changing our relationship to God. We need to root our thinking and planning in the promise spoken by "the mouth of the Lord." As we appropriate this promise we can and will go forward in faith.

Turn now with me to the next to the last and the last page of this REAPER. Here are our objectives and purposes. This we have agreed to do. Shall we not link arms in united action and make the days ahead the best for God in the Central Union?

TREASURER'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

B. L. SCHLOTTHAUER, Secretary-Treasurer,

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE

It is a pleasure to bring to the delegates of the seventeenth quadrennial session of the Central Union Conference a brief report of the conference's financial activities.

Fifty-six years ago the Central Union Conference was organized. Territorial lines have changed somewhat during the intervening years, but the various activities of the church have been vigorously promoted. We thank God for His manifold blessings and continued guidance, and for the loyal co-operation and earnest endeavors of the men and women comprising our church membership, which at the present time stands at 23,095.

Brother W. B. Mohr, who was treasurer during the first half of the quadrennium, deserves mention for the faithful service he gave during the twelve years in this capacity. Because of health reasons it was necessary for him

to discontinue from active service in the fall of 1956.

While our report at this time is concerned primarily with the results of operation for the four years just ended, yet may we ever remember that our sole objective is the carrying of the good news of salvation to a perishing world and preparing a people for Christ's everlasting kingdom.

The financial statement for the quadrennial period of 1955 to 1958 shows a healthy growth along all lines. We are including as a part of this report a year-by-year history of figures beginning with 1902 when the union was organized. At that time the union membership was 13,200 and the total number of workers was 196. You will observe that this history in figures shows the membership, number of workers, tithes, missions, Sabbath school and Ingathering. Since the organization of the union

Total Tithe, Central Union—By Conferences

	1951 - 1954	1955 - 1958	Gain
Central States	\$ 391,910.20	\$ 489,938.12	\$ 98,027.92
Colorado	2,196,273.80	2,976,646.65	780,372.85
Kansas	1,074,567.20	1,166,918.32	92,351.12
Missouri	1,241,178.10	1,471,561.22	230,383.12
Nebraska	1,707,418.10	1,999,911.59	292,493.49
Wyoming	355,147.30	447,619.62	92,472.32
Total	\$ 6,966,494.70	\$ 8,552,595.52	\$ 1,586,100.82

Total Mission Funds—By Conferences

	1951 - 1954	1955 - 1958	Gain
Central States	\$ 126,866.84	\$ 146,938.64	\$ 20,071.80
Colorado	642,001.69	783,475.19	141,473.50
Kansas	472,987.82	468,531.67	(4,456.15)
Missouri	412,953.34	479,500.31	66,546.97
Nebraska	546,393.53	612,209.74	65,816.21
Wyoming	160,888.41	169,118.68	8,230.27
Total	\$ 2,362,091.63	\$ 2,659,774.23	\$ 297,682.60

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE
Comparative Balance Sheet
1955 - 1958

ASSETS				
	1955	1956	1957	1958
<i>Current</i>				
Cash and Bank	\$132,899.38	\$166,578.99	\$254,735.23	\$405,268.16
Accounts Receivable	14,924.63	18,202.80	13,438.73	16,487.60
Securities	67,163.13	91,400.43	92,163.13	37,180.00
Notes Receivable	10,548.44	8,142.32	176.65	2,500.00
Prepaid Supplies & Expense	843.68	1,182.45	1,505.34	2,269.91
Restricted Funds	396,803.04	402,041.27	57,993.75	
Total Current Assets	\$623,182.30	\$687,548.26	\$420,012.83	\$463,705.67
<i>Fixed</i>				
Equipment	\$ 16,450.16	\$ 15,051.80	\$ 13,698.84	\$ 12,324.15
Total Assets	\$639,632.46	\$702,600.06	\$433,711.67	\$476,029.82
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 711.38	\$	\$	\$
Trust Funds	420,819.08	420,924.61	84,891.13	27,866.82
Total Liabilities	421,530.46	420,924.61	84,891.13	27,866.82
Regular Net Worth	148,994.35	172,316.10	203,914.11	255,655.80
Reserves	69,107.65	109,359.35	144,906.43	192,507.20
Total Net Worth	218,102.00	281,675.45	348,820.54	448,163.00
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$639,632.46	\$702,600.06	\$433,711.67	\$476,029.82

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE
Comparative Balance Sheet by Quadrenniums
1951 - 54 and 1955 - 58

ASSETS				
	12-31-54	12-31-58	Increase	Decrease
<i>Current</i>				
Cash and Bank	\$ 69,799.21	\$405,268.16	\$335,468.95	\$
Accounts Receivable	27,142.94	16,487.60		10,655.34
Securities	52,163.13	37,180.00		14,983.13
Notes Receivable	28,200.00	2,500.00		25,700.00
Prepaid Supplies & Expense	1,442.70	2,269.91	827.21	
Restricted Funds	263,992.55			263,992.55
Total Current Assets	\$442,740.53	\$463,705.67	\$ 20,965.14	\$
<i>Fixed</i>				
Equipment	\$ 43,040.78	\$ 12,324.15		\$ 30,716.63
Total Assets	\$485,781.31	\$476,029.82		\$ 9,751.49
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 100.00	\$	\$	\$ 100.00
Trust Funds	295,217.76	27,866.82		267,350.94
Total Liabilities	295,317.76	27,866.82		267,450.94
Regular Net Worth	130,883.45	255,655.80	124,772.35	
Reserves	59,580.10	192,507.20	132,927.10	
Total Net Worth	190,463.55	448,163.00	257,699.45	
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$485,781.31	\$476,029.82	\$	\$ 9,751.45

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE
Comparative Condensed Operating Statement
1955 - 1958

INCOME					
	1955	1956	1957	1958	
Tithe from Conferences	\$197,436.01	\$203,084.59	\$219,225.73	\$235,514.28	
Interest	3,334.56	3,995.28	7,158.75	11,780.97	
Miscellaneous	1,096.21	1,497.49	1,855.36	1,397.57	
Total Income	\$201,866.78	\$208,577.36	\$228,239.84	\$248,692.82	
EXPENSE					
Workers' Salary & Expense	\$ 66,880.59	\$ 64,773.65	\$ 65,341.53	\$ 68,746.70	
Administrative & General	24,277.28	24,012.38	24,584.58	23,002.09	
Ministerial Interns	4,445.00	2,240.00	315.00	455.00	
Colporteur Interns & Sponsors	77.30	222.22	1,200.00	852.71	
Union College Subsidy	1,974.36	2,030.85	2,192.26	2,355.14	
Appropriations	17,182.53	11,778.17	19,568.20	12,222.17	
Tithe Percentages	35,614.82	36,635.95	39,555.75	42,501.89	
Total Operating Expense	150,451.88	141,693.92	152,757.32	150,135.70	
Gain Without Subsidy	51,414.90	66,883.44	75,482.52	98,557.12	
Subsidies	3,610.80	3,761.35	4,070.10	4,236.60	
Total Operating Gain	55,025.70	70,644.79	79,552.62	102,793.72	
Non-Operating Expense	36,914.80	47,323.04	47,954.61	51,052.03	
Net Gain to Net Worth	\$ 18,110.90	\$ 23,321.75	\$ 31,598.01	\$ 51,741.69	

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE
Comparative Condensed Operating Statement
By Quadrenniums 1951 - 54 and 1955 - 58

INCOME				
	1951 - 1954	1955 - 1958	Increase	Decrease
Tithe from Conferences	\$696,649.48	\$855,260.61	\$158,611.13	\$
Interest	12,477.10	26,269.56	13,792.46	
Miscellaneous	13,376.39	5,846.63		7,529.76
Total Income	722,502.97	887,376.80	164,873.83	
EXPENSE				
Workers' Salary & Expense	257,208.59	265,742.47	8,533.88	
Administrative & General	91,709.19	95,876.33	4,167.14	
Ministerial Interns	18,494.45	7,455.00		11,039.45
Colporteur Interns & Sponsors	174.23	2,352.93	2,178.70	
Union College Subsidy	7,415.91	8,552.61	1,136.70	
Appropriations	75,403.78	60,751.07		14,652.71
Tithe Percentages	125,609.20	154,308.41	28,699.21	
Total Operating Expense	576,015.35	595,038.82	19,023.47	
Operating Gain	146,487.62	292,337.98	145,850.36	
Subsidies	13,384.10	15,678.85	2,294.75	
Total Operating Gain	159,871.72	308,016.83	148,145.11	
Non-Operating Expense	99,807.22	183,244.48	83,437.27	
Net Gain to Net Worth	\$ 60,064.50	\$124,772.35	\$ 64,707.84	

more than \$34,550,000 has been turned in by our people as tithe, and for the same period over \$13,711,000 was given to our world mission program.

These accomplishments with the blessings of the Lord are a result of the faithfulness of our conference leadership, the ministry and our loyal church members scattered throughout the vast territory of our Central Union.

The tithe received during the quadrennium of 1955 to 1958 in the six conferences comprising the union territory amounted to \$8,552,595.52, which is an increase of \$1,586,100.82 over the previous four-year period. The total mission funds received during the period under review was \$2,659,774.23, an increase of \$297,682.60. The condensed comparative balance sheet reflects the increased assets and net worth over the previous quadrennium. The current assets increased \$20,965.14. The net worth shows an increase of \$257,699.10. The operating capital as of December 31, 1958, is \$243,331.65.

The General Conference Working Policy provides that the operating capital shall be not less than 20 per cent of the operating expense of the previous year and that at least 50 per cent of the operating capital be held in cash or readily convertible securities. We are happy to report that the union is well within these requirements.

The condensed comparative operating statement reveals the result of operation and shows an operating gain of \$148,145.11 over the previous quadrennial period.

We acknowledge the goodness of our heavenly Father which has been evident during this quadrennium in the Central Union Conference, for without His blessings this report would not be so encouraging. Let us each rededicate our lives and our all to His service and unitedly press forward to the finishing of the work that the Lord has given us to do.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. . . . So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." Vol. 9, pages 46-47

Public Relations Report

B. L. Schlotthauer

In the book *Evangelism*, p. 129, we read: "Men will misrepresent the doctrines we believe and teach as Bible truth, and it is necessary that wise plans should be laid to secure the privilege of inserting articles into the secular papers; for this will be a means of awakening souls to see the truth."

"We must take every justifiable means of bringing the light before the people. Let the press be utilized, and let every advertising agency be employed that will call attention to the work. This should not be regarded as nonessential. On every street-corner you may see

placards and notices calling attention to various things that are going on, some of them of the most objectionable character; and shall those who have the light of life be satisfied with feeble efforts to call the attention of the masses to the truth?"—*Testimonies*, Volume 6, pp. 36, 37.

The past quadrennium has seen gains in every phase of the Public Relations Department. In the union over one hundred church press secretaries, co-operating with conference and institutional Public Relations secretaries, have been responsible for 11,038 newspaper articles about the church and its activities. In column inches, the amount of space used in newspapers in the union totals 67,874 column inches. This

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 1955 - 1958

ASSETS				
Current	1955	1956	1957	1958
Cash and Bank	\$ 17,869.70	\$ 37,892.46	\$ 61,260.44	\$ 68,780.46
Accounts Receivable	250.00			
Notes Receivable	13,313.44	7,191.62	6,331.68	5,427.76
Investment Securities	14,800.00	14,800.00	14,800.00	14,800.00
Prepaid Expense	198.06	605.93	492.87	209.23
Total Assets	\$ 46,431.20	\$ 60,490.01	\$ 82,884.99	\$ 89,217.45
Fixed				
Real Estate—Land	\$ 8,137.23	\$ 7,637.23	\$ 7,637.23	\$ 7,637.23
Real Estate—Buildings	71,971.30	63,963.09	60,646.54	57,642.03
Property Furnishings	537.66	590.66	806.23	870.51
Total Assets	\$127,077.39	\$132,680.99	\$151,974.99	\$155,367.22
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 20,365.37	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,825.00
Notes Payable	1,680.00	1,760.00	1,175.00	950.00
Deferred Rent				
and Miscellaneous	712.00	639.00	86.00	622.08
Total Liabilities	22,757.37	20,899.00	18,261.00	17,397.08
Net Worth	104,320.02	111,781.99	133,713.99	137,970.14
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$127,077.39	\$132,680.99	\$151,974.99	\$155,367.22

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET BY QUADRENNIUMS 1951 - 54 and 1955 - 58

ASSETS				
Current	12-31-54	12-31-58	Increase	Decrease
Cash and Bank	\$ 20,506.53	\$ 68,780.46	\$ 48,273.93	\$
Accounts Receivable	15,392.32	5,427.76		9,964.56
Investment Securities	14,800.00	14,800.00		
Prepaid Expense	388.39	209.23		179.16
Total Current Assets	\$ 51,087.24	\$ 89,217.45	\$ 38,130.21	\$
Fixed				
Real Estate—Land	\$ 8,137.23	\$ 7,637.23	\$	\$ 500.00
Real Estate—Buildings	74,293.66	57,642.03		16,651.63
Property Furnishings	757.42	870.51	113.09	
Total Assets	\$134,275.55	\$155,367.22	\$ 21,091.67	\$
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 28,942.50	\$ 15,825.00	\$	\$13,117.50
Notes Payable	1,680.00	950.00		730.00
Deferred Rent				
and Miscellaneous	700.00	622.08		77.92
Total Liabilities	31,322.50	17,397.08		13,925.42
Net Worth	102,953.05	137,970.14	35,017.09	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$134,275.55	\$155,367.22	\$ 21,091.67	

	Average Reporting	Articles	Pictures	Column Inches
Central States	4	146	15	767
Colorado	22	2429	354	17680
Kansas	26	2474	199	11705
Missouri	25	3318	153	11105
Nebraska	21	1017	289	10272
Wyoming	7	1198	92	5733
Union College	1	343	242	2085
Boulder Sanitarium	1	113	77	8527
Total	107	11038	1421	67874

large volume of information about Seventh-day Adventists went into thousands of homes.

Continued progress has been made in the department at the General Conference headquarters. During the past quadrennium the Bureau has produced a new film, the first section of which is designated to show our members the importance of good public relations, both as individuals and as church members. The second section is a "How-to" film, designed to instruct in specific public relations technique. Another service that has been added to the department is a new information file on Seventh-day Adventists. It is designed as reference material for one who is in need of the facts about Seventh-day Adventists. The major divisions are as follows: history and beliefs, organization, church activities, issues, misunderstandings, et cetera. The specific use is

for editors, broadcasters, and others, as well as the general public.

Magazines such as *Reader's Digest*, *Coronet*, *Look* and *Life*, and others have opened to Adventist information during these four years as never before. The article on Adventists in *Look* last June aroused quite a response. Many have expressed surprise that the doctrines of the church seem quite understandable and its activities are of such a wide-spread nature. A businessman wrote, "Since reading the article in the June 24 issue of *Look* and because of the great work your church is doing throughout the world—, I have decided to allocate a part of my tithe to your work. Enclosed is a check."

A Literature Evangelist, who had presented his canvass without success, was on the verge of leaving when the householder asked him what church he represented. When the Literature Evangelist

replied that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, the man said quickly, "Oh, I know what the Adventists are doing because I have been following their work in the newspapers. You may bring me a book."

Perhaps the most outstanding public relations story of the church in the Central Union during recent months is the coverage that the new Boulder Sanitarium received during its open-house program. Wide publicity was given the new hospital and its unique self-service push-button device through newspapers, radio, television and other news services. The *Denver Post* and the *Rocky Mountain News* sent reporters and photographers to Boulder, with a result that their papers gave good coverage and pictures. *Time* magazine's Denver Bureau chief also went to Boulder for an interview. The *Boulder Daily Camera* ran full-page features daily for a week preceding the open house.

Guided tours were conducted, and it was estimated that a thousand people were shown through the building during the day.

This shows what can be accomplished by good public relations and a well-planned program.

Association of Self-Supporting Institutions Report

B. L. Schlotthauer

The Association of Seventh-day Adventists Self-Supporting Institutions known as the ASI was organized in 1947 for essentially one purpose, to establish self-supporting enterprises of Christian character which will aid in the hastening of Christ's return.

Membership in the ASI is for people who operate or conduct activities in any of the following enterprises: sanitariums, hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes, homes for the aging, educational centers, health food stores, cafeterias, and others.

Anyone applying for membership in the Association shall be a Seventh-day Adventist in good and regular standing and shall so conduct his work as to be in harmony with general denominational principles and standards.

According to the 1957 report, the ASI employed 2,674 persons with an annual payroll of \$6,012,766.53; the estimated property value is placed at \$11,195,609.23; and charity to needy persons was valued at \$370,718.42.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION COMPARATIVE CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

1955 - 1958

INCOME

	1955	1956	1957	1958
Property Rentals	\$ 8,462.00	\$ 7,708.00	\$ 7,690.91	\$ 7,948.44
Interest	545.40	649.72	1,033.99	1,812.51
Miscellaneous		162.48		
Total Income	\$ 9,007.40	\$ 8,520.20	\$ 8,724.90	\$ 9,760.95

EXPENSE

Properties Expense	\$ 7,312.72	\$ 5,297.90	\$ 6,597.60	\$ 5,474.72
Interest	48.00	37.04	48.00	26.08
Miscellaneous	279.71	222.30	147.30	4.00
Total Expense	7,640.43	5,557.24	6,792.90	5,504.80
Net Increase to Net Worth	\$ 1,366.97	\$ 2,962.96	\$ 1,932.00	\$ 4,256.15

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION COMPARATIVE CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

By Quadrenniums - 1951 - 54 and 1955 - 58

INCOME

	1951 - 1954	1955 - 1958	Increase	Decrease
Property Rentals	\$ 18,876.00	\$ 31,809.35	\$ 12,933.35	\$
Interest	708.53	4,041.62	3,333.09	
Miscellaneous	40.00	162.48	122.48	
Total Income	\$ 19,624.53	\$ 36,013.45	\$ 16,388.92	\$

EXPENSE

Property Expense	\$ 21,093.73	\$ 24,682.94	\$ 3,589.21	\$
Interest	144.00	159.12	15.12	
Miscellaneous	100.30	653.31	553.01	
Total Expense	21,338.03	25,495.37	4,157.34	
Total Operating Gain	(1,713.50)	10,518.08	12,231.58	
Capital Appropriations	49,300.00			49,300.00
Net Gain to Net Worth	\$ 47,586.50	\$ 10,518.08	\$	\$ 37,068.42

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE

HISTORY IN FIGURES

1902-1958

Year	Memb.	No. Workers	Tithe	Missions	Sabbath School	Ingathering
1902	13,200	196	\$ 104,572.71	\$24,459.89	\$ 4,255.19	\$
1903	13,486					
1904	14,001	205	101,836.70	18,188.10	6,264.61	
1905	13,840	178	131,702.39	25,159.20	6,824.63	
1906	13,988	169	157,282.40	39,442.88	7,546.33	
1907	9,820	254	116,264.46	41,367.29	6,463.61	
1908	10,036	324	130,067.23	46,433.18	10,195.28	
1909	10,148	316	130,408.04	49,781.88	12,738.79	
1910	9,602	195	135,431.86	55,236.40	12,801.67	
1911	9,343	185	122,759.95	51,559.86	13,119.36	
1912	9,031	161	126,822.16	59,780.91	21,156.08	5,657.19
1913	9,195	195	130,786.34	61,748.23	25,043.31	6,175.36
1914	8,405	152	148,198.82	59,224.19	9,663.47	8,667.85
1915	9,130	149	151,955.85	81,062.88	34,541.24	7,715.27
1916	9,089	153	182,731.43	64,165.19	34,802.44	27,144.16
1917	9,971	148	231,746.63	115,438.21	42,341.55	28,318.25
1918	10,623	164	299,291.30	130,405.17	49,562.26	36,963.63
1919	10,683	164	326,924.13	159,687.59	66,412.14	66,901.94
1920	10,552	156	429,062.24	253,425.56	108,308.17	114,827.03
1921	10,518	131	274,588.80	204,359.49	103,315.20	100,249.15
1922	10,819	135	296,478.50	167,866.13	85,988.58	82,964.86
1923	10,920	128	285,193.55	179,627.19	96,119.06	85,735.44
1924	11,305	122	313,929.20	193,611.62	100,681.92	88,738.79
1925	10,881	124	322,085.31	195,022.79	102,906.88	102,498.67
1926	10,837	138	317,273.02	212,878.92	119,008.70	96,569.90
1927	10,287	142	320,064.94	185,729.48	111,412.43	108,377.98
1928	10,337	137	325,266.11	215,489.50	121,678.52	113,617.34
1929	10,492	132	318,625.01	210,440.65	120,334.19	112,787.84
1930	10,600	133	287,129.32	203,374.02	109,935.65	111,429.96
1931	10,980	115	231,699.52	160,001.43	95,621.78	82,897.76
1932	21,624	169	322,452.28	237,509.92	140,369.10	53,593.30
1933	22,471	182	305,351.83	198,184.94	115,134.90	49,171.96
1934	23,600	201	404,241.27	237,352.10	121,725.60	67,830.51
1935	24,395	202	415,593.99	241,895.85	124,074.63	73,056.89
1936	24,859	233	488,296.17	256,258.04	132,799.53	87,772.98
1937	13,831	144	297,542.59	152,994.86	79,536.77	51,394.69
1938	14,458	148	303,911.49	153,539.93	82,877.84	52,296.54
1939	14,813	147	308,342.82	152,911.78	82,553.16	53,806.19
1940	15,120	151	320,500.12	153,581.46	82,518.07	52,870.79
1941	15,549	185	394,811.13	180,102.72	94,955.20	61,191.45
1942	16,064	213	563,251.44	204,765.65	113,038.80	63,841.09
1943	16,171	359	731,859.22	275,619.50	153,089.47	80,922.38
1944	15,940	391	815,784.70	320,010.98	176,645.85	105,492.74
1945	16,171	223	914,846.71	343,675.30	182,131.40	122,160.10
1946	16,491	390	991,185.80	369,138.42	195,318.68	126,541.16
1947	17,025	393	1,178,085.70	366,646.00	198,685.26	130,737.40
1948	17,510	405	1,228,399.70	415,476.36	226,619.55	142,412.27
1949	17,845	404	1,244,300.80	449,503.06	241,421.71	168,391.16
1950	18,253	434	1,352,152.90	515,222.30	248,310.83	225,046.54
1951	19,247	508	1,551,585.20	554,980.37	263,353.11	249,220.76
1952	20,236	592	1,710,958.50	591,551.58	284,049.57	262,956.59
1953	21,224	601	1,823,080.20	608,354.46	295,937.16	275,078.42
1954	21,939	614	1,880,870.80	607,205.22	296,074.20	277,444.52
1955	22,243	634	1,974,359.93	627,624.86	307,709.82	278,982.93
1956	22,434	605	2,030,845.98	656,919.29	307,860.85	304,669.88
1957	22,629	618	2,192,256.89	677,644.61	319,119.09	309,609.58
1958	23,095	667	2,355,132.72	697,585.47	352,960.34	316,636.55

In the Central Union Conference we have a membership of about twenty units, including medical clinics, nursing homes, a home for handicapped children, et cetera. There are prospects that a number more will join. It is expected that those seeking membership in the Association will make it their business, not only to practice, but to teach through such avenues as may be opened to them, the truth of the third angel's message. The finishing of God's work on the earth depends upon the co-ordinated effort of the whole church, regardless of the position or profession, trade or occupation.

Auditor's Statement

To the Constituency of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists: The Auditing Staff of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has examined the Balance Sheets of the Central Union Conference and its related Association for the close of the years 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958, and the related Statements of Income and Expense for the respective years.

The accompanying summaries of the above-mentioned financial reports are true summaries of the annual audited statements, and in my opinion present fairly the financial position of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its related Association at the close of the years 1955-1958, and the results of their operation for the four-year period.

E. L. BECKER Auditor
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists
Lincoln, Nebraska February 7, 1959

"God is leading a people out from the world upon the exalted platform of eternal truth, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. He will discipline and fit up His people. They will not be at variance, one believing one thing, and another having faith and views entirely opposite; each moving independently of the body. Through the diversity of the gifts and governments that He has placed in the church, they will come to the unity of the faith.

Testimonies to Ministers, page 29

Growth in New Churches and Schools

R. E. SPANGLE, Auditor

The membership of the Central Union Conference at the close of 1958 was 23,095. There are 275 organized churches in the Central Union Conference, with 248 congregations owning their own properties and only 26 congregations occupying rented quarters. The total value of our 248 church buildings is \$2,556,833.00.

There are 78 church schools in the Central Union with 49 schools or 63% operating in separate school buildings. The total value of our school buildings is \$830,880.00.

Some of our church congregations have been worshipping under crowded or congested conditions, while others have been located in undesirable surroundings. Many of our church schools have outgrown their small school rooms or have been conducting school in the basements of their churches. Hence, during the four-year period of 1955-1958, 42 new churches and schools have been built or purchased at a total cost of \$1,941,000.00. We are very grateful for this progress, for it means that for every thirty-five days during this four-year period, a new church or church school building was acquired, with an average cost of \$46,215.00.

The total investment in our four boarding academies, including land, building and equipment, is \$1,609,239.

For all that has been accomplished in the past, we are very grateful and we thank God. We believe that even greater accomplishments lie ahead, for there are still many congregations which need new houses of worship, and we need more fine church schools in which to train our children for God. Let each one here today dedicate his life and his means that the work of God may soon be finished and our Saviour may come for His faithful servants.

HOME MISSIONARY, SABBATH SCHOOL, RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORT

D. E. REINER, Departmental Secretary



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Every report we make that has to do with the services and the sacrifices of our faithful church members, brings us new proof that our people are a wonderful people. When we think of how much is involved in carrying forward

a balanced program in the churches and conferences, the multiplicity of details to consider, and the progress made from year to year, during the good and the bad years, we come to the conclusion that our ministers, pastors, and district leaders are a loyal, hard-working group of honest, God-fearing faithful men.

Because of this faithfulness on the part of all, we are able to render reports which show growth and progress from year to year. But above all that can be done by all of us put together, we owe our very existence, as well as our success in the Lord's work, to a loving heavenly Father who helps us, guides us, and abundantly blesses us in every undertaking.

Our Literature Work

Because we sincerely believe that the literature, coming in the form of tracts, periodicals, magazines, and books, will play a vital part in the finishing of God's work, we have been putting forth stronger efforts than ever to enlarge its distribution. The Lord has surely blessed us during these past four years. There were 1,332,450 pieces of literature distributed from house to house during our field adventuring days, which come twice each year, as well as by our members in their many soul-winning activities, which shows an increase of over 30 per cent over the

previous period. During this period, we have changed the *Signs* from a weekly to a monthly. A new interest was awakened, and our subscriptions came in in even larger numbers. This magazine shows a steady gain from year to year. Our union stands fifth in the per capita subscription lists in the Pacific Press territory. One hundred and twenty-two thousand (122,000) subscriptions during the period represents an outlay of nearly \$170,000.

The *Message Magazine* also has been beautified. Our dear people in the Central States have given it loyal support and are more than doing their share in raising subscriptions for this wonderful magazine.

Our Humanitarian Work

During this period, large sections of our territory suffered considerably from hurricanes and floods. Our dear people stepped in with courage and enthusiasm to bring relief to the hopeless and the helpless souls and contributed clothes, food, and money in ever larger quantities. Many of them devoted, not only hours, but days and weeks to this type of work. During this period, we greatly enlarged some of our church welfare centers. New buildings were constructed in our big centers in strategic places where humanity's needs are so great. We appreciate the help given by the General, union, and local conferences in bringing relief to the suffering.

As we follow the evaluation plan for these services in cash, in harmony with our General Conference policy, we can give a report of \$2,745,000.00 worth of services rendered during the past period, which is 38 per cent more than we had during the former period. There were 342,000 individuals helped. Once more we find proof that, "when-ever there is a hungry mouth and a naked body and a broken heart, there

"Many who are qualified to do excellent work accomplish little because they attempt little." Gospel Workers, page 291

lies the challenge of the church," and our people have gladly accepted this challenge and are doing their best.

Lay Evangelism

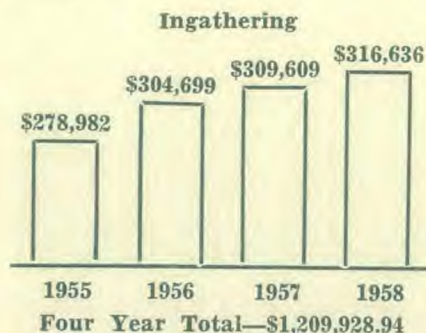
We are happy to report at this time a group of 1,027 lay preachers and lay Bible Instructors on whom we can count in this great lay evangelism program. This large number remained after careful checking and rechecking of the names we have on our lists. These faithful soul winners go forth at their own expense, providing themselves with their own equipment, with literature, and travel thousands of miles with but little financial help from the church or the conference. We have appreciated what our executives have done for us in bringing these lay workers together from year to year for instruction, inspiration, and direction. There is hardly a baptism conducted anywhere in our field but what these faithful laymen come forward and present their trophies. Our ministers and district leaders have discovered that these loyal workers are a real asset to them in their soul-winning work and are giving us wonderful support.

Bible Correspondence Schools

We have at present five local conference schools. While we are not satisfied with the results in numbers baptized, we have discovered that they are doing a thorough work, and those baptized resulting from this work, become loyal, faithful Seventh-day Adventists. During the four years, we baptized 4936, and of this number the correspondence schools report 482.

Harvest Ingathering

The total Ingathering funds raised during the four years just closed amounted to \$1,209,928.94. The 1959 campaign just closed shows another great gain over the previous year. The following graph will indicate the growth from year to year of this great mission enterprise:

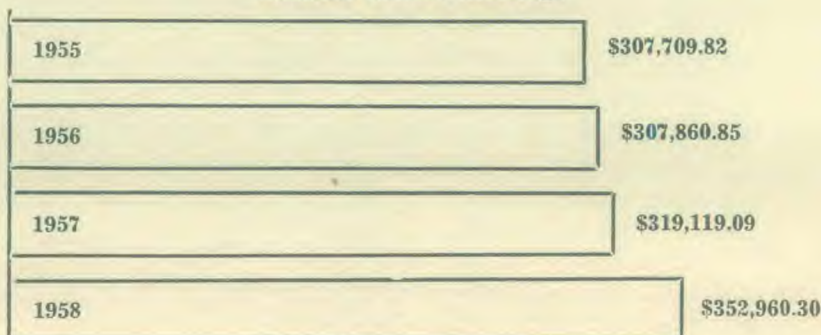


During the time your secretary has been permitted to work in this union, the growth of the Ingathering campaign in this union has been phenomenal; namely, from \$81,000.00 to \$325,000.00 for 1959 or a gain of some 400 per cent, which we think is a record, and we doubt if any other union could show a much larger gain during this period of

set our goals to raise our membership 10 per cent, our attendance 10 per cent, our offerings 10 per cent, and our Branch Sabbath schools one for every Sabbath school in our field. We are working hard to make this a reality.

The growth from year to year in Sabbath school giving is shown in the following graph:

Sabbath School Offerings



Four Year Total—\$1,287,650.06

time. Considering the millions of magazines and leaflets distributed from house to house, contacts made, new interests stirred up, this campaign can be considered the most extensive soul-winning crusade of the year.

Sabbath School Department

Of the 23,095 church members in our union, we now have 22,446 enrolled in our Sabbath schools with a weekly attendance of 18,316. These faithful souls who have attended from week to week, have brought in the large sum of \$1,287,650.06 during this period. Our people love to hear and to talk about foreign missions. We have conducted statewide Sabbath School Officers' meetings in every conference, which have contributed so much in making improvements in our membership, and, we believe, were responsible for the fine showing in our total giving to missions. Our per capita is also rising. We are not satisfied but encouraged as we look at these figures.

We have also made a most encouraging beginning in the conduct of our Vacation Bible Schools in the past two years. Last year we had over 4,000 in attendance, 60 per cent of these came from non-Adventist homes. Many of these have now joined the mother Sabbath schools in our churches. Some have been baptized. Others are attending church schools and JMV Summer Camps. For the coming year, we have

Radio and Television

We like to think of the three angels (or messengers) flying through the midst of heaven with God's last message to the world, as the *Voice of Prophecy*, *Faith for Today*, and *It Is Written*. Each one fills a very definite place in the work of God. Through these heaven-appointed agencies, we can now carry the message of God to every man's door. For this scattered territory, we must rely upon these agencies more and more, or we will never see our work done. The willingness of our world leaders, our union and local conferences, as well as our churches, to invest large sums of money in these great enterprises is one of the most encouraging signs of a quick work. The hearts of our people have been stirred, and they are throwing themselves into the follow-up work with new faith and new courage, for here they see the possibility of a great harvest and the gathering in of souls for the kingdom of God. The *It Is Written* program is now on eleven broadcasting stations in our union.

As we consider all of these facts brought together in this report, and think of the possibilities of doing more and more from time to time, and God's blessings above and in all that we do, it makes us want to sing with new faith in the future—"Oh, we see the gleams of the golden morning piercing through this night of gloom."

PUBLISHING and TEMPERANCE REPORT

J. F. KENT, Departmental Secretary



J. F. Kent

Brother Chairman,
Delegates and
Friends:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction at this time and on this occasion to be able to bring an encouraging, progressive report of the Publishing work during the past four

years here in the Central Union.

In the light of the following accomplishments, we, first of all, are led to TRULY say: "TO GOD BE THE GLORY." And then to Elder C. G. Cross, his associate publishing leaders in the field and Bible houses, the Literature Evangelists, all conference workers, and officers in the union and local fields, we can RIGHTFULLY say: "TO THESE BE THE CREDIT."

For the first time in the history of the Central Union, we are able to report subscription literature in terms of a million in actual deliveries during the past quadrennium. Here is how it looks and sounds: \$1,073,110.69. This represents a gain over the previous four years of more than one third of a million, or, to be exact, \$351,307.69.

Here is the way we finally moved into the millionaire class at the close of 1958: The subscription literature delivered in 1955 amounted to \$253,713.00; 1956, \$280,830.05; 1957, \$235,869.50. Then at the close of 1958 our hearts were made glad as we noted \$302,698.14 delivered for the year.

At this time let us see through and beyond these cold figures the scores of thousands of the most powerful silent messengers shedding forth their light in the darkened homes here and there throughout our beautiful and challenging territory. And remember, "The same

ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 316.

Please note this: literally scores have been baptized already who were first contacted by the Literature Evangelist. Then think of the thousands of homes where these ambassadors for Christ have taken the sick, troubled, and discouraged ones to the Lord in prayer. Oh, yes, there have been multiplied scores enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Schools, a number of whom have already taken their stand for the truth. Reflect, for a moment, upon the many who have been personally invited to attend evangelistic meetings and also the Sabbath services. And I would not fail to remind you of the thousands of pieces of free literature that these soldiers of the Cross distribute each year: Last, but not least, has been the silent, powerful influence exerted by these consecrated workers. A noted leader has well said:

"The people who purchase a book will read it, having before them a mental photograph of the face, conduct, and spirit of the man who sold it to them; and this silent influence will weigh heavily in the decisions they make for or against the truth."—*General Conference Bulletin*, 1895, p. 438.

Truly the servant of the Lord was inspired to say: "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order," (*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 5) and it "is a most successful way of saving souls" (*Ibid.*, p. 33).

In the light of these inspiring facts, surely we can unitedly and enthusiastically thank God anew that, in His DIVINE PROVIDENCE, He instituted this powerful publishing work into the remnant church from the very start of the Advent Movement, which enabled His present truth message to begin with convicting power, and at the same time

assuring us that, largely through this same mighty agency, the final message will swell into the loud cry and the whole earth (the Central Union) will be lightened with the glory of God.

It is only logical that, since the publishing work is of Divine origin, we should have a Divine Blueprint to guide us in all of our promotion, planning and carrying out of our plans. Often I find myself thanking God and taking new courage because of the pointed and timely counsel which makes crystal clear God's PLAN and PURPOSE regarding Literature Evangelism.

For example, the Divine Blueprint calls for a careful selection of consecrated brethren and sisters from EACH CHURCH and DISTRICT who, through proper and thorough training, under the blessing of God, can go forth and really succeed as Literature Evangelists from every angle, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL.

"In all parts of the field canvassers should be selected, not from the floating element in society, not from among men and women who are good for nothing else and have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 28.

Again, the servant of the Lord said: "I have been instructed that even where the people hear the message from the living preacher, the canvasser should carry on his work in co-operation with the minister."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 315.

The Literature Evangelist is not only to precede the minister and the public evangelist and go where neither of these can, but, you notice, he is to WORK IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE MINISTER. This fits in perfectly with the Ten-Point Evangelistic Program for the Central Union.

The result of following the Divine counsel in this respect is clearly set forth in the following quotation. "The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way."—*Ibid.*, p. 316.

As we all earnestly work together to recruit and train the right type of Literature Evangelists, we will soon see EACH DISTRICT MANNED ACCORDING TO THE DIVINE PLAN. As publishing leaders, we are challenged to train workers to successfully place in the homes MESSAGE-FILLED UNITS. This simply means that, along

with the wonderful children's books, we must also include such books as *Great Controversy*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Daniel and the Revelation*, and *Bible Readings*, together with our health publications. This, then HONESTLY and RIGHTFULLY represents a MESSAGE-FILLED UNIT.

The sowing of such seeds of truth in the homes NOW will result in a rich harvest of souls a little while from NOW.

Book and Bible Houses

"The printed page is therefore essential, not only in awakening them to the importance of the truth for this time, but in rooting and grounding them in the truth, and establishing them against deceptive error." —*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 8.

In the light of this factual statement, and also in the light of what our eyes have seen and our ears have heard through the years, it is clear that our literature has a three-fold effect: (1) it brings honest hearts into the message, (2) it roots and grounds them in the message, and (3) it establishes them against deceptive error.

The above picture immediately puts our Book and Bible Houses in their rightful and true light. The Book and Bible Houses can and should be the very hub of all evangelistic endeavors, from the angle of helping to bring converts into the message and also KEEPING them in the message. Great possibilities for GAIN or LOSS in SOULS evolve around our Book and Bible Houses.

The right vision of our Book and Bible Houses leads us to look upon them as "spiritual service stations," as it were, where the shelves are properly stocked with the various items that will meet and satisfy the needs of our people, as well as those out in the highways and by-ways—"service stations" where the most sincere and courteous and efficient service is rendered to conference workers, Literature Evangelists, and laymen. I am glad that our Book and Bible Houses came into the picture under the direction of the Lord and that they were established for service and are playing a most important part in the evangelical program of the conferences.

The Book and Bible Houses in the Central Union are manned with efficient, consecrated leadership. In a recent series of publishing surveys, we were pleased to find all of them in good, sound financial condition.

Trade Book Sales

A DOUBLE CONCERN and a DOUBLE BURDEN should CONTINUALLY WEIGH HEAVILY upon the hearts of all leaders in our churches and conferences. Not only must we all be concerned and burdened to see our literature go into the homes of those outside the fold, but we should be equally concerned and burdened to see that each Seventh-day Adventist home has in its library the *Testimonies for the Church*, *Conflict of the Ages Series*, and other good books that occasionally come from our publishing houses, and at the same time we need to earnestly encourage and pray that these books will be read, keeping ever in mind Paul's counsel to Timothy, "Till I come, give attendance to reading." 1 Tim. 4:13.

"He who does faithful work outside of the pulpit will accomplish tenfold more than he who confines his labors to the desk." Vol. 9, page 124

A proper circulation, plus an earnest and prayerful reading of the *Testimonies* and *Conflict Series*, would produce amazing results within Seventh-day Adventist homes and within our church membership of the Central Union.

A veteran college Bible instructor has rightfully and timely said: "The *Testimonies for the Church* and the *Conflict Series* books contain THE ELIJAH MESSAGE."

Just think: If these particular books were in every Seventh-day Adventist home throughout our territory and were being prayerfully studied by grandparents, parents, young people, and children, we would most certainly see the "hearts of the fathers" turning "to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17. When this becomes a reality (1) family altars will be restored; (2) the attendance at prayer meetings will greatly increase; (3) more of our young people will be seen in our schools; (4) there will be an abundance in the church and conference treasuries to support every phase of the work within the churches and the conferences because of the multiplied faithfulness of our people in their tithes and offerings; (5) the apostasies will be kept down to a

very minimum; (6) a burden for souls and a missionary zeal will so possess hearts that there will be sufficient workers for every branch of God's cause, INCLUDING THE GREAT, NEGLECTED FIELD OF LITERATURE EVANGELISM.

Surely, it is high time that we awakened to the present situation and need and begin in a most sincere way to PLAN, PRAY, AND WORK to the end that WHAT COULD BE, WILL BE.

New S.D.A. Credit Purchase Plan

No, this is not to encourage credit buying necessarily, for our people, both old and young, need no encouragement in this respect, for many have already, because of necessity, formed the habit, and are in good practice. But this opportunity and practical plan will encourage Seventh-day Adventists that are buying other things on the installment plan, to also include these essential books which many are not able, under their circumstances, to pay cash for.

This plan, properly handled, can well prove to be the very encouragement that a large number of our people need at this time to help in the purchasing of literature that should be in their homes. The Central Union Conference Committee voted this on December 14, 1958, and it reads as follows:

"That at the discretion of the Publishing Committee of the local conference, the Credit Purchase Plan be made available to Seventh-day Adventist customers of the Book and Bible Houses of the Central Union.

"The Credit Purchase Plan is to be patterned after the standard revolving credit plan whereby the customer indicates the amount he is able to pay per month, thereby selecting his credit maximum which is four times the monthly payment he chooses. In this manner a credit would be paid off in four months.

"A Credit Purchase Plan customer may add to his account at any time up to the maximum credit he has selected.

"At a designated time each month a service charge of 1½ per cent of the unpaid balance will be added to the account. The maximum credit allowable on this account shall be \$60.00. All Credit Purchase Plan accounts shall be figured on a four-month basis. Acceptance of a suitable credit application will constitute the agreement whereby a customer is granted the privilege of the Credit Pur-

chase Plan, it being understood that the Book and Bible House manager shall limit credit sales within the limits of his available capital."

The Present Urgent Need and Possibilities

To meet the ringing challenge of this late, unprecedented hour, we need NOW one hundred full-time CONSECRATED, TALENTED, EFFICIENT Literature Evangelists, who are capable of averaging from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a year in actual deliveries. These, plus a number of regular part-time workers, together with the students, during the summer months, would give us an annual delivery of well over \$1,000,000.00.

I can envision, as a result of a STRONG, WELL-ORGANIZED PROGRAM to follow through on the interests of such workers, an average of at least three baptisms for each \$10,000.00 worth of literature delivered. This is not visionary only. Will it not be a grand and glorious day to see more than \$1,000,000.00 worth of our literature delivered here in the Central Union each year and to witness between 300 and 400 baptisms, and, with the eye of faith, see the day fast approaching when, as we are told, "more than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885. Such accomplishments can be realized with a CONSECRATED, CONCENTRATED leadership in the publishing work, under the blessing of heaven, together with the continued wholehearted co-operation of all concerned.

PROSPERITY Is Heaven's Plan for the Publishing Work

"I must see the publishing work PROSPER. It is interwoven with my very existence. If I forget the interests of this work, let my right hand forget her cunning."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 107.

Real prosperity in this work means that our literature will be circulated "like the leaves of autumn," which calls for a definite revival in the circulation of our beautiful magazines. To meet this need, a new auxiliary plan was voted at the last Autumn Council and by our Union Conference Committee. You will become acquainted with this timely program through your local conference. And let us ever remember that MORE LITERATURE GOING OUT MEANS MORE SOULS COMING IN—OUR OBJECTIVE IS SOULS, OUR METHOD, LITERATURE.

"Believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20.

As Publishing Leaders of the Central Union, we have purposed in our hearts to conscientiously order our daily lives and promote this God-given work according to the Divine Blueprint. By doing this, I am confident we may expect and enjoy the blessing of heaven upon our combined labors and at the same time merit the confidence and co-operation of all workers throughout THIS GREAT, CHALLENGING CENTRAL UNION and rejoice together as real PROSPERITY permeates the publishing program.

Temperance

I regret to state that the brewers and tobacco companies are experiencing an ever-growing and expanding business. The liquor outlets are constantly increasing.

The Methodist Board of Temperance states:

"The number of establishments in the United States licensed to sell beer, wine, or distilled liquor exceeds by more than 131,000 the total of all churches, synagogues, and other places of religious worship. . . . There are 275,826 licensed sellers of liquor and 162,057 drinking places selling beer only. Compared with the total of 437,883 drinking places, there are only 306,893 places of worship."

Speaking of churches, you perhaps noticed in the newspaper several weeks ago an account of a prominent church council that voted to recommend and adopt social drinking within their church, and even went so far as to put a halo around the bottle, stating that liquor is a gift from God.

This incident reminds me of a parrot's experience as related by a fellow passenger on the train the other day. A certain bartender had owned and kept a parrot for a few years in a saloon. One day the bartender got to thinking it might be a good idea to take the parrot to church occasionally, thus affording him a change of environment. The following Sunday night the bartender had an invitation to a church social to be

held in the basement of a large city church. On arrival, the crowd had gathered and the pastor was standing up front making announcements. The bartender, with the parrot, was ushered up the extreme right aisle near the front, while the pastor quietly paused and watched with interest. As the bartender was about to be seated, the alert parrot, from his vantage point, glanced over the congregation. Then, looking in the direction of the pastor, the parrot, with a loud, clear voice, said, "SAME OLD GANG—JUST A DIFFERENT BARTENDER!"

We have in our possession a most powerful and timely weapon with which to inform and educate the public to understand the evils of liquor and tobacco. We can truly thank God for this very attractive and effective magazine called *Listen*. It should become the burden and responsibility of each church and each member to see that *Listen* goes regularly to lawyers, ministers, teachers, and other public officials, and also into the public libraries and homes. As we return to our fields of labor, let us determine to work as never before, and do our full duty in helping to counteract the influence of these two great enemies of mankind.

Appreciation

To my fellow Publishing Leaders in the field and Book and Bible Houses, to my fellow Literature Evangelists, to my President and Treasurer, to my fellow Departmental Secretaries of the union and my office secretary, to all personnel of the Pacific Press and the Central Branch, to our President of our college and faculty members, to the Managers of our Sanitariums and Board Members, to our Conference Presidents and Committee Members, to our Principals of our academies and faculty members, to all our Conference Workers, Pastors and church elders—from the depth of my heart, I sincerely say, Thank you—THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your past, present, and future co-operation with the publishing and temperance program of the Central Union. It has and is and will be most encouraging and greatly appreciated.

"Let ministers and evangelists have more seasons of earnest prayer with those who are convicted by the truth."

Gospel Workers, page 65

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS, WAR SERVICE, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, EDUCATION REPORT

W. A. HOWE, Departmental Secretary



W. A. Howe

TO THE ASSEMBLED
DELEGATES OF THE
SEVENTEENTH QUAD-
RENNIAL SESSION OF
THE CENTRAL UNION
CONFERENCE,
GREETINGS:

Compared to eternity the four years included in the quadrennium just completed are microscopic. Yet the activities of the various departments I represent should appropriately be examined at this session. In submitting this brief report there is no feeling of complacency or self-satisfaction on the part of any of us who are associated in the work of these departments. Indeed, by God's standards the advances that will be indicated in this report give no reason for comfortable apathy. You, the delegates, should know what has transpired so with an educator's objectivity this report is being submitted.

In the first place any union secretary's report is a reflection of the work of the men associated with him in the local conferences. In the beginning of this report it should be crystal clear that the men who man these important posts in the local conferences making up the Central Union make this report possible. That you may know them, I am asking them to stand at this time. They are Elders James H. Jones, Jr., Lee Carter, H. E. Haas, E. Frank Sherrill, G. C. Williamson, and J. L. Dittberner. These men with Miss Delphine Watson, elementary supervisor in Colorado, and my faithful secretary, Mrs. Norris Lewis, have given yeomen service in these departments.

Some changes in the personnel of these fields have taken place. On my arrival in the field at the beginning of

the quadrennium Elder Winston Dennis was the local conference secretary in Missouri and Elder Ellsworth Reile was leading out in these departments in Kansas. When Elder Dennis decided to drop out of the work to study on an advanced degree, Brother R. E. Perrin presently the principal of Sunnysdale Academy was installed as Missionary Volunteer secretary and superintendent of the Department of Education in Missouri. Subsequently when the principalship was assigned to Brother Perrin, Elder E. Frank Sherrill was called to this position.

In the Kansas Conference the vacancy created by Elder Reile's accepting a call to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Missionary Volunteer Department was filled by Elder H. E. Haas. The other fields have maintained their same leadership throughout the period. This sort of stability is, in my opinion, a most desirable factor in building an ongoing program in any department. It has proven to be very worth while in our group.

Until the present time more than one department is sponsored from my office. It is necessary, therefore, to report on them one at a time. I shall begin with the Missionary Volunteer Department.

No concern of our parents or our church leadership should be more intense than that which is held for the boys, the girls and young people of the homes that make up the church. It is from this frame of reference that the Missionary Volunteer Department devotes itself to the winning, the saving, and the holding of our young people. Rather than bore you with figures, I make a hurried comparison: Take any Sabbath school in the union, notice the usual large group of children—from babyhood to 10 years of age. Then see

a slightly smaller number ages 10-16. But be ready for the shock when you see how few there are in the church between 16 and 25. Judging by the Sabbath school enrollments of the primary and intermediate young people, we would have added more than twice as many by baptism, in addition to those that were baptized, if we had only held our own young people.

With this in mind the departmental thrust has been to aim carefully at various age groups and reach them where they are. With an inner conviction that this effort would pay the biggest dividends with the younger group of young people the Pathfinder program has been strongly promoted during this period. From a start at point zero in 1953 the number of active Pathfinder members has grown to 897 in 1958. Admittedly, this is still substantially short of the 2,205 junior Sabbath school members reported for the Central Union in September 30, 1958. However, there are currently forty-eight clubs operating throughout the union and the idea is growing. This sort of program requires trained leadership drawn from laymen who are qualified, willing and dedicated to serve the boys and girls, to the end that they will give their hearts to Jesus while still young and remain true to Him into adulthood.

To meet this need a great number of Pathfinder leadership courses have been conducted throughout the union. Excellent materials of instruction have been provided. Elder Lee Carter of the Colorado Conference was one of the committee who authored the Pathfinder Leadership manual for the world field. With the basic information given these lay leaders, they have coupled their own ingenuity with the enlightenment and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and have been a most effective force working for younger children.

Pathfinder classes with the strong emphases on nature and camping only emphasizes the interest of boys and girls in the camping program of the department. My predecessor in this depart-

Pathfinders

	1955	1956	1957	1958
Total MV				
Pathfinder				
Membership	671	627	914	897
Active				
Clubs	27	29	37	48
Camporee	0	2	1	3
Fair	1	1	3	3

ment, Elder G. R. Fattie, was one of the leaders in the very first Junior Camp ever sponsored by this denomination. From that small beginning in Michigan many years ago the number attending our camps has grown consistently. In 1955 there were 488 campers enrolled in the camps held in the Central Union. By 1958 that number had increased to 784. Percentage-wise this means that in the four-year period there has been a 60.7% increase in the number attending these JMV Summer Camps.

Camping

	1955	1956	1957	1958
JMV Camps	5	7	6	7
Attendance (JMV)	488	657	734	784
Decisions for Christ	81	114	178	214
Senior Camp	0	3	2	5
Attendance (Senior)	0	690	675	1057

The real purpose in holding these camps, always foremost in the minds of our conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries, is to secure a decision for Christ from every boy or girl attending the camp who has not previously made such a decision. Of the total number attending the camps in 1955, 81 decisions for Christ were counted or 16.6%. In 1958 there were 214 decisions for Christ indicated by those attending or 27.3% of those attending. From this it would seem that our camps, while attracting more boys and girls to the camps, are at the same time more effective in reaching the hearts with the love of the One who loved boys and girls.

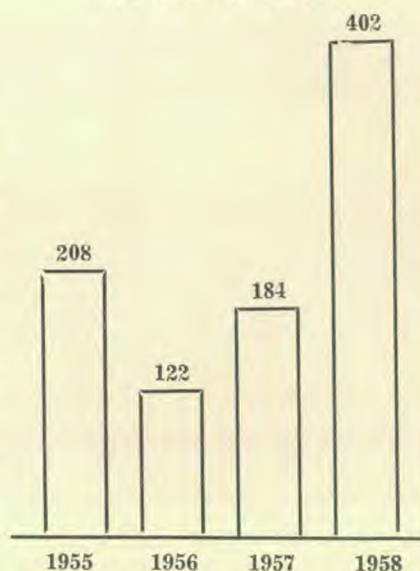
For the young people's program as a whole there have been rallies, Senior Summer Camps, various projects, Leadership Courses and a continuing program of co-operation with all the activities of the church. Indeed, the Missionary Volunteer age group from 10 to 30 years inclusive is just that—an age group of the church program.

One of the notable projects of the Missionary Volunteer Societies of the Central Union came during the Golden Anniversary year of the Missionary Volunteer Department—1957. As a memorial to this year the North American Missionary Volunteers asked the General Conference for a missionary project to which they might contribute an offering from North American young people. They were assigned a \$30,000 project

of improving our school in Madagascar which otherwise would have been closed by the government. The Central Union was the first union in North America to turn in its full quota on this project and still remains the highest percentage above the assigned quota raised anywhere in North America.

Each year in the spring a special week of spiritual emphasis, beamed particularly to young people and known as MV Week of Prayer, is suggested throughout the union. During this period being covered in this report 916 baptisms or definite decisions to be baptized were reported. According to the figures supplied my office from the secretarial department, there were 5772 baptisms in the Central Union during this four-year period. This means then that 15.9% of the baptisms throughout the union came as

MV Week of Prayer



Young people 30 years and younger—Decisions for Christ and those baptized

a result of the MV Week of Prayer alone. This tells just one story: The district leaders, pastors, Bible Instructors and school teachers have all joined to really reach our young people during these weeks of special effort in their behalf.

A new approach to our young people in our colleges has been initiated. Certain developments had given cause for concern to the MV leaders in North America. The General Conference recently launched a nation-wide survey of MV activities in our colleges. From this survey a new program for reaching young people in our colleges developed.

More of this will be in evidence in the near future. This is further indication of the widening scope of the Missionary Volunteer Department planning.

For your consideration a table on page 20 of this report will show the statistics for the four years of Missionary Volunteer activity.

As we view the future from the standpoint of this department it can be said with accuracy that our glory is not in the past. The future is most challenging in its prospect for young people and their relation to it. Our effectiveness as youth leaders will depend on our ability to convincingly portray the values that accrue to the truly consecrated person.

The War Service Commission

This Commission at the General Conference level has been merged with the Missionary Volunteer Department. At the union and local conference level they are by General Conference recommendation maintained as separate assignments—in some fields the two offices are held by different people. In the Central Union the Missionary Volunteer secretary of each conference has been assigned the work of the War Service Commission. Until the General Conference Session in 1958 the War Service Commission had two responsibilities. It was concerned with all matters pertaining to our young men and women in service, and, in addition, the over-all chairmanship of the union and local conference Civil Defense committees. The complete direction of Civil Defense activities has been handed over to the Home Missionary Department since June of 1958.

Because the Civil Defense activities of the various states are usually headed by the same personnel who directs Selective Service and/or National Guard of the State, the War Service Commission secretaries found quick and enthusiastic acceptance of our offer to fit into the National Civil Defense effort. The Home Missionary Department did an outstanding work in disaster relief and welfare work. The many other phases of Civil Defense were promoted by the War Service Commission secretaries. For one thing, hundreds of our believers have received Standard or Advanced First Aid training from Seventh-day Adventist instructors. This training may, of course, never be needed in a war time situation. It may not even be needed in a disaster from natural causes. It is, on the other hand, certain to be of great

value to every home to have at least one individual trained in simple First Aid. Thousands of hours have been donated by our workers and laymen in providing this training. The Missouri and Nebraska Conferences arranged for all their workers to be trained as First Aid instructors so they could in turn teach at least one class of Standard and Advanced First Aid in their churches and districts, preparing the way for the local conference War Service Commission secretary, to train instructors in each and every district.

We are fortunate to have in our union Miss Alice Smith the Director of the School of Nursing at Union College. She has done outstanding work in the varied Civil Defense training of nurses as well as school and hospital personnel. She has been recognized nationally for her work and is presently a member of the president's Council on Civil Defense matters.

A meeting of the Central Union Civil Defense chairmen with the regional directors of Civil Defense resulted in a very comprehensive program in which they would like our church as a denomination to take the lead. It is hoped

that all our churches will enthusiastically work with the Home Missionary Department as they carry forward this great program of civic responsibility.

In the interest of our men and women in the Armed Services of our nation, we have kept close contact with the varied military installations throughout the Central Union. This has brought about an excellent relationship between our pastors and the officers and chaplains of these bases. Occasionally the arrival of some new officer unacquainted with Adventists or their beliefs creates what might become a very serious problem. Many times the local pastor is able to explain our position satisfactorily by phone or personal interview. Now and then the local conference War Service Commission secretary is called in on the case. Only rarely does such a problem reach the union office so effective has been this attention to good public relations. There have been no actual court martials over Sabbath problems in the Central Union during the period covered by this report.

On occasion parents or loved ones of these service personnel seek our help

in contacting them. Usually these are young people who have strayed or who need counsel. Such experiences are rewarding to us personally and at the same time provide spiritual help to those involved.

Attendance by young men from the Central Union at the national Medical Cadet Camp has grown each year. For various reasons the number of corps operated in our academies has decreased. A lack of adequately trained instructors is the usual difficulty. The value of this training to the young men who enter military service is indisputable. Thus it might be urged that parents request our secondary schools to meet this important need in the life of every Seventh-day Adventist young man. The college maintains a Medical Cadet unit which is inspected annually by representatives from the General Conference.

Industrial Relations

The history of labor unions during the last four years has been marked by intense activity by way of organization. In spite of this stepped up tempo of organization, the calls to our office for help from members of our churches who find themselves in difficulty have decreased markedly. There are perhaps two things that bring this about: First, our people are understanding our denominational position in these matters better, and, secondly, the local conference's Industrial Relations secretary is handling more of the routine problems that arise.

It would seem that difficulties in this area will increase as the end draws near. This suggests a need for more careful instruction to our people regarding their relationships to these organizations.

Education

Perhaps no phase of our vast organized work demands more consecrated skill and professional competence than education. According to the Spirit of prophecy, education is the nicest work ever given to man—and the most difficult. To be involved in the work "to restore the image of God in the soul" requires not only dedication and high professional competence but also an experimental knowledge of the things of God. Certain educational leaders indicate that education should be free from indoctrination, simply conveying to the on-coming generation their social heritage of learnings and understandings thus far accumulated by civilization. The very reason for operating our schools makes this sort of thinking unacceptable to us. Indeed it is one of the purposes of our

CENTRAL UNION COMPARATIVE MV REPORT FOR THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958

	1955	1956	1957*	1958
No. Societies	210	209	208	232
Societies Reporting	149	157	145	170
Membership	4693	4763	4663	4978
Members Reporting	2896	3348	3042	3552
Executive Meetings	440	289	323	396
Young People Baptized	575	489	538	588
Baptized Won by Young People	27	36	39	30
Observing Morning Watch	2664	2487	2513	2861
Bible Year or C. C. Issued	722	334	111	517
Book Club Cert. Issued	1727	1871	1653	1844
MV Honors Issued	2121	1785	2842	3885
Number Invested as				
Friends	238	266	384	490
Companions	93	138	173	232
Guides	27	28	53	48
Master Guides	52	36	41	40
Bible Readings or Gospel Mtgs.	3029	3230	3186	2787
Missionary Contacts	73590	49069	134852	66890
Literature Distributed	335159	278105	303571	287081
Articles of Clothing Given	24200	18970	23599	20975
Cash to Local Welfare	\$2873.07	\$2311.11	\$2578.03	\$1715.51
Food Baskets	4502	1966	2142	1737
Hours Christian Help Work	25892	30723	31641	22929
Persons Helped	9338	12492	13774	9129
Offerings for Local Society	\$2898.00	\$4373.74	\$4053.66	\$3993.07
Ingathering	\$58197.97	\$43773.48	\$60098.17	\$70853.32
Special Projects	\$936.81	\$389.01	\$2658.79	\$3170.25

*This report lacks one quarterly report from one conference.

schools that every student should be "indoctrinated" with the teachings of Jesus so their characters will be indelibly marked with Jesus' love and redemption.

We are left with no uncertainty as to a pattern of education. The Spirit of prophecy clearly defines the work of Christian education. There therefore devolves upon those charged with educational leadership an enormous responsibility to apply these principles within the framework of the pattern with the very highest possible professional skill. The Bible and the Spirit of prophecy provide the material for education; professional training is the means for accomplishing the objectives of Christian education.

This quadrennium has been marked by a tremendous awakening of public interest in education. Triggered by the seeming Russian superiority in the field of science as evidenced by placing Sputnik I in orbit in October of 1957, education has been subjected to the most searching scrutiny. Parents and patrons alike, not to mention many within the profession of education, have suddenly become vehemently vocal in their demands for sounder education. The overtones of this re-evaluation of education have been good for us. The State Departments of Education have become stiffer in their demands for professional competence. The content of our courses have come under close examination. Higher quality in both teaching and course content are being demanded.

Thanks to an alert educational leadership at the General Conference level, provision for this upgrading in our schools had already been provided. New requirements for certification had already been adopted. When Sputnik ascended to its orbit our Central Union Educational Board had already made provision for assisting our teachers in securing advanced degrees. This was perfect timing.

Parochial schools, ours included, are increasingly suspects in the eyes of the State Department of Education. The controls on our schools by these state officers of education have been tightened noticeably. So far we are meeting or preceding them in their demands. These regulatory measures have only forced us to do what we should have already been doing, if we had followed the teachings of the Spirit of prophecy. We cannot, however, plan indefinitely to staff our elementary schools with teachers with less preparation than a bachelor's de-

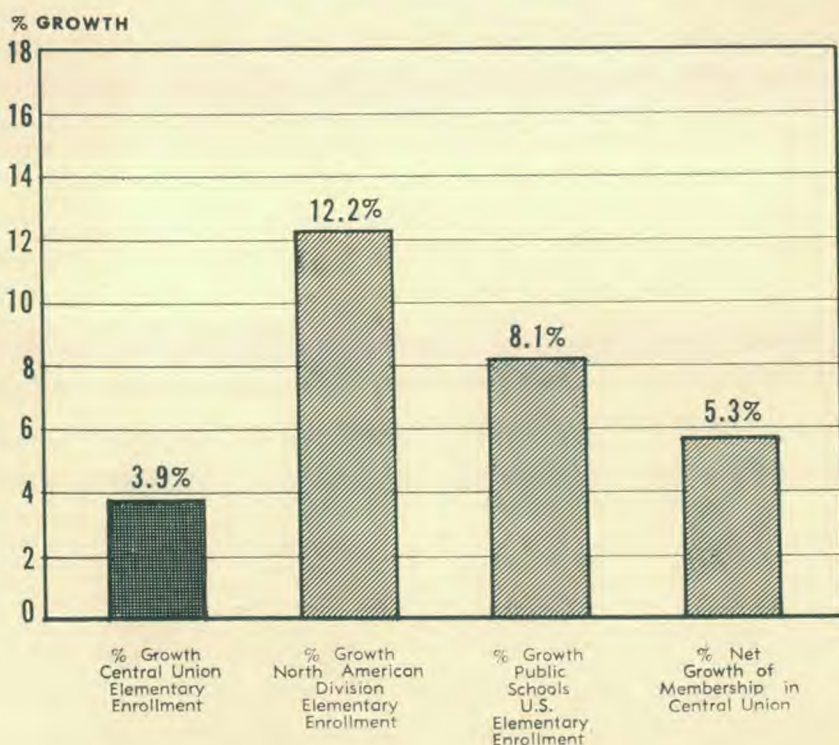
gree. In just a short time we will have to demand a master's degree for teachers in our schools.

These higher educational attainment requirements in the face of the shortage of supply of properly trained teachers has complicated the work of the local conference superintendent. However, in nearly every case the teachers being hired from the teacher training schools and being called from other fields are better trained than those teachers they replace. Each conference is also concentrating on raising the level of training among the teachers who continue to work in their fields.

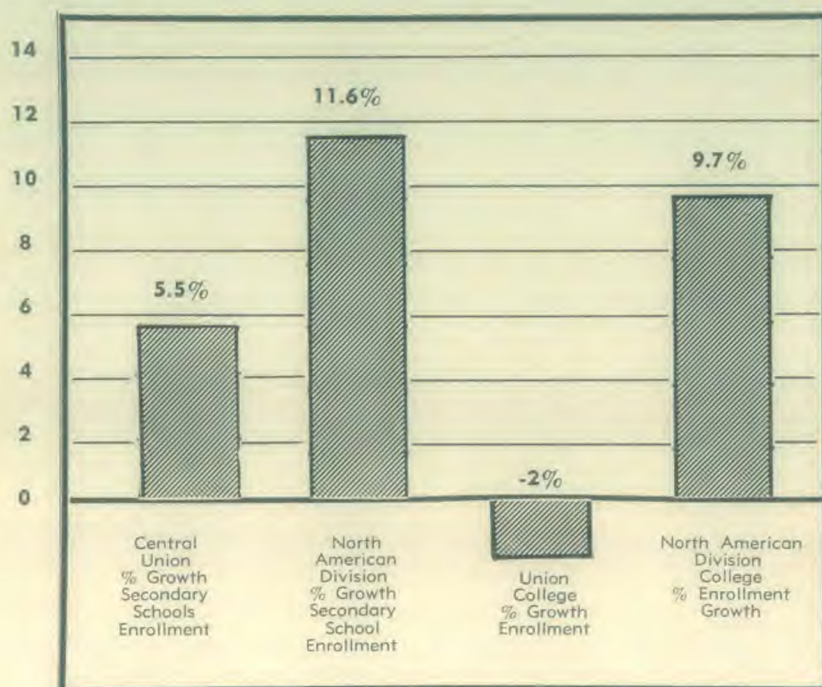
Enrollment-wise the elementary schools have not increased in the same proportion as the denominational pattern, nor as the public schools of the country. With relation to our membership we are showing up more poorly every year. Our opening enrollment of elementary school pupils in 1955-56 showed nine church school pupils for every 100 church members. That ratio has declined every year until the 1958-59 school year shows an elementary school enrollment of 8.2 pupils for every 100 church members. To compare our union with the other conferences and unions this ratio of church school pupils to church members is 44th among the 66 conferences and unions of the North American Division.

This probably means we have had greater increases in baptisms than we have had increases in church school enrollments. Or to put it in another way, the percentage of added membership by way of baptism in the Central Union is not reflected by a like percentage of increase in the enrollments of the church schools. This could also mean that our people have lost confidence in the doctrine of Christian education and are not sending their children to our schools. Probably the first suggestion is more accurate. In either case we can appropriately inquire whether or not the vital doctrine of Christian education, with its implications for parents in terms of their responsibility in this connection, is being related convincingly to those who are becoming the new members of the church. Admittedly, according to statistics quoted earlier in this report 15.9% of the baptisms during the four-year period were presumably from young people—at least they resulted from the spring week of spiritual emphasis. While there were undoubtedly other young people baptized from other spiritual efforts, it is safe to assume that 75% of the baptisms would be people with potential families to be educated. But the ratio of enrollment to membership continues to drop.

A thorough and careful study should be made to determine why our enroll-



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ments are not increasing as they are increasing in the denomination as a whole, or as is the enrollment of the public schools during the same period of time. Student mobility is undoubtedly a factor. All the states of the Central Union except Colorado are affected adversely in the public schools by this record of moving from place to place. It would be logical to suspect that such is also the case in our schools.

We feel that each year has witnessed definite improvement in the calibre of teaching going on throughout the union. Better teacher training, the in-service training and improvement of superintendents and our supervisor, along with closer attention to General Conference and Central Union Educational Board policies, has served to unify and improve our whole elementary program.

The physical plants of the elementary schools have undergone a tremendous face-lifting during the four-year period just closed. Sixteen new buildings containing 39 classrooms and 11 auxiliary rooms have been constructed. Remodeling and renovation on other buildings have been extensive. Well over \$600,000 has been spent during the four-year period in this improvement program. As far as we can ascertain this is an all-time record for any like period in the Central Union. The superintendents, when they have been invited to do so,

have guided these projects and advised the churches in harmony with the best educational research, so that they have gotten the maximum utility out of their building dollar.

The intermediate schools have been functioning as well as could be expected in such a minimal educational program. The tender age at which children finish the eighth grade gives parents cause to question the advisability of sending their boys and girls away to stay in a dormitory. For this reason alone the ninth and tenth grade arrangement on an alternating basis is permitted. The work done under such circumstances cannot be defended for its educational adequacy. The states are already refusing to accept work taken under these conditions. It is the recommendation of the department that serious study be given to arranging a junior high school program which would put the first six grades in one group and the seventh, eighth and ninth grades in another group. This sort of program will be accepted by our states, other things being equal. It is a question of just how long we will be permitted to operate under the present program.

The four boarding academies and one day academy functioning in the Central Union provide the entire secondary education facility available to our youth. The men who head these institutions are

with me here on the platform. I should like to introduce Elder L. G. Barker, principal of Campion Academy; E. C. Wines, principal of Enterprise Academy; R. T. Carter, principal of Platte Valley Academy; R. E. Perrin, principal of Sunnysdale Academy; and I. V. Stonebrook, principal of Union College Academy.

Enrollment-wise we show a net gain in enrollment in the secondary schools of the Central Union at the beginning of the current school year (1958-59) of 5.5% over the enrollment of 1955-56. While this trend is in the right direction, it does not correspond with the growth for the North American Division. The same period in the North American Division shows a net gain of 11.6% in enrollment. The rate of increase in enrollment in the North American Division is a little over twice as fast as the Central Union.

Nationally our academies have shown a steady increase in enrollment each year. In the Central Union this has not been the case. The increased enrollments noted elsewhere, due to the increase in birth rate during World War II, have not been in evidence in our schools in the Central Union. This situation in the secondary schools suggests careful study, along with that already recommended for the elementary schools. It is hoped that with improved student recruitment by the institutions, increased student and parent indoctrination in the denominational teaching, with regard to Christian education, and the impact of the Central Union 10-point program of evangelism, as it applies to education, that the present upturn in enrollments will increase and gather momentum until our increases at least parallel the national pattern, or exceed it.

The professional preparation of teachers and administrators in our secondary schools has also been upgraded. The administrator of each of the secondary schools in the union holds a master's degree, and one principal is well on the way to earning a second master's degree—this one in school administration. More teachers in the secondary schools hold a master's degree in their field of teaching than at any time in our history. One school had four teachers receive their master's degrees last summer alone.

The secondary schools have undergone extensive physical improvements. Campion has a modern new broom shop, a new milking facility of the most

modern design and equipment, a new shop building has been erected, extensive renovation of the boys' dormitory, annex and the dining room has been completed. Their next project, already in the planning stages, is a new administration building.

Enterprise has a very fine boys' dormitory as a result of the rebuilding following the heavy damage caused by a fire. Other extensive repairs in the administration building and improvement of the lighting and heating systems have been completed. An additional property has been secured. This is located directly across the street from the school and was entirely surrounded by other school property.

Platte Valley has renovated and, to a great extent, refurbished its dormitories, built a new principal's home besides purchasing extensive equipment for its farm.

Sunnydale has built a new power house, put in a new boiler, drilled a new well, finished the auditorium, completed the administration building and moved the music studio into commodious quarters in the administration building. A beautification program is noticeable the moment one enters their grounds.

This is by no means a complete list of improvements. It is only a few of the major projects.

The Union College Academy will have its biggest physical improvement reported in the next quadrennial report. This will include an entirely new plant built on ground provided by Union College in close proximity to the new Helen Hyatt Elementary School. The college has already voted \$75,000 from building funds to apply on this project and committees are currently at work on the plans. It, like the church school, will be a joint college and community undertaking. Thus the church and the community will be raising additional funds with which to finish this much needed facility. The building and financing of the jointly operated elementary school has proved to be a model for similar situations elsewhere in the denomination. Delegations from as far away as the East Coast have visited this successful joint operation with a view to patterning after it. It is hoped that the secondary school can be operated with the same satisfaction to all concerned.

Spiritual evaluation hardly lends itself to the mundane recital of figures. I can say, however, without equivocation that all our schools at all levels are

being operated by administrators and teachers of the highest spiritual motivation. My visits to their campuses are invariably stimulating and encouraging. Provision is made through counselling and various campus activities and weeks of spiritual emphasis for spiritual growth and development. Pervading the whole school program is a climate of close connection with the Spirit of God.

The ultimate objective of our educational program according to the book *Education* is character building. This goal is being assiduously sought by all those connected with our schools. They are not alone teaching subjects—they are also developing Christlike characters.

Union College and its affiliated School of Nursing is a part of the educational whole of the Central Union. Most of you know President Bieber. So much that is of "good report" regarding this area of our educational structure could be said; it is difficult to select what shall be said and what shall be left to implication. For enrollments the year by year picture shows a 2% loss over the 1955 opening enrollment figure. While this happened in the Central Union, the total enrollments in our colleges in North America made a startling 9.7% increase in enrollment during the same period. This is already the object of a very careful study and some corrective measures have already been taken.

During this quadrennium the college has improved the plant in many ways. Perhaps the new girls' dormitory is the most spectacular. At a cost of less than \$11.00 per square foot this building has been the wonder of visitors from far and near. The college did its own contracting, hiring a building superintendent and subcontracting the various parts of the work. V. S. Dunn is probably the one person most responsible for this economical construction. I know I reflect the thinking of the entire college board when I indicate complete satisfaction and real appreciation for this task so excellently performed. The new boiler and boiler house, the paving of "Bieber Boulevard" back of the administration building and the landscaping have all served a very useful purpose in lifting student morale.

Financially, these things by way of improvement could never have been accomplished without the whole-hearted support of all the organizations that make up the Central Union. Of course, the Northern and Southwestern Unions contribute to the college. I wish to say

to the various conference committee members, the conference administrators, the district leaders and pastors of this union who make these things possible that we know this has cost money. Your co-operation in making them possible is most appreciated. Indeed, it is an investment in young people—one in which, I am convinced, will pay the greatest of dividends in souls saved in the kingdom and workers prepared for His vineyard.

I have not checked the record. I feel I can prove statistically that percentage-wise the conferences of the Central Union have contributed as large or larger a percentage of their resources to education than any of the other North American fields. These contemporary "Schools of the Prophets" are truly close to the hearts of our workers and administrators.

For the future, grave problems face us as a people and as schools. The costs of education are rising perceptibly. It is predicted that the costs of education will triple in the next six years. If this situation prevails in the field of education outside the denomination, I suppose it is obvious what the implications are for education within the denomination. Other problems face us with each new day. We are baffled but not beaten; we are dismayed but not discouraged. This is God's program, and in Him is the source of wisdom to meet both the short term, as well as the long range problems connected with this phase of His work. Sufficient unto the day thereof is our faith.

"Those who start up to proclaim a message on their own individual responsibility, who, while claiming to be taught and led of God, still make it their special work to tear down that which God has been for years building up, are not doing the will of God. Be it known that these men are on the side of the great deceiver. Believe them not. They are allying themselves with the enemies of God and the truth. They will deride the order of the ministry as a system of priestcraft. From such turn away, have no fellowship with their message, however much they may quote the 'Testimonies' and seek to entrench themselves behind them. Receive them not; for God has not given them this work to do."

Testimonies to Ministers, page 51

Central States Conference

PRESIDENT'S
QUADRENNIAL REPORT

F. L. BLAND, President



F. L. Bland

The days in which we live and work are not ordinary days. The hour is very late. The task is the greatest ever committed to servants of God. Bible prophecy pictures today's condition—"the morning cometh and also the night." Nothing is

more sure than that "the night cometh." In any direction we look we can see waves of violence, lawlessness, pestilence and clouds of blackest darkness hovering over the world. But Bible prophecy presents another situation, the very opposite of darkness—"the morning cometh." It is with this bright prospect before us, as certain as God's immutable word, that I present my report to the Central Union Conference Quadrennial Session.

The Central States Conference is made up of the six states—Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, and Wyoming. Surely this is a large and interesting portion of the United States. Someone has rightly said that "our territory covers a vast section of open country." Yes, stretching for many miles from the eastern lines of Missouri, we follow the sun across the Rockies, and down their western slopes to the borders of Utah, and through the vastness of the great Yellowstone National Park, to the point where Wyoming reaches out to far away Montana.

Article two of our constitution explains the tenets of our work very clearly. The work of this conference shall be to carry the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ throughout its territory and to assist in spreading it to all nations of the world. Never before were opportunities to carry forward the work of God greater than they are today. During these times of myriads of changes, uncertainty, tragedy, rocket launching, inter-planetary travel and the perilous situation in which we find ourselves today for fear of an atomic

war, we must courageously carry to the colored Americans of the Central States Conference territory and to people everywhere a message of hope and salvation. Our faith must be bolstered and reinforced in the promise of a soon-coming Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Brethren, this is what the workers and laymen with their trained facilities for spiritual vision, indomitable courage and single minded purpose have done in the past four years in the Central States Conference. We have preached with all earnestness and clarity the pure, unadulterated word of God. Therefore, souls are won to God and churches are established to the honor and glory of His name. We have the joy of reporting progress in every department of our work.

For our Treasury Department Elder H. T. Saulter reports:

The years represented in the quadrennial period now being reported at this session have been unsteady ones in our American economy. Droughts affecting our agricultural areas and labor being hampered by strikes in our industrial areas have each had its effect on the individual church member's income. The inflated dollar has placed a greater strain on individuals in meeting the requirements for their daily living. However, this economical condition so widely discussed among Americans today is of no consequence to the people of God when it comes to their stewardship toward Him. He in turn is good to us. Four years ago our tithe report for the quadrennial period was \$391,910.19. The period now ending has a tithe income of \$489,938.07, a gain of \$98,027.88 over the preceding period. This gain is greater than a whole year's tithe income to the conference in the earlier part of the preceding period.

We have passed on to the General Conference for foreign missions a total of \$146,936.54 or a gain of \$20,069.70 over the preceding quadrennium. Our people have raised for use in the building, maintenance and operation of their churches and schools \$140,204.09 dur-

ing the past four years. Four years ago our estimated value of church properties was \$308,500.00. At the end of 1958 this value was \$411,500.00, an increase of \$103,000.00.

The Central States Conference in its operation has more than complied with the recommendations of the General Conference working policies in regard to percentage requirements for cash on hand. We are grateful to God and thankful to the loyal members of our churches for these humble accomplishments.

Elder P. C. Winley makes the following report for the Home Missionary and Publishing Departments:

Evangelistic Activities

In reviewing the evangelistic activities for the past four years, thousands of Bible readings were given and missionary contacts made. Nearly 300,000 pieces of literature were distributed. We believe that the Spirit of God will water these pages of truth and some day many souls will take their stand for the "third angel's message."

Welfare Activities

There were many bright spots in our Health and Welfare work for the past four years. Scores of families were helped with clothing and other necessities of life. Cash donated was \$19,480.-82 and cash values totaled to \$271,798.-95.

Two Health and Welfare Federations covering the major portion of our conference territory have been organized. Through the co-operation of our Dorcas and Welfare Societies and the conference committee we have built a building on the campground where we can conduct our Welfare activities during our annual camp meetings.

Ingathering

Through the faithfulness of our constituency, our Ingathering shows a continuous increase since the last quadrennial session, from \$51,643.95 to \$60,289.-58, a gain of \$8,645.63.

Bible Correspondence School

The Bible Correspondence School shows its effectiveness in soul winning. Many are studying their Bibles through this agency and twenty-two souls were reported baptized.

Publishing Department

We are told that . . . "the earth was lightened with His glory and a great

portion of this work is to be accomplished through our publications."

The work in our Publishing Department is principally fostered through our auxiliaries and student activities. We have been blessed with scholarships every summer, scores have been enrolled in the Bible School and hundreds of prayers have been offered in many homes during these four years.

Hours reported—20,252; orders—\$50,-606.75; deliveries—\$52,892.63 and total deliveries per hour \$2.61.

... "I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

For the Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer, Educational Departments, etc., Elder J. H. Jones, Jr. reports the following:

As we survey the progress and accomplishments of our departmental activities during the past quadrennial period, our hearts are more than encouraged by the ample evidence that our response to the Lord's "biddings" have been more than graciously rewarded by His "enablings."

In the work of our Sabbath School Department there has been a constant increase of membership as our Sabbath schools have worked for our goal, "Every church member a member of the Sabbath school." The response to our offerings for missions has been liberally acknowledged by a return of over \$85,000.00 for the quadrennial period. Our baptism of Sabbath school membership represents a goodly portion of the reported baptisms in the conference for the four-year period. We have been further rewarded by our Branch Sabbath School activities in the establishment of a new church in our St. Louis District. A "Work Shop" for our division teachers early in the quadrennial period provided impetus for the growing development of Vacation Bible Schools in our churches each successive summer.

The Missionary Volunteer Department has shown significant gains in all of its activities. Our MV membership has steadily increased during the quadrennial period until we now show a membership of approximately the equivalent to one-third of our Conference Church membership. The activities of our youth in their program show a wonderful response to the "Sharing of Their Faith"

in total missionary services and Christian help work rendered. We were able to initiate our first Investiture services during this quadrennial period which have produced a healthy growth in the numbers of our youth qualifying for MV Class achievements from the Pre-Friend level through the Master Guides. We have also been successful in initiating several Pathfinder Clubs. The maintaining of a strong interest in our JMV Summer Camp program has provided an effective motivation tool in the hands of our youth leaders for

As activity increases, and men become successful in doing any work for God, there is danger of trusting to human plans and methods. There is a tendency to pray less, and to have less faith. Like the disciples, we are in danger of losing sight of our dependence on God, and seeking to make a saviour of our activity.

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the purpose of stressing character building by our junior youth. Increased participation by our senior youth in MV service was achieved in 1958 by the conducting of the new MV Leadercraft Course.

During the past quadrennial period our educational work experienced an increase in the number of our schools by fifty per cent, and in the number of our teachers by twenty-five per cent. A good high level has been maintained in the quality of our teachers, and the response on the part of our constituent parents is resulting in increased numbers of our youth turning to Christian education.

We are confident that our summary of these departmental activities for the past quadrennial period provides us with an abundance of assurance that our God is leading and directing in His work. The Radio and Television and the War Service Departments have each filled their places in our conference promotional program.

We are thankful for this report of progress and courage rendered by the brethren of these various departments.

Five hundred and seventy-eight persons were baptized during the quadrennium under review. Our membership was 1700 at the beginning of this four-year period. We closed the quadrennium with a membership of 1900, showing a net gain of only 200, even though we baptized 578.

The colored population of the six states which make up our conference territory is almost one-half million. Our immediate task is to tell these people of the love of God. To accomplish this task we have nineteen churches with a combined membership of 1900. We employ twenty-two workers to carry forward the respective duties as pastors, evangelists, church school teachers and office personnel.

A number of excellent workers have joined our working force during this quadrennium: Elder and Mrs. C. Sampson Myles and daughter, Barbara Jean; Pastor and Mrs. W. C. Scales and Pastor and Mrs. H. C. Brewer. The latter two are recent graduates of the Potomac University and are now ministerial interns in our conference.

During the years of this quadrennium we have purchased a tract of land and developed it into a very beautiful camp where we are able to offer housing to approximately 350 persons. Adequate and modern sanitary facilities are provided. A semi-open-air steel pavilion has been constructed as the principal meeting place. This pavilion, along with the young people and children's tents, serves as a gathering place for more than one thousand believers attending our camp meetings. An attractive building has been erected which serves as kitchen and cafeteria. Many who have attended our camp have expressed their pleasure in the general arrangement and landscape of the grounds. The wonderful spiritual heights reached, and the gratifying solidarity of the members of our churches, stretching across the territory of the entire union, plus the state of Iowa, more than compensate for the hard work and finances put into this camp project.

I am happy to pay tribute to all Central States workers and their wives. These men and women constitute an indomitable team, working shoulder to shoulder under the leadership of God for the finishing of the task given to the church to do in this generation.

Colorado Conference

PRESIDENT'S
QUADRENNIAL REPORT

R. S. JOYCE, President



R. S. Joyce

To relate a story of progress and growth is always a pleasure as well as a privilege. Such a privilege falls to our lot as we review the work of the workers and laity of the Colorado Conference, under God's guidance and blessing, during the past four years. It could be summed up in the phrase "Expansion and Extension."

Baptisms

There were 1,573 baptized. During two of the years, over 400 were added by immersion.

Membership

In 1955 the church rolls were brought up-to-date, so there was no gain. However, during the three remaining years membership increased by 712 and is now 7,156. In 1958 we had the joy of reaching and passing 7,000.

Churches and Companies

Our membership is divided between sixty-five churches and five companies. Five churches and five companies were organized.

Church Buildings

All but eleven churches and three companies own their own church buildings. Twelve buildings await dedication as soon as they are completed or the remaining indebtedness is cleared.

Church Schools

The number of elementary schools increased by six. We now have twenty-eight. Teachers increased by eleven to a total of sixty, and the enrollment increased by two hundred and twenty-one to a total of 1,071.

School Buildings

Seven new school buildings were constructed and six were enlarged. As soon

as possible, we hope to start schools in the remaining four districts that do not have school privileges.

Academy

The enrollment for the 1954-1955 school year was 227. This increased to 268 for the 1958-1959 school year. During the quadrennium a large new broom shop was constructed, an ultra-modern dairy barn, and a building for industrial arts. All three were fully equipped. The boys' dormitory was completely, and the girls' dormitory partially, refurnished. The campus was drained, thus getting rid of two swamps. Sixty acres of excellent farm land were bought. Two electric organs, two buses, eleven electric sewing machines, nine typewriters, plus considerable farm and other equipment were bought. Both dormitories were completely redecorated. The campus was fenced. A dean's apartment was constructed in the boys' dormitory. The administrative offices were remodeled and refurnished. Four years ago there were no state-certificated teachers, now all are certificated, and seven have their M.A. which is an increase of six. Let us sustain our elementary and academy teachers in their exacting and laborious task, that the children under their care may be brought into contact with Him who is the Light of the world and the Bread of Life.

Tithe and Offerings

It has been well said that the kingdom of God can never be established by raising money, but it can never be extended without raising money.

The tithe totaled \$2,976,646.65, an increase of \$780,372.74. Mission offerings totaled \$783,475.19, an increase of \$141,473.50.

Association

On December 30, 1958 we moved into our free-from-debt, ample but modest new office building. The old office building is now our Denver area Welfare Center. Church buildings, schools, and parsonages have been constructed and

purchased. Our property as a whole, has been considerably improved. Faithful members have willed, or by trust, arranged that a large sum of money will be available for the proclamation of the gospel.

**Campion-Union Fund—A.S.I.—
Religious Liberty**

Ten dollars was the total in the Campion-Union Fund in 1954. This increased to \$47,024.45 in cash and \$8,271.12 in pledges by 1958.

One institution was a member of the A.S.I. in 1954, and fifteen by 1958.

There were 2,928 *Religious Liberty* magazines distributed in 1954. This steadily increased year by year to 4,831 in 1958.

Publishing Department

Deliveries totaled \$287,041.07, an increase of \$107,092.72. During 1958 a thirteen-year record was broken. We congratulate our faithful Literature Evangelists.

Temperance

Membership was thirty-three in 1955 and climbed to 359 in 1958. There are no records prior to 1955.

Book and Bible House

Sales totaled \$535,868.33, an increase of \$164,065.57. There has been an operating gain each year. In 1958 it was \$4,909.68. In 1957 Colorado led North America in per capita distribution of the Book of the Year.

Missionary Volunteer

In 1954 there were sixty-eight MV Societies. These have increased to eighty-four. Membership has increased from 1,718 to 2,040. Attendance at our Glacier View Camps has doubled and for two years Camporees have been conducted. A four-year plan has been approved for the rebuilding of the camp. We have three years to go to complete the plan.

Public Relations

There are no records prior to 1955. A yearly average of 207 articles, 96 pictures and 4,258 column-inches has been accepted by the newspapers during the four years.

Home Missionary

Our lay members gave 28,965 Bible studies, an increase of 1,047. Ingathering totaled \$297,463.91, an increase of \$65,845.32.

Sabbath School

Membership increased by 776 and Mission Offerings by \$76,449.41 to a total of \$429,457.90. In 1954 we conducted five Vacation Bible Schools with an enrollment of 472, and in 1958, thirty-one Vacation Bible Schools were held with an enrollment of 2,971. Total average nonmember enrollment was fifty-nine per cent.

Radio and TV

Our evangelists gave the message over nine radio stations, in addition to the *Voice of Prophecy* and *Faith for Today*, and plans were laid to show *It Is Written* on three TV stations, (Denver, January 4; Grand Junction, February 1; and Colorado Springs, February 15) thus covering most of the population of our state.

Bible Correspondence School

Applications totaled 11,678 of which 3,323 enrolled, an increase of 459. Towards the end of 1958, to expand our regular school and to prepare for *It Is Written* interests, a union evangelist accepted our invitation to become director of the school.

Medical Personnel

In 1954 our medical personnel totaled forty-eight. The number has increased to sixty-seven, a gain of nineteen. There is a great responsibility for the finishing of the work.

Nineteen Fifty-Eight

1958 stands out as the most progressive year in the history of the Lord's work in Colorado. Gains were made along "even lines." Four hundred and twenty-four were baptized. Membership increased by 301. The 7,000 membership mark was passed. By the end of the year over 1,100 children were in our elementary schools and 274 in our academy. The Publishing Department broke a thirteen-year record and sold over \$105,000 worth of books. The Book and Bible House sales increased by \$38,000. Tithe increased by \$56,000 and Mission Offerings by \$40,000. Ingathering increased by \$7000.

Workers

We express deep appreciation to the field workers. They are a conscientious hard-working group. We have also a good staff in the conference office. They have made leadership most pleasant and have contributed strongly to the various successes reported today.

As our income has allowed, we have decreased the size of our districts wherever possible, and have increased the number of workers.

The Future

"By all that has given us advantage over another,—be it education and refinement, nobility of character, Christian training, religious experience,—we are in debt to those less favored; and, so far as lies in our power, we are to minister unto them." *Desire of Ages*, p. 440.

Not long ago a teacher, anticipating a visit from the board, prepared the children so that they would give a good account of themselves. Each one was to tell what he wanted to be when he grew up. You can imagine the answers—doctors, governors, baseball champions, firemen. When a little retarded boy was asked what he planned to do when he was grown up, he smiled brightly and said, "I want to lead a blind man." That touches us. To lead the spiritually blind is our greatest desire. Approximately one and a half million people live in this beautiful state. There are counties and literally hundreds of unentered towns and villages where our message must be

given. The workers of this field face an impossible task but for the wholehearted help of our lay members. We long to do more. The greatest task within the church is to train our very willing lay members so that they, with us can, in the words of Isaiah, "Tell the citizens of Sion their deliverer is coming." (*Isaiah 62:11 Moffat*)

Conclusion

As the wind billowed the sails of the Mayflower and bore her out to the mighty Atlantic, not even the most farsighted person watching that ship could have realized that history was marking a new epoch in her ledger. The pilgrims thronging the deck, watching the receding coastline of the old world, could not in their wildest imaginations have envisioned themselves as the nucleus of a future nation of 175,000,000. They only knew that "they were pilgrims." They "lifted up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country, and quieted their spirits."

So we of the Colorado Conference, looking into an unknown future with sober confidence, believe "who keeps the end in view makes all things serve."

Kansas Conference PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

F. O. SANDERS, President



F. O. Sanders

Greetings:

We are ever conscious of the fact that the Lord has His hand over His work. A great drought spread over our territory during this quadrennial period and reached its height during the year 1957. According to government

reports there was a greater shortage of moisture in many areas than there was even in the dust bowl days. Yet, in spite of all this, our workers have pressed forward and are still of good courage, carrying their banner of truth. Ministers,

teachers, Literature Evangelists, doctors, and consecrated laymen of all professions and vocations, have given of their time, money, and strength to help in the conquering of sin.

We pause a moment today in memory of one of our fellow workers, Elder J. R. McWilliam, who laid down his life on April 25, 1958, while still actively engaged in service for his Lord. He was laid to rest in a little cemetery in Wellington, Kansas, the scene of his labor, awaiting the call of the great Life Giver.

Evangelism

As the drought increased its tenacious hold we found it necessary to decrease our working force by about three or four workers during 1957 and 1958. And

during a portion of this period two of our regular workers were seriously handicapped by operations and illness. This has lessened our baptisms for the period, but we are happy to report that a total of 641 precious souls were united with their Lord in baptism and by profession of faith. At the close of 1955 we reached the highest membership ever recorded in the state of Kansas, with a total of 3,720 members. However, in 1956 as we studied the records of some of our larger churches we felt that our membership was greatly inflated and during the past three years we have adjusted that condition. This, together with a heavy exodus from the state during the last two or three years because of the drought, has caused us to suffer a loss in membership. Our membership now totals 3,481 members. We are encouraged by the fact that we made a membership gain in the last quarter of 1958 when normally the last quarter shows a loss.

We feel, however, that with the moisture received during 1958 and the prospects for good farming conditions, that our heavy loss by letter has just about ended and that the future should be bright.

The workers in Kansas have set as their goal for 1959, "Fifty-nine in '59." Their aim is to hold at least fifty-nine church and hall meetings during the year, asking qualified laymen to join them in such a program. On January 18 of this year every worker engaged a meeting of at least one week or longer in length in some section of his district. A number of baptisms have already been conducted in January, and with our working force just one short of the number at the beginning of this quadrennial period we believe that 1959 will be a prosperous year.

Finances

During these years the people of Kansas gave \$1,166,918.32 tithe compared with \$1,074,566.58 tithe for the previous four-year period. \$258,741.55 was received during this period in Ingathering. A total of \$468,531.67 was given in missions compared with \$472,988.82 in the previous four-year period. It is evident that in spite of a lowered income and other hindering causes the people of Kansas have not neglected the mission field afar.

Church Buildings

During this period there has been great improvement in the buildings in

the conference. A new church was organized in Overland Park, property has been purchased, and a four-room school has been built. They are operating a successful school with ten grades. A new church was finished and dedicated in Hutchinson. And a new church in Harper is nearing completion. The church in Oswego is undergoing a complete remodeling. New churches were built and dedicated in Abilene, Coffeyville, Junction City and Phillipsburg. A number of other churches have renovated their church buildings. The boys' dormitory at the academy has been completely rebuilt, due to the fire that destroyed a portion of the building in late 1956. Plans are being studied at the present time for the rebuilding of our academy plant.

Departments

Each of our departments is manned with men who are promoting a strong program. Our Sabbath schools have been responsible for much of the mission funds. During this period our Literature Evangelists delivered \$159,134.18 worth of books. We have lost a few church schools, due to the fact that in some areas families have moved away to secure work during the drought period and some of the smaller church schools were forced to close. However, our

schools in Kansas City and Wichita have grown during this period.

Our Book and Bible House has operated on the right side of the ledger during all of this four-year period. The total sales in the Book and Bible House for the quadrennial period were \$244,400.83. In giving this report I want to give due credit to the men in all the departments.

The Future

While our men have been overworked due to a smaller working force, yet they have been of good courage and have been pressing forward. With a strong *It Is Written* program being released in Wichita we are covering a large section of our population. It is hoped that before too long arrangements may be made to release this program on another station that will cover the major portion of western Kansas, and that sometime in the near future it may be released in the east. These three stations would cover the most of Kansas.

This, together with our all-out program of "Fifty-nine in '59" should make 1959 a good baptismal year. We are of good courage as we face the future and believe that brighter days are ahead for Kansas. We unite our prayers and energies with workers throughout the Central Union to finish the work of God speedily.

Missouri Conference

PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

H. C. KLEMENT, President



H. C. Klement

The past four years in the Missouri Conference have seen the signal blessings of God. We thank Him for all the accomplishments. It is a real privilege to be a partner with the Lord in His work.

I do want to pay tribute to the faithful workers in the Missouri Conference; they are truly a loyal group. The district leaders are carrying forward a strong program and we appreciate this

very much. The secretarial staff at the office, in their quiet but efficient manner, render valuable service to the field.

We are very happy to have a number of medical workers in our conference and are grateful for the excellent help they are giving in their respective churches. We hope this number can be greatly increased.

On December 31, 1954 the membership stood at 4,089 and on December 31, 1958 the membership had increased to 4,361, showing a gain of 272. The total number of workers, field, and office, is twenty-eight. During the quadrennial period 1051 were added by bap-

tism and profession of faith, a gain of 107 over the previous period.

Church buildings have been erected in the following places:

St. Louis Central, Moberly, Kirksville, McGee. Churches purchased: Campbell, Doniphan, and Willow Springs. New School Buildings erected: Bourbon and Mansfield. Definite improvements, remodeling, enlarging, or refurnishing: Rolla, Lebanon, St. Joseph, Poplar Bluff, Sikeston, and St. Louis South Side.

Our treasurer, G. L. Sather, reports the total tithe for the period as \$1,471.-561.22, with total Mission Offerings amounting to \$479,500.31. We appreciate the faithfulness of our people in supporting God's work.

Our Book and Bible House manager, G. W. Sisson, reports sales during the quadrennial period to the amount of \$297,814.34. The Book and Bible House renders valuable service to our members, and we appreciate their interest in purchasing our good books for their own use, as well as what is sold to the general public.

The Literature Evangelists, under the leadership of R. L. Chamberlain, delivered \$236,825.26 worth of books, a gain of \$92,925.17 over the previous period. These Literature Evangelists have been interested in missionary endeavor, 14,728 pieces of literature were distributed, 5,722 enrollments to the Bible Correspondence Course. Prayer was offered in 30,000 homes, and 523 Bible studies were given. We shall never know in this world the far-reaching influence of our literature work.

The Educational and Missionary Volunteer work is fostered by E. Frank Sherrill. We are very proud of our youth. It has often been said that Seventh-day Adventist young people are the finest on earth and we believe this to be true. Our MV Department is providing a worth-while program for the youth through the Summer Camps, Pathfinder Clubs, and other activities.

We are operating seventeen church schools with twenty-seven teachers. The work of these Christian teachers is greatly appreciated.

Professor R. E. Perrin and his associates are carrying on a good program at Sunnyside Academy. This institution is doing a strong work in behalf of Missouri youth. The enrollment this year reached 146, which indicates a good gain over previous years.

H. R. Coats directs the Sabbath School and Home Missionary Departments. The

past four years have brought advance for the Sabbath schools. Consistent efforts on the part of workers and laymen have greatly reduced the number of "missing members."

A total of \$219,088.05 was contributed through the Sabbath schools to the world mission program.

The Home Missionary Department reports 21,174 Bible readings and gospel meetings held; 176,118 missionary contacts, with 1,268,713 pieces of literature distributed during the four-year period. The cash value of Health and Welfare work reported amounts to \$731.-666.86.

In the four successive Ingathering campaigns, \$236,111.04 has been raised. Our workers and people have been faithful in both caroling and business solicitation, and special praise is due our children and young people in our schools for the work done.

The Bible Correspondence School reports 1,725 graduated, with 135 admitted to church membership. The school distributed 208,541 pieces of literature.

Much more might be said about the Lord's work in this state. We desire to thank the General Conference brethren and the brethren from the Central Union Conference for their helpful counsel and words of encouragement.

We are determined to do our part in the finishing of the Lord's work in our part of the field, and desire to follow the counsel given on page 432 of *Testimonies to Ministers*:

"We must keep close to our great Leader, or we shall become bewildered, and lose sight of the Providence which presides over the church and the world, and over each individual."

Nebraska Conference PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

N. C. PETERSEN, President



N. C. Petersen

It has been eighty-one years since the Nebraska Conference was organized. During the years since that time, many sacrifices have been made in behalf of God's cause. The faithful believers and workers who pioneered the giving of the message in Nebraska have largely gone to their rest, but the message that was dear to them and supplied their needed hope, is still precious to us and we are anxious to see it advance with greater rapidity than in the past. To this end we are putting forth ever-increasing efforts.

In Nebraska we have approximately one and one-third million judgment-bound souls who are in need of the message that we hold dear. Of this number, 4,844 are Seventh-day Adventists. Without doubt, there are many within our state who know little or nothing of Seventh-day Adventists. These, too, must hear the message. Our prime

business is to win souls. We must use every medium possible to that end.

In addition to the Nebraska Conference, Lincoln is headquarters for the Central Union Conference, Union College and the Christian Record Benevolent Association. We are happy to have these institutions within the confines of our field.

Seven hundred and eighty-three souls were accepted into our church by baptism and profession of faith during the quadrennium. In spite of this, our net increase in membership was only fifty-nine, due quite largely to the loss by letter. The total number added by letter was 1,844, and during the same time we lost by letter 2,026, or a net loss by letter of 182. Too many of our members moved to California and Colorado. We believe we shall soon see a change in this trend.

Church Buildings

The Sidney church was accepted into the sisterhood of churches during the period under consideration. Four churches were dedicated. They are: Nelson, Scottsbluff, Walthill and South Sioux City. A new church building was con-

structed at Sidney which will soon be completed and ready for dedication. McCook and Gordon also have fine new church buildings nearing completion. These, too, should be dedicated this year. We are happy for these new representative structures that will be a credit to the cause. Too many of our churches in the past have been worked over, discarded school buildings. There are still many needs; perhaps, the outstanding need, as far as church buildings are concerned, is Omaha, but I am glad to report that they have purchased a location on which to build and will soon be in the process of raising funds. The Lincoln City church has also purchased a very fine location and they expect to begin construction during this year.

Finances

Our church membership has been blessed in a material way as is evidenced by the gain in tithe over the preceding period. Tithe in 1955 was \$480,029.40. In 1956, due to the drought, it dropped to \$470,983.00, but in 1957 we again had an increase and went past the one-half million dollar mark for the first time in the history of the Nebraska Conference, reaching \$507,626.23, and in 1958 it reached the all-time high of \$541,272.94, or a total for the four years of \$1,999,911.59; just \$88.41 short of the two million dollar mark. This is a gain for the quadrennium of \$292,493.50 over the previous four-year period. This not only gives evidence of God's blessings, but also indicates the faithfulness of our church membership.

During this same four-year period, our people contributed toward the advance of our work in mission lands, the sum of \$612,209.74, an increase of \$63,031.90 over the previous quadrennium. Much of this gain can be attributed to an increase in Sabbath school offerings and Ingathering. Brother Ben Trout is very capably handling these funds and seeing that they are properly disbursed. Brother R. E. Spangle, during the early part of the period under consideration, was our treasurer until he was promoted to the office of auditor for the Central Union.

MV and Education

Elder G. C. Williamson has faithfully and efficiently cared for the interests of the MV and Educational Departments and we are happy to report progress in both of these. The average membership

of the MV Department is 1,185, as compared with 1,083 the previous quadrennium. Four hundred and seventy-one were invested in the progressive classes from Friends through the Master Guide. Many other individuals would have been invested were it not that they are being held for the mass Investiture at the time of the youth congress in April.

Eleven church schools, with twenty-one fine teachers have cared for the average of 374 pupils under their charge.

Liberality is not so natural to us that we gain this virtue by accident. It must be cultivated. We must deliberately resolve that we will honor God with our substance; and then we must let nothing tempt us to rob Him of the tithes and offerings that are His due.

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One hundred and seventy-nine of these young people were graduated from the eighth grade and ninety-seven were baptized into the church. With the exception of the number of schools, every other phase of the church school program shows progress.

Four hundred and thirty young people were baptized during the four-year period, and they, in turn, were instrumental in bringing thirty-two others to a decision for Christ. The young people of the Nebraska Conference report \$59,889.47 raised in Ingathering. Two new school buildings were constructed during this quadrennium; one in Omaha, and the other at College View. Some of our schools are held in rooms adjoining church buildings or even in the basement of churches. We are looking forward to the time when our schools will be held in buildings separate from the church, but until that objective can be achieved, we are thankful that we do have places where our children and youth can be taught in the ways of God.

Academy

In addition to our church schools we are conducting a senior academy near Shelton, Nebraska. We have there a very fine teaching staff and an excellent group of students. During the past four years many improvements have been made at Platte Valley Academy. A

principal's residence has been built, (and at present two teachers' residences are under construction). Many improvements have been made on the farm and dairy and new machinery and equipment have been purchased. An industrial arts building has been constructed and many other improvements have been made, but many more are still needed.

Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Public Relations

During the first part of the period under consideration, Elder M. D. Oswald was in charge of the Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Public Relations Departments, but when he accepted an invitation to join with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference we invited Elder C. R. French from Illinois to connect with the Nebraska Conference. He accepted our invitation and has rendered experienced service.

During the four years under review, 22,595 Bible studies were given by our laymen; 215,540 missionary contacts were made, and 2,530,341 pieces of literature were distributed by our people. The welfare report shows that 152,725 articles of clothing were given to the needy, 57,618 persons were helped, and 192,631 hours were given to health and welfare service. The estimated cash value of the foregoing is \$600,300.64.

The average Sabbath school membership stood at 4,733 with the offering for the four years amounting to \$293,439.55. The Bible Correspondence School had a total of 3,212 enrollments and reports 144 baptisms. Sister R. E. Spangle is in charge of this department under Elder French's direction.

The Public Relations Department reports 6,246 column inches of newspaper publicity during 1956, 1957 and 1958.

At present the *It Is Written* program is going out over four television stations in the state of Nebraska and well over two thousand requests have come in for the *Take His Word* leaflets. We are expecting some very good returns in souls won as a result of this good program, along with the follow-up work that is done.

Book and Bible House

During the period under review a change was made in the Book and Bible House management. Brother E. H. Craig connected with the Christian Record Benevolent Association. Brother Reuben Beck accepted our call and has very competently looked after the work in the

Book and Bible House. Clyde Kinder has been associated with him.

During the period from 1955 to 1958, \$391,028.75 worth of truth-filled literature was sold by the Nebraska Book and Bible House. This was a gain of \$43,292.30 over the previous quadrennium. The cash gain in the Bible House was \$2,136.08.

Literature Ministry

The blessings of God have accompanied the Nebraska literature ministry. \$321,338.25 worth of books and magazines were delivered to the homes of Nebraska residents by our Literature Evangelists.

Elder J. T. Welch was here during the first part of the quadrennium leading out in the publishing work, and when he was called to the Potomac Conference, Elder G. C. Wilson came to take over the leadership. Later when he joined the Christian Record, Brother A. L. Page accepted a call to come to the Nebraska Conference as Publishing secretary. Assistants in the department during these four years were: A. L. Ingram, J. R. Bailey, Curtis Dale, and at present, Brother Richard Blessing.

For two years out of the four, the literature sales passed the one hundred thousand dollar mark, and we believe there are even brighter days ahead in our literature ministry.

A number of changes have been made in our working force, both in the office and in the field. We should be glad to mention each worker by name, and express our appreciation for the faithful service rendered, but time will permit only this blanket statement: We have a loyal and faithful working force, both in the field and office, whose services are greatly appreciated. We also appreciate the faithfulness of our church membership.

As we look into the future we do so with courage and with the realization that the future is as bright as the promises of God, and with this assurance, we re-dedicate ourselves, our resources, our talents, and all to a speedy finishing of the work of God.

Let ministers and evangelists have more seasons of earnest prayer with those who are convicted by the truth.

Gospel Workers, page 65.

Wyoming Conference

PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

J. L. DITTBERNER, President



J. L. Dittberner

We are most happy for the privilege of bringing you a report of God's work, His leadership and providences of the past, and the faith and plans of His people for the finishing of the gospel work in Wonderful Wyoming.

Time today doesn't permit our extolling the exciting and glorious history of our wonderful state, when the pioneers crossed its broad plains and high mountains, making their way westward on the Oregon Trail, the Mormon Trail, the California Trail and others, all of which crossed the state's broad expanses. Your heart would thrill if we could tell you of early Indian wars, feats of bravery and daring that were carried out by Wyoming's hearty pioneers.

We hardly have time to say that Wyoming is the ninth largest state in the union. I wish we could tell you of its vast natural resources in coal, uranium, bentonite, iron and oil. Time doesn't permit us to tell you that Casper is the oil capital of the Rockies and also the second largest export of wool in the country. Nor will we be able to tell of the state's natural beauty spots, Yellowstone National Park, The Tetons, the Big Horn Mountains, Devils Tower, large areas of petrified forests, much less say anything about its wonderful, loyal, true American people who live in this great western vacation land.

The Seventh-day Adventist ministers, church school teachers, Literature Evangelists, doctors, and lay members of the church are in Wonderful Wyoming for the purpose of giving the gospel and finishing the work, so Jesus can come and take us to that perennial vacation land in the glory world. It was for that purpose that the Wyoming Conference was organized in 1945. It had,

however, existed for many years previously; alternately as a mission and conference. According to the constitution of the conference which the founding brethren adopted, "The object of this conference shall be to teach the people within its borders the commandments of God and the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and aid as it can in supporting the work of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in preaching the everlasting gospel in all the world."

I know that you are anxious to hear what progress has been made in gospel work, and how it might be possible to finish the work in the greatly scattered territory in which we labor. What has been done in reaching the people in Wonderful Wyoming during the last four years? How can the work be finished?

One way in which the people of Wyoming have been reached, or given an opportunity to learn of God's message, is through the Voice of Prophecy Bible School enrollment crusade that was carried on in the Wyoming Conference during the last couple years. This was the time when every home in the state received the first lesson and an invitation to enroll in the Bible School, either through a direct contact by a church member, or an invitation through the mail. Surely there will be many people who will study their Bibles as a result of this great endeavor.

Another way in which each home is reached every year is through the great Ingathering program. A piece of literature is left at every home during this great program. In addition to the homes contacted, \$86,655.00 was received from the Ingathering during the past four years. Of course, this isn't a large amount as compared to the larger conferences, but we receive an average of almost eight cents (7.8) from everyone in the state, whereas the average for the whole North American Division is a little under three cents (2.6).

That's not the only way we have been contacting the people in Wyoming. Our church members made 40,000 missionary contacts during the last four years. This may not sound like a very impressive figure, but remember there are only about 300,000 people in the state of Wyoming. So this forty thousand figure represents about one-sixth of the population.

We also help with the physical needs of the people and reach them in that way. We are following the example of our Lord in "going about and doing good." During the past quadrennium 49,700 articles of clothing were given to those in need. Many of the 4,421 Bible studies given were the results of contacts made in this way.

Wyoming hasn't forgotten the publicity that can be received through the press. In addition to the many news stories carried in some of the large national magazines, the newspapers in Wyoming carried 6,894 column inches during the last four years. Surely this is helping carry the gospel message to the people in our state.

It is true that many people don't read literature that is given them, and they are reluctant to attend public meetings. So, the Wyoming Conference has entered into a plan to take the message right into their homes where they can both hear and see it. This, of course, is being done through the medium of television. The *It Is Written* series of TV productions are on two local stations. Through these and other outside outlets, about three-fourths of the state is covered.

We must include the wonderful work done by the Literature Evangelists in the field of soul winning. They are a very persistent group of workers; we will have to agree. They spot the people and don't give up until they are signed on the dotted line. We are glad to report that \$17,035.02 worth of books were sold in Wyoming by our Literature Evangelists during the past quadrennium. Even though the territory is scattered and the work is consequently difficult, we saw over a hundred per cent increase in deliveries in 1958 over 1957. We want this good trend to continue.

The 1,353 members in the Wyoming Conference make up twenty-two churches which are divided into nine districts. There are three men who carry the office responsibilities with the help of one full-time secretary and some

part-time help. Together, with the district pastors, we work to the end that the people whose interest is discovered through any of these evangelistic means might be brought to a decision for God's message then be baptized into Christ and church membership. The ten district pastors are the ones who have the pleasure and responsibility of preaching the word and bringing these people to a decision for Christ. Three hundred and fifteen were baptized during the last four years. With the small working force, limited finances, and small churches, this compares very favorably with the way the work is going in other places.

The work of soul winning takes effort on the part of preachers and laymen as well. It takes organization, consecration and prayer. Spreading the gospel takes money also. We are thankful for the Lord's blessing on our people and for their faithfulness in supporting His work through their tithe. God's blessing has resulted in a tithe gain of 26% over the previous four-year period. The total tithe for the last four years was \$447,619.12.

But we can't go to heaven until the work is finished all over the world. The members of the Wyoming Conference have not only been interested in spreading the good news in Wonderful Wyoming, but have done their part in raising money for the work in other places. The Wyoming Sabbath schools raised \$86,655.00 for missions during the past four years. Besides that, there were the general missions offerings that showed a 42% gain over the previous quadrennium.

The Wyoming Conference even is

helping to take care of the spiritual needs of church members from fields afar. I am referring to those who may be visiting Wonderful Wyoming during the summer and spending a Sabbath in Yellowstone National Park. For the past three years we have been providing Sabbath services for visiting church members in the Park. Last year visitors registered from thirty-eight states and ten foreign countries. There have been as many as ninety people present at a single Sabbath service.

We also carry on a program for our youth in the conference through the Education and MV Departments. There are eight church schools in operation. Again, this is not a large number, but when we compare that number against our membership, and then compare with the rest of the union, we find that we have one church school for every 169 church members, while the union average is one school for every 293 church members.

Too, we are happy for the opportunity of sending our academy boys and girls to either Campion or Platte Valley Academies. We wish to thank the Colorado and Nebraska Conferences for welcoming our students. Our enrollment at Union College from Wyoming has enjoyed a fifty per cent increase over last school year.

We are of good courage and believe that under the enthusiastic, consecrated leadership of our ministers, the loyal lay members will join hands and see the work finished in Wyoming so that Jesus can soon come to take us to that heavenly vacation land.

"God speaks through His appointed agencies, and let no man, or confederacy of men, insult the Spirit of God by refusing to hear the message of God's word from the lips of His chosen messengers. By refusing to hear the message of God, men close themselves in a chamber of darkness. They shut their own souls away from vast blessings, and rob Christ of the glory that should come to Him, by showing disrespect to His appointed agencies."

Testimonies to Ministers, page 54

Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital

QUADRENNIAL REPORT

HARVEY C. HARTMAN, Administrator



H. C. Hartman

The past quadrennial period of the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital has been one of as many changes as has probably taken place in any four-year period.

Yet with all of these progressive changes which have involved the rebuilding of the greater part of this institution, we have kept in mind that this is the second of our present denominationally owned medical institutions established in 1895 for a definite purpose of serving ailing humanity and winning sin-sick souls to the kingdom of God.

Encouragement has come to us as we have read many statements made by Mrs. E. G. White pertaining to the work of the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium. I will quote only two of these, "But God has a care for His work, and even in the darkness He was leading and guiding for some wise purpose, giving frequent and abundant evidences of His long suffering and tender care." —*Record of Progress and an Earnest Appeal in Behalf of the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium*, page 4.

Following remarks were made at the General Conference, May 29, 1905—"The light given me is that we should not rest until the Boulder Sanitarium is a decided success—God wants us never to do such a thing as to part with the Boulder Sanitarium. THIS INSTITUTION WILL YET DO ITS WORK, AND WILL DO IT WELL." *Ibid*, page 40, 41.

We believe the fulfillment of these prophecies and others not quoted has been experienced during this four-year period and will continue to be experienced in future years of operating the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital.

We are grateful to Harley E. Rice, business manager, and Harold Eichman,

assistant business manager, for their guidance, direction and future planning of this institution. We are also grateful for the unselfish service and devotion given by our doctors, nurses and other workers.

And now may we briefly mention some of the events that took place during this quadrennial period.

During 1955 doctors' offices were moved out of the Sanitarium building to office space located in a building on Marshall Road. We appreciate the very excellent and continued support of these doctors. Plans are being developed to have additional Seventh-day Adventist doctors join this group.

Last part of 1955, the Sanitarium was recipient of an estate under the will of John J. Lamb. This was probated during 1956 and 1957. The asset valuation of this estate is approximately \$450,000.00. Wyoming holdings represent \$100,000.00 which are not being liquidated, but rather the income which consists of oil royalties, oil lease rentals, and other land rentals will be used for operating purposes.

Approximately \$350,000.00 assets of the Lamb Estate are being liquidated and have been and will be added to the more than \$400,000.00 of the Sanitarium building funds that were acquired through careful planning during a period of years. The Sanitarium has qualified for Hill-Burton funds totaling nearly \$600,000.00. We appreciate the work of the Colorado Public Health officials in providing these funds and also in helping us with planning for the rebuilding of the institution.

This has provided a little over 1 1/3 million in rebuilding this institution. Much work went into planning for the new hospital building and facilities.

Work of demolition of old buildings and rebuilding was started in May 1957 and project, excepting power house and shops, was completed December 1958. Power house and shops should be finished by March 1959.

The 1918 three story south wing building and 1932 physical therapy building have been saved and the new building has been built to attach to these existing structures. This has made construction work much more complicated and yet through it all we have been able to erect a most beautiful, modern and up-to-date hospital.

The new building makes provision for the following facilities: A modern, electric, self-service elevator, heating and air-conditioning (thermostatically controlled), pneumatic tube system which will convey messages and small packages to the different departments, and a centralized dictaphone system with telephone dictating units at nine different posts.

The main floor provides for new administrative offices, admission and accounting offices; also, new quarters for the pharmacy which is provided with new McKesson and Robbins space saver shelving.

The new modernly equipped kitchen and bakery departments, also dietitians office; a beautiful new dining room overlooking the mountains are located in the southwest portion of the floor. Also the record office, and doctors' lounge are provided for. Storage, housekeeper's office and storage rooms and rest rooms are located in the north portion of this floor.

On the second floor are located twenty patient beds. Five are single rooms, six are two-bed rooms and one is a three-bed ward. Self-service units are provided for each bed. These self-service units will reduce nursing care.

Beautifully carpeted parlor overlooking mountains, solarium, sun porch, chaplain's office, showers and bath, doctors' examining room, central nurses' station are also on this floor.

On the ground floor we have the laundry, with modern equipment, centralized sterilization room with two autoclaves and modern Aloe shelving. Emergency Room is also on this floor. In the east portion of this floor we have our X-ray facilities, equipped with the most modern General Electric equipment.

In the new wing to the east are housed the surgical facilities consisting of two major operating rooms, complementary facilities, recovery room, doctors' room, nursing room, utility rooms and new central nurses' station.

In this wing also is located the maternity department, three delivery and

labor rooms, thirteen patient beds, nurses' station, doctors' lounge, terminal sterilization in formula room and other complementary facilities.

We have remodeled the Physical Therapy department by rearranging some of the facilities, laying new asbestos tile floor, and redecorating the entire department. We have made provisions for a Hubbard tank installation which we hope to install in the near future. The facilities of this department have always been a very prominent feature of the Sanitarium services and we do want to continue to make it a very strong department.

Remodeling is also taking place of the old O.B. department into an open ward psychiatric department for the emotionally disturbed patients. Installation of a modern and up-to-date encephalographic unit will provide diagnostic facilities and will be rated one of the best in the State of Colorado. This department will also provide occupational therapy facilities and provide fourteen patient beds. It is planned that this department will be ready for occupancy by March 1, 1959.

We are also remodeling two rooms in the 1918 addition into a five-bed pediatric ward for the care of children.

The following is a yearly comparative report for the four-year period:

	1955	1956	1957	1958
Service Report with number of patients.				
Medicine	674	613	621	840
Surgery	374	337	332	396
Obstetrics	375	297	289	224
Newborn	349	262	265	203
Other Services	516	459	333	324
Total Patients	2288	1968	1840	1987
Departmental Reports.				
X-ray				
In Patient	1094	966	867	1612
Out Patient	1920	1009	565	497
Laboratory				
In Patient	15341	14039	13109	18604
Out Patient	11699	11993	8106	5931
Physical Therapy				
In Patient	5530	3399	2385	3135
Out Patient	1701	1599	1359	1359
Average Daily				
Census	47.0	39.1	32.2	37.5
Average Stay per				
Patient (days)	9.0	8.7	7.7	7.9
Operating				
Sanitarium	L. \$ 6629.95	L. \$ 27365.84	L. \$ 39724.84	G. \$ 4395.42
Stores	G. 10314.26	G. 12619.53	G. 24119.23	G. 31995.56
Total	G. 3684.31	L. 14746.31	L. 15605.61	G. 36390.98
Net Worth	\$890,443.54	\$922,362.55	\$985,778.93	\$1,667,205.16

Porter Sanitarium and Hospital QUADRENNIAL REPORT

OLOF T. MOLINE, Administrator



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It is a pleasure to bring to our constituency another encouraging report of progress in the operation of the Porter Sanitarium and Hospital for the quadrennial period ending December 31, 1958. During this period 38,263 patients were admitted

for treatment and 18,525 others received out-patient or emergency care.

The Porter Sanitarium and Hospital is fully approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, is a member of the American Hospital Association, the Colorado Hospital As-

sociation, and offers a general rotating internship for doctors, and a residency in pathology, both approved by the American Medical Association. This year we have eight Seventh-day Adventist interns. Within the next two years we expect to open schools of medical technology and X-ray technology, thus enabling students from Union College to come here to complete their training in these fields.

Medical Staff

We have a very well-organized and qualified medical staff of approximately 300 doctors. Among this group are approximately 55 physicians who are Board certified in various specialties and several others are qualified and plan to write their certification examinations. During the past quadrennium, impor-

You will observe an upward trend for the 1958 year over 1957 in most departments. Particularly notice an improvement of almost \$52,000.00 in the over-

all operating for the last year over the previous year. We do appreciate the very excellent progressive operating showing of our Health Food Stores from year to year.

We do want to express gratitude to our board of trustees for their very excellent co-operation and support. We thank the Colorado Conference for their help in so many ways. Recently they have made provision for Elder E. M. Davis to serve as chaplain of the institution. We are also grateful to the Central Union Conference and the General Conference for their fine support extended to us from year to year.

It is our desire to make the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital one of God's institutions in providing unselfish service to the people of Boulder and surrounding communities and our constituency of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

We thank our heavenly Father for His guidance, and direction during past years. As we face the future we do so with courage and hope, knowing under the blessings of God, there are bright days ahead of us and "THIS INSTITUTION WILL YET DO ITS WORK, AND WILL DO IT WELL."

Employees

Housing

Expansion Program

Departments

Financial

Spiritual

Closing

In closing, we wish to thank every hospital worker, every member of the medical staff and the Board for their contribution to the remarkable progress of the Hospital. A special vote of thanks for their fine leadership is due Doctor A. L. Moon and Elder H. E. Rice who were Medical Director and Business Manager, respectively, during the four-year period. We earnestly invite all of our faithful members in the Central Union to continue to pray for the progress of the Hospital that it might fulfill the purpose for which it was founded.

Union College

PRESIDENT'S
QUADRENNIAL REPORT

D. J. BIEBER, President



D. J. Bieber

It is with a sense of humility that I present this report of Union College. The accomplishments of Union College over the period of years are a tribute to an all-loving and all-wise heavenly Father who foresees and plans the program for His children here on earth. The wonderful blueprint which God has given for the training of young people to promulgate the gospel is ample evidence that He cares and provides for the welfare of His people. Surely He has led in the affairs of Union College. Today hundreds of faithful Seventh-day Adventist laity and workers are scattered over all parts of the earth as monuments to the spiritual and educational influence of "good old Union." We have been told by divine inspiration that these institutions would serve in a mighty way in the finishing of God's work and the preparation of a people for His kingdom. Let us, therefore, thank God anew for our Seventh-day Adventist institutions.

Union College has prospered during this last four-year period. God has been good to Union College and, because of His blessings and because of consecrated staff members and students, we are able to present a good report.

At this time I wish to pay tribute to former President Harvey C. Hartman, who gave consecrated leadership during the first two years of this quadrennial period. During his many years of leadership, Union College grew and prospered, and, at this time, I wish to express appreciation to Elder Hartman, now administrator of the new Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital, for his contribution to Union College. May God continue to bless him in his important work.

The last few months have been important ones in the educational world of

today. American education is undergoing intensive and critical evaluation. This has proved to be a healthy step forward for educational systems, and institutions have been led to ask, "What is wrong?" As a result, untold studies have been begun, and already there is evidence of a "repairing of the breaches." This also has been healthy for Seventh-day Adventist institutions. We, too, have asked ourselves whether we have drifted away from the "pattern," and even now we are searching to find wherein we may have been drifted and are finding ways to return. Surely, God's people must ever be grateful for well-defined educational standards. We need not search for new standards

but merely to discover what these standards are and to follow them. May God grant us the wisdom to do this.

Enrollment

An institution may have excellent facilities, a modern up-to-date plant, and a well-qualified staff, but obviously, all of these are for one purpose only and that is for the individual student. Although rated among the top Seventh-day Adventist colleges in enrollment, Union College is considered a small college, and fortunately so. One of the unique features of a Seventh-day Adventist college is that it is small enough to make it "personal." Every student may feel that he or she is a member of a family and may sustain that family relationship.

The Union College family is a wonderful family. The beautiful surroundings and the campus "climate" is so conducive to spiritual development and educational growth. The students are friendly, and thus living in this college atmosphere is pleasant.

Comparative Opening Enrollment by Conferences
(Includes Clinical Division)

*Enroll. Enroll. Enroll. Enroll. Enroll. Enroll. Enroll.
10-1-58 10-2-57 10-2-56 10-7-55 10-8-54 10-9-53 10-15-52

Central Union							
Colorado	81	82	86	72	87	66	90
Kansas	44	40	51	64	64	52	57
Missouri	35	30	32	40	47	48	48
Nebraska	133	133	158	134	159	136	129
Wyoming	12	8	9	9	12	15	14
TOTALS	305	293	336	319	369	317	338
Northern Union							
Iowa	63	65	59	56	72	53	45
Minnesota	80	73	83	67	84	62	57
North Dakota	43	49	60	64	56	48	47
South Dakota	41	42	51	54	38	34	36
TOTALS	227	229	253	241	250	197	185
S.W. Union							
Ark.-La.	17	16	21	20	11	23	27
Okla.	23	37	37	38	42	45	45
Texas	48	57	48	44	35	40	42
Texico	12	10	12	11	11	8	10
TOTALS	100	120	118	113	99	116	124
Cosmopolitan	56	52	56	61	54	52	61
Foreign	65	46	41	35	33	23	23
GRAND TOTAL	753	740	804	769	805	705	731
U.C. Academy	103	87	98	119			
Helen Hyatt							
Elem. School	182	180	173	179			

*It must be noted that this represents only the opening enrollments and not the year's enrollment.

The following exhibit gives the yearly enrollment, including both semesters, and also the drop-outs for each year. The drop-outs include students who enrolled only for the first semester.

Comparative Total Enrollment and Drop-Outs by Years

Year	Enroll.	Att'd'nce	Drop-Outs
1954-55	878	716	162
1955-56	861	700	161
1956-57	878	687	191
1957-58	809	657	152
1958-59*	819	718	101

*Through February 1, 1959 only.

The above statistics indicate that, although the enrollment has dropped some during the last two years, the percentage of drop-outs has decreased, which indicates that the students are staying in school better than previously.

With the increase of church membership in the Union College territory, the increase of college population on a national scale, and other factors, there is no doubt that Union College will have its present maximum capacity filled and overflowing within the next few years. Every effort is being utilized to this end, and we ask that the conference leadership, the ministry, and the laity join us in this all-out effort.

The Staff

Union College has consistently maintained a consecrated and professionally qualified staff. At the present time, the staff, including part-time instructors, industrial and service department superintendents and supervisors, and other regular employees, numbers 114. Of this number 49 are members of the college teaching staff, exclusive of the elementary and secondary departments. We are happy to report that of the 49 teaching staff, eleven hold doctorate degrees and 28 hold master's degrees. During the summer of 1959 it is expected that two more will obtain their doctorate degrees and four their master's degrees. Two additional staff members holding doctorate degrees will also be added. We feel that these high professional qualifications, combined with Christian humility and a sense of mission to the Seventh-day Adventist cause of education, are primary factors in the operation of a Seventh-day Adventist college. This corps of workers comprises a team which in turn is responsible for a smooth program on the campus. I wish to pay tribute to this group of workers for a task well done.

Curriculum

At the present time Union College offers majors in sixteen fields. The college grants the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. The Bachelor of Arts degree is conferred upon the student who fulfills the requirements for graduation from the Liberal Arts

	1954-55	1955-56
Assets	\$1,773,408	\$1,891,250
Liabilities	57,395	132,908
Net Worth	1,716,012	1,758,342

curriculum. The Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree is conferred upon the student who fulfills the requirements for graduation from the theological curriculum. The Bachelor of Science degree is conferred upon the student who fulfills the requirements for graduation from certain specialized curricula.

The college also offers a number of pre-professional and terminal curricula, some of which lead to a diploma and others which prepare the student to enter certain professional schools, such as schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry, engineering, and law.

We feel, therefore, that Union College serves its young people well, not only in receiving quality general Christian education but also education in professional fields, preparing them for a place in God's cause and in secular professional fields.

College Plant

Union College has made much progress in its rebuilding program launched several years ago. The latest project has been the completion of the Pearl L. Rees Hall, dormitory for the college women. This building is a wonderful addition to the other fine buildings on the campus, comprising the following: men's dormitory, gymnasium, library, science building, music building, elementary education building, industrial building, and numerous other older buildings. The new campus road and other major improvements on the campus have made the Union College plant one of the finest and the campus one of the most beautiful.

Present plans for the next few years call for the completion of the men's dormitory and cafeteria, the new secondary training unit, industrial building and expansion, and a new administration and classroom building or buildings. These projects are much needed facilities, and I am happy to report that the board has made provision for the fi-

nancing of these needed facilities within the next few years.

Finances

God has blessed in a wonderful way in the finances of Union College. The following exhibit will show the increase of assets and net worth during the past four years:

	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	Dec. 1958
Assets	\$1,773,408	\$1,891,250	\$2,398,636	\$2,783,287	\$2,969,400
Liabilities	57,395	132,908	354,977	473,675	644,299
Net Worth	1,716,012	1,758,342	2,043,659	2,309,612	2,325,101

The students provide approximately eighty-five per cent of the total operating budget and, of this amount, they earn approximately forty-six per cent by employment in the various industrial, instructional, and service departments. The total student earnings during the past school term amounted to \$347,475.00. The college has operated with a small net gain for the past four years.

Conclusion

The constituencies of the three union conferences comprising the Union College territory may feel justly proud of their college. In considering the overall picture of the college, we are led to feel that Union College has and is maintaining a strong program. By keeping the college strong, we feel the fields represented will be kept strong. Hundreds of well-qualified young people have gone out from the college to become leaders in the various conferences, academies, church schools, and in the local churches. To quickly hasten the work of God, hundreds of others must be trained. We, therefore, are appealing to the field to assist us in encouraging the young people of college age to come to Union College. God's work is expanding and many more workers, as well as trained laity, are needed to answer the need of this hour.

We are not satisfied with past accomplishments at Union College, so we are pressing forward to strengthen and to expand, thus meeting the needs of the youth and of the field. Most of all, we are desirous of fulfilling the will of God on the campus of Union College. We covet your prayers that we may have the wisdom to properly administer in the affairs of the college so that it may truly be a Christian college.

"God has a church, and she has a divinely appointed ministry."

Testimonies to Ministers, page 52

Pacific Press - Central Branch

QUADRENNIAL REPORT

ORVAL L. DRISKELL, Manager



O. L. Driskell

"From this small beginning," wrote the servant of God, "it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world." How accurately was thus described the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Program. For

encircling the world today is a network of publishing houses owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church. You, as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, are a joint owner of these 43 publishing houses printing gospel literature in some 214 languages. The total retail value of literature sold through our church publishing channels has now reached a point above \$20 million a year.

The Central Branch of Pacific Press Publishing Association, located in Omaha, Nebraska, is a part of this great literature distribution system. The function of the office in Omaha is unique inasmuch as it exists not as a publishing house, but as a service center, stocking the products of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Houses for speedy redistribution to the Book and Bible Houses which serve the constituency of this union. In this manner, fields such as Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado can have the same advantages of service as those conferences adjacent to one of the actual publishing plants. As the literature program continues to grow, the wisdom of the strategic placement of such "arsenals of truth" becomes more apparent.

It is difficult to picture the successful operation of our church today without the well-organized system of providing our members with successful tools of evangelism, our schools with reliable textbooks, and our homes with the literature which establishes members in the faith. The report of literature distribution of necessity overlaps into the field of some of the other reports, for there

	Subscription	Trade	Educational	Tracts	Bibles	Total
1955	\$210,538	115,309	8,364	7,717	12,187	354,115
1956	226,798	121,562	7,042	7,985	12,356	375,743
1957	166,152	176,467	8,344	8,147	12,190	371,300
1958	235,365	176,708	13,355	19,220	12,088	456,736
Total	\$838,853	590,046	37,105	43,069	48,821	1,557,894

is no department in our organization which is not served in some manner by the denomination's publishing houses.

This is not my report. I cannot take any credit for the accomplishments of the years which will be covered herein. Elder C. L. Paddock, Jr. should be the one to bring you the account of how the Lord has blessed in these years. I would like also to mention Mr. Clarence Wallace and his predecessor, Mr. Reuben Beck, also Miss Bonnie Syfert. These persons by their faithful service have made large contributions toward the successful operation of the Omaha Branch office.

God has blessed us greatly. Here in the Central Union we have seen some of the results of literature seed sowing. We have seen something of the power of the printed word which has a way of reaching into men's hearts and lighting the fire of the gospel message. But surely there has been revealed to our eyes only a small fraction of the effect that Seventh-day Adventist literature has had upon those who have received and read. Heaven will undoubtedly reveal triumphs of which we are now unaware.

Because it is impossible to measure accurately the success of the literature work in terms of intangible accomplishments, we have necessarily resorted to sales figures which serve as a basis of comparison to measure the effectiveness of our efforts at literature distribution. Of course, we wish it were possible to tell you accurately the number of men and women who have been turned heavenward because of reading truth-filled literature. We wish it were possible to say that a specific number of boys and girls have been saved for the message as a result of the good reading

material supplied by the denomination and the textbooks produced for use in our educational system. How impressive it would be if I were able to tell you today how many disheartened, discouraged men and women have been lifted up and encouraged by our publications!

Lacking that information, we rely upon the sales figures for the past quadrennium to tell the story.

The picture is one of growth—but isn't that exactly what God has promised? A total of more than \$1½ million worth of good, wholesome Seventh-day Adventist literature has been distributed in the Central Union during the past four years! Note that 1958 marks the largest distribution of literature to date. Approximately half of this literature was distributed by the faithful Literature Evangelists who go from door to door seeking those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. But just as important is the literature which finds its way into the homes of Seventh-day Adventist church members. For just as surely as this literature contains the power to draw men and women to Christ, it also has the power to hold God's people in the tender embrace of church membership. A home where Seventh-day Adventist publications are to be found, and where they are read, is a home where the parents stand firm in the message and the children grow up stalwart in the faith, ready to carry the torch of the gospel.

Sometimes figures such as this have little meaning until we break them down into terms that we can more easily understand. The sales figure of \$1,557,894 sounds like a lot and it is. Maybe we can visualize it better in terms of church membership. The latest yearbook figure for the church membership in the Central Union is 22,434. The literature sales for the past quadrennium when divided by the church membership amounts to approximately \$70 per person. Inasmuch as half of this literature was purchased by those not of our faith, the average literature purchased by a church member in the Central Union for the past four years was \$35 or just \$9 a year, per person.

Surely we can be thankful for the blessing in making a report such as this possible.

There is one phase of the literature program in which I know many of you are interested. That is the Scholarship Plan. During the past four years a large number of young men and women have been highly successful in earning their educational expenses by the sale of gospel literature. Perhaps there were some of these who would have found it difficult to complete their education had it not been for the plan by which the local conference, the Book and Bible House, the school and the publishing house joined in providing a scholarship based upon the student's sale of denominational literature. In the time covered by this report—the years 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958—student scholarships in the amount of \$123,983.50 have been earned in the Central Union. Surely the work of God will prosper as a result of the training these young

people have obtained by means of the literature Scholarship Plan.

In addition to this, the Pacific Press offers a Career Scholarship to students planning to make some phase of the Publishing Program their lifework. This has been a successful means of bringing some highly talented young men and women into the ranks of workers.

While we rejoice in what has been accomplished, we are not satisfied with present achievements. By the grace of God, even more will be done in the future than has been done in the past! The greatest days for the publishing work in the Central Union are just ahead of us. Under God's blessing, with the strong leadership of the Book and Bible House Managers, the Publishing Secretaries, the Literature Evangelists and the many others who have a burden for this important work of the remnant church, even greater will be the scope of those streams of light which are to encircle the world.

simply thrill little blind children and teach them God's great love for them. We publicly give thanks to the REVIEW AND HERALD and THE SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION for the privilege of brailleing *Life and Health* and *These Times* magazines.

Seven out of eight blind people in the United States cannot read Braille. For them we put out a quarterly magazine on phonograph records. This is very greatly appreciated by the blind. The House started this magazine in February, 1955. It now has a mailing list of 4,316, up 705 over a year ago. It probably enjoys the largest circulation of any religious Talking Book magazine produced by any religious body in America. We enjoy a very close relationship with the Library of Congress. We are privileged to supply recorded books to the Library of Congress and its twenty-eight regional outlets spread across America and in Hawaii. Thus, the people in those areas nearest one of these regional libraries are able to order their recorded literature from a point nearer their homes and are able to get better service than we could give from one central location. Furthermore, all of the expense of handling and shipping is taken care of by the Library of Congress. The recorded books we have in these various libraries are: *Ruth and Redemption*, *Alone with God*, *Desire of Ages*, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Prophecy Speaks*. During the last four years we have produced and distributed about 104,000 Talking Book records. In spite of the efforts to hold the line with Braille publications, there definitely is a strong trend toward the more frequent use of recorded material. Each year now another 27,000 people in the United States and Canada become blind. More than half of them are past sixty-five years of age. Their fingers are not as sensitive as they once were. They find it difficult to confine their efforts to such a tedious job as to learn Braille.

It is much easier for them to keep up with the best in literature by use of the Talking Books and Talking Book magazines. There is a tremendous field ahead for the Christian Record work in the Talking Book business. It costs \$6.00 for us to produce a year's subscription to a brailled monthly magazine. It costs \$10.00 for us to produce a one-year subscription to the quarterly Talking Magazine. Thus, you can see that the

Christian Record Benevolent Association

QUADRENNIAL REPORT

C. G. CROSS, Manager



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Thanks to the Lord and the diligent efforts of the workers in the field and in the plant we have an encouraging report.

Founded by action of the General Conference executive committee in 1899, the Christian Record Benevolent Association was originally intended

to print literature that blind people could read with the tips of their fingers. Leaders of our cause wanted to help our people bring earthly joys and eternal hope to blind people.

Our field is the world. We are now operating in sixty-four countries outside of the United States and Canada. There are between fourteen million and eighteen million blind people in the world!

During the period of the last four years we have produced and distributed about forty million pages of brailled literature. Elder C. W. Degering, during the past nine years, has done a truly magnificent job with editing five of our six Braille magazines. There has been a steady growth in the subscription list of our monthly Braille papers. In the words of Prof. D. W. Overbeay, President of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, Inc., "The Christian Record publishes an unusually large number of fine Braille magazines." The scope of our Braille magazines covers all ages from primary to the oldest adults. Information deals with subjects on the Bible, health, and general inspiration, in much the same way as the ink print magazines are read by sighted persons. Mrs. Etta B. Degering has edited the *Children's Friend* for small youngsters and has repeatedly produced a precious array of stories, games and poems that

new field which is ahead of us is going to be a very expensive one.

I wish you could visit our lending library of Braille books. It is handsome! It not only looks good, but every book is loaded with hope, bright with the promise of a better world! One entire wall of shelves is filled with the brailled copies of Sister White's books. If we count Braille as a language, we can report that it is either the only language or one of the very, very few languages outside of English in which the entire Conflict of the Ages series is available. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, *Desire of Ages*, *Acts of the Apostles*, and *Great Controversy* make up this series.

Correspondence courses in Braille and recorded form are available for small children in Vacation Bible Schools and for adults who wish to study either general religious subjects or the strong doctrines of the Scriptures. Mrs. Etta B. Degering, our Bible Correspondence School instructor, has simply thrown her life into the Bible Correspondence School work during the past few years. We wish that you could help us open the mail some morning—just any morning—and read some of these letters that come from Bible correspondence students from America and many different parts of the world. You would thank the Lord for the Christian Record! Up until now we have had no way of determining the number of souls who have been baptized as a result of reading the various courses, books, records, etc. Occasionally the person himself who is baptized or the minister who baptized him will write in and tell us of the experience. We had twenty such happenings last year. We hope that the new set of follow-up blanks which have been developed along almost exactly the same lines as the blanks which are used by both the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today Bible correspondence courses will be an aid to our executives and ministers in handling the unusual interests from our Bible courses.

We have thirty-six full-time and part-time district representatives scattered across the United States and Canada who spend three-fourths of their time soliciting funds from business people and one-fourth of their time in calling upon the blind in their respective homes. They do an excellent work in representing our cause to both blind and sighted people. They are highly respected in their various territories. They are responsible for the great majority

of funds which reach the Christian Record for this missionary work. We honor them today in their soul-saving activities.

Sometimes these district representatives find talented young people who could really make an outstanding contribution to humanity if they had further education. Often the Christian Record is able to assist them in paying for tuition to special courses. Sometimes we are able to help the children of blind parents. We have extended a large amount of money as tuition, medical, dental, and other aid to worthy blind children, youth, and adults here in the U.S.A. and in foreign countries.

In 1958 and 1959 we are going through a transition stage in which a number of our veteran, aged workers are retiring. We are finding and training younger men and women to succeed them. These older workers have really made the Christian Record what it is today. Now the younger ones must step in line and adjust themselves and carry the responsibilities of tomorrow. This is not only a dangerous period, but it is also expensive because a very large percentage of the older workers are involved. We are happy to tell you that the Lord is blessing Elders Alten A. Bringle and G. C. Wilson, the two field directors who recruit and train the district representatives. We expect by the end of 1959 to finish the job of replacing the older workers and to have an additional number of younger workers established in new territory. We wish to thank Elder P. D. Gerrard, who was in charge of public relations and carried on his work very effectively among many organizations and business interests up to his retirement June 1, 1957.

Our Board of Trustees is comprised of the ten Union Conference presidents in the North American Division, D. J. Bieber, president of Union College, W. P. Bradley, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, G. A. Huse, Publishing Department Secretary of the General Conference, J. J. Nethery, retired member of the General Conference committee, W. B. Ochs, Vice-president of the General Conference, N. C. Petersen, President of the Nebraska Conference, W. E. Phillips, Associate treasurer of the General Conference, B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Union Conference, C. L. Torrey, Treasurer of the General Conference, and C. G. Cross, Manager of the Christian Record. Elder W. B. Ochs is Presi-

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D. C. Duffield, our devoted treasurer, keeps the office records in good condition. These books and records of finance are audited annually by the General Conference auditors to see that we meet the standards of the denomination. They are also audited by internationally known public accountants, Peat, Marwick, & Mitchell Co. so as to meet the requirements of certain local, state, and national bodies.

The Association enjoys the distinction of holding the Seal of Good Practice issued by the ethics committee of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. This is a coveted award in the field of services for the blind. It indicates that the Association conforms to ethical standards in its organization, administration, services offered, relationships to the blind and public, and in the handling of its finances.

Now we share with you news of one of the greatest stories of soul winning that we have ever heard. The man is blind. His name is Tekel Haimanot from Abyssinia. He is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister. He says that the materials and services sent from the Christian Record are his "right arm" in the saving of many lost people. In the eleven years he has worked in his area he has taught hundreds of people in the baptismal classes, 400 of whom have been baptized. Now the work has spread far beyond that location. On day three people came from the southwest. They were preachers for another Mission. They had come to dispute with him about our beliefs. Finally, after

studying our doctrines, two of them with their families were baptized. They went back home and stirred up a tremendous interest among their own people. From two other places interested people came to study the truth. They also returned to their areas to spread the good news among their countrymen, with the result that 3,000 are interested in our truth! Every two months he goes to visit and instruct these newly interested

people, spending ten to twenty days each time. At the present, 420 are in baptismal classes. Thank God for a blind Seventh-day Adventist minister who is leading hundreds and thousands into this glorious message! Don't underestimate how God can use a blind man in His service! Don't underestimate how God can use Christian Record services in the saving of both blind and sighted people!

"We must study improved ways and means of reaching the people. We need to hear with ears of faith the mighty captain of the Lord's host saying, 'Go forward.' We must act and God will not fail us. He will do His part when we in faith do ours."—*Historical Sketches*, p. 290.

We thank you for your interest and co-operation. May God bless us together as we serve Him for the sake of souls.

How to Hold New Converts In the Church

"Those who have newly come to the faith should be patiently and tenderly dealt with, and it is the duty of the older members of the church to devise ways and means to provide help and sympathy and instruction for those who have conscientiously withdrawn from other churches for the truth's sake, and thus cut themselves off from the pastoral labor to which they have been accustomed. The church has a special responsibility laid upon her to attend to these souls who have followed the first rays of light they have received; and if the members of the church neglect this duty, they will be unfaithful to the trust that God has given them." **Evangelism**, page 351

The New Frontier

Statistics reveal that America is rapidly becoming an urban society. More and more people are leaving the farm areas to settle in cities and their suburbs. This concentration of population constitutes a new evangelistic frontier for the workers of the Central Union.

Let it be understood that this is not a hint for our people to purchase residences in the downtown metropolitan areas. The counsel regarding such matters is too clear and explicit to be misunderstood. We could quote at length as to the disadvantages of city living and the advantages of country living.

On the other hand, our analysis of country versus city living must not maneuver us into thinking that the towns and cities are no longer our evangelistic responsibility. As long as they are filled with men, women and youth, they are our responsibility. They must be worked. The message must be repeated so as to startle the masses. Some will reject it, but others will accept it. The over-all result will mean the strengthening of God's work.

Here is God's counsel:

"The message of warning should be sounded in the large, wicked cities."¹

"In every city in America there should be some memorial for God."²

"O that we might see the needs of these great cities as God sees them! We must plan to place in these cities capable men who can present the third angel's message in a manner so forceful that it will strike home to the heart."³

"Let us act our part in warning these cities. . . . As we undertake this work, we shall see the salvation of God. Encouragement will come. . . . As men and women are brought into the truth in the cities, the means will begin to come in. . . . and we shall see an increase in our resources."⁴

"But some of these very people (in the cities), under the preaching of the last testing message, will be convicted and converted. . . . Some who were once enemies will become valuable helpers, advancing the work with their means and influence."⁵

Here is a challenge to all of us—conference committees, ministers, medical workers, Literature Evangelists, teachers and church members. While not neglecting the work already established in rural areas, we must move forward and occupy the growing urban frontier. Through the agencies of radio, television, literature, medical ministry, new church homes, new church schools and public efforts the battle must be pressed until in "every city" there is established "some memorial for God."

Let a clarion call go forth from this assembly summoning the workers, church officers and church members of the Central Union to occupy every village, town and city for Christ.

THEODORE CARCICH

1. *Evangelism*, page 406

2. *Ibid.*, page 60

3. *Ibid.*, page 38

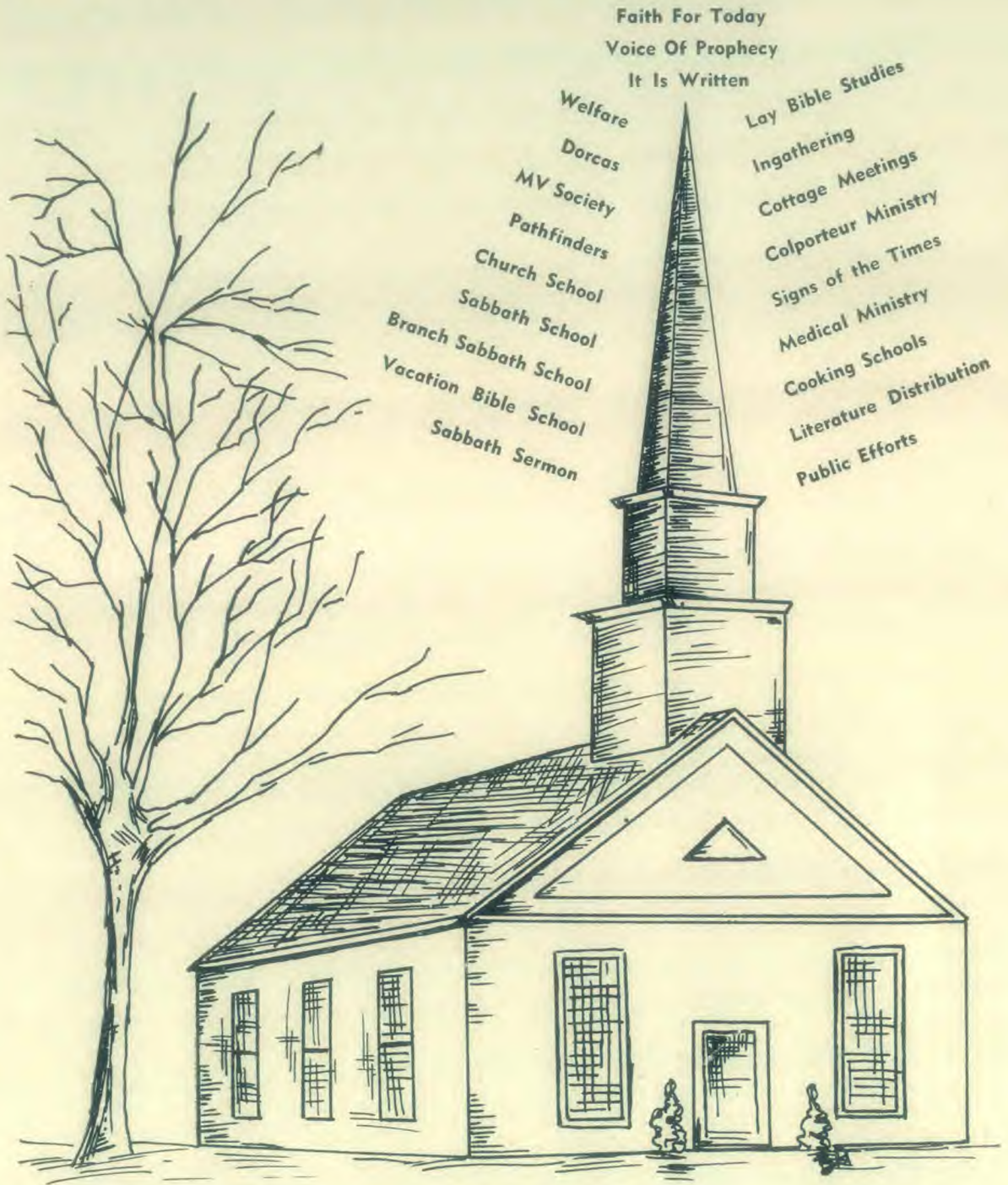
4. *Ibid.*, page 62, 89

5. *Ibid.*, page 567

CENTRAL UNION OBJECTIVES

1. That each Seventh-day Adventist boy or girl be urged to enroll in our church schools, academies, or Union College.
2. That all church members and their children be urged to enroll as active members of the Sabbath school.
3. That each Sabbath school assume a goal of starting a new branch Sabbath school before the close of 1959.
4. That each district pastor be urged to evangelistically reactivate each church department and activity, and to baptize a minimum of twenty-five carefully prepared candidates by the close of 1959.
5. That each church officer and member assist his pastor by assuming the responsibility of winning one individual to Christ.
6. That each district seek to obtain a resident Literature Evangelist to prepare the way for evangelistic endeavors and that each church member augment the Literature Evangelist's work by distributing at least five copies of the 1959 Book of the Year, "Love Unlimited," by Ellen G. White.
7. That each minister conduct at least one evangelistic effort each calendar year.
8. That each Missionary Volunteer Society conduct an active year-round "Share Your Faith."
9. That each physician, nurse, and medical worker assist the conference workers in urging still other medical workers to settle in the Central Union Conference territory.
10. That the family altar be restored in each home of the Central Union.

The Purpose of Each Church Activity Is to **MAKE** and **RETAIN** Disciples for Jesus Christ
 "Go . . . and Make Disciples . . . , Baptizing Them." Matt. 28:19, RSV



WE RECOMMEND:

"That as a result of the combined efforts of both laity and ministers each district in our union territory seek to realize the minimum objective of twenty-five well-grounded and fully indoctrinated converts in 1959, and that we encourage all churches to participate in the union-wide baptismal services on March 14, June 13, September 12, and December 12."

Central Union Conference Committee, Dec. 14, 1958