- i. Social Science Methods
- j. The Objectives of Education.
- 2. This list would be submitted to the local committee of a district where a conference center is planned, for them to select the four or five areas in which they might be interested. The representatives selected would go to such a center to lead informal discussions in areas involved.
- 3. The areas or centers would be organized by some representative of the university making personal calls on the superintendents and principals in the area. County superintendents should be included. For example, if Sabetha were selected as a possible center, all the superintendents and principals in the surrounding counties would be visited to interest them in the proposition. These leaders would carry on the work of promotion of the project, aided by the university.
- 4. It is contemplated that the conference will be for two days, starting Friday afternoon, and continuing until Saturday noon. This plan would make it possible for a cooperative relationship with the alumni association for having a meeting Friday evening, to which all K. U. alumni, and friends of the university could be invited. In case no such meeting seemed advisable, the conferences could be set up for all day Saturday, instead of starting Friday.
- 5. The plan would make possible two periods. One of these could be sectional meetings with each of the interest groups meeting separately for a discussion of the local problems of interest. The changing needs of the community, and the probable future needs of the community, from the standpoint of the educational interest of the group could be the discussion problem. The K. U. representative presumably would lead the discussion.
- 6. The second period could be a panel discussion for the entire group, with the visiting team and three or four representatives from the local area participating. The topic of this meeting would be determined by the wishes of the local group and the personnel of the visiting team.
- 7. The university, in its promotion plans, would especially attempt to get all graduates of K. U. in the area to attend the conference. The first purpose would be to permit them to have individual conferences with the K. U. representatives on any problems which they may have. Especially important is it that first and second year teachers be present. Another purpose would be to talk with superintendents and principals who have K. U. graduates on their staff to find if there is any way in which the university might be helpful in making those graduates more effective teachers. This service to teachers and to administrators has been found to be very effective in sustaining interest in the university and in building up more confidence in its graduates.
- 8. The purpose of the conference program is to develop a kindlier attitude toward the university on the part of school people, and to give further evidence that the university is interested in the problems of teachers and administrators in the field. We are not contemplating that we shall take a prepared program to the conferences, in the sense that we believe we have something which they should know. Rather we intend to go out to discuss their problems with them, and to offer any leadership we possess.