

Nightingale and Schlotthauer Re-elected President and Secretary-Treasurer at Eighteenth Session



R. H. Nightingale, President
Central Union Conference



B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary-Treasurer
Central Union Conference

Monday morning, February 25, 1963, the Nominating Committee brought in its report. Elder R. H. Nightingale was re-elected President of the Central Union Conference for the next four years and to be his associate officer, Elder B. L. Schlotthauer was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Departmental secretaries re-elected were: R. E. Spangle, Auditor; E. E. Hagen, Sabbath School, Home Missionary and TV; W. A. Howe, Educational and Public Relations; J. F. Kent, Publishing; Paul M. De Booy, Missionary Volunteer and Temperance.

Delegates were arriving at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver, Colorado, all day Sunday, February 24, to attend the Eighteenth Session of the Central Union Conference. Registration and getting located were the afternoon procedure, in preparation for the opening meeting at 7:15 p.m. Elder L. R. Mansell, music committee chairman, conducted an enthusiastic song service to begin this Session. Special music by the Harmonettes, a group of six girls from Union College, was enjoyed by those in attendance. This Eighteenth Session of the Central Union Conference was called to order by Elder Nightingale, after which the delegates were seated. The Large Committee was selected with Elder Theodore Carcich, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, chairman. The duty of this committee was to select members for three committees: the Nominating, Plans and Credentials. These committee members were chosen from the delegates in attendance at this Business Session from the six local conferences and institutions within the Central Union territory. Reports from these various committees were brought to the entire delegation for approval and final vote.

Work of the different committees in making these meetings function smoothly was appreciated. The special music was especially enjoyed. May we thank each for his individual part in making the entire program a success.

Reports as read at the Session are printed in this REAPER for your perusal. They are the accomplishments of the work of you, the lay members that comprise the membership of this Central Union Conference. It was with gratefulness in our hearts that these encouraging reports were given.

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Ministerial Institute Report

It was 5:35 p.m. Sunday afternoon, February 24, and the Plans Committee had just rendered its report concluding with a word of gratitude to our heavenly Father for the many wonderful blessings that had attended His work in the Central Union Conference in the quadrennium just ended. Dear reader of the REAPER, your heart would have been stirred as report after report indicated outstanding growth under the direction of the power of the Holy Spirit. Before the benediction by Elder W. P. Bradley, associate secretary of the General Conference, the assembly had sung with feeling "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow." I remained in the Silver Glade room after the delegates had gone and quietly let my thoughts wander back over the past 60 years of the Central Union Conference's history. It seemed that I could hear the voices of those who preceded us in their labors, now resting and awaiting the call of Jesus. Their labors have been entrusted to other's hands, to sow and reap the harvest before earth's history ends.

I was glad that I had arrived at the auditorium a bit early for the opening meeting of the Ministerial Institute, because by 7:45 p.m. nearly every seat was taken. Everyone was ready for the keynote address to be given by Elder R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference. Before his message, Campion Academy, from Loveland, Colorado, sent 43 of its students to sing for this group. The song "Rise Up O'Men of God" fitted in so well with Elder Figuhr's message "Like a Mighty Army," in which he stressed the need as never before of a unified movement as the work of God is finished. The next morning, beginning at 8:15, the former president of the Central Union Conference, Elder Theodore Carcich, now vice-president of the General Conference for North America, gave our morning devotional "Commissioned by Christ." The ministry and laity alike, declared the speaker, can do much to brighten up all of our church services thus permitting the love and joy and peace of heaven to pervade our midst. Following this came the first of six carefully selected periods of discussion of various phases of God's work—departmental, pastoral and evangelistic, Sabbath school and worship hour. Elder J. R. Spangler, an associate secretary of the Ministerial department of the General Conference

and for a number of years a worker in the Far Eastern Division, was present to give assistance in this institute.

Permit me to mention the following areas covered in these periods, namely; "The Importance of Public Evangelism," "The Importance of Personal Visitation," "The Making and Care of Converts," "Related Work of Personal Influence of Minister to the Organized Work," "Coordinating Every Church Department for Greater Soul-winning Results," and lastly "Principles of Worship—Creating and Preserving Worship Atmosphere in our Churches." These various items were of mutual interest to all of the workers and their wives who were in attendance.

Elder Spangler spoke to us on the theme "Our Hour of Opportunity" referring to the lives of Elijah and Noah and of their distinctive work as compared to our day. Faith was stressed as a most essential factor in aiding us in our work for souls. We are sometimes discouraged at prospects when in the final analysis God will bring forth marvelous results.

One of the thrilling high lights of the meetings was the report rendered on the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking as given in Denver, Colorado, and sponsored by the Porter Hospital. Two of the actual participants in this Plan gave stirring testimonials concerning their victories gained over this smoking habit. They were interviewed by Elder Paul M. De Booy, Central Union Temperance secretary, and Elder E. F. Irish, chaplain of Porter Hospital. Elder Irish reported that 50 applications were received for a second session of this plan to stop smoking; 35 came and 80% of this number gained victory over the habit. Soon a third group will be organized to study this plan. It has been suggested that the best size for this therapy is a group of 20-40 people. As this type of service spreads, it is important that no charge be made, and that this plan for control of the smoking habit not be connected in any way with public evangelistic meetings.

Elder Bradley gave the last morning devotional talk "Pastors According to My Heart" in which he mentioned the personal love and care of the pastor and church for the newly baptized members, as well as those who have fellowshipped with us for many years. The youth he stated especially need our loving guidance and assistance for they will have a prominent part in the finishing of God's work,

To conclude the Ministerial Institute Elder Figuhr spoke on the subject, "The Unfinished Task." With fresh courage and inspiration the ministers returned to the cities, towns and small out of the way places in our union to unitedly invite lost souls to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Each conference president asked his corps of workers to stand in response to the message of the General Conference president to go back to their local places of labor and help finish the work quickly so that we may all go to the heavenly home prepared for us. Elder Nightingale closed the meeting with a prayer of consecration as all came forward in renewed surrender to God.

The writer shares with all in attendance a word of deepest thanks for the blessings received at this Ministerial Institute.

E. A. HAMLIN,

Minister, Missouri, Conference

Sunset Calendar

	March 8	March 15
Denver, Colorado	5:59	6:06
Grand Junction, Colo.	6:14	6:21
Topeka, Kansas	6:23	6:30
Kansas City, Missouri	6:18	6:25
St. Louis, Missouri	6:01	6:08
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:26	6:33
Casper, Wyoming	6:02	6:12

R. E. Spangle, Auditor



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President's Quadrennial Report

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

President, Central Union Conference

Quadrennium Ending 1962

In behalf of the Central Union Conference I extend to every delegate and all assembled, hearty greetings and a cordial welcome.

At the very outset of this report I would remind you that Elder Theodore Carcich served as president for three and one-half years of this quadrennium under consideration, and altogether he served the Central Union in a distinguished way for more than five years. I am sure it is a source of pride and satisfaction to the workers of the Central Union, that at the last General Conference he was chosen to be Vice-President of the General Conference for the North American Division. In that capacity we welcome him back to this session to hear the reports which he himself had a part in making possible, and I am sure you join me in paying tribute to him; and in giving this report I give due recognition to this man who labored so faithfully as your leader.

What a privilege is ours to assemble here in this beautiful city of Denver for this eighteenth session of the Central Union Conference. It is good for us to come together this way every four years and review the achievements and accomplishments of the work of God in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The reports of progress that will be given should bring courage and a degree of satisfaction to the hearts of every worker and believer. I am sure that all of us wish to thank God for His blessings upon the work and the kindly hand of Providence that has been over us as workers. Let us thank God for His many blessings—blessings of protection, opportunities and guidance that have been ours during these past years.

Membership

When the Central Union territory was re-organized in 1937 the membership of the union stood at 13,857. I am happy to

tell you that during this past year the membership reached and passed the 25,000 mark, standing at the close of 1962 at 25,133. Since the membership at the close of 1958 stood at 23,095, this gives a net gain of 2,038 for the past four years as compared with 1,156 for the previous four years.

Finances

We certainly have loyal and faithful members in the Central Union and God has blessed them spiritually and financially as is reflected in the amount of tithe and offerings brought into the treasury. During the past four years the tithe income of our conferences was \$11,060,418.50, which is an increase of \$2,507,822.98 over the previous four-year period.

Our believers and workers have loyally supported our worldwide mission program. Our mission offerings—Sabbath school, Ingathering and all other mission offerings, including the Million Dollar offering which has been received by the Central Union Conference and passed on to the treasury of the General Conference—were \$3,353,189.63, which is an increase of \$636,575.23. Therefore, the tithe and mission offerings, including the Million Dollar offering, received during the past four years gives us the magnificent total of \$14,413,608.13.

As we think of this, in addition to all the funds that have been raised in the local conferences for church buildings, church schools, and church expense, we can but exclaim with the Psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

It is a pleasure to find the Central Union in such a healthy financial condition. My able associate, B. L. Schlottbauer, will give a detailed report, and I am sure you will agree that this good financial standing reflects careful management and the wise use of money.

I would also like to mention the good work of our union auditor, R. E. Spangle,

in looking after this important phase of the work in the conferences and institutions throughout our field.

The conference presidents will render reports for the conferences and no doubt will call attention to the large building program which has been carried out in many places. Churches and schools have been built and improved. Some of these have been projects of considerable size. Our boarding academies have had large building projects or made improvements during recent years.

Departments

W. A. Howe, who received his doctorate during this last quadrennium, heads up the Educational department in our union, and his report will tell you of the achievements of our educational work throughout the union. We can rejoice that there has been a definite attempt to upgrade our teachers in meeting professional standards.

Shortly after the last quadrennial session, Paul M. De Booy, who had served as MV secretary of the South Dakota and Central California conferences, was called to serve as youth leader of our union. Fireside and Lamplighter evangelism has been promoted, and the camping and Pathfinder programs have been producing wonderful results in helping to save our youth. As a result of the MV Week of Prayer, 579 joined the baptismal classes, and 1,033 boys and girls made decisions for Christ during summer camps and were asked to join baptismal classes.

J. F. Kent, our Publishing department secretary, will report on this branch of the work. He reports that during the past four years \$1,519,519.84 worth of literature was delivered by our faithful army of literature evangelists. This represents a splendid gain of \$446,409.15. In connection with placing this literature in the homes of the people, almost 2,000 attended church or Sabbath school as the result of invitations extended by these literature evangelists, and they had prayer in 4,938 homes.

We turn next to the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments. About two years ago D. E. Reiner, who carried these departments so well and who labored in the Central Union for 17 years, retired after 45 years of denominational service. We express appreciation for his work in the Central Union. E. E. Hagen, who had been serving as Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary of the Kansas Conference, was chosen to fill this vacancy. The laymen of the

Central Union have done a wonderful work in various types of missionary activities, such as Health and Welfare and the distribution of gospel literature, as well as in the Ingathering campaigns. During the period under consideration over one and one-half million missionary contacts were made. The Sabbath school should be a soul-winning agency, and it is heartening to know that 349 vacation Bible schools were held, with an attendance of 25,464. The Sabbath school offerings of \$1,661,448.56 have helped to support the work of God in the mission fields.

In recent years, especially since the Supreme Court decision concerning Sunday laws, a great rash of Sunday legislation has broken out. In every field the conference president is the Religious Liberty secretary, with the exception of Colorado where Lee Carter is carrying this work. This issue, together with others such as state aid for public schools, labor problems, et cetera, may continue to take increasing time and expense.

Institutions

The Central Union has two very fine medical institutions, both located in Colorado. At the beginning of this quadrennium Boulder Memorial Hospital was under the administration of Harvey C. Hartman. We pause here to pay tribute to this man who met a tragic and untimely death in July, 1960. In his services as business manager and president of Union College and administrator of Boulder he has left a fine record of consecrated devotion and leadership to the cause of God. J. R. Shawver, who had previously been credit manager of Glendale Sanitarium and assistant administrator of the White Memorial Hospital, was called to fill this position.

O. T. Moline is the administrator of the Porter Hospital at Denver where last November ground was broken for the new addition which is now well under construction. To our knowledge this is the largest single building project ever undertaken in the Central Union. It will cost over two and one-fourth million dollars to complete and equip, and will give a bed capacity of 300 or more.

We appreciate not only the doctors, nurses and many other consecrated workers in these institutions, but also other dedicated doctors in our midst, many of whom are giving good leadership in our churches.

Union College has continued to serve the young people of the union in a won-

derful way under the leadership of D. J. Bieber. Big strides have been taken to prepare an acceptably qualified professional faculty, and the building program has moved forward in a strong way. The new wing of the men's dormitory has been added, additional building space has been provided for modern kitchen facilities, and the dining room improved and beautified. Lack of space in the women's dormitory has made it necessary for many young women to live outside of the women's home. To remedy this situation study is being given to the possibility of starting a new wing of the women's dormitory this spring, to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1964. Union College must continue to train consecrated leaders for our churches and organized work.

We are pleased to have two other institutions in our field: the Christian Record under the management of C. G. Cross, and the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press under the leadership of W. Paul Turpel. Both of these General Conference institutions are serving well in their respective fields, and reports will be given here by the managers of these institutions.

I wish to express appreciation to the General Conference for their sympathetic understanding of our problems and the financial assistance given to help make this report possible. I wish also to express my personal appreciation to my fellow workers in the union office, including the office secretaries, and all members of the Union Conference Committee and institutional boards, for their help and counsel.

Since this report represents the combined efforts of our conferences, my sincere thanks and appreciation go to the local conference presidents, treasurers, departmental secretaries and all workers throughout the field. All of our dear people are to be commended for their loyalty and liberality to the interests of the work of God.

Our Needs

We have come not only to review the past, but also to challenge our souls with the task that remains in the finishing of the work. How fitting that in connection with this session we will have a ministerial institute to give consideration to our work and how we can be more efficient workers in the days ahead.

We must increase our evangelistic and soul-winning activities. We must use all available resources to evangelize our territory. We have many small churches

that must be built up in membership. It is not enough to merely hold what we have. If we are to survive we must grow and advance all along the line. In addition to strengthening our churches we must launch out into new cities and towns and counties where we do not now have members or churches. We must learn how to more fully harness and coordinate all of our departments and use to better advantage the present facilities of Faith for Today, Voice of Prophecy and It Is Written. We call on all pastors to plan public evangelism and revivals, conducting at least two campaigns a year. It would be wonderful if each conference might see its way clear in providing a team for full-time evangelistic work. Would it be unreasonable to think of reaching a baptismal goal of 2,000 a year during this new quadrennial period?

There may be other outstanding needs that will come to your minds during this session, but our greatest need is to have the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will "bring all other blessings in its train." For this let us pray daily and let us dedicate our lives to the cause we love and serve.

Conclusion

In closing let us pause a moment to think of the onrush of history during the past few years. Who among us has not been aware of the surging excitement and the quickened tempo in the events of our world? We have come to an unprecedented time in the history of the world and work of God. The messenger of the Lord has told us: "We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. . . . Intensity is taking hold of the human family."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 116.

During recent times we have seen the world move up to the brink of war, but our God has bidden His angels to hold the winds of war so that His plans for the accomplishment of His purposes can be fulfilled.

All of these conditions present a mighty challenge to the church of God. Yes, a mighty challenge to every Seventh-day Adventist preacher and worker and every believer to make known the saving grace of Christ and the meaning of these times in the light of prophecy while probation lingers.

Let us go back to our fields of labor determined to move forward to victory under the blessing of Almighty God, for He has promised final victory and the reward is certain.

Treasurer's Quadrennial Report

B. L. SCHLOTTHAUER, Secretary-Treasurer

Central Union Conference

It is a privilege to bring to the delegates of the eighteenth session of the Central Union Conference a brief resume of financial activities and membership growth during the four years since we met here in session in February, 1959.

Advances have been made along all lines. These accomplishments, with the blessing of the Lord, are the result of the dedicated leadership of our conference administration and the faithfulness of the ministers, teachers, literature evangelists, medical personnel, office staffs, church officers and loyal members found in the 290 organized churches of the six conferences of the Central Union.

"Prove me now . . . , saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." The members of the Central Union Conference have accepted the Lord's promise of blessing, which is evidenced by the inflow of increased tithe. "When His people, with grateful hearts, bring their gifts and offerings to Him, 'not grudgingly, or of necessity,' His blessing will attend them, as He has promised."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 529.

There has been a consistent increase in our tithe for each year of the period under review. The total tithe for the four years ending in 1958 was \$855,260.47. For the present four-year period it was \$1,106,041.86. The total mission funds, including Ingathering and Sabbath school, received during this period were \$3,301,483.87, an increase of \$641,709.64 over the previous quadrennium. In addition to the regular mission funds, \$258,110.21 was received for Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, Loma Linda University, Temperance, Servicemen's Literature, et cetera. This, too, was an increase of \$59,501.25 over the previous four years.

The Million Dollar offering goal for the conferences in our union was \$46,161.43. The amount received was \$51,705.76. This amount is not a part of the

total mission funds. The total amount received for the Million Dollar offering as reported at the General Conference in San Francisco was \$1,183,279.44.

When we look at the comparative balance sheet we will note that there has been a progressive increase each year in the current assets. At the close of December, 1958, the previous quadrennium, the total current assets were \$463,705.67. To the close of 1962, the present quadrennium, the total current assets were \$830,525.62.

In the four-year period the total net worth, to the close of 1962, was \$770,283.89, an increase of \$322,120.89 over the previous four years.

The General Conference policy provides that the operating capital of Union Conferences shall not be less than 30 per cent of the operating expense for the latest complete fiscal year. The actual operating capital at the close of December, 1962, far exceeds the required amount.

The policy also provides that cash and negotiable securities shall be maintained at a level sufficient to cover all liabilities and net worth reserves. We have cash and negotiable securities in excess of liabilities and net worth reserves in the amount of \$570,137.79. There are three union institutions in our territory and we must carry sufficient reserves to meet any emergency that might arise.

The condensed comparative operating statement reveals the results of operation and shows an excellent operating gain for the four-year period.

During the period under review the union appropriated funds considerably in excess of \$300,000 to each of our three union institutions, for new church buildings, and to each of the four boarding academies in our union. At our November Union Committee meeting sizeable commitments were voted to be paid during this present quadrennium, and since then additional requests have come in for financial assistance.

The membership at the close of the last quadrennial period was 23,095. During the past four years we had 5,000 baptisms, 427 added by profession of faith, and 7,177 received by letter, making a total of 12,604. During the same period 7,137 were transferred out by letter; there were 1,387 apostasies; 721 missing and 1,321 deaths, a total of 10,566, resulting in a net increase of 2,038. This increase brought the membership to 25,133 at the close of December 31, 1962. During the last quadrennium 559 more were transferred out by letter than were transferred in. During this quadrennium 40 more transferred in by letter than were transferred out. This is a trend in the right direction.

The apostasies and missing total 2,108. Could we have retained these people in our churches, the increase in membership during the quadrennium would have been 4,146 instead of 2,038. This might be a very fruitful area in which to do follow-up work.

We gratefully acknowledge the blessings of the Lord and the faithfulness of His people, which are reflected in the progress and advance made in all the activities of the conference during the past four years.

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 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962, 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 1959-1962, and the results of their operation for the four-year period.

Werber Johnson, Associate Auditor
General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists

Lincoln, Nebraska
February 11, 1963

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA
Comparative Balance Sheet
1959 - 1962

	ASSETS			
Current	1959	1960	1961	1962
Cash and Bank	143 400 45	191 493 02	296 435 05	423 651 50
Investments	386 221 58	433 695 77	399 085 33	383 717 71
Accounts Receivable	48 507 00	34 551 95	50 451 70	17 671 38
Notes Receivable	1 540 00	3 000 00	1 000 00	2 500 00
Prepaid Supplies & Expense	1 094 55	1 685 20	1 755 09	2 985 03
Total Current Assets	580 763 58	664 425 94	748 727 17	830 525 62
Fixed				
Office Equipment	10 458 25	8 796 94	10 999 23	11 531 15
Visual Aids and Films	3 146 64	2 167 52	2 223 57	1 779 26
Grounds and Misc.	330 59	273 84	228 71	196 84
Total Fixed Assets	13 935 48	11 238 30	13 451 51	13 507 25
Total Assets	594 699 06	675 664 24	762 178 68	844 032 87
	LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds	56 587 51	33 628 98	33 494 84	73 748 98
Total Liabilities	56 587 51	33 628 98	33 494 84	73 748 98
	NET WORTH			
Regular Net Worth	330 125 03	408 930 35	507 754 93	606 801 45
Reserves	207 986 52	233 104 91	220 928 91	163 482 44
Total Net Worth	538 111 55	642 035 26	728 683 84	770 283 89
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	594 699 06	675 664 24	762 178 68	844 032 87

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA
Comparative Balance Sheet by Quadrenniums
1955-58 and 1959-62

	ASSETS			
Current	12-31-58	12-31-62	Increase	Decrease
Cash and Bank	405 268 16	423 651 50	18 383 34	
Investments	37 180 00	383 717 71	346 537 71	
Accounts Receivable	16 487 60	17 671 38	1 183 78	
Notes Receivable	2 500 00	2 500 00		
Prepaid Supplies & Expense	2 269 91	2 985 03	715 12	
Total Current Assets	463 705 67	830 525 62	366 819 95	
Fixed				
Office Furniture and Equip.	12 324 15	13 507 25	1 183 10	
Total Assets	476 029 82	844 032 87	368 003 05	
	LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds	27 866 82	73 748 98	45 882 16	
Total Liabilities	27 866 82	73 748 98	45 882 16	
	NET WORTH			
Regular Net Worth	255 655 80	606 801 45	351 145 65	
Reserves	192 507 20	163 482 44		29 024 76
Total Net Worth	448 163 00	770 283 89	322 120 89	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	476 029 82	844 032 87	368 003 05	

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA
Comparative Operating Statement
1959 - 1962

	INCOME				Total Four Years
	1959	1960	1961	1962	
Tithe from Conferences	250 456 12	269 742 83	287 458 78	298 384 13	1 106 041 86
Interest Earned	12 160 55	17 569 01	17 827 84	19 835 22	67 392 62
Miscellaneous	443 67	313 29	321 37	350 56	1 428 89
Total Income	263 060 34	287 625 13	305 607 99	318 569 91	1 174 863 37
	EXPENSE				
Workers' Salary and Expense	77 577 46	88 028 51	87 865 30	87 914 46	341 385 73
Administrative & General	29 397 21	27 512 57	23 134 37	22 684 64	102 728 79
Min. Internship Sub.	2 415 00	3 220 00	3 890 00	4 987 50	14 512 50
Union College Subsidy	9 254 56	9 447 43	9 624 59	8 983 84	37 310 42
Appropriations	2 305 96	5 988 45	8 409 20	7 012 03	23 715 64
Tithe Percentages	45 205 79	48 674 06	51 878 95	53 709 14	199 467 94
Total Expense	166 155 98	182 871 02	184 802 41	185 291 61	719 121 02
Subsidy Received	4 236 60	4 470 56	4 470 60	4 554 96	17 732 72
Operating Gain	101 140 96	109 224 67	125 276 18	137 833 26	473 475 07
NON-OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS					
Union College Bldg. Fund	7 513 68	8 092 28	8 623 76	8 951 52	33 181 24
Enterprise Academy		75 00			75 00
U.C. Campus Road	3 000 00				3 000 00
Transfer of Funds	16 158 05	22 252 07	17 827 84	29 835 22	86 073 18
Total Non-Operating Appr.	26 671 73	30 419 35	26 451 60	38 786 74	122 329 42
Net Gain	74 469 23	78 805 32	98 824 58	99 046 52	351 145 65

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA
Comparative Condensed Operating Statement
By Quadrenniums 1955-58 and 1959-62

	INCOME			Decrease
	1955-58	1959-62	Increase	
Tithe from Conferences	855 260 61	1 106 041 86	250 781 25	
Interest	26 269 56	67 392 62	41 123 06	
Miscellaneous	5 846 63	1 428 89		4 417 74
Total Income	887 376 80	1 174 863 37	287 486 57	
	EXPENSE			
Workers' Salary & Expense	265 742 47	341 385 73	75 643 26	
Administrative and General	95 876 33	102 728 79	6 852 46	
Ministerial Internship Sub.	7 455 00	14 512 50	7 057 50	
Colporteur Interns & Sponsors	2 352 93			2 352 93
Union College Subsidy	8 552 61	37 310 42	28 757 81	
Appropriations	60 751 07	23 715 64		37 035 43
Tithe Percentages	154 308 41	199 467 94	45 159 53	
Total Operating Expense	595 038 82	719 121 02	124 082 20	
Subsidies	15 678 85	17 732 72	2 053 87	
Operating Gain	308 016 83	473 475 07	165 458 24	
Non-Operating Expense	183 244 48	122 329 42		60 915 06
Net Gain	124 772 35	351 145 65	226 373 30	

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SDA
Comparative Balance Sheet
1959 - 1962

Current	ASSETS			
	1959	1960	1961	1962
Cash and Bank	5 139 11	4 354 06	11 999 80	15 963 38
Securities	83 041 14	89 882 07	91 100 00	92 546 50
Prepaid Expense	583 06	504 11	195 65	596 57
Total Current Assets	88 763 31	94 740 24	103 295 45	109 106 45
Fixed				
Real Estate—Land	7 637 23	7 637 23	7 637 23	7 637 23
Real Estate—Buildings	60 202 03	58 294 58	55 786 88	53 642 54
Property Furnishings	1 214 21	1 213 46	1 028 20	842 94
Total Fixed Assets	69 053 47	67 145 27	64 452 31	62 122 71
Total Assets	157 816 78	161 885 51	167 747 76	171 229 16
LIABILITIES				
Trust Funds				500 00
Accounts Payable	14 325 00	12 825 00	11 500 00	8 500 00
Notes Payable	950 00	950 00	950 00	950 00
Interest Accrued	64 08	86 08	108 08	130 08
Total Liabilities	15 339 08	13 861 08	12 558 08	10 080 08
Net Worth January 1	137 970 14	142 477 70	148 024 43	155 189 68
Increase to Net Worth	4 507 56	5 546 73	7 165 25	5 959 40
Total Liabilities and Net Worth December 31	157 816 78	161 885 51	167 747 76	171 229 16

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SDA
Comparative Balance Sheet
Quadrenniums 1958 - 1962

Current	ASSETS		Increase	Decrease
	12-31-58	12-31-62		
Cash and Bank	68 780 46	15 963 38		52 817 08
Securities	14 800 00	92 546 50	77 746 50	
Accounts Receivable	5 427 76			5 427 76
Prepaid Expense	209 23	596 57	387 34	
Total Current Assets	89 217 45	109 106 45	19 889 00	
Fixed				
Real Estate—Land	7 637 23	7 637 23		
Real Estate—Buildings	57 642 03	53 642 54		3 999 49
Property Furnishings	870 51	842 94		27 57
Total Fixed Assets	66 149 77	62 122 71		4 027 06
Total Assets	155 367 22	171 229 16	15 861 94	
LIABILITIES				
Trust Funds		500 00	500 00	
Accounts Payable	15 825 00	8 500 00		7 325 00
Notes Payable	950 00	950 00		
Miscellaneous	622 08	130 08		492 00
Total Liabilities	17 397 08	10 080 08		7 317 00
Net Worth	137 970 14	161 149 08	23 178 94	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	155 367 22	171 229 16	15 861 94	

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SDA
Comparative Operating Statement
1959 - 1962

	INCOME			
	1959	1960	1961	1962
Property Rentals	8 181 52	8 596 52	8 620 38	8 640 00
Interest Income	2 166 84	2 936 59	3 209 96	3 656 50
Total Income	10 348 36	11 533 11	11 830 34	12 296 50
EXPENSE				
Property Expense	5 803 80	5 923 43	4 640 09	6 311 10
Interest Expense	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00
Expense	15 00	40 95	3 00	4 00
Total Expense	5 840 80	5 986 38	4 665 09	6 337 10
Gain to Net Worth	4 507 56	5 546 73	7 165 25	5 959 40

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SDA
Comparative Operating Statement by Quadrenniums

	INCOME			Decrease
	1955-1958	1959-1962	Increase	
Property Rentals	31 809 35	34 038 42	2 229 07	
Interest Income	4 041 62	11 969 89	7 928 27	
Miscellaneous	162 48			162 48
Total Income	36 013 45	46 008 31	9 994 86	
EXPENSE				
Property Expense	24 682 94	22 678 42		2 004 52
Interest Expense	159 12	88 00		71 12
Miscellaneous	653 31	62 95		590 36
Total Expense	25 495 37	22 829 37		2 666 00
Net Gain	10 518 08	23 178 94	12 660 86	

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA
Comparative Tithe and Offerings

	1959	1960	1961	1962	Total Four Years	Total 1955-1958
Total Tithe	2 504 561 11	2 697 428 29	2 874 587 85	2 983 841 25	11 060 418 50	8 552 595 52
Ingathering	332 782 42	360 916 27	366 504 16	380 843 39	1 441 046 24	1 209 898 94
Sabbath School	365 088 15	412 630 40	436 688 59	447 041 42	1 661 448 56	1 287 650 10
Total Missions	743 372 43	822 887 53	854 327 56	880 896 35	3 301 483 87	2 659 774 23
Other Offerings	50 414 62	48 437 06	57 452 03	101 815 50	258 119 21	198 617 96

Home Missionary Sabbath School Radio-TV Report

E. E. HAGEN, Departmental Secretary



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To the Delegates of the Eighteenth Session, Greetings.

It has been said again and again that back of most every successful man is a good and helpful spouse. Relative to the work of the union departmental secretary, success in

departmental growth is wholly de-

pendent upon good, strong men in local conference departmental service. We have such men in the Central Union heading up our Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Radio-TV departments: M. A. Burgess, Central States; B. J. Liebelt, Colorado; B. J. Furst, Kansas; H. R. Coats, Missouri; C. R. French, Nebraska; and H. H. Voss, Wyoming. These are seasoned and proven men in their departmental services to district pastors and to the churches of their respective conferences. Whatever suc-

cesses we are privileged to give an account of here are the result of their faithful, dynamic and aggressive leadership. We salute them.

I am grateful for the services of one who preceded me in these departments and to whom we are indebted for successful leadership. I refer to Elder D. E. Reiner, who carried the responsibility of these departments and others for 17 years in the Central Union and who relinquished his services for a well-deserved retirement midway in this eighteenth session. We honor him for his leadership and service. Elder Reiner gave 45 years of faithful service to the denomination.

We know that every local or union report revealing progress in church activities is due to the loyalty and consecration of dedicated pastors, church officers and laymen—the men and women, youth and children, making up our churches. They live and work desirous of seeing the cause of God finished in this sin-polluted world.

Delegates to Central Union Session

DELEGATES AT LARGE

General Conference

R. R. Figuhr, Theodore Carcich, W. P. Bradley, J. R. Spangler.

Central Union Executive Committee

N. L. Beebe, M.D., D. J. Bieber, James E. Chase, C. G. Cross, P. M. De Booy, W. W. Fordham, E. E. Hagen, W. A. Howe, R. S. Joyce, J. F. Kent, H. C. Klement, O. T. Moline, R. H. Nightingale, F. O. Sanders, B. L. Schlotthauer, J. R. Shawver, R. E. Spangle, W. Paul Turpel, G. C. Williamson.

DELEGATES

Central States Conference

H. C. Brewer, M. A. Burgess, J. L. Butler, C. R. Craig, B. B. Inge, O. W. Mackey, J. E. Merideth, H. J. Miller, C. S. Myles, J. D. Parker, L. W. Paytee, D. B. Reid, W. M. Rice, W. C. Scales, Jr., R. A. Smith, G. H. Taylor, P. C. Winley.

Colorado Conference

D. C. Aalborg, R. R. Archuleta, L. W. Austin, Freddie Bargas, L. G. Barker, B. Y. Baughman, B. A. Blecha, Brent R. Border, H. J. Brendel, L. E. Carter, W. J. Christensen, G. G. Davenport, J. A. Davis, M.D., James Dunn, M.D., L. J. Ehrhardt, J. L. Everett, Richard Fahl,

O. T. Garner, B. Z. George, D. R. Goddard, Norman Graham, H. L. Haas, J. H. Harris, A. E. Hempel, W. B. Hunt, R. D. Hyde, E. F. Irish, Evelyn Jepson, M. G. Johnson, R. G. Johnson, E. Kemena, B. J. Liebelt, J. F. Littlefield, O. F. Locke, E. E. Lutz, O. L. McLean, R. Martin, Dorothy Mitchell, G. H. Nelson, A. T. Okohira, Ralph Perez, L. L. Philpott, R. F. Schneider, G. S. Sharman, G. Sherbondy, J. B. Stevens, E. R. Taylor, D. S. Wallack, P. L. Welkin, J. A. Westerberg, E. E. Wheeler, T. F. Wick, C. S. Wiest, H. M. Williams, L. I. Vixie, H. A. Young.

Kansas Conference

W. D. Brass, A. R. Carrick, Dale Chaffee, I. J. Dennison, Clark Dilts, S. W. English, E. H. Fisher, B. J. Furst, Gene A. Gerdt, John E. Goley, H. L. Hampton, V. L. Heglund, B. E. Jacobs, Sherwood Jones, Paul Kemper, P. M. Matacio, C. J. Owens, Melvin Peters, Fred Schultz, J. V. Schnell, M. C. Shain, A. E. Soper, S. E. White, E. C. Wines.

Missouri Conference

R. E. Brewer, H. R. Coats, Paul Curtis, Jr., A. L. Dickerson, E. A. Hamlin, W. C. Hewes, James Hoover, Arthur Huff, W. E. Iverson, G. L. King, P. A. Kostenko, A. H. Liebelt, W. G. Loewen,

Violet Lyman, L. R. Mansell, E. L. Moore, N. D. Neufeld, D.O., E. W. Oliver, W. S. Sanders, Lloyd Sellers, Norman Sharp, David Sharpe, S. G. Sharpe, G. W. Sisson, J. M. Stone, Bertha Taylor, Hershel Turner, Violet Wesner, C. L. White, Frank Hudgins.

Nebraska Conference

J. W. Bassham, Reuben Beck, R. G. Beck, A. G. Beierle, L. N. Boyd, D. R. Castonia, W. A. Clarke, M. W. Deming, M. E. Dickinson, G. W. Frederick, C. R. French, Ervin Funk, Perry Green, Rosalie Haffner, A. L. Heitzmann, I. H. Helm, J. E. Hickman, Earline Howe, Floyd Kasa, Maxine Leonhardt, Violet Lewis, Alex Myers, W. J. Neptune, A. L. Page, E. E. Patton, Norman Peterson, G. E. Rhoads, R. J. Roy, R. M. Sanchez, E. V. Schultz, Dorothy Scrannage, Ben Trout, R. A. Tyson, W. R. Vert, M. M. Voegelé, K. F. Vonhof, C. G. Yurth.

Wyoming Conference

L. O. Barnes, J. W. Fisk, O. L. Maize, Nathan Sims, H. H. Voss, J. H. Wardrop, L. F. Webb, R. B. Wing, C. R. Wyatt.

Institutional Delegates

C. O. Eldridge, Jr., M. L. Kostenko, I. E. Hamilton, Margaret J. Russell, V. S. Dunn, L. W. Welch.

They view in hope that day when Jesus will come to take them to the home He has prepared for them.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to these we have mentioned and most of all to our heavenly Father that we are able, in this report, to render an inspiring record of progress in all phases of missionary activity.

Home Missionary

In the Home Missionary department, comprising many missionary services (such as literature distribution, home visitation, health and welfare services, Bible evangelism, Ingathering, Bible correspondence schools, etc.) we have witnessed encouraging gains during the quadrennium just closed.

Literature

Our people have distributed 5,601,223 pieces of literature during the past four years—literature we have been told to scatter like the leaves of autumn.

Only a portion of the 4,596,075 pieces of literature used at Ingathering time during these past four years is represented in the total reported in the above paragraph. Were a complete record faithfully recorded, our literature distribution would approximate ten million pieces.

During the last year of this quadrennium we have ventured out in a special visitation program with our evangelistic journal, *Signs of the Times*. In 1962 our churches ordered 340,045 copies of *Signs* for home visitation; 159,410 of which were used in the spring of that year. Over 180,000 will be used in our coming visitation. We have been greatly encouraged in this new phase of home visitation with our full-message journal. As a result of this program the paths of many have been turned heavenward. Interests have been found and souls have been baptized.

We have also seen splendid growth in *Signs of the Times* missionary subscriptions sent to those we desire to interest in the truth of God. Our *Signs* missionary subscriptions have totaled 134,739 during the four-year period. The sending out of these subscriptions and our visitation *Signs* represents a total of 62,621,216 pages of truth-filled literature we have shared with neighbors, relatives and friends. Our hearts go out in grateful thanks to our people who have expended \$283,079.80 for visitation *Signs* and *Signs of the Times* subscriptions. Our people's pocketbooks are dedicated to the service of God.

We are also pleased with the wonderful circulation of *Message Magazine* that

our Central States Conference brethren have accomplished. They hold the highest per capita of *Message Magazine* circulation in the North American Division.

Our combined total distribution of *Signs* and *Message Magazines* in the Central Union the past four years shows that more than 2,000,000 single copies found their way into the homes and, we pray, into the hearts of people throughout our territory.

Ingathering

These past four years have been wonderful years in Ingathering. We show the splendid gain of \$231,147.30 over the previous quadrennium. Each year has witnessed a marked gain from \$332,782.42 in 1959 to \$380,843.39 in 1962. We have raised in Ingathering during these past four years \$1,441,046.24. Our people have shown themselves ready and willing to do Ingathering exploits for God in these closing years of earth's history. The 1963 crusade just closed will be another year of gain with a present reported total of \$387,527.00.

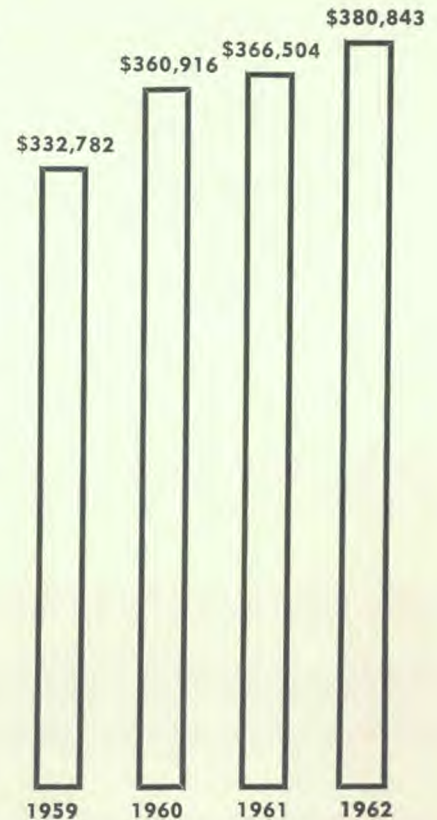
Central States	\$35,000.07
Colorado	108,121.90
Kansas	72,385.36
Missouri	80,000.00
Nebraska	67,557.98
Wyoming	24,461.69

Our Ingathering for this quadrennium is just \$785.23 short of the total amount of Ingathering raised from the years 1912 to 1932, the first 20 years of Ingathering of which we have record in the Central Union.

During our current Ingathering campaign we have emphasized the special need of being watchful for souls. Hundreds have been enrolled in the Bible correspondence courses. Many individuals have been contacted who have shown direct interest in the truth. These interests have been followed up and some have already been baptized.

Health and Welfare Centers

Our humanitarian work in health and welfare services has experienced a period of desirable growth. During this quadrennium aid has been given to 386,058 individuals. A grand total of 1,349,764 articles of clothing have been given to those in need. Evaluation of help rendered reported by the conference totals is \$4,360,093.68. Within the Central Union there are 123 operating Health and Welfare centers and units, 38 of this total are operating as centers. Of these centers 18 are located in Missouri. In Colorado last year a special camp was held



Ingathering progress during the past four years.

for underprivileged children as a part of our welfare service. Plans are afoot to repeat this camp in 1963. We are convinced as we read the counsel of Isaiah 58 and the instruction given to us in the Spirit of Prophecy, that this phase of our work will become more and more important to the church as we progress rapidly toward the end.

Disaster and Famine Relief

Twice during the past quadrennium, in 1959 and 1961, our people gave an offering for Disaster and Famine Relief. These two offerings totaled \$33,687.36. Another Disaster and Famine Relief offering is to be received in all our churches in May of 1963.

Lay Preaching

In our laymen's work we have seen a steady increase in the number of souls won through their faithful soul-winning service. In the last four years 1,941 were reported baptized through their faithful witness and labor. Our laymen reported that in the four-year period 105,923 Bible studies were given and missionary contacts were made with 1,233,765 souls. We must never underestimate the tremendous soul-winning potential that rests in our laymen. To renew the inspiration

of our laymen in the Central Union we have felt the need of bringing them together for a union-wide laymen's congress. Plans are afoot that such a meeting shall be held the summer or fall of 1964.

Bible Correspondence Schools

Four Bible correspondence schools (currently operating in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska) have been instrumental in winning 443 souls during the quadrennium. Bible schools have proven to be an effective means of evangelism. Taking advantage of their worth, our secretaries in council early in September, 1962, passed action that in the ensuing year we should seek for 100,000 new applications for our Bible schools.

In the last four years we have received 41,837 applications in our Bible schools. Of this number 13,068 became actual enrollees. In that we are reaching out for a goal of 100,000 applications in 1963, you will readily recognize we have ambitious hopes for our Bible schools. We do not believe these hopes of accomplishment to be impossible. We believe there are great opportunities for soul winning open to us through our local Bible schools. We further believe our people will rally to the call for 100,000 new applications this year.

Sabbath School Department

Together our hearts are made glad as we see growth in our church membership. At the beginning of 1959 our membership was 23,095. With the closing report of 1962 our church membership reached 25,133; our gain in membership is 2,038. We are saddened to report that growth in Sabbath school membership does not equal our growth in church membership. Our Sabbath school membership in 1959 was 22,516 and at the close of 1962 the membership totaled 24,636. Our Sabbath school membership shows a gain of 2,120. This is not as it should be, for our Sabbath school membership ought to equal our church membership and go far beyond it.

Let us ever remember that the total of our Sabbath school membership includes many unbaptized members. Our Sabbath school goal has long been, "Every church member a Sabbath school member." We still hold to this goal and we shall continue to strive to reach this desired objective. When we consider that most all of our children attending Sabbath school under ten years of age are not baptized members of the church, yet members of

the Sabbath school, you can readily see that we have an astonishing number of church members missing the soul-lifting blessing of the Sabbath school. We have it upon our hearts to search for these members of the Sabbath school and to reclaim as many as possible to the fold of God. This must ever be the objective of the Sabbath school.

In our outreach of Sabbath school evangelism, 349 vacation Bible schools were held with an attendance of 25,464. In 1959, 67 vacation Bible schools were held in the union and in 1962 this number was increased to 106.

In the past four years we have seen our branch Sabbath school evangelism grow from 33 in 1959 to 67 at the end of 1962. We have not yet reached all that we might accomplish in branch Sabbath school evangelism. Great opportunities and challenges are opening before us in this phase of soul-winning work.

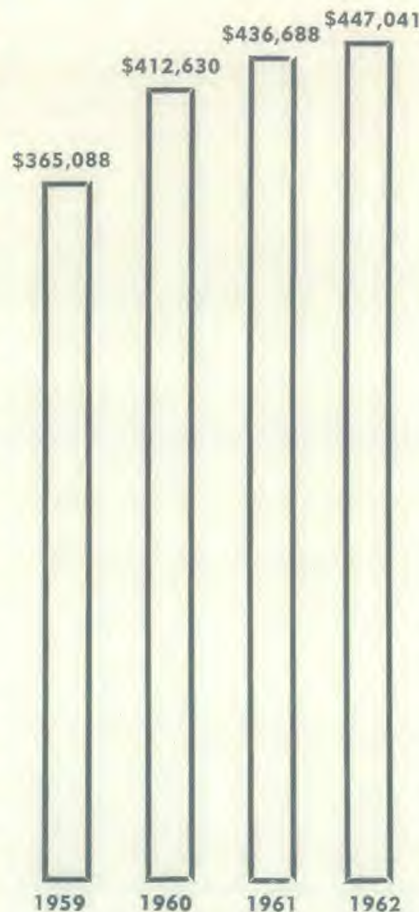
The 310 organized Sabbath schools in the Central Union have contributed

\$1,661,448.56 in the past quadrennium. Our gain in Sabbath school giving has been \$373,798.46 over the previous four-year period. God's people have shown themselves willing in giving. Yet we have not advanced in mission giving in the same proportion as we have seen advances in our tithe. There are opportunities, real opportunities, of greatly increasing our Sabbath school mission giving.

Radio-TV

The sending forth of the message by radio and television has not been neglected in the Central Union. Your local conference Radio and TV secretaries have worked closely with conference administrators in helping to bring in the needed funds for the support of Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy. In the four years \$72,556.82 has been received in offerings for the Voice of Prophecy. To our television program, Faith for Today, we have given \$47,878.67. Besides these totals added thousands have been given for the release of the IT IS WRITTEN program in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Wyoming. We have witnessed a near-complete coverage of our union with the IT IS WRITTEN telecast.

We are grateful to God for that which we have seen accomplished through the Sabbath School, Home Missionary and Radio-TV departments. We sense, however, that our task is not complete. The work of God is yet unfinished. As departmental secretaries we dedicate ourselves to the completion of the task, yet unfinished. We seek God for a full measure of the outpouring of His Spirit that these departmental services in the church might fill their rightful place in helping to complete the task that still stands as a challenge to the whole church. To this end we dedicate ourselves—our all.



Graph showing Sabbath School offering growth during the past four years.

"The Redeemer will not accept divided service. Daily the worker for God must learn the meaning of self-surrender. He must study the word of God, learning its meaning and obeying its precepts. Thus he may reach the standard of Christian excellence. Day by day God works with him, perfecting the character that is to stand in the time of final test. And day by day the believer is working out before men and angels a sublime experiment, showing what the gospel can do for fallen human beings."—Gospel Workers, p. 113.

Publishing Report

J. F. KENT, Departmental Secretary



J. F. Kent

To my fellow publishing leaders in the field and Book and Bible Houses of the Central Union, my fellow literature evangelists, my president and treasurer, my fellow departmental secretaries, my office secretary, all personnel of the

Pacific Press and central branch, president and faculty members of our college, the administrators and board members of our sanitariums, the presidents, treasurers, and committee members of our conferences, the principals and faculty members of our academies, all conference workers, pastors, and church elders—yes, to ALL of you I sincerely say, THANKS SO MUCH for what you have done during the past four years to make it possible for me to bring, at this time, a report of progress in the Lord's publishing work. Naturally, these accomplishments have taken place right out there where you live and work.

Four years ago we were able, for the first time in the history of the Central Union, to report subscription literature in terms of a million dollars in actual deliveries during the quadrennium. The exact figures were \$1,073,110.69.

Now, please note—During the past four-year period, we delivered \$1,519,519.84 worth of subscription literature—or a gain of \$446,409.15!

It is worthy of note that this net gain is almost as much as the total deliveries were in a two-year period during the previous four years.

These figures, encouraging as they are, fail by far to present a true and complete picture of the work of our literature evangelists. While this million and a half dollars worth of literature was being sold and delivered, 130,889 tracts were given away; 2,430 people were enrolled in

Bible correspondence courses; 1,959 attended church or Sabbath school at the invitation of the literature evangelists; 517 former Seventh-day Adventists were contacted and invited to church; 4,938 homes heard the voice of prayer, many, undoubtedly, for the first time; 1,593 Bible studies were given. And it is a known fact that literally scores were baptized who were first contacted by these consecrated workers. Truly, as we are told through divine inspiration, literature evangelism, PROPERLY CONDUCTED, is MISSIONARY WORK of the highest order and is a MOST successful way to save souls.

Book and Bible Houses

The Book and Bible Houses throughout the Central Union are manned with consecrated, dedicated, efficient managers. Under this kind of leadership, our Bible Houses are constantly studying and working to the end of rendering better, and still better, service to our churches and literature evangelists, and, at the same time, operating on a sound financial basis.

It is very gratifying to know that the Book and Bible Houses originally came into the picture under the direction of the Lord and that they were established for SERVICE and are today playing a most important part in the evangelical program of the conferences.

We must never lose sight of the fact that our literature has a two-fold effect upon the readers: (1) It brings honest hearts INTO THE MESSAGE. (2) It roots and grounds them IN THE MESSAGE, thus establishing them against deceptive error. How true it is that—"More literature GOING OUT means more souls COMING IN." And let me hasten to rightfully add—More literature GOING INTO the homes of our people MEANS more of our people STAYING in the message.

Through progressive cooperation of

our Bible House managers, pastors, and other workers, the Central Union has been out in the forefront, especially during the past two years, in the circulation of the *Testimonies* and the Conflict Series sets among our church members. As leaders in our churches and conferences, we must not only be concerned and burdened to see our literature going into the homes of those outside the fold, but we should be EQUALLY interested in seeing that each Seventh-day Adventist home is well supplied with our good books and magazines. This is a challenge we all constantly face.

As Book and Bible House managers and publishing secretaries of the Central Union, we are most grateful for the efficient and courteous services rendered from the central branch office under the leadership of Paul Turpel and his assistants, Frank LaRose and Sister McCormick.

Meeting the Present Urgent Need

MORE and BETTER-TRAINED literature evangelists is our constant need. Just to the extent that this need within is met will we be in a position to fully meet the present, urgent need out there in the highways and the byways.

The Lord has made it crystal clear that recruiting or selecting consecrated, talented men and women for His publishing work is DEFINITELY a DENOMINATIONAL responsibility, but the training of such ones is a DEPARTMENTAL responsibility. Please note the following from the servant of the Lord: "Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work."—C.M., p. 16.

We are most grateful to the pastors and churches who have helped us find suitable brethren and sisters for this Heaven-ordained work, but today your EARNEST and ENTHUSIASTIC cooperation is needed as never before. "God calls for workers from EVERY CHURCH among us to enter His service as canvasser evangelists."—C.M., p. 20 (Emphasis supplied). In order to rightfully and effectively meet the challenge of this unprecedented hour, consecrated, talented brethren and sisters must be selected and trained to circulate our VARIOUS books and magazines as a whole. Our aim is: Circulate, along with our WONDERFUL children's books, our MARVELOUS decision books.

A Divine Goal

As a people, we are noted, and rightfully so, for setting goals year after year. These man-made goals are something to

conscientiously work toward—an incentive. The following from the pen of inspiration clearly and unmistakably sets forth GOD'S GOAL for literature evangelism right here in the Central Union: "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."—6T 315. We are further assured that this goal, when REACHED and CARRIED FORWARD, "will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way."—*Ibid.*, 316.

Surely, it is HIGH TIME that we take seriously this DIVINE GOAL and DETERMINE TOGETHER that each of the 104 districts of the Central Union WILL BE MANNED ACCORDING TO THE DIVINE PLAN.

Yes, to meet the URGENT NEED of honest seekers of truth all around us, we must PROMOTE and carry forward a BALANCED program during these UNBALANCED times, ever remembering that this is the Lord's publishing work, and, in order to get the best results, WE MUST DO HIS WORK IN HIS WAY.

It is a great privilege and satisfaction to be associated with a group of publishing leaders who are completely dedicated to the task of carrying forward the publishing work according to the DIVINE BLUEPRINT. These workers are men of vision and conviction, carrying upon their hearts a deep burden for lost souls. For example, one of our publishing secretaries wrote recently: "We are trying by precept and example to train men from every angle to carry forward a balanced program in our conference. As a result we can report a delivery gain in the sale of books written by Sister White. During the first three years of this four-year period, 211 books were sold but in 1962 alone, there were 462 delivered. By far the largest percentage of these were *Great Controversy* and *Desire of Ages*."

The seriousness, lateness, and need of the hour DEMAND THAT WE QUICKEN OUR PACE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. May the Lord help us at this time to UNITE our efforts in PRAYER, PLANS, and WORK to the extent that literature evangelism will truly be carried forward in such a way here in the Central Union that our truth-filled books and magazines will be circulated like the leaves of autumn and, as a result, many souls will be gathered in, thus hastening the day when "He that shall come will come."

Education and Public Relations Report

W. A. HOWE, Departmental Secretary



W. A. Howe

TO THE ASSEMBLED DELEGATES TO THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE, GREETINGS:

In accord with traditional denominational practice we now present a brief resume of the activities of the department of education and the department of public relations during the past quadrennium. We invite your attention first of all to the department of education.

By this time you have in your hands a graphic and somewhat detailed indication of the statistics necessary for such a report. For this reason this report will be general in character. Inasmuch as the entire denominational effort in the area of education is the concern of the union department of education, reference will be made to elementary, secondary, and college levels. Detailed reports of the college and secondary levels will be presented by Mr. Bieber and the respective conferences operating secondary schools.

Education in the Central Union and throughout the denomination is big business. More denominational employees are connected with education than with the ministry. It logically follows that more money is spent on salaries for our personnel. When considered in the light of expenditures for equipment, buildings, and supplies, it is amply clear that a report to the constituents of the Central Union is the concern of all.

The importance of such a report acquires new significance when the implications of the mission of Christian education are considered. The stakes in this issue include the soul salvation of every young man and woman in the homes of the Seventh-day Adventists of the Central Union. Every act of all of us in this highly technical profession

must be carefully judged in terms of its impact on the character of young people whose destinies we so vitally affect. You, the constituency of the Central Union must be assured that your expenditures for Christian education are merited in terms of success not only in successfully arming the young people entrusted to our care with adequate skills, knowledges, and understandings, but also in providing the climate of Christian atmosphere that leads to a surrendered life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of the four-year period, we set for ourselves some goals. These included an improvement throughout the union in the quality of Christian education. To this end the entire educational staff and personnel in the field of education have devoted their study, their actions and their energies. We felt this drive toward excellence should be directed simultaneously in three directions, our faculty, our facilities, and our finances. Let us look at the faculty.

This must of necessity include the administrative group. Our office staff includes Mrs. Opal Dick to whom you are indebted for the brochure you have in your hands. Mrs. Dick actually functions as an assistant union secretary. We also have the part-time help of Mrs. Ina Eymann. We wish we had her more days per week. Her work as a member of the team is greatly appreciated. The local conference superintendents with primary responsibility for the elementary schools will please stand. In the interest of conservation of time I will not introduce them individually. You may be seated, gentlemen. The academies in the Central Union are administered by the men who now stand. We will say more about their qualifications subsequently. The administrative group at the college level will doubtless be presented during a report by President Bieber.

This group of administrators you have just met are the best qualified of any

that this reporter has presented in 18 years of service as a union secretary of the department of education. Four years ago the union and local conferences in the Central Union had among their administrators one M.A. degree, five B.A. degrees, and two with less than a B.A. degree. The group you just met include one doctorate, three M.A. degrees, two bachelor's degrees with one lacking but two college hours to complete his bachelor's degree. At the secondary level we began with three principals with master's degrees, two of which were in theology and, therefore, of doubtful value in terms of preparation for educational administration. The other two principals had B.A. degrees. At the close of the four-year period, the preparation of the principals administering your secondary schools includes a master's degree in school administration or related field held by every principal, with one principal working on a doctoral degree. This improvement in the quality of our administrative force did not "just happen." Neither did we ruthlessly replace inadequately trained administrators. We have sought to develop interest among the men to work on their degrees while in service with us and every vacancy that has been filled has been the result of careful selection in terms of better qualifications.

Better preparation of the elementary teachers is indicated by the 72.7 per cent increase in the number of life, standard, or professional certificated teachers. Whereas at the beginning of the quadrennium one third of our elementary teachers had so little preparation there was no type of certification or permit for which they could qualify, we now have but 16 such teachers, all of whom are working toward their B.A. degree.

Among the academy teachers there are nearly twice as many with M.A. degrees as at the beginning of the four-year period under consideration. The faculty at the college included 9 doctorates and 31 M.A. degrees in 1959. Today they report 16 doctorates and 43 M.A. degrees.

In the area of facilities it has been statistically proven that a high correlation between excellence of achievement and excellence of educational facilities exists. This realization, plus the fact that our facilities were desperately in need of some overhauling on the grand scale, has resulted in what has probably been, percentage-wise, the greatest union-wide expenditure of funds for new educational facilities anywhere in the world field.

New elementary school buildings or

additional school rooms have been constructed or acquired in every one of the local conferences. There have been 22 such structures completed. Among the secondary schools we have built and occupied two new administrative units, three new dormitories, three new industrial buildings, and numerous buildings for faculty housing.

President Bieber will present details of the new facilities on the college campus. All this construction has been characterized by the utmost in cultural and aesthetic artistry at a cost well under the national averages of square foot expense. The national average for school constructions is \$14.75 per square foot. No project constructed during the quadrennium cost as much as \$12.00 per square foot. Most of our building costs centered around \$11.00 per foot.

The last of our objectives was the improvement in financing our educational program. We know the total cost of elementary education in 1961-1962. These costs ranged from \$173.82 per pupil in the Central States Conference to \$235.88 per pupil in the Wyoming field. Union-wide the cost of elementary education to operate the elementary schools averaged \$219.45 per pupil enrolled. There were 23 conferences in the North American Division whose costs of elementary education were higher than that of the Central Union. The highest cost per pupil was the Ohio Conference at \$399.75.

We have computed the expenditures for elementary education by the local conferences during 1962. During this year the conferences spent from \$40.58 per pupil in Nebraska to \$77.19 per pupil in Kansas. For the union as a whole, the expenditure for elementary education by the local conferences was \$64.53 per pupil. Comparing this with the \$219.45 per pupil cost of elementary education, it will be noted that 29.4% of the total cost of education at the elementary level was paid by the local conferences.

Secondary education is considerably more costly to the conferences. During 1962 the local conferences contributed \$272,338.13 to secondary education. The secondary enrollment throughout the union is 767. Simple arithmetic indicates that throughout the Central Union the local conferences contributed \$355.06 per pupil enrolled in the academies. This does not include the debt-paying comeback and subsidies from the Central Union which would have made this figure much higher.

Each of the organizations contributed

in addition to these amounts for elementary and secondary education their share of college, university, and medical college subsidies. While these figures make valid the claim that education is big business in the Central Union, it should be noted that public education in 1959-60 (the latest figures available) according to the National Educational Research division cost \$341.00 per pupil. It is estimated that by 1969-1970 the costs will have increased to \$720.00 per pupil. While our denominational educational system is not in any way as richly endowed with finances as public education, it should be amply clear to us that these projected sharply rising costs of education will have their effect on Seventh-day Adventist education if we maintain high standards of quality in denominational education. We believe we have no alternative if we keep faith with the boys and girls in our charge and with their parents, not to mention state educational authorities.

There are many achievements we could cite in this report. Colorado produced the first conference-wide research study on its educational potential and from this projected its advance educational planning accordingly. We have successfully included in our new elementary curriculum the very latest approach to mathematics and arithmetic; we have produced a new curriculum guide; and we could go on. We have deliberately limited this report to the three F's of administration—faculty, facility, and finance. We have made beginnings of progress in these areas. There stretches before us vast reaches of imperative improvement. While we gladly report the progress made, we are challenged by what remains to be done in the field of education.

We bring you now a brief report of the work in the area of public relations. Until May 1959 this department was under the capable leadership of Elder B. L. Schlotthauer. On the foundations he had established we have continued to build in cooperation with the excellent public relations leadership in the local conferences. The men responsible for the improving consciousness of the importance of this aspect of our work are now standing before you.

During the period covered by this report, all of those assigned leadership in the public relations department, union and local, have attended a regional public relations seminar conducted by General Conference departmental personnel. From this process of instruction and information each local conference has

sought to expand the activities of aggressive effort towards effective favorable community relations throughout its territory.

To this end many activities have been planned and executed. Public relations workshops have been conducted in many districts in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. Plans are completed for workshops in Missouri and Kansas in the immediate future. These meetings seek to bring to the representatives of the various churches, including both ministers and laymen, suggested activities and approaches to improved community relations in their respective areas. These workshops have varied from a few hours to three days in length. Judging by the results in terms of success in portraying to their neighbors a proper, and sometimes totally new, image, the meetings have been well worth the time expended in their planning and execution.

Churches throughout the Central Union are enthusiastically responding to such suggestions as erection of road signs directing the public to their churches, better housekeeping inside and out of their church properties, closer identification with the community and its enterprises, and the portrayal of a more accurate image of Seventh-day Adventists to their friends and neighbors through the use of the press, radio, and television.

The work of every department of the church is thus benefited. The camping program for underprivileged children in the Colorado Conference received television coverage through the contacts made by way of the public relations department. This, in turn, served as a tremendous lift to the churches in the Denver area in their successful solicitation of Ingathering.

Beyond the benefits to our work at this level, the public relations department has been instrumental in drastically changing public opinion on current issues simply by effectively communicating the broad implications of certain pending legislation. The true picture of these proposals is sometimes blurred in the haze of hysteria and heated discussions that accompany them. Good public relations in terms of pre-established confidence that has been earned plus objective presentation of the facts has enabled one conference to be instrumental in an overwhelming victory in one community over a Sunday law proposal. That conference is presently using every method known to its public relations department to avoid the enactment of a state-wide Sunday

law. If success at the state level is commensurate with that at the community level, the legislation will most certainly fail.

The use of the press, radio, and television—called the news media—has greatly increased. Column inches devoted to Adventists and their work is not a valid method of comparison. However, there have been many more articles, features, photographs, as well as radio and TV interviews than for any time in the past. We are indebted to our increasingly well-informed public relations directors and press secretaries in our local churches as they follow the lead of those in charge of the local conference department of public relations.

The institutions in the Central Union are giving increasing attention to public relations. Both Porter and Boulder Memorial hospitals have used the improving climate of public relations to the benefit of their respective institutions. Progress

in this direction in Boulder has been little short of phenomenal. The administrator, J. R. Shawver, deserves credit for the vision that motivated the strong program of public relations in process in that community. At its next board meeting Union College is proposing the hiring of a full-time person for public relations and development.

The objective of this department has been to educate our ministry, laity, and institutional leadership to the importance of winning community attention, understanding, and confidence. It is felt that the true spirit of our organization can be properly communicated only through a program of personal contact and true public information being passed on to our respective communities. We feel this objective has been, and is being achieved in the fields comprising the Central Union. It is hoped the values of improved public relations will be understood by more and more of those comprising our constituency.

Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Report

PAUL M. DE BOOY, Departmental Secretary



Paul M. De Booy

To the delegates assembled for the Eighteenth Central Union Conference Session, greetings:

I am humbly grateful for the privilege of bringing to this delegation a four-year report of the dedicated work of the men who

make up the Missionary Volunteer, and Temperance team of this Central Union. Although it is my voice you hear, it is the work of the local conference departmental secretaries, under the blessings of a loving God, that has made this report possible. In order that each may know who these men are, I will ask them to stand as I read their names. They are Lorenzo W. Paytee, James H. Harris, B. E. Jacobs, P. A. Kostenko, R. A. Tyson and Guy C. Williamson.

In addition to these men, others have contributed to the figures reflected in this report. They are Elder W. A. Howe, who served as Central Union Missionary Volunteer secretary for the first five months of the period reported, and Elders H. E. Haas, J. H. Jones, Jr., E. Frank Sherrill, Lee Carter and L. G. Barker, all of whom served as either Missionary Volunteer or Temperance secretaries in our local conferences during a portion of the time covered in this report.

May I say, from the very onset, that I have no temptation to say to you that during the last four years we have witnessed the accomplishment of every goal, the achievement of every success and fulfillment of every plan which we have held before us during these four fleeting years. To do so would be to mislead and to deceive. I sincerely feel that that which is left to be done, both for our youth and in the cause of temperance, is far greater than that which has been done. On

the other hand, I am deeply grateful for what has been accomplished, and I have but one burden in behalf of these two departments—to show you, as well as I can, a brief answer to the only question which really matters, “What hath God wrought?”

Missionary Volunteer Department

Share Your Faith

Many spiritual things are difficult to measure and define. I thank God daily for the youth in our union who realize that the faith they wish to keep they must share with others, and who, at every given opportunity, live lives of Christian witnessing. Every church has these youth. They are our greatest heritage as a church. Lose them and we lose the future of our church; use them and the future is assured in dedicated hands. Together, these youth make an army in the Central Union of over 6,000; apart, they stand as sentinels. Sometimes they are in the minority in our churches, but always with heaven-born power they resist evil, share the good, and by doing so they multiply their numbers. It is our duty to see to it that these youth have dedicated adult leadership and that they become an army rightly trained to finish God's work. The following is a picture of what God has wrought through them during these last four years:

Bible Readings and Cottage

Meetings 14,283
(or 10 every day of the last 4 years)

Missionary Contacts 354,051
(Over 10 each hour of the last 4 years)

Literature Distributed 1,423,803
(Or 1 piece of literature distributed every 1½ minutes around the clock for the last 4 years)

Two special Share-Your-Faith features which made these figures possible during this quadrennium are: Operation Fireside and MV Lamplighter “Tell-Ten” Evangelism. In only two quarters of this period 34 societies engaged their youth in Fireside Evangelism studies. Over 4,000 nonmember friends received studies from Adventist youth during these two quarters, and 89 baptisms resulted.

Lamplighter “Tell-Ten” Evangelism resulted in many of our MV's setting personal goals of 10 Bible studies a quarter, or 10 missionary visits per month, or 10 Bible enrollments per month. It resulted in hundreds of homes being contacted regularly by Christian youth taking the light of truth wherever they went.

Recent comparative figures indicate that the youth of the Central Union are third in the nation in percentage of missionary work per member. May God help us to keep moving forward in this, the ultimate goal of all Missionary Volunteering—soul winning.

For a youth to share his faith, he must have a faith to share, and “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Placing the spotlight of importance on the Word of God this quadrennial period resulted in 56% of our membership observing the Morning Watch (which is the second highest per cent

	1959	1960	1961	1962	Total
JMV Camps Held	8	8	10	11	37
Camp Attendance	827	730	1012	1057	3626
Decisions to join					
Baptismal Classes	189	196	338	310	1033

in the North American Division), and 2,511 of our youth reading their Bibles through.

MV Week

Another contributing factor to the spiritual growth of our youth is MV Week—a week when the church, its entire lay leadership and its pastor should focus all efforts on the youth of the church, and draw them in with arms of love and understanding. Meetings were held in connection with MV Week in 66% of our churches during the last four years. When we realize that we have active MV Societies in about 40% of our churches, this may seem like a good percentage, but it is my opinion that much could be done to improve the impact and meaning of MV Week. Plans will be introduced at this session to make this ob-

	1959	1960	1961	1962
Pathfinder Clubs	50	51	64	76
Pathfinder Membership	1040	1257	1424	1454

jective a reality. The number joining baptismal classes as a result of MV Week during this quadrennium was 579. Of this number 404 were baptized.

Camping

During the last two years of this quadrennial period we witnessed the introduction of a special type of camping experience for our senior youth—Bible camps with the emphasis on Bible study and discussion. Wyoming and Colorado pioneered in this field in 1961. Missouri and Nebraska joined these two conferences in holding senior youth Bible camps in 1962.

Senior camp attendance figures were:
1961 — 2 camps held 163 attended
1962 — 4 camps held 204 attended

The spiritual impact of these camps has been felt in the conferences, churches, and schools to which these youth returned. Plans are now laid to have a Bible camp for the senior youth in all of our six conferences during 1963.

The greatest evangelistic campaign of the Central Union is conducted each summer in the cathedral of nature, among the quiet quilted meadows and majestic mountains, or along the streams and lake shores of our summer camps.

Pause long enough with these figures to realize that because of the spiritual emphasis of our camps 1033 boys and girls, who had not as yet made the decision for Christ that would lead them to baptism, did so as a result of this very practical evangelistic campaign. There were 28.4% of those who attended camps who made their decisions for Christ while there. Where else can one find such practical and fruitful evangelism?

Pathfinder Clubs

The ideals of our church are molded into the impressionable hearts of our junior youth by the hundreds of adult lay leaders who serve our ever-expanding Pathfinder Clubs. During the past four years commendable growth has been realized in this important facet of junior youth evangelism.

This past year 538 of the 1454 Pathfinders in this union attended the Central Union Pathfinder Camporee, “In the Footprints of the Pioneers,” and they lived in the rough for four thrill-packed days.

War Service Commission

Although the time in which we live demands that our young men go into service away from our local schools and churches, we are glad that we send them away prepared to serve effectively as soldiers for both their country and their God. Each academy in the Central Un-

ion has conducted Medical Cadet training during the last four years, and this training has been offered each year or on an alternate year basis, depending upon the circumstances. We highly commend the leadership in our schools and Medical Cadet Corps for this important phase of youth training.

We also keep in close contact with the men in service by letter and our church periodicals, as well as by occasional visits to camps. Each church should appoint a servicemen's secretary whose duty will be to keep in continual contact with the men from his church who are in the service.

Our Servicemen's Literature offering is taken every other year, and the last two offerings have been as follows:

1960	—	\$4,079.67
1962	—	\$4,331.60

Temperance Department

Through the blessings of God, there have been marked increases in the temperance work within our union during these last four years. Many of our members have sensed the value of enlisting as members of the American Temperance Society and having *Listen* magazine in their homes.

Year	Temperance Membership	Per cent of Goal
1959	995 Members	36%
1960	1962 Members	64%
1961	2855 Members	93%
1962	2928 Members	94%

Year	Temperance Offering
1959	— \$3,147.50
1960	— \$4,113.63
1961	— \$4,852.42
1962	— \$5,795.44

As a result of the loyal support of our people in the membership drive and offering goals, 10 new temperance films have been purchased in the conferences of our union, and they are kept busy giving the facts about the "twin evils"—alcohol and tobacco—to hundreds of people every week.

Our academies, for the first time in their history, to my knowledge, have reached 100% membership in the American Temperance Society, and are preparing temperance teams to present temperance facts to high schools and other youth groups.

Listen magazine is being sent to educators, ministers and doctors within our union. Only as we continue to increase our giving and our memberships will we be able to reach all of these people of influence in this union with *Listen* magazine, which is our ultimate goal.

The "Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking" recently developed by Dr. J. Wayne McFarland and Elder E. J. Folkenberg, has already been launched in our union through a pilot training session held here in Denver just a few weeks ago.

Elder R. A. Tyson, Elder Jesse O. Gibson, Elder E. E. Patton and Dr. John Ruffing pioneered the "Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking" in our union. It was conducted at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, in December of 1962. The public relations and community service values of this

"Five-Day Plan" are limitless, to say nothing of the practical help given to free men from this evil habit.

As we in the Missionary Volunteer and Temperance departments of this Central Union Conference face the future, we sense a deep inadequacy and realize our own inabilities, but we take courage in the fact that we can cooperate with One who knows no failures. He will make Himself responsible for the finishing of His work as we yield ourselves to Him.

Central States Conference *President's Quadrennial Report*

W. W. FORDHAM, President



W. W. Fordham

We are assembled here this afternoon to give a brief resume of the accomplishments of the Central States Conference for God during the exciting and challenging four years that are now history. The story we shall unfold is but an

indication of the visible progress we have made. Comparing the record with the task assigned to our hands, we have nothing of which to boast; however, we are grateful to our heavenly Father for the tangible evidences of His divine leadership in our lives during this quadrennium.

Membership—The membership of the Central States Conference at the beginning of the quadrennium was 1,996. At the close of the four-year period the membership stands at 2,388, or a net gain of 392—a rather nice increase. However, during this period we added to our churches, by baptism and profession of faith, 934. The 392 net gain, therefore, vividly portrays an area of grave concern. We are aware that the death of members and the moving of members to other sections of the country contribute to these losses. Be that as it may, to add 934 and have a net gain of only 392, presents to our field a real serious problem, and by God's help we are seeking ways to correct this tragic trend.

Churches Organized—We are happy to report the organization of four churches:

Sikeston, Kirkwood and Springfield, Missouri, and Junction City, Kansas.

New Church Edifices—Our congregations are now worshipping in new church buildings in Springfield, Sikeston, Kinloch, Missouri, and Des Moines, Iowa. Three of these churches have been dedicated. Major renovations have been accomplished in Independence and Atchison, Kansas. Major improvements, costing thousands of dollars, have been achieved in St. Louis, Kansas City, Missouri, Wichita, Kansas, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

In this connection, our conference has the distinction of having a Church Development director; namely, P. C. Winley. In one year's time the Church Development Service has encouraged a true sense of sacrificial giving in our field, resulting in commitments of over \$150,000 for new church buildings in Kansas City and Leavenworth, Kansas, and in St. Louis for a school building. Largely due to this program, the walls are going up on our \$150,000 new church edifice in Denver.

While speaking of buildings and improvements, we would like to mention the improvements on our campgrounds, which include new cabins, a two-story dormitory, new sanitary facilities and a swimming pool. Our conference office building has been renovated, adding to its appearance and value.

Our departmental leaders have accomplished exploits for God during the past four years. In our Home Missionary department, for example, our Ingathering increases have been outstanding: 1959—

\$17,000; 1960—\$30,000; 1961—\$30,000; 1962—\$32,000; and for 1963—\$35,000. The upward trend began under P. C. Winley and has accelerated under the leadership of M. A. Burgess.

Publishing department—A little over two years ago we organized our Publishing department under the leadership of O. W. Mackey. During this period our literature evangelists' deliveries were over \$75,000. We have today 5 full-time literature workers and 15 part-time.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments—Under the leadership of L. W. Paytee we have witnessed the following: In church schools, we have enrolled approximately 200, including integrated schools. This is a considerable improvement over the past. At our two recently conducted junior camps, over 100 were in attendance each summer.

Book and Bible House—Four years ago we had only a depository. Today we have a well-organized, active Bible House which is meeting the literature needs of our field. J. E. Merideth, our secretary-treasurer, heads up the Book and Bible House, ably assisted by J. D. Parker.

Tithe and Mission Offerings—Financially speaking when compared with others, we are at the bottom of the "economic ladder." Nevertheless, the prospering hand of God has been with us; and this is indicated in the fact that our tithe income has shown a steady increase year by year, totaling for the four-year period \$655,231.91. Likewise our Sabbath school offering has increased, giving a grand total of \$105,989.66 for the four-year period.

Church Periodicals—We feel that we should comment on the fact that we support the good, old *Review*, *The Message Magazine* and *The Signs of the Times*. For the past two years Central States has led all Regional conferences in subscriptions to the *Review* and *Message* on a per capita basis.

New Workers—Eleven new workers have joined our forces during this quadrennium; however, some of these have been replacements. J. H. Jones, formerly our MV secretary and educational superintendent, received a call to the Lake Region Conference. L. W. Paytee is now his successor. Last summer H. T. Saulter, who served so ably for nearly ten years as secretary-treasurer, received a call to Oakwood College as assistant business manager. J. E. Merideth, who now serves in Brother Saulter's stead, was formerly the secretary-treasurer of Southwest Re-

gion Conference. Brother Merideth is doing an outstanding job in his field and we are happy to have him with us.

During this four-year period a change was made in the leadership of Central States. F. L. Bland, who served for over ten years as president and under whose leadership this conference was stabilized, was called to South Central Conference, and the writer from South Central to Central States.

In addition to these, the following young men serve the cause in Central States: R. A. Smith, Kinloch district; W. M. Rice, Des Moines; J. D. Parker, St. Joseph. Additional lady workers are Mrs.

B. M. Hampton, Bible Instructor in St. Louis, Miss Lolita Maupin and Mrs. Maybelle Fordham, office secretaries, and Miss Jane Brooks who assists in the secretary-treasurer's office.

At this juncture I would like for all the representatives of Central States Conference to stand. Thank you!

Conclusion—We join with you here today in consecration and rededication of our lives for a greater acceleration of our efforts and those of our people for the speedy finishing of the work, thus hastening the return of our Lord. To this end we solicit your prayers.

Colorado Conference President's Quadrennial Report

R. S. JOYCE, President



R. S. Joyce

We are very grateful to God and an excellent working force for the progress that has been made in the Colorado Conference during the past four years. The quadrennium has been outstanding in Colorado history.

Publishing Dept.

	1955-58	1959-62	Increase
Sales	287,040.97	361,893.33	74,852.36

MV Dept.

	1955-58	1959-62	Increase
Membership	1,162	2,980	818

Glacier View Camp

	1955-58	1959-62	Increase
Attendance	1,200	2,336	1,136

More money was spent to buy land, including all the land around the lake, to protect our interests, than was spent to buy the whole camp back in 1950, which at that time consisted of an old log lodge and a few wooden buildings. Now the total land area is 530 acres. The old army barracks were removed and permanent buildings, numbering 47, were constructed. They consist of housing for campers, craft activity buildings, dining hall, medical building, guest house, director's cabin, nature building, auditorium, etc. We also have an Indian Village, covered wagon camp, primitive pioneer camp, to

add to the activity of camp life. All this at a cost of over \$125,000 and valued at very much more because of the free labor.

Temperance Dept.

	1955-58	1959-62	Increase
Membership	451	826	375
Offerings	\$5,003.41	12,238.13	7,234.72

Home Missionary Dept.

	1955-58	1959-62	Increase
Bible Studies	28,965	37,326	8,361
Ingathering	\$297,463.91	\$378,031.93	\$ 80,568.02

The average per year for the 1955-1958 period was \$74,365—thus the increase of \$80,568 during the 1959-1962 period represents quite a margin, more than an entire year of extra Ingathering received when compared to the 1955-1958 period average.

Another new interesting feature—during the summer of 1962, the Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary departments combined to conduct a one-week Welfare Camp for under-privileged children, not of our faith. This camp was so successful and made such a great impression on the State Authorities that the Child Welfare department has offered its continued assistance. Another such camp is planned for 1963. Glacier View Camp now has the reputation of being one of the most modern and well-equipped in the State of Colorado. It will accommodate 225.

Sabbath School Dept.

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Membership			
Average	6,578	7,748	1,170
Off'gs	\$429,404.27	\$591,099.53	\$161,695.26

The average for the 1955-1958 period is \$107,351. It is interesting to note that the increase in Sabbath school giving for the 1959-1962 period would represent more than an extra one and a half years of Sabbath school giving on the basis of the 1955-1958 average. Every Sabbath school is encouraged to establish a branch.

Vacation Bible Schools

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Number of Schools	75	154	79
Enrollment	6,777	14,866	8,089

It is interesting to note that this enrollment increase is 1,312 more than the previous four-year total. Sixty per cent of the attendance was nonmember.

Radio-TV Department

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Number of Stations	7	10	3
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The Denver and Grand Junction TV Stations airing the It Is Written program at the present time, have contracted to carry the program for a full year up to September, 1963.

Bible Correspondence School

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Enrollment	3,373	3,792	419
Baptisms	90	150	60

Educational Department

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Elementary Schools	27	30	3
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This would have been 5 but for consolidation.

Faculty and Staff (Elem.)	58	98	40
Average Enrollment	3,864	4,942	1,078

Expenditures on school plant improvements total \$214,168.39

We now have at least one school for every district except one, and that district has asked for one to be opened this year.

Denver Junior Academy will definitely become a 12-grade school on September 1, this year. A fund has been started to establish a second boarding academy.

Campion Academy

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Enrollment	1,016	1,236	220
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Industries consist of a farm, broom factory, furniture factory, and packaging plant. The broom factory was enlarged and the furniture factory and packaging plant built in 1962. Today they are free from debt. Land cost \$19,000 and buildings cost \$166,000.00.

Student earnings from the industries for the 1962-1963 school year, so far total \$34,520.00. This will increasingly help the vocational training of the students and the finances of their parents.

Graduates from Campion's doors range in number from 57 eight years ago, to 100 prospective for 1963.

Ten teachers have Masters Degrees, one an M.D., and others are working on their Masters or Doctorates.

Teacher certification is 100 per cent. Ground-breaking should begin this spring or early summer for the half-a-million dollar enlargement and improvement program. Drawings are now completed by the architect.

Public Relations Dept.

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Column Ins.	19,891	32,250	12,359
Column Inches Value		\$162,252.00	

We have been very fortunate to have been able to secure TV and Radio time, free of charge, on several occasions during the past year, which otherwise would have cost a considerable amount, and which greatly assisted our Ingathering campaign, etc.

Religious Liberty and Industrial Relations Depts.

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Offering	\$6,428.03	\$17,296.96	\$10,868.93
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A tremendous amount of work has been going on in regard to the revival of the old Sunday Blue Laws. To combat this, our people have contacted more than 60,000 nonmembers during the last five weeks. About 400,000 pieces of literature have been distributed and more than a half million people have had an opportunity to read newspaper ads giving our position relative to this important issue. The General Conference film "One-day Criminal" has been shown on six TV stations, reaching a possible 80% of the population of Colorado.

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1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Number of Institutions	15	22	7
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Every institution that qualifies is a member.

Medical Extension Dept.

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Number of Doctors	71	102	31
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Number of students to whom we have made loans and who have promised to locate in Colorado—25.

Medical Department

Health Education Course:

	1959-62
Members enrolled	1,926
Nonmembers enrolled	2,386

An increasing number of lectures and demonstrations are being given in the churches.

Book and Bible House

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Sales	\$535,868.33	\$817,149.77	\$281,281.44
Profit	8,505.31	35,151.29	26,645.98

Association Dept.

Church Development Service:

Pledged for Local Needs	\$716,769.00
Pledged for Campion Academy	320,149.00

Total Amount Pledged \$1,036,918.00

Wills and Trusts:

Approximate Value	\$1,353,050.00
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Churches:

Fifteen were built, or greatly enlarged and improved.

Pastoral Department

The deacons', deaconesses', elders', and pastor's work of each church has been so organized that much of the shepherding care of the members is attended to by the church members.

Treasury Dept.

1955-58 1959-62 Increase

Tithe	\$2,976,646.65	\$4,229,027.32	\$2,252,380.67
Missions	783,475.19	1,052,582.59	269,107.40

Evangelism Department

1955-58 1959-62 Inc.

Baptisms	1,574	1,840	266
Churches Organized	5	12	7

Every district is working for a Target Town.

Secretary's Dept.

Climax!!

1955-58 1959-62 Inc.

Membership	7,156	8,348	1,192
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Conclusion

During the time of the present administration, our membership has increased by over 2,000 and our tithe has doubled.

Last year approximately \$733,000 was sent out of the conference for our world work, and \$117,000 plus 10% of Ingathering reversion stayed in the Central Union office.

Once again, we give all the praise to our heavenly Father, an outstanding working force, and a consecrated, united membership who have made this report of PROGRESS IN ALL LINES OF ENDEAVOR, possible.

Future

We gladly accept the advice given in Jeremiah—"Stand not still."

Kansas Conference

President's Quadrennial Report

H. C. KLEMENT, President



H. C. Klement

The past four years in the Kansas Conference have seen the signal blessings of God. We thank Him for all the accomplishments. Truly it is a privilege to be a partner with the Lord in His work. From a human viewpoint, credit for these achievements must be given to my predecessor, Elder F. O. Sanders and his associates, as I have been in the field but a few months.

I want to pay tribute to the faithful workers in the Kansas Conference. They are a very loyal group. The district leaders are carrying forward a strong program, and this is much appreciated. The secretarial staff at the office, in their quiet, but efficient manner, render valuable aid to the field.

We are happy for the medical workers in Kansas. We are grateful for the excellent help they are giving to the respective churches. It is hoped the number can be greatly increased.

On December 31, 1958, the membership stood at 3,481, and December 31, 1962, it was 3,590. During the quadrennial period, 680 were added by baptism and profession of faith. The total number of workers, field and office, is 27.

Church buildings have been erected or purchased at the following places: Pittsburg, Newton, Leavenworth and Arkansas City. Definite improvements—as remodeling, enlarging, brick veneering, re-furnishing, redecorating—have taken place in the following churches: Bazine, New Haven, Troy, Oberlin and Lawrence. New school buildings were completed at Wichita and Enterprise. At our academy we have a new administration building, a girls' new dormitory, a new residence for the principal and a boys' new dormitory is just being completed.

Our treasurer, Elder S. E. White, reports the total tithe for the period, \$1,465,299.92, a gain of \$298,381.60 over

the previous period. Total mission offerings amounted to \$534,261.51, making a gain of \$65,729.84. We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of our people in their support of the Lord's work.

Our Book and Bible House manager, Howard Fisher, reports sales to the amount of \$355,200.73. The Book and Bible House renders valuable service to our members. The literature evangelists, under the direction of Clark Dilts, delivered \$349,393.19, a gain of \$178,860.53. These literature evangelists have been interested in missionary endeavor. They gave away 17,052 pieces of literature, enrolled 1,717 in the Bible correspondence course, 67 persons were encouraged to attend church and Sabbath school, and 60 former Seventh-day Adventists were urged to attend services again. Prayer was offered in 5,430 homes; 54 Bible studies were given. We will never know in this world the far-reaching influence of our literature work.

The Educational, Missionary Volunteer and Temperance work is fostered by B. E. Jacobs. We are real proud of our Kansas youth. They are endeavoring to live the principles of the message. The Missionary Volunteer department is providing a worth-while program for the youth through summer camps, Pathfinder Clubs and the service organizations sponsored by the church. The ten church schools with 18 teachers are carrying forward a strong program. The work of our teachers is greatly appreciated. The church temperance secretaries are not only keeping before our own members the harmfulness of liquor, tobacco and other narcotics, but are giving temperance programs before schools, churches and civic groups.

Kansas can well be proud of its academy. As mentioned elsewhere in this report, a rebuilding program has been carried forward. The response of our members to this project has been wonderful. The constituency can well be proud of Enterprise Academy. Professor E. C. Wines and his associates have an excellent program. The institution means

much to the Kansas Conference. The enrollment is steadily increasing and we solicit the support of every church member in our field. We also have a fine group of young people at Union College.

B. J. Furst directs the Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Radio-TV and Public Relations departments. The Home Missionary department reports 9,782 Bible studies given; 135,413 missionary contacts with 1,166,894 pieces of literature distributed. The Health and Welfare activities have been of the kind which gives our work very favorable mention. The cash value of work reported amounted to \$485,009.12. The Dorcas Societies are all carrying forward a good work. As I have attended the federation meetings, I noted with interest the real missionary spirit which was manifested.

During the four-year period \$273,923.35 was raised through the great missionary endeavor of the year, the Harvest Ingathering. Our members responded in a splendid way. The Bible correspondence school reports 829 graduated from the different courses, with 48 admitted to church membership.

The Sabbath school, the largest school in the denomination, is of inestimable value to us. All of our members need the blessings which come from regular attendance. We desire to keep working on the program of every church member a member of the Sabbath school.

We are encouraged with the results of our vacation Bible schools. These are serving as an important phase of evangelism. More branch Sabbath schools must be established.

We like to think of the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today and It Is Written representing the three angels flying in the midst of heaven with God's last message to the world. Through these agencies we can carry the message of God to our vast population.

The Public Relations department is helping to give favorable publicity to our work. There were 2,294 stories and 180 pictures used making a combined total of 12,769 column inches printed. One hundred and twenty-five radio and TV stations were contacted and 72 interview programs were conducted. Twenty-four roadside signs were purchased. On an average, there were five fair exhibits a year, including the state fair.

Our real objective is to carry the message to the people of Kansas. It will be done by making use of each tool God has placed in our hands. Public evangelism is being stressed and personal evangelism

in which all the forces of the church can be used—from the juniors to the older members, all can participate. We are counting definitely upon the laity in our churches. Our isolated conference church members can get a work started in their communities.

We appreciate the helpful counsel from the General Conference and union con-

ference brethren. We are a part of the great world family of Seventh-day Adventists. God is leading a people—a movement. The world field can count on our prayers and support until the work is finished. Our courage is good, and we believe there are wonderful days ahead. We must never lose sight of the Providence which presides over the church.

Missouri Conference *President's Quadrennial Report*

JAMES E. CHASE, President



James E. Chase

We like Missouri. We like its people, its pastors and professors, its physicians, and its projects and plans. We like its past, its present, and its potential for the future. Missouri is near to the heart of the nation—near to the hearts of its citi-

zens—and most important—near to the heart of God.

As elsewhere, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Missouri has one reason for existence—to prepare a people to meet God. The Constitution of the Missouri Conference states it thus: "The object of this organization shall be to extend the work of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by Seventh-day Adventists." Believing that the end is near, the conference employees and laymen of Missouri, during the past four years, have sought by many means to extend the work of God, to prepare a people to meet Him.

I am pleased to present this report to you. It represents the splendid work of others, under the faithful leadership of Elder H. C. Klement as president and E. L. Moore, secretary-treasurer. Elder Klement left Missouri in September, 1962, to become president of our sister conference, Kansas. Throughout the field our ministers and laymen remember with appreciation the sure, steady leadership he gave. He and his wife endeared themselves to the field, and we all wish for them God's richest blessings in their new location of service.

Now for the report.

Members and Organizations

During the quadrennium, 819 persons were either baptized or joined the church by profession of faith. This brought the total conference membership to 4,307 on December 31, 1962. We thank God for these precious souls who have joined the church and now march with us. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could work together, blessed of God, and see the membership climb shortly to surpass the 5,000 mark, the 7,500 mark and then the 10,000 mark!

At the close of the quadrennium, there were 56 churches in the conference and 9 companies.

Public and Lay Evangelism

Two major evangelistic endeavors were conducted during the quadrennium. In 1961, the conference arranged for a special series of meetings to be held in St. Louis with Elder Robert Boothby, assisted by Elder L. R. Mansell, pastor of the St. Louis Central church, and several workers from this conference. These meetings followed the six-month daily Voice of Prophecy broadcasts released on one of St. Louis' radio stations.

The other major public evangelistic campaign was conducted in Kansas City by Elder George Vandeman, assisted by Elder Roger Brewer, pastor of the Kansas City Central church, and several workers from the field. This series followed the It Is Written series on television.

Two other major efforts have continued every Sunday throughout the quadrennium. They are the Faith for Today television program and the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast. Surely these are two wonderful programs.

It was the plan during the quadrennium for every district pastor to likewise

conduct evangelistic meetings in his own area.

Our church members distributed 827,476 pieces of literature and gave 14,594 Bible studies. During the quadrennium \$182,473.69 worth of literature was delivered by our literature evangelists, who worked faithfully under the leadership of Elder Warren C. Hewes, conference Publishing secretary. They also enrolled thousands of persons in the Bible correspondence courses. While we do not presently have a large staff of literature evangelists, we are seeking to recruit more. Those we do have are a loyal, dedicated hard-working group! We thank God for them, and ask you to remember these soldiers of the cross in your prayers.

Bible Correspondence School

The Missouri Conference operates a Bible Correspondence School.

During the quadrennium, 14,058 applications for courses were processed; 4,771 actually enrolled in the course; 1,856 graduated; and 186 of these were baptized.

Book & Bible House Sales

Brother George Sisson, our genial and efficient manager of the Missouri Book and Bible House, reports net sales of \$337,906.38 for the quadrennium.

Medical Personnel

We greatly appreciate the 23 physicians practicing in our conference at the end of the quadrennium. These include thirteen medical doctors, six doctors of osteopathy, and four dentists. We hope more physicians will come join us soon.

Christian Education

Many of our youth and children have had the advantage of education in our own elementary schools. Elder P. A. Kostenko, Educational and MV secretary of the conference, reports that the number of elementary schools operating in the conference varied by years from 15 to 18, employing from 26 to 28 teachers, with enrollments ranging from 290 to 371 students in grades 1 to 8. The Missouri Conference believes in Christian Education, and is encouraging every Seventh-day Adventist family, as far as possible, to arrange for its children to be educated in our schools.

Professor J. M. Stone, principal of Sunnysdale Academy, reports that it is believed student-recruitment plans will increase next year's enrollment by nearly 50%. About 100 students are currently enrolled at Sunnysdale. Every Seventh-day Adventist young person in Missouri of

high school age should be in Sunnydale Academy. (In August, 1962 a fire wiped out the dairy barns, and subsequently the dairy herd was sold. The school board, recognizing the need of more industries at the academy, is giving study now to the establishment of industries by which more young people can work at least part of their way through school.)

We are pleased that we have more young people currently attending Union College from Missouri than we have ever had before in the history of the work in Missouri.

Youth Activities

We are very proud of our youth. Our MV department is providing a worth-while program for the youth through the Summer Camps, Pathfinder Clubs, and other activities.

Welfare Services

H. R. Coats reports the establishment of 17 strategically located Welfare Centers in the conference during the past quadrennium.

The total number of hours of Christian help given by the church was 231,733.

Total estimated cash value of items given and services rendered lacked less than \$5,000 of being one million dollars! (\$995,612.93). Total persons helped 96,756.

Finances

The Missouri Conference is in reasonably sound financial condition as far as operations are concerned. While we do not have in hand certain recommended reserves that would be vital in case of emergency, yet the conference is not in debt. Elders H. C. Klement and E. L. Moore, the conference committee, and the workers in the field have exercised care in financial matters, and as they have done so our laymen, observing their efforts to economize, have been liberal in their giving.

Our secretary-treasurer, Elder E. L. Moore, reports that during the quadrennium \$1,763,139.37 was paid in tithe by our church members. We thank God for the faithfulness of His people in paying their tithe. In connection with is, I am reminded of the following: "As we are continually receiving the blessings of God, so are we to be continually giving. When the heavenly benefactor ceases to give to us, then we may be excused; for we shall have nothing to bestow."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 17, 18.

During the past four years \$261,458.93

was given by our Sabbath schools for missions, or about \$40,000 more than was given in the previous quadrennium. Of this amount, \$39,241.84 came in through Sabbath school Investment. Elder H. R. Coats, who directs the Sabbath School and Home Missionary work of the conference, has done splendid work in the area he serves. We thank God and His people for their liberality in the offerings stated above. Total offerings for missions amounted to \$599,148.61. This figure includes Ingathering, Sabbath school, and other mission offerings such as Week of Sacrifice. As I have observed what the Missouri Conference has done in Ingathering during the four years—(\$310,044.23), I have felt that our churches and their pastors and the leadership of the conference should be commended again. Surely this is a splendid accomplishment.

I wish that our dear believers throughout the conference might be able to see the mission stations their funds have helped to build in overseas areas. They would be made happy, even as I was made happy as I saw them in some 75 countries. They too, would rejoice to see the mission launches, the schools, the hospitals and clinics. They would not only be glad they had given for overseas work but would want to give more and more—again and again! It is only as we maintain strong overseas mission work that we can remain strong and grow stronger at home. As I see what our people in Missouri have done for those overseas, I commend them and encourage them to do

even more while time lingers and opportunities are ours.

Church and School Buildings

Emphasis was given to the construction of new churches and school buildings, or remodeling of them. New church buildings are nearly completed at Kingsville, Kirksville, Sedalia, and Mountain Grove. Kahoka has started a church building. The church at Columbia is progressing nicely in its building program. Ava was completely remodeled. New school buildings have been constructed at Columbia, Rolla, and Springfield, while a school was purchased at Joplin and the one at Bourbon was enlarged.

Joplin is now raising money for a new church building, while Kansas City and St. Louis are both raising funds for junior academies. Construction on both of the latter buildings should be under way during 1963, as well as construction of a new conference office building.

An Appeal

We ask the constituency of the Missouri Conference and Central Union to pray for the work in this area, even as we pray for the work elsewhere. May God help us all. May He help us as we evangelize, using every means possible. May He help us as we educate our youth, training them for service. May He bless our efforts put forth for the poor and needy. May He, while we work with Him, hold back the winds of strife yet a little longer. And may we never forget that this is God's wonderful remnant church, and that this is His work!

Nebraska Conference *President's Quadrennial Report*

F. O. SANDERS, President



F. O. Sanders

Today we stand just four years nearer the coming of our Lord than when last a report was given of the progress of the work of God in the state of Nebraska. These are interesting days; they are days when great changes are taking place in the world, and the days when God will finish His work. In giving the story of

progress for this quadrennial period, I must say I am reporting the good work done under the leadership of Elder N. C. Petersen, and Elder J. L. Dittberner, who served the field during this time. I was in the field only the last four months of 1962.

We feel there is a challenge in the great state of Nebraska where more than a million and a third judgment-bound souls await the message of Christ's soon return. During this period, as a result of the work of our faithful laity and those who serve in all branches of our organ-

ized work, we were able to add to the church 910 precious souls by baptism and profession of faith as compared with 793 for the preceding period. Perhaps much of this gain was due to the evangelistic company which operated in this field until the early part of this past year. These baptisms helped to raise our membership to 5,227 by the close of 1962, a gain of 383 as compared to a gain of 59 for the preceding quadrennium. It was during 1961, under the aggressive leadership of Elder J. L. Dittberner, that the barrier of 5,000 membership was broken and we are now laying plans to reach greater heights.

Perhaps I should mention another phase of evangelism which has contributed to our over-all program and that is our local Bible Correspondence school. It has a current enrollment of 531 and during the past four years graduated 1072 students from its courses. Of this group 92 were baptized. Only eternity will reveal how much farther its influence has been felt.

Since I have been in the field such a short time, it is almost impossible to report with absolute accuracy all that has been accomplished. At least six new church buildings and four school buildings have been erected. One of these, which has been built within the past few months, was for the newly organized Spanish church in Scottsbluff. Platte Valley Academy has shared in the growth of buildings by the addition of teacher housing and a girls' new dormitory. At present plans are being studied to completely rebuild the older buildings at the academy, with the first project being a new cafeteria and kitchen. We hope to make this academy a school of which Nebraska may be justly proud. Professor Vohnhof and the faculty at Platte Valley are conducting a good school with an increased enrollment.

These past four years have been prosperous years for this conference, at least when we count the dollars. However, we must realize that some of our good financial records are due to creeping inflation and that now ten dollars does the work that once was done by one dollar. As we look upon the good record we desire to say "Thank you" to our faithful people for their giving and to Elder Ben Trout and his corps of workers who have so efficiently handled these funds. Our

people returned to God \$2,421,950.74 in tithe compared to \$1,999,911.59 for the preceding period or a gain of \$422,039.15.

Perhaps mission giving reveals the real faithfulness of our people. There are two major sources of mission funds, the Sabbath school and Ingathering. Under the leadership of Elder C. R. French there has been a constant growth in Sabbath school offerings and our people gave just short of \$102,000 through this means in 1962, or a total of \$368,233.33 for the period, with a gain of \$74,793.78 over the former quadrennium. Ingathering accounted for \$269,983.54 to make our total mission giving for this period \$685,631.87.

Mere figures are difficult to understand, especially as they approach the astronomical figures so often used in governmental circles. But the \$3,107,582, 61 given in combined tithe and mission funds for the past four years, if converted into pennies (at 16¢ per foot) would reach a total of 3,678½ miles or a distance equal to the miles from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles and almost half way back again. (But what a task it would be to pick them all up again.)

While dollars are necessary for progress in this mercenary world, yet we must never lose sight of the souls. In addition to increasing the Sabbath school offerings an earnest effort has been launched to reclaim missing Sabbath school members. Four years ago our Sabbath school membership was 4,763 but at the close of 1962 it had risen to 5,362 or a gain of 599. This speaks of earnest effort on the part of our workers and members to increase the regular attendance at Sabbath school when we realize the actual church membership increase for this period was only 383.

Our literature evangelists under the leadership of Elder A. L. Page, assisted by C. G. Yurth, are placing great emphasis on evangelistic canvassing. While they sell many of the colorful and easier to sell children's books, they place special emphasis on the Spirit of Prophecy books, such as *Great Controversy* and *Desire of Ages*. This soul-winning aspect of the work has captured the imaginations of the literature evangelists and has increased our regular force from seven to twelve full-time workers. It has helped our work also, for in 1960, for example only 130 of these larger books were

placed in the homes, but last year more than 460 were sold, making a total of 1,102 of these Spirit of Prophecy books sold in this period. The total sales for this period including these Spirit of Prophecy books, plus the medical books, *Bible Readings*, other large doctrinal books, magazines and children's books were \$353,590.29. We look for a harvest of souls from these truth-filled books placed in the homes of Nebraska.

This expanded sales record from the literature evangelists, plus a heavy over-the-counter trade in the busy city of Lincoln, has allowed our Book and Bible House manager, Reuben Beck, to report sales of \$505,777.31 compared with sales for the previous quadrennium of \$391,028.75, a gain in sales of \$114,748.56. Our Book and Bible House has shown a good operating gain and we are expecting greater things in the future. We invite you to visit our recently remodeled and enlarged Book and Bible House.

Elder R. A. Tyson has conducted an efficient work for the youth of this state with an average of 50 MV societies, with a total of more than 1600 members. These junior and senior youth reported they had distributed more than 172,250 pieces of literature in their missionary programs. The education of these youth has been cared for by a corps of consecrated and dedicated teachers in our elementary schools that have ranged from nine to twelve organized schools over this period. A very encouraging aspect of this picture is the increase in enrollment which in 1959 was 425, but which reached 515 in 1962, an increase of more than 20 per cent.

Perhaps from my lack of familiarity with the work in this state during the past four years I may have missed some important items. But forgetting the past we face the future with courage and confidence. We are about ready to begin construction of a suitable church home in Omaha. This has been a major need for many years, and we believe it will add to the work of God in that large city. Plans are being studied to strengthen the evangelistic program and to strengthen the work of God in other aspects. With you, we desire to reconsecrate and rededicate ourselves to the finishing of the task that has been committed to us that the work of God may soon be finished in our little section of the world field.

Wyoming Conference

President's Quadrennial Report

G. C. WILLIAMSON, President



G. C. Williamson

The Wyoming Conference covers an area of 97,411 square miles, the second largest territory among the conferences of the Central Union. This leaves plenty of elbow room for its 330,000 inhabitants. To give you some idea of the

meaning of the above statistics, if a number of persons equal to the population of Wyoming were to move out of Denver, there would still be enough people left to populate a city the size of Lincoln with more than enough left over for another the size of Grand Island, the second and third largest cities of Nebraska.

Among the 330,000 inhabitants of Wyoming there are 1300 Seventh-day Adventists, one out of each 253 of its population. This compares with a ratio of one to 422 for the Central Union as a whole.

The conference is divided into nine districts which are supervised by six ordained and three licensed ministers. Three men, assisted by two secretaries, handle the Book and Bible House, the departmental work and administrative duties. There are 21 organized churches with six well-established branch Sabbath schools. Within the last few months three branch Sabbath schools have been organized into companies, and it is anticipated these will develop into organized churches well before another quadrennium passes.

The membership of Wyoming is both liberal and loyal. While there has been only a slight gain in total membership over the past four years, there has been a gain in tithe of \$78,049.52. For the same period, mission offerings show a gain of \$43,093.63. Of this amount \$21,358.88 represents the increase in Sabbath school offerings. The members in Wyoming lead the union in per capita giving for missions.

The loyalty of our people is shown by

the gain of \$11,430.19 in Ingathering funds. An average of 7.5 cents for each inhabitant of the state is raised. If this same ratio were maintained throughout the Central Union the union Ingathering total would amount to \$753,638.24, or approximately twice the amount now being raised.

Six church schools are operated with an average enrollment of 75. Another 75 young people attend academy and college. The Wyoming Conference is deeply grateful to the Colorado Conference and the Nebraska Conference for making their academies available to our young people.

Wyoming pioneered the Senior Youth Bible Camp in the Central Union with a pack trip to Lake Solitude in the heart of the Big Horn Mountains. Thirty-five-pound packs were carried some eleven miles over tortuous mountain trails to reach the week-end campsite. One young married couple received the inspiration at this camp to go to college and complete preparations for a place in God's work. The second equally successful camp, held in 1962, was in a wild-life reserve area of Yellowstone Park. Supplies were sent in by boat. The campers hiked 17½ miles to the wilderness location.

The workers and membership of the conference sense deeply their responsibility to the other inhabitants of this beautiful state. An effort was made in 1961 to reach every home in the state with an invitation to enroll in one of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Courses. The Casper and Cheyenne areas have been covered with the telecast It Is Written. The young couple who enrolled in college following our first Senior Bible Camp was reached and converted by the telecast on a lonely, isolated ranch. Their first contact with a Seventh-day Adventist was a request to join the church.

During the past four years 8,231 subscriptions to the *Signs* were sent to friends and neighbors. This is an increase

of 2,731 subscriptions over the preceding four years.

Where there were no Welfare Units in 1959, we now have six well-organized units and two established Welfare Centers. City, county and Red Cross officials have expressed appreciation and admiration of the work being done through these avenues. The conference provided subsidy incentives to assist churches in meeting the high standards necessary to qualify as a unit or center. With the increase in welfare activities in the conference, our church press secretaries are finding a growing reception of news stories, reporting the activities of our churches. These stories are helping to build an image of a people dedicated to serving the needs of their communities.

Press coverage of our annual camp meeting has been steadily growing. A state-wide impact is now being made by wire service releases and by providing material for all local news media. This has provided another avenue of placing the church and its message before the public in a favorable light.

Recently the Layman's Bible Study Plan, a Chain-Reference-Bible-Marking Plan, has been introduced in the churches of the conference. Three hundred and eighty-four Bibles have been bought by laymen to present to those completing the series of 12 studies. The carefully worked-out plan for following up interests is already resulting in baptisms.

The daily Voice of Prophecy broadcast is now being beamed over the entire Big Horn Basin. Scores of enrollments for the Voice of Prophecy Faith Course have already been obtained. Evangelistic meetings are planned in the two districts of the Basin to reap the interests. Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., will conduct one of these meetings.

Faithful literature evangelists have placed \$136,338.68 worth of literature in the homes of our state. This represents a gain of \$118,582.42. We appreciate the hours of personal work represented in these figures.

In an effort to acquaint leaders in our towns and communities with the great religious issues before our nation today, we have increased sponsored subscriptions for the *Liberty* magazine from 43% of our conference goal in 1959 to 93% in 1962, or over 1200 subscriptions.

Nineteen vacation Bible schools have been conducted with a total enrollment of 1,320. Many of the boys and girls enrolled were from non-Adventist homes.

The appeal of the "Golden West"

seems to be a contagion that rapidly infects converts of the plains and mountain states. Even Wonderful Wyoming is infected with this malodorous disease, thus cancelling the net gain in membership that should have accrued from the 242 baptisms reported.

We are nevertheless grateful for the

blessing of our heavenly Father which has made possible marked growth and development in many areas of the work these past four years, and by His grace, the workers and membership of the Wyoming Conference are fully dedicated to a faithful and speedy completion of the work entrusted to them.

Boulder Memorial Hospital

Quadrennial Report

J. R. SHAWVER, Administrator



J. R. Shawver

To the Constituency, Greetings:

Boulder Memorial Hospital enjoys one of the richest and most interesting heritages of all our institutions. Seventy years ago, in 1893, a small exploratory medical team arrived in Boulder from

Battle Creek to establish the "Battle Creek of the Rockies." For two years it operated in a boarding house on University Hill until the present site, at the mouth of Sunshine Canyon, was purchased in 1895, where it has been in continuous operation ever since. It is the second oldest medical institution owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church still in continuous operation—St. Helena being the oldest. In those days it was a General Conference institution. In the vault are still to be found old documents containing the signatures of Dr. Kellogg and many of the old pioneers.

Varying degrees of success have been experienced by the institution over the years. At times it enjoyed very good patronage, especially from Texas and other parts of the Midwest. At other times the number of people using the facilities dropped until there were temptations to dispose of the sanitarium. It was a real concern to Mrs. White, who walked upon the campus and looked up to the stirring vistas of the pine-covered mountains. At one time she donated the royalties of her latest book, *Ministry of Healing*, to alleviate the financial burden. Along with other counsel given regarding the institution, she admonished the brethren not to sell the institution at

any price. The institution had a work to do and would do it well. Success could be enjoyed with the help of unselfish, consecrated workers. These special counsels have been a source of courage to the workers, administration, and board as they have attempted to qualify for the promises made.

The past four-year period has witnessed the transformation from an old, obsolete, worn-out plant, to a new, modern, well-equipped, efficient one. The hospital care has changed from a limited sanitarium-type, to a much wider field providing medical, surgical, obstetrical, and psychiatric services, with all types of diagnostic and therapeutic facilities to make it possible. This was all accomplished without closing for one day. It was made possible because of a friend in the community, John Lamb, who left his estate to the institution, and government funds set aside for hospital construction under the Hill-Burton program. The result is a fine hospital with 89 adult beds and the total net worth being over two million dollars. It is better equipped than many large hospitals and is one which the constituency can take pride in having in its area.

Because of these improvements, the number of patients cared for each year has increased from 1,761 in 1958 to over 2,400 in 1962, or a total of 11,100 for the period, and represents 80,800 patient days of care. Physical therapy treatments have increased from 4,494 in 1958 to nearly 8,000 in 1962, or a total of 34,484 in that time. Financially speaking, things are improving yearly, and there is every reason for optimism for a sound financial future.

In order to help the community become aware of the increased services available, three rather important steps were taken.

The name of the hospital was changed from Boulder Sanitarium and Hospital to Boulder Memorial Hospital. This change has been received very well in the hospital's service area, which is expanding at a great rate. It more adequately describes the services available for the newcomers and dispels the idea that it is a place for long-term convalescent care, but it is still affectionately called "The San" by the old-time friends in town.

The second important change has been the formation of a civic advisory council composed of a group of prominent business and community leaders. They have been invited to help interpret local feeling to the formal Board of Trustees and by learning more about the hospital they can spread a good influence among their friends in the wide area in which they circulate. They have already proved to be valuable friends in several matters of community affairs affecting the hospital, and they have been very understanding in our efforts to provide hospital care in a special kind of Christian atmosphere.

The third project was the formation of a group of interested community women into a women's auxiliary. Organized in 1961, it is in its second year and is composed of 120 members, of whom a large number are active volunteers in the hospital. Nearly 10,000 hours have been donated at the hostess desk, record office, gift shop, as ward clerks or with the book cart, and doing other helpful things around the hospital. Through their efforts over \$1,000 has been raised and used to purchase a refrigerator for storing formulas for babies in the nursery, and a record player for the psychiatric unit. They have been very understanding of our beliefs and careful not to infringe on our principles. They have actively supported the hospital in its own spheres of influence.

Along with the joys of progress have also come sadness. During this quadrennial period we mourned the passing of our much-respected Harvey C. Hartman, who worked so hard at the rebuilding project and whose efforts are much responsible for the modern hospital plant now in operation. We are all pleased that Mrs. Hartman has chosen to remain in Boulder and she is loved by all. Chaplain E. M. Davis has retired to St. Helena and is missed. Two of our "old-timers" have retired—Paul Lebraska with 42 years of service, and Olive McPhee with 28 years of service. Others have

come to take their places, and to carry high the banner of service to fellow men.

The blessings of the Lord have been evident during the past four years. It has been our privilege to be a witness to an ever increasing number of people needing medical care, and to their relatives and friends. In spite of our fine plant, the capable members of the hospital team, and the other advantages we

might have, our efforts would be in vain without the Lord's direction and blessing. It is the desire of each staff member to live a life that will be a blessing to the institution, so that those who come for healing may find the Great Physician. Our prayer is that He may direct the hospital according to His divine will.

the main lobby of the hospital. Approximately \$5,000 worth of broadcasting equipment and books were installed. There have been 33 baptisms. Eighty thousand pieces of literature and books have been given out, and 56,100 personal contacts have been made by the chaplain team. Our chaplain serves as the associate pastor of the Denver South church, as Bible instructor in the Union College Department of Nursing and the Hospital Program of Practical Nursing. He also takes regular Sabbath speaking appointments in churches of Denver and surrounding area. When the remodeling is completed in our present building, we will have a new small chapel for the use of patients and their relatives in time of need. It will be a place for meditation and prayer.

Following are a few of the high lights from the quadrennium.

After much ground work our ladies' auxiliary began to function in April, 1959. During the portion of the quadrennium remaining, 51,561 hours have been donated and of this, 12,000 were put in by our candy strippers. In addition, \$1,742.00 has been raised by these wonderful ladies, for equipment, to benefit the hospital.

June 23, 1959, brought news of the passing of William E. Porter, son of the founder of Porter Hospital. At the present time his estate is being closed out, and Porter Hospital received about one million dollars.

By the end of 1959 a \$700,000.00 building program was completed. This included a new boiler, maintenance shops, laundry building, truck port, steam tunnel, laboratory, air-conditioning equipment, administrative offices and parking lots.

Porter Hospital

Quadrennial Report

OLOF T. MOLINE, Administrator



Olof T. Moline

During the past quadrennium, Porter has been host to 45,634 inpatients and 67,298 outpatients. Charges to these patients, plus other incomes of the institution, have given us a total revenue of \$10,850,884.55.

Total expense of operation for the same period amounted to \$10,565,331.70, leaving a net operating gain of \$285,552.85. During the quadrennium, the institution has taken \$502,156.51 from operating and non-operating income and put it into the building fund. This is \$125,539.13 per year. In addition to this, \$263,495.11 has been spent on equipment purchases. This amounts to \$65,873.78 per year. During the quadrennium we received \$92,500.00

from denominational sources. We have had an average daily census of 186 and have currently 547 workers on our payroll. There are approximately 250 physicians who are bringing patients to the hospital.

Based on reports from our patients and from the community, we are glad to report that the quality of medical care is very good.

During the quadrennium, a fine spirit of cooperation has been enjoyed with the Union College Department of Nursing. A new and more satisfactory working agreement was adopted.

Early in the quadrennium a regular full-time chaplain was employed, whose salary is paid for by the Colorado Conference. In addition, we have employed an associate chaplain, a Bible worker, and a part-time secretary whose salaries are paid by the hospital. At considerable expense and loss of patient income, a new chaplain's office was set up just off

	1959	1960	1961	1962	Total
Total Income	2,307,894.56	2,570,811.91	2,841,896.07	3,130,282.01	10,850,884.55
Total Expense	2,263,025.43	2,486,262.14	2,767,495.83	3,048,548.30	10,565,331.70
Total Payroll	1,478,024.28	1,665,309.32	1,885,369.40	2,030,832.97	7,059,535.97
Total Operating Gain	44,869.13	84,549.77	74,400.24	81,733.71	285,552.85
Total Patients Entered	10,588	11,397	11,774	11,875	45,634
Total Patient Days	67,063	68,108	69,395	67,179	241,745
Total Equipment Purchased	203,994.43	52,286.40	94,016.49	44,212.22	394,509.54
Total Capital Investments	306,529.04	26,308.76	61,286.03	78,489.97	472,613.80
Total Maintenance Expense	72,051.74	86,689.60	103,253.16	110,047.67	372,042.17
Total Supplies Expense	446,510.91	470,024.39	541,559.83	563,839.40	2,021,934.53
Average Census	183.7	186.1	190.1	184.1	186.0

Porter Hospital
Service Report for the Four Years, 1959-1962

	1959	1960	1961	1962	Total
Admissions	10,588	11,397	11,774	11,875	45,634
Live Births	2,305	2,416	2,614	2,532	9,867
Stillbirths	25	32	28	26	111
Discharges	10,595	11,377	11,765	11,868	45,605
Deaths	201	198	158	176	733
Autopsies	116	107	94	105	422
Patients under 14	2,384	2,600	2,449	2,602	10,035
Patients re-admitted	4,880	5,160	5,444	5,390	20,874
Consultations	2,399	2,442	2,747	2,946	10,534
Cesareans	74	76	109	90	349
Surgery:					
Total Major Operations	2,297	2,680	3,105	2,983	11,065
Total Minor Operations	3,053	3,787	3,763	3,257	13,860
Total of all Operations	5,350	6,467	6,868	6,240	24,925
Major Emergencies	333	153	262	336	1,084
Minor Emergencies	299	191	242	243	975
Total Emergencies	632	344	504	579	2,059
Anesthetics:					
Inhalation	3,484	3,853	4,216	4,457	16,010
Other	907	925	1,110	997	3,939
Total Anesthetics	4,391	4,778	5,326	5,454	19,949
Laboratory:	118,083	121,939	124,841	124,293	489,156
Outpatients	2,734	2,599	2,997	3,597	11,927
X-Ray:	13,008	13,722	13,839	15,812	56,381
Outpatients	2,542	2,814	2,742	3,120	11,218
Physical Medicine:	9,992	11,094	12,949	13,122	47,157
Outpatients	2,365	2,969	2,450	4,070	11,854
Emergency Room:	5,898	6,338	5,937	6,645	24,818
Electrocardiography:	1,897	1,958	2,129	2,371	8,355
Outpatients	85	72	71	115	343

In the spring of 1960 the architectural firm of Fisher and Davis was employed to design a new addition to the hospital since we could not continue to be accredited with such inadequate facilities as we had in surgery, emergency room, central supply, x-ray, and kitchen. Two years were spent in planning the project which is now under construction.

During 1960 we received word from the State Department of Public Health that Porter Hospital will receive \$358,000.00 from federal Hill-Burton funds for our new addition.

In the spring of 1961 the institution again became completely free of debt when all note indebtedness was cleared off the books. We spent a tremendous amount of time during 1961 working on the detailed floor plans for the new addition. Dozens of meetings were held

with the architects and the department heads involved.

We purchased a new x-ray machine with an image amplifier at a cost of

\$30,000 and installed it in space which was formerly occupied by storage. In addition to this we set up a four-bed intensive care unit on one of our surgical floors which has been a fine addition to better patient care for the very ill.

The bright spot of the year, 1961, was the beginning of the Porter Hospital Program of Practical Nursing. This took untold hours of planning and organizing. The first class began in September.

At the General Conference in 1962 a very fine brochure, telling of the activities of Porter Hospital, was distributed from the medical booth, giving a report to the world field about the institution.

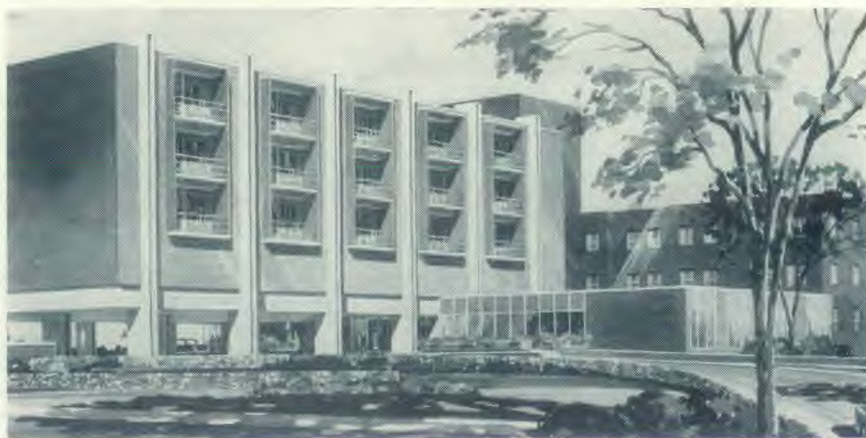
In August we were successful in getting the zoning on the west side of our property changed to R2A, paving the way for the future erection of housing units for nurses and other female workers.

A new department of electroencephalography was started at a cost of approximately \$7,000.

The big event for 1962 was the groundbreaking ceremony for our new two and a quarter million dollar addition. We were pleased to have with us on that occasion Mrs. James J. Waring, only member of the Henry M. Porter family still living. Construction began immediately following the ground-breaking.

The year, 1962, and the past quadrennium came to an end with the hospital receiving word from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals that the hospital had again been fully accredited for another three-year period.

We pause to thank our God for His wonderful blessings, and invite each member of our constituency to continue to pray for the hospital family that the purposes for which the institution was founded may be fulfilled daily.



Union College

President's Quadrennial Report

D. J. BIEBER, President



D. J. Bieber

It is with distinct pleasure that I bring this report to the Central Union constituency. In reviewing the progress of Union College during the past quadrennium, there is reason to pause and to thank God for His guiding hand. The

College of the Golden Cords has continued to stand as a symbol of true education. Its function has been manifold, but basic to all has been its continued effort and success in fostering a spirit of Christian service. Its ideals have left an impress on those who have attended, which will only be revealed in its true meaning in the hereafter.

The college has experienced a new peak in enrollment during the past four years. A total increase of 127 students since 1959 brought the fall enrollment of 1962 up to 904. Of this number, there are 854 on the Lincoln campus and 50 on the Denver campus.

During the four-year period, the faculty and board of Union College have undertaken several specific projects in an effort to strengthen the total program of the college. Uppermost has been the constant effort to maintain and ever strengthen the spiritual tone of the college. A complete restatement of the objectives of the college has been made, and this has brought the spiritual emphasis of the college into better focus. An effort has been made to improve the over-all climate of the campus; and, without question this has had its influence in a deeper spiritual experience for students and teachers. A renewed emphasis on the spiritual has resulted in a greater recognition of our sense of mission. The number of graduates who have entered denominational work at the close of the past academic term has exceeded those of all our other Seventh-day Adventist colleges in this country. We are grateful

for this, and surely this is evidence that Union College is still true to its purpose.

Another effort to strengthen the over-all program of Union has been that of upgrading the academic quality of the college. This has been accomplished in four major areas: (1) greater selectivity in student admissions; (2) greater emphasis on graduate study for faculty members, thus assuring high quality teaching; (3) improvement and expansion of facilities for better housing of students and for better instructional opportunities; (4) strengthening of the finances of the college, thus providing the means to adequately meet the total needs of the students.

During the four-year period, the physical development of the campus has included completion of the following projects: Rees Hall, the dormitory for women; additional wing to South Hall, the men's residence; additional space and remodeling of the Foods Service Department; the completion of Stage A of the College View Academy, the laboratory school for the secondary teacher education program; and the complete renovation of the music building. These projects have involved an expenditure of \$1,181,040.07.

The financial condition of the college is sound. The total assets have increased from \$2,935,767.30 in 1959 to

\$3,539,385.01 in 1962. The college family is grateful to the Central Union and to the conferences of the Central Union for their part in providing support for adequate facilities and finances for the college.

Within the past few years, the Board of Trustees has given study to the future needs of the college. It has been recognized that because of obsolete and worn out buildings, the need of additional facilities for at least a 50 per cent increase in student enrollment during the present decade, and to meet the demands for quality education, a minimum expenditure of \$3,000,000 must be made during the next ten-year period. Thus, plans were voted to put into operation a ten-year development program beginning in 1963, to include first of all a master plan for the campus. This has been completed and plans will be released shortly. New buildings and additions to present buildings will include the following as funds are available: (1) additional housing, (2) expansion of vocational facilities, (3) a new library, (4) a new classroom building, (5) a new administrative unit, (6) an addition to the science building, and (7) an addition to the physical education building. We pray that as we carry out the wishes of the Board of Trustees in the further development of the campus, this will contribute significantly to the education of the youth of the Union College area.

We earnestly ask the constituency of Union College in the Central Union to continue to support the college by encouraging its youth to attend, and to pray for the success of every effort in the preparation of a constant army of young people, rightly trained, to carry the gospel message to all the world.



Central Branch Pacific Press

Quadrennial Report

W. PAUL TURPEL, Manager



W. Paul Turpel

The aim of the denominational publishing houses is beautifully portrayed in Moses' song, recorded in Deuteronomy 32:2, 3: "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender

herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God."

It is the purpose of the Pacific Press to prepare seeds of truth that will be sown by our faithful literature evangelists to grow and bear fruit for the kingdom of God, and also to water the tender herbs and the well-rooted grass within our denomination, to assist them in lifting their heads and in growing heavenward.

Technological advancement has not been limited to the aerospace industry. Printing and book binding too, have undergone such a tremendous change that what was modern ten years ago is often a relic today. A full page of type, perhaps interspersed with a one-color picture, or at most two-color, was commonplace just a few years ago. Such is presently the exception rather than the rule. Pictures must be frequent to keep reader interest, and lifelike with full color reproduction. To meet these requirements, means training men and women to be highly skilled, and it also requires a large financial outlay for modern machinery. The biggest problem to face the publishing house in the past four years has been how to hold the line on prices, in the face of overwhelming price increases in raw materials and production costs. The money we receive for our products, we believe, is God's money and every effort is made to spend it as He would have us. Our books reveal the most modern advances in printing. Let me mention two of the very latest: The durable DuPont Mylar-process covers and

the new glare-proof paper in *Our Heritage of Faith*.

Still another crisis faces us, of which we feel you should be aware—it is the steady decline in volume of our trade book distribution to our members. Several years ago when our membership was smaller, we could expect to sell about 6,500-7,000 copies of a new trade book. It has now dropped to 3,500-4,000. This, of course, increases the unit cost, and even though our prices are not high, they are higher than they would be were our circulation greater. You as church leaders are in a wonderful position to help us with this problem, and we hope you will give it some constructive thought.

God has richly blessed the distribution of His precious pages of truth in the past quadrennium here in the Midwest. The report I give covers both the Northern and Central Unions, since our Branch Office in Omaha covers this nine-state area. Our net billing for the past four years has been over one and one-half million dollars for a net billing increase over the preceding four-year period of nearly one-half million dollars. The true value of our literature cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but the Publishing department has given you a report of the souls won, prayers offered, etc. Spirit of Prophecy year in 1961 doubled the distribution of Mrs. White's books for 18 months.

During nearly all of the preceding four years the Omaha Branch was managed by Orval Driskell. We of the Pacific Press appreciate the counsel and work of Brethren Kent and Crofton. They have helped build your Publishing House into a strong institution. And I cannot help mentioning in passing that on the basis of church membership, the Midwest has kept pace with the sales we have heard so much about in other areas, particularly in sales to non-Adventists. Brethren Rees and Hagen have spent many hours promoting *Signs of the Times*. Elders Night-

ingale and Dittberner have given valuable counsel on our Board, along with the others mentioned.

These men lead an army of workers and church members, without whom there would not be a Pacific Press. Book and Bible House managers work night and day to help get the right kind of reading into Adventist homes, along with the Publishing secretaries, Home Missionary secretaries, Educational secretaries, and many, many more, including our dear church members. To all, we say, thank you. Thank you for your prayers, your suggestions, your labors, and for reading the best books in the world—those published by the Pacific Press.

This has been a period of expansion. Three years ago our Foreign Language Branch at Brookfield was moved to Mountain View. The job of moving was the smallest part of the operation, for almost all of the facilities, including the typeroom, the folding department, and the bindery, had to be increased in size to meet the added load. To do this, a modern bindery was constructed of tilt-up concrete walls, which covers nearly an acre of area, including our signature storage warehouse. It is one of the most modern and well-equipped binderies in the West, and is capable of turning out well over five thousand books per day. Because of the increase of foreign titles, two new warehouses have been constructed of concrete, adding room for expansion of our English and Spanish titles as well as the more than 30 other foreign language titles.

About eight months ago a new administration building was begun and construction will be complete in about a month. This modern designed building, which is directly in front of the present main building, will add much needed administrative space on the first floor. The second floor will house our expanding Periodical department.

Because of the increased number of employees, which currently number about 300, it was necessary to enlarge our parking facilities; thus with the new building and new parking area, the Pacific Press has taken on an entirely new look, and many, perhaps, would not recognize it as the Pacific Press of old.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that music is a very important part of worship, and surely nothing could lend a better atmosphere in the home than good music.

Recognizing this need, the Pacific Press purchased Chapel Records, thus becoming the denomination's supplier of the best in music. Brother Clarence Wallace, who was in the Omaha Branch for four years, is the manager of Chapel Records.

Several new book titles during this period caught fire and sold faster than our presses could produce them. Among these were *Your Bible and You*, an adult doctrinal book to match the *Bible Story* series, and *Happy Home Series*, to mention a couple—and now a new revised edition of the *Tiny Tots Library* is on the move. These books are in the subscription field. Dr. Neff's magnificent work, *Our Heritage of Faith*, which is beautifully illustrated, continues to sell well, as does A. S. Maxwell's *Bible Story*. The past two years have shown a renewed interest in distributing Mrs. White's books to the general public. Our *Treasures of Life* set has increased in sales many fold and continues to increase. How wonderful it is to see these heart-searching books go into the homes of interested people.

In the trade field, *The Marked Bible* sold almost one-half million in a year, and new books such as *Ana Stahl*, *Brand from the Burning*, and *Golden Oil* captured the hearts of our believers.

Our next subscription book will be a beautifully illustrated edition of *Desire of Ages* with over 60 full-color illustrations, many by Harry Anderson. We believe it will be the most beautiful book the denomination has ever produced, and well it should be, for certainly it portrays the most beautiful life ever lived. A new two-volume medical set is in preparation, and will be ready in 1965.

What of tomorrow? Does the future look bright for the Publishing Houses? It can be no other way, for thus God has promised. In the field and at the Publishing Houses, we have men at every post who are dedicated to the task—men who will sacrifice every personal gain in order that the cause of God might go forward. What has been done in the past will seem insignificant to the work done in the future by this team, with the help of God. Dear friend, the publishing work is God's work. United under heaven's banner, we can reach every home in the Northern and Central Unions. The reading of Christian literature must become as important as eating and sleeping. Let us each dedicate ourselves to this task, and pray that this will soon become a reality.

Christian Record Benevolent Association, Inc.

Quadrennial Report

C. G. CROSS, Manager



C. G. Cross

During the last four years the Christian Record Benevolent Association has produced more services for blind people than in any previous four-year period. It has employed more field representatives, more field directors, and more office workers. It has received more money and spent more money.

It has reached the position of producing more Braille services than any other religious organization in work for blind people.

We have discovered new lines of activity and have entered these with vigor. Notable in this list is a series of 54 FULL VISION books which has reversed the ordinary approach of services. These books are prepared for blind parents who have sighted preschool and early school-age children. They cover a wide range of subjects, such as Bible stories, fun and nature stories, animals, birds, fish, land, air, water, and the heavenly bodies. For the first time in the history of blindness they have truly brought the familiar story-time into the homes of blind people. These books are sent direct from our plant to the blind parents.

One-half of the thousands of legally blind children in state and public schools are never taught Braille. They have enough sight perception so that with special lenses they can actually read very large print. Textbooks in large print are available. But when they graduate from the twelfth grade, they walk out into a cold, strange world that has almost nothing of any nature—book, magazine, brochure—in large print. During this quadrennial period we have brought out a large-print, monthly magazine beamed to youth in their late teens and to young adults up to the age of about 30. This has been a success from the first. Now we need to provide similar material in large print specifically for the rapidly

increasing number of elderly people whose sight dims badly. And we need to produce hundreds of books in large print for all ages. Our efforts and plans in this particular field of service have attracted abundant moral support and encouragement from many professional groups as well as from readers.

Two years ago we combined a few ideas into a single venture for Adventist blind and near-blind senior youth and adults. The organization had Brailled the *Sabbath School Quarterly* for years, but realizing that a tiny fraction of blind people have Braille Bibles, we wanted to give more than the lesson outline of our good inkprint quarterlies. We were aware that Adventist blind people are usually very well grounded in the message, but that they only meagerly feel the challenges and victories of our world-wide work. We could not increase the size of the thick Brailled edition of the *Sabbath School Quarterly*, so we decided to poll our people and see if there was enough interest to warrant our producing the Sabbath school lessons on tape. There was an immediate response. So we made up a monthly taped magazine composed, not of a lesson outline, but of a taught lesson, which includes many Spirit of Prophecy comments, excerpts from Bible dictionaries and commentaries, all of the mission stories from the regular *Mission Quarterly*, and a digest of *Review and Herald* magazine articles. Now these readers can keep their hands on the pulse beat of the Advent movement in all parts of the earth and thrill with the rest of us for belonging to this remnant, victorious people. They know what our missionaries are doing in New Guinea, the problems and faith of our members in Russia, the plight and triumph of the church in Africa.

One of the pleasant features of our work has been to develop sort of an esprit de corps among the thousands of recipients of Christian Record services. We usually have a very heavy mail. We operate a counseling service to blind persons and those who are visually im-

paired, and the families of these people. They are from many types of humanity. Their attachment to the Christian Record bridges the chasm that often exists between one set of beliefs and another. We remind them occasionally of our having office worship each morning before starting the day's activities. Large numbers ask us to pray for them. I presume there have been at least a dozen folk who have reported that God heard our prayers and returned their sight. It is correct to say that thousands of blind people count the Christian Record Benevolent Association as their dearest friend. They often remind me of the ways in which nationals overseas responded to even the simplest deeds of kindness and interest in their welfare.

The *Christian Record Talking Magazine* has provided a means by which we can tap the musical story writing, and poetic abilities of able blind people. Talents which often have been hidden, and talents which are known, are inspired and shared. Personal interviews with blind people have revealed their needs and wants, their sorrows and joys, and their hopes and goals. How did this lawyer react when blindness struck him? And this housewife? This farmer? This teacher? This accountant? This preacher? These stories are brought out on tape through the interviews and then are made a part of the *Talking Magazine* which is a long-playing record of 108 minutes. The people love it. This recorded magazine has done much to turn the hearts of many thousands of families toward the Christian Record. It has the largest circulation of any talking magazine of any kind that we know of.

The Braille lending library has outgrown its space. Boxes of books and tracts line the walls of most of our offices and other rooms and are even piled high in the bath tub. All books are non-fiction, wholesome, and greatly appreciated. This year we urged all readers to read their Bibles through in 1963. We have been swamped with requests to borrow several Bibles in our library. I believe we could use 200 more Braille and recorded Bibles.

Each month blind people are being baptized and brought into church membership. Our eleven Bible courses are active.

We have magazines, books, tracts, Bible courses, a Braille library, a recorded library, and have started a taped library. These services are for all age brackets. These all are necessary. But the personal

visits of our 50 district representatives with the blind and visually impaired people in their homes cannot be superseded. Three of our representatives in one state played a major part in finding and classifying 3,500 people in 1961 who had become blind in that state during the year. When our representatives visit blind people they help them in every possible way, sometimes read a stack of letters that has accumulated for weeks, and then write some replies, run errands, take them shopping, get them acquainted with neighbors, take them for walks or rides in the country, see that their furnaces and stoves work safely, offer them our many free services, counsel them, pray with them, and encourage them. They leave a trail of blessings everywhere they go. Another responsibility of the district representatives is to raise the funds so that all of our general services may be provided free. They usually do this by calling on the businessmen and inviting them to sponsor some of the work. It is a community program. We serve people regardless of their religious connections, and we invite sighted people regardless of their religious connections to sponsor the general program. Since 1959 it has been necessary for our own churches to provide the funds to make possible all of the doctrinal services.

Unfortunately during the last four years many of our older workers have had to cast their mantles on younger shoulders. We honor them. They and others like them have made the Christian Record what it is. We have an excellent group of sincere and devoted workers in the plant and in the field.

We expect to move into a new plant in June. There we shall be able to extend all existing services and initiate many

new services, and operate with much greater efficiency than is possible in our present building. A continent of blind and visually handicapped people, numbering an estimated 144,000,000, await the gospel in shapes designed for them—and in their languages. Up to the present all of our work is in the English language. Our consciences persistently bother us. Sighted people will not be lifted to heaven before the blind and visually handicapped people are ready. So much needs to be done quickly. This part of the work, with God's blessings, and the encouragement of the brethren, will not delay the Saviour's return!

We deeply appreciate your concern for blind and visually impaired church members, and the nonchurch members in your respective conferences and districts. If at any time we can be of benefit, do let us know, won't you? Again we join our hearts and hands with yours in the great humanitarian and missionary crusade of God's people.

Mr. Butler, a successful businessman who became blind five years ago, wrote last month: "A year or more ago I was in the very depths of despair. The very thoughts of trying to go on while facing the fact of total blindness, to say the least, was unthinkable. It was just at that particular time that my first copy of the *Christian Record Talking Magazine* arrived. And what a treat it was! It seemed almost unbelievable what others without sight were able to accomplish. This magazine is changing my life!"

That last statement is the main reason why your church has the Christian Record Benevolent Association—to change lives.

A GOSPEL OF ACTION

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from a knowledge of their exhaustless resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of their Leader. Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need."—Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 14.