

AUTUMN COUNCIL

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OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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AUTUMN COUNCIL

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Omaha, Nebraska, October 20 to 27, 1931

The first meeting of the Autumn Council was called at 7 P.M., Tuesday, October 20, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in Omaha, Nebraska.

P R E S E N T:

There were present besides the members of the General Conference Committee in North America, the local conference presidents of North America, the union conference treasurers of North America, also representatives of foreign divisions as follows: E.M.Cadwallader and S.W.Palmer from Africa; H.F.Schuberth, L.R.Conradi, W.Müller, R. Ruhling, of Central Europe; C.C.Crisler, V.J.Maloney, Alton Hughes, R.M.Cossentine P.E.Quimby, of China; E.A.Moon, W.W.R.Lake, H.P.Evens, of the Far East; E.E.Andross, A.G.Parfitt, Inter-America; L.H.Christian and Dr. G.C.Bergman, of Northern Europe; J.M.Howell, P.H.Barnes, Dr. M.B.Graybill, of South America; A.W.Cormack, I.F.Blue, G.G.Lowry, E.D.Willmott and E.M.Meleen, Southern Asia; A.V.Olson, of Southern Europe; also the following from North America: A.L.Baker, Dr. E.H.Risley, H.E.Olsen, J.A.Tucker and others.

The meeting was opened with a few words of welcome from Chairman C.H.Watson.

Greetings were conveyed to the Council by the Secretary reading messages from the South American and Far Eastern Divisions, and a personal word of greeting from Elder W.T.Knox,

After singing, prayer was offered by W.A.Spicer.

A daily program for the Council was adopted as follows:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:45 A.M.
Council	10:00 -- 12:00 A.M.
Sub-committees	1:30 -- 5:30 P.M.
Council	7:00 -- 9:00 P.M.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

The officers presented nominations for the various committees, and these committees were appointed as follows:

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

J.L. McElhany
 Officers of the Gen. Conference
 General Conference Field Secretaries
 Union Conference Presidents
 Secretaries and Assoc. Secretaries of
 General Conference Departments
 V.J. Maloney

J.M. Howell
 I.F. Blue
 L.E. Esteb
 O.K. John
 H.G. Lucas
 G.E. Peters
 Dr. E.H. Risley

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

O. Montgomery
 J.L. McElhany
 L.H. Christian
 W.A. Spicer
 W.C. Moffet
 C.C. Crisler
 E.E. Andross
 Dr. A.W. Truman
 R. Ruhläng
 One Negro representative
 Heads of Departments
 Local presidents not on
 other committees
 Assoc. Secretaries of
 Gen. Conf. Departments

A.E. Hughes
 R.M. Cossentine
 S.W. Palmer
 H.P. Evens
 A.G. Parfitt
 P.H. Barnes
 E.D. Willmott
 E.H. Meleen
 J.A. Tucker
 A.L. Baker
 J.R. Ferren
 H.R. Gay
 W.A. Harvey
 C.B. Haynes
 F.D. Wells

J.L. Jones
 Clarence Lawry
 J.W. Mace
 H.E. Olsen
 C.L. Paddock
 P.E. Quimby
 P.G. Rodgers
 H.J. Sheldon
 E.C. Strachan
 W.R. White
 J.E. Weaver
 J.G. Thomas
 Dr. H.B. Graybill
 E.H. Cadwallader
 E.A. Von Pohle

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C.H. Watson
 J.L. Shaw
 O. Montgomery
 W.H. Branson
 I.H. Evans
 J.L. McElhany
 C.K. Meyers
 E. Kötze
 M.E. Kern
 W.A. Spicer
 H.H. Cobban

Charles Thompson
 S.E. Wight
 J.K. Jones
 J.E. Fulton
 H.H. Hall
 J.J. Ireland
 J.F. Piper
 F.H. Robbins
 W.H. Williams
 C.S. Prout
 E.K. Slade
 G.A. Roberts

W.E. Howell
 I.J. Woodman
 B.H. Emerson
 G.W. Wells
 M. Lukens
 H.G. Childs
 P.E. Brodersen
 M.A. Hollister
 W.H. Holden
 L.W. Graham
 G.W. Schubert
 H.F. Schuberth

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 (Home and Foreign)
 A.G. Daniells
 F.M. Tilcox
 M.C. Van Kirk
 C.F. McVagh
 M.L. Andreasen
 M.K. Campbell
 W.H. Williams

L.K. Dickson
 S.A. Ruskjer
 N.S. Ashton
 C.V. Leach
 E.H. Oswald
 C.W. Irwin
 J.A. Stevens
 H.A. Lukens
 F.L. Peterson
 H.H. Cobban

H.H. Rans
 G.C. Hoskin
 M.L. Rice
 C. Conard
 W.H. Heckman
 P.T. Magan, M.D.
 F.C. Gilbert
 W.C. White
 J.J. Nethery
 R.I. Keate

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 W.E.Nelson
 G.A.Huse
 W.Müller
 H.H.Votaw
 E.A.Hoon
 Dr. G.C.Bergman
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 treasurers

Dr. L.H.Butka
 T.I.Hilliard
 W.W.R.Lake
 G.G.Lowry
 P.H.Barnes
 R.J.Brown
 H.W.Barrows

H.H.Hamilton
 E.L.Richmond
 Glenn Calkins
 H.E.Rogers
 M.C.Taft
 L.H.Wood
 J.H.Cochran

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

W.A.Spicer spoke a few appropriate words, moving that the Secretary place on record the loss suffered to the cause by the death of several leading workers. It was--

VOTED, That a word of sympathy be forwarded to the relatives of the following deceased brethren: E.R.Palmer, B.E. Beddoe, J.T.Boettcher, C.E.Rice, Dr. P.M.Keller, H.S.Shaw.

Elder C H.Watson, the President, spoke of the meaning of this time to the church. Wonders on every hand indicate the distinctiveness of the hour. It is the time in which the Lord is prepared to mightily help His people.

The meeting adjourned after a season of prayer led by J.E.Fulton, and in which many others joined. I.H.Evans dismissed with prayer.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.
 C.K.MEYERS, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1931

The first devotional service of the Council, at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, October 21, 1931, was in charge of Elder W.A. Spicer, who emphasized the extraordinary nature of these times, the provision made by God in this message to meet the needs of this hour, and the certainty of the triumphs of the three-fold message. His message was followed by a praise and testimony service.

The second business session opened at 10 A.M., with C.H.Watson in the chair. A.G.Daniells led in prayer.

TENURE OF OFFICE:

After some explanations by the Chairman as to the plan of procedure for the Council, a report was read from the Officers' Council, on tenure of office, and was adopted as follows:

Whereas, A principle of conference management is clearly stated in the Spirit of prophecy, in these words:

"I have been shown that ministers should not be retained in the same district year after year, nor should the same man long preside over a conference. A change of gifts is for the good of our conferences and churches." (Gospel Workers, p. 420.) And,

Whereas, Our experience has proven that very long tenure of office in the same position is not for the best interests of the work and does not tend to development of the greatest strength in the workers,

Resolved, That we adopt as our working policy--

1. That the tenure of office for General Conference executive officers and heads of departments (including divisions) shall not exceed twelve consecutive years in any one position.

2. That the tenure of office of union executive officers and department secretaries shall not exceed eight consecutive years in any one position, in the same union.

3. That the tenure of office of local conference or mission executive officers and department secretaries shall not exceed six consecutive years in any one position in the same conference or mission.

4. In local or union fields where language or national differences seem to make a variation from this rule desirable, or under any other unusual conditions, the exception shall be made only upon the approval of the General or division conference committee. ✓

5. The reasons for the differences in tenure of office proposed for the General, union and local conferences is apparent from the fact that those who work in more restricted areas and come in closer touch with the churches, put their personal mold on the work sooner than those farther removed in administrative work.

Recognizing that the inauguration of these plans will automatically change many officials, and that there is consequent need of careful planning in the placing of men,

We recommend, 6. That there be mutual and helpful cooperation among all the organizations concerned in carrying out these resolutions.

7. That General and Division conference committees give very careful study to the question of the location and transfer of men as between unions, and make definite recommendations to the unions regarding the leadership of their work, and that likewise the union committees carefully study the location and transfer of men as between the local conferences, and make definite recommendations to the conferences concerning the leadership of their work

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

VOTED, That the following be a committee to study some special items from the Officers' Council: General Conference officers, twelve union conference presidents, and the following conference presidents: S.E.Wight, J.K.Jones, C.V. Leach, P.E.Broderson, I.J.Woodman, C.F.McVagh, H.A.Lukens, M.V.Campbell, J.F.Piper, F.L.Perry, H.E.Lysinger, A.S.Booth.

GUIDING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to guide through out the Council in the matter of the time of calling the different committees; and that the following named persons be this guiding committee: W.H.Branson, chairman; C.H.Watson, J.L.McElhany, O.Montgomery, J.L.Shaw and C.K.Meyers.

The meeting adjourned at 12 M.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1931, 7 P.M.

The third session of the Council opened at 7 P.M. After singing "Stand Up for Jesus," the Council was led in prayer by W.W.Prescott.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

The special Committee on Administrative Matters appointed at the morning session, made a report which was adopted as follows:

READJUSTMENT OF MISSION TERRITORY:

In order to effect economies in administering our divisions outside of North America,

We recommend, 1. That in manning their official staffs as well as their departments, as far as consistent with efficiency, each person on full salary carry more than one line of work.

We recommend, 2. That division committees give study to their union mission organizations with a view to changing some union missions with small membership into local missions under a local superintendent. This change, we believe, will effect economies in administration.

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that economies have been effected without harm to the work through combination of local conferences,

We recommend, 3. That study be given to the effecting of such economic combinations of local conferences and missions in divisions abroad as may be found possible while still providing an efficient soul-winning leadership.

READJUSTMENT OF UNION CONFERENCE TERRITORIAL LINES IN NORTH AMERICA:

In the interests of overhead and administrative economy, and of concentrating our funds and workers more fully upon aggressive soul-winning work,

We recommend, 4. The following readjustments of union conference territorial lines in North America:

Union Conferences

Union No. 1: To include the conferences covering the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Bermuda. (Population, 41,000,000. Membership, 19,675. Institutions: 1 college, 1 junior college, 2 sanitariums, 1 publishing house.)

Union No. 2: To include the conferences covering the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. (Population, 19,000,000. Membership, 11,082. Including half of Louisiana-Mississippi. Institutions: 1 junior college, 1 sanitarium, 1 publishing house, Oakwood Junior College.)

Union No. 3: To include the conferences covering the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. (Population, 12,500,000. Membership, 7,244. Including half of Louisiana-Mississippi. Institutions: 1 junior college.)

Union No. 4: To include the conferences covering the States of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. It is further recommended that West Pennsylvania and West Virginia be academic territory for the Mount Vernon Academy, with the same financial support as heretofore. (Population, 25,200,000. Membership, 21,404. Institutions: 1 college, 1 sanitarium, Broadview College, Brookfield Publishing House.)

Union No. 5: To include the conferences covering the States of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. (Population, 14,600,000. Membership, 20,581. Institutions: 1 college, 3 sanitariums.)

Union No. 6: The North Pacific Union territory to continue as it is, with the addition of a small portion of Oregon now belonging to the Pacific Union. (Population, 3,554,265. Membership, 14,126. Institutions: 1 college, 2 sanitariums.)

Union No. 7: The Pacific Union territory to continue as it is with the addition of that portion of Utah now belonging to the Central Union. (Population, 7,037,040. Membership, 23,120. Institutions: 1 college, 1 junior college, 4 sanitariums, 1 publishing house, 1 medical college.)

Union No. 8: The Western and Eastern Canadian Unions to be united into one union conference. (Population, 9,400,000. Membership, 5,907. Institutions: 2 junior colleges, 1 sanitarium, 1 publishing house.)

COMBINATION OF LOCAL CONFERENCES:

Believing that it is incumbent upon us to conduct the work of God in the most economical way possible, consistent with good management, in order to enable the fields to use as much of the tithe from our people and as many of the laborers as possible in direct soul-winning work,

We recommend, 5. That the respective union conference committees give earnest study to the following combination of local conference territories in the North American Division:

Local Conferences

1. Unite East Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware into one conference. (Population, 10,300,000. Membership, 4,608. Including one third of Chesapeake.)

2. Unite Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia into one conference. (Population, 5,700,000. Membership, 3,332.)

3. Unite West Pennsylvania and West Virginia into one conference. (Population, 5,700,000. Membership, 1,622.)

4. Unite Alabama and Mississippi into one conference. (Population, 4,869,860. Membership, 1,573. Including one half of Louisiana-Mississippi.)

5. Unite the Tennessee River and Cumberland Conferences. (Population, 3,300,000. Membership, 2,836.)

6. Unite Arkansas and Louisiana into one conference. (Population, 3,900,000. Membership, 1,619.)

7. Unite North and South Texas into one conference. (Population, 4,900,000. Membership, 2,790.)

8. Unite Colorado and Inter-Mountain into one conference, and advise that the Inter-Mountain Academy be closed. (Population, 1,100,000. Membership, 3,310.)

9. Unite Western Oregon and Southern Oregon into one conference, and that the Rogue River Academy do not offer work beyond the tenth grade. (Population, 937,000. Membership 5,393.)

10. Unite the East and West Michigan Conferences into one conference, to include the northern peninsula of Michigan. (Approximate population, Michigan, 4,500,000. Membership, 8,200.)

11. That West Michigan and Illinois release their Indiana territory to the Indiana Conference.

12. Divide the State of California into three conferences as follows: Unite the three conferences north of the Tehachapi Mountains into two conferences, with a line dividing the same running east and west approximately from Santa Cruz on the coast through to Merced, and that the Southern California Conference relinquish to the Central California Conference, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, and that the remaining portion of the Southern California Conference and Southeastern California Conference be united into one conference.

We recommend, 6. That union conferences give consideration to other adjustments and that as far as possible state and provincial lines be followed.

ATTENDANCE AT AUTUMN COUNCIL:

Inasmuch as there has been a question in the minds of some regarding the attendance at the Autumn Council, the chairman expressed the wish of the Committee at Washington for advice regarding this matter.

This question had been considered by the Committee on Administrative Matters which recommended that the previous policy of inviting the conference presidents to this Council be

continued. It was felt that this policy is necessary for the efficient prosecution of our work in the North American Division.

VOTED, To concur in the Committee's recommendation.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.
M.E.KERN, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1931

The morning devotional service at 8:30 o'clock was conducted by Elder G.W.Schubert, who related a number of very encouraging experiences in the mission fields of the Central European Division during his recent visit there. He drew some practical lessons for workers today from the dealings of our Lord with the varied characters of His disciples. The study was followed by a season of prayer.

The fourth business session opened at 10 o'clock. After a scripture reading by Elder A.W.Cormack, of India, we were led in prayer by Dr. E.H.Risley.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

J.L.Shaw presented the Operating Statement for the General Conference for the eight months ending August 31, 1931. (See next two pages.) He pointed out the great help the Authorized Reserve Fund had proved to be in a time of greatly decreased income like this; though the reserve may have seemed rather high in ordinary times, now it has been alarmingly decreased.

COMMITTEE TO DRAFT APPEAL RE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN:

The treasurer suggested the preparation of a statement encouraging our people to make a most strenuous endeavor to gather in the funds that are necessary to keep our missionaries in the field, as retrenchment is not in harmony with the genius of this movement. What we especially need in these days is faith and prayer, and the Lord will continue to perform miracles in the gathering of funds. It was--

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to draft an appeal to our workers and people to put forth energetic efforts in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.

FOR EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31, 1931

Working Surplus, January 1, 1931	221,036.02	
Authorized Reserve, January 1, 1931	<u>1,270,510.50</u>	
Surplus, January 1, 1931		1,491,546.52

INCOME:

Tithe		429,990.75
Union Conference Tithe	24,443.18	
Miscellaneous Tithe	1,751.78	
Per cent of Tithe	329,922.30	
Foreign Tithe	12,449.30	
Foreign Tithe Revertible	<u>61,424.19</u>	
Missions		1,569,135.44
Foreign - Non-Revertible	93,521.78	
Foreign - Revertible	195,672.58	
Miscellaneous Missions	40,436.53	
Sixty-cent-a-week Fund	1,155,942.05	
Fall Council Pledges	20,500.00	
Funds Returned and Reclaimed	<u>63,062.50</u>	
Legacies		2,329.18
Interest		21,789.82
Miscellaneous		<u>8,441.22</u>
Total Income		<u>2,031,686.41</u>
Total Income and Surplus		3,523,232.93

EXPENDITURES:

Mission Fields	1,608,804.64	
Home Fields	175,017.52	
Sustentation Fund	33,220.68	
Institutional Relief	138,713.05	
Extension Fund	71,886.10	
Rural Schools	1,624.21	
Appropriations by Reversion	257,096.77	
Administration and Promotion	227,401.95	
Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow	4,271.37	
Special and Emergency Appro.	<u>63,387.01</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>2,581,423.30</u>
Present Operating Fund, September 1, 1931		941,809.63

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.
August 31, 1931

RESOURCES:

Cash and Banks	418,955.25	
Bonds, Notes and Certificates	792,762.44	
Accounts Receivable	101,843.17	
Inventories	<u>5,376.20</u>	
		1,318,937.06

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	143,343.56	
Trust Funds	<u>233,783.87</u>	
		<u>377,127.43</u>
Present Operating Fund		941,809.63

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
FOR LOYALTY IN MISSION GIVING:

The report of the treasurer revealed that although the tithe receipts had diminished considerably, the mission offerings did not show the same downward tendency, which is a remarkable and outstanding fact in the history of our mission giving. Upon the motion of I.H.Evans, it was--

VOTED, That the Treasurer and Secretary prepare a resolution to appear in the Review expressing to our people our appreciation of the loyalty of our brethren and sisters in so faithfully giving in a time like this of general depression and decrease in wages.

THE BUDGET FOR 1932:

The Budget for 1932 was then presented, and it was--

VOTED, To refer it to the Budget Committee.

GREETINGS FROM AND TO PIONEER WORKERS:

A letter was read from Elder E.W.Farnsworth, and it was--

VOTED, To send a message of greeting to Elders E.W. Farnsworth and R.A.Underwood.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS:

The secretary of the Board of Regents presented a statement regarding attendance at universities as the first part of the report of the Board of Regents, and the statement was adopted. (See full report of the Board of Regents in the minutes of the Eighth Session.)

After some discussion of the above mentioned statement, the meeting was adjourned.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1931, 7 P.M.

The fifth session of the Council opened with prayer by Meade MacGuire.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FOR LOYALTY IN GIVING:

The message to our people through the Review, which the Treasurer and Secretary had been requested in the morning session to prepare, was read to the delegates and adopted as follows:

To our people all over the world, Greetings. Delegates are now in session at the Autumn Council in Omaha, Nebraska. They have this morning listened to the Treasurer's report showing the state of General Conference funds and we believe you will be thankful to know that while the General Conference funds have been greatly reduced owing to the financial depression during the past two years, yet no debt has been created during this period by the General Conference in operating its world-wide work. This has been made possible because of the faith of advent believers and their generous support of our work at home and in mission lands. What our people are doing in supporting the work is truly remarkable. It is outstanding in the history of missions. We must face the future, however, not knowing what is in store for us. In this unprecedented situation we are hopeful and confident that our people, realizing the depleted state of General Conference funds will give and gather during the remaining months of this year as never before in the history of our work. In addition to this brief statement we are sending out a special message to all our people regarding the importance of steadfastly continuing the Harvest Ingathering effort until if possible every church will have reached its goal.

BOARD OF REGENTS:

The Council entered upon a very free and thorough discussion of the problem of accrediting some of our schools. In his closing remarks Elder Watson pointed out that this problem is one of the largest of our Council, and that it can only be solved in an atmosphere of intercession with God.

After a brief season of prayer, adjournment was taken at 9:30 P.M.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E. KOTZ, Secretary.

The seventh session of the Council opened at 10 A.M. with a Scripture reading by A.V.Olson, and prayer by S.E.Wight.

BOARD OF REGENTS:

A further discussion of the report of the Board of Regents was entered into, and after being amended by the Council, Nos.12-27 were adopted. (See full report in the Minutes of the Eighth Session.)

INFORMATION FOR OUR PEOPLE AS TO ACTIONS RE COLLEGES:

VOTED, That the Council authorize the officers to devise proper ways and means, in counsel with the General Conference Educational Department, of conveying to our people the reasons concerning the steps and actions taken by this Autumn Council with reference to limiting the number of and accrediting the colleges.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to study the place for the holding of the next General Conference session, to report at the next Autumn Council.

Named: J.L.McElhany, J.L.Shaw, C.K.Meyers, W.H. Williams, E.E.Kern.

In view of the pressing business on hand, it was voted to call the next session of the Council at 1:45 P.M.

Adjourned at 12:15 with prayer.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1931, 1:30 P.M.

The eighth session of the Council was held in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 1:30 P.M., October 25.

BOARD OF REGENTS--REPORT:

The first part of the hour was spent in the final consideration of the report from the Board of Regents. H.E. Olsen made an explanation of the work of the Home Study Institute and its relation to our other schools. The list of academies recommended to be retired from accrediting with our own association was referred back to the Board of Regents for further consideration, the report to be brought to the General Conference Committee in Washington. Then the report of the Board of Regents was adopted. The full report follows:--

At our last Spring Council a Survey Commission on Advanced Education was appointed "to make a careful study of the educational needs of the field as a whole" and to report its findings at this time. This commission made its report to the Board of Regents which met in Omaha just preceding this Council and that part of our report which pertains to our college work is a result of our study of the commission's report.

ACCREDITING AND ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSITIES:

Whereas, It seems necessary for our colleges to seek accrediting with outside associations in order to meet the requirements for the preparation of students for the medical course and, in some cases, for teaching and nursing, thus making it necessary that some of the teachers in these colleges shall hold advanced degrees; and,

Whereas, We do not have a graduate school of our own, making it necessary, in meeting these legal requirements, to send some of our teachers to universities to obtain the needed technical qualifications,

We recommend, 1. That the Educational Department endeavor to make clear to our people that this action regarding the accrediting of our schools with accrediting bodies or state authorities, and sending teachers to the universities, is an emergency measure to give our schools the needed standing for carrying forward their work, and in no way an endorsement of worldly education as superior to that offered in our schools; but that, on the contrary, Christian education is the only true education and is absolutely essential for the training of Christian workers who must meet the prevalent errors of our day.

We recommend, 2. That in this critical time a special effort should be made to keep before our people the great principles of Christian education -- the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers, with the one great purpose of training soul winners. Emphasis on worldly standards and academic distinctions tends to professionalize our schools and dampen the spirit of evangelism. Let us remember that "those who receive a valuable education, one that will be as enduring as eternity, will not be regarded as the world's best educated men." (Mrs. E.G. White in Review and Herald, March 27, 1919.)

Whereas, We know full well from observation and repeated warnings from the Spirit of prophecy that by sending our teachers to the universities of the world for advanced degrees, we are exposing them to great dangers, as is evidenced by the number of our men who have already in this way lost their hold upon God, and realizing that there is great danger to our system of Christian education through the molding influence of these worldly schools on our teachers,

We recommend, 3. That in the selection of teachers to attend the universities, only persons of outstanding Christian experience and who have been successful in Christian work should be chosen -- persons whose faith in the Bible and Spirit of prophecy is well grounded, and who realize that in attending the university they are being exposed to subtle and almost unconscious influences of infidelity-- and persons who believe with all their hearts in the superiority of Christian education.

We recommend, 4. That the Department of Education join our colleges in making investigation regarding the religious or anti-religious attitude of institutions and of the teaching personnel of the departments of various universities, in order to intelligently guide teachers to the more favorable places; and that, whenever possible, teachers who must go to universities should be sent to places where they will have church privileges. These teachers should be missionaries at the universities, making definite efforts to bring to the attention of teachers and students the truths of the advent message.

We recommend, 5. That the colleges and conferences from which these teachers are sent keep in definite touch with them, by visits and correspondence, bearing in mind that these workers, upon our recommendation, are being exposed to most deceptive and subtle influences.

Whereas, As stated by the Spirit of prophecy, there are those who have secured worldly education and have tried to introduce it into our schools,

We recommend, 6. That teachers taking work in universities should discard what is not in harmony with the truth of God and avoid bringing worldly methods or ideas into their future work.

We recommend, 7. That college boards should make it their deliberate policy when employing teachers who have attended universities to give preference to those who have been definitely selected to attend the university, and counseled in reference to the line of study they should pursue.

Whereas, It has been definitely recommended by the General Conference Committee that our academic and elementary teachers in preparing to meet the standards of scholarship required for their work should "pursue their studies in our own schools" and "refrain from attending colleges and universities outside of our own ranks,"

We recommend, 8. That junior college and academy boards should make it their policy to employ teachers who have received their college training in our own schools. Only in exceptional cases should our school boards deviate from these rules.

We recommend, 9. That for the sake of maintaining Christian ideals, our college faculties should discourage the use of the title "Doctor," for this practice has a tendency in the students' minds to create a kind of educational aristocracy. It would seem that the Lord's admonition against the use of titles of preferment (Matt. 23:8-10) would apply here.

We further recommend, 10. That our schools do not publish the degrees of their teachers in the catalogues, for it is very evident that this has a tendency to stimulate ambitious young people to seek advanced degrees which to them might lead to the loss of their faith. It also tends to discredit in the eyes of the students those who do not carry degrees, as is often the case with strong men, such as Bible teachers. It is still true, as Sister White wrote years ago, that our "schools should have little to say now of 'degrees' or of long courses of study." The less prominent we make the whole matter of accrediting and advanced degrees, the better it will be for our people. Not only is there a peril to our teachers who attend the universities for advanced degrees, but there is even a greater peril in giving the idea to our young people and their parents that after all it is worldly education that counts.

SENIOR COLLEGES:

We recommend, 11. That we limit our senior colleges in North America to five in number as follows: Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington; Pacific Union College, Angwin, California; Union College, College View, Nebraska; Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan; Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, D.C.

ACCREDITING OF WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

We recommend, 12. That Walla Walla College be authorized to seek accrediting in the Northwest Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, it being specifically understood that no indebtedness shall be incurred in obtaining recognition.

ACCREDITING OF WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

We recommend, 13. That Washington Missionary College be authorized to seek accrediting in the Association of the Middle States and Maryland, it being specifically understood that no indebtedness shall be incurred in obtaining recognition.

ACCREDITING OF SCHOOLS:

We further recommend, 14. That each school authorized to seek accrediting proceed only as fast as funds from operating gains or donations are available, and without creating indebtedness for adding the necessary equipment and providing for the necessary teacher training. Also that each college submit its plans for accrediting to the General Conference Committee for approval immediately following the annual Board meeting and setting forth the major items and the expense totals involved.

BROADVIEW COLLEGE:

The Board of Regents concurs in the conviction of the Commission on Higher Education that the Broadview College, since it has in the past served a special purpose should be referred to a special commission for consideration and the formation of plans for its future.

The facts which should call for special consideration are: First, the serious financial conditions under which the school has been working during recent years. Second, certain fundamental problems pertaining to the curriculum as related to the training of workers for the various nationalities.

In consequence of these and other conditions the Commission on Higher Education --

Recommends, 15. That a representative commission be appointed by the Autumn Council to be called as soon as convenient after the Autumn Council to deal with the future of Broadview College.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

We recommend, 16. (a) That the future status of Atlantic Union College be that of a junior college.

(b) That we authorize the Atlantic Union College to seek membership as a junior college in the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and recognition as an accredited junior college by the New York Board of Regents.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY:

We recommend, 17. That the college work now being done by the Maplewood Academy be referred to the Commission dealing with Broadview College.

OSHAWA MISSIONARY COLLEGE AND LODI NORMAL:

We recommend, 18. That the future of the college work at Oshawa Missionary College and of the normal work at Lodi Academy be referred to the Commission on Higher Education, report on same to be made to the Minority Committee of the General Conference.

COLLEGES TO OFFER PRE-MEDICAL WORK:

In view of the increasing need of practicing greater economy in all of our work, especially in the operation of educational institutions;

We recommend, 19. That we treat the pre-medical course as a special technical course of instruction to be given in a limited number of our educational centers, as follows:

- a. Our five senior colleges.
- b. Three of our junior colleges on the following basis:
 - (1) That if necessary, because of governmental regulations, Canadian Junior College be permitted to give the pre-medical course.
 - (2) That because of peculiar local conditions in the southland surrounding Southern Junior College and further, because it is equipped for and is now offering the pre-medical course, we recommend that it be given permission to continue.
 - (3) That because Atlantic Union College, now recommended to junior college standing, has for many years been offering the pre-medical course, we recommend that it be allowed to continue.

We recommend, 20. That in the interest of curtailing expense and at the same time of improving the quality of the work done, the pre-medical course be not attempted by any other schools for three or four years.

TEACHER TRAINING IN COLLEGES:

Whereas, In our efforts to strengthen our college work we need men of mature judgment and unquestioned Christian character who have had successful experience in teaching in our schools and who have a high degree of scholastic preparation,

We recommend, 21. That preference be given to mature, experienced teachers who have proven themselves trusted leaders in our educational work.

Recognizing that the first responsibility of gaining an adequate preparation for life's work rests upon the individual himself, and since graduate training is of permanent value to the individual receiving it,

We recommend, 22. That in cases where it is found necessary and advisable for a teacher to obtain advanced training, leave of absence for such study be arranged with the board of the institution concerned, and that the teacher himself finance such study as far as possible.

When it becomes necessary for a school to render some assistance to teachers pursuing advanced study,

We recommend, 23. a. That such assistance shall be extended in the form of a loan under definite contract for repayment in definite annual installments extending over a period not to exceed ten years and that the amount of assistance given be determined by the necessities of the case.

b. That for each year of service after the completion of such study the institution shall cancel the annual installment of the loan.

c. It shall be the privilege of either the school or the teacher to terminate the contract to teach on due notice at any time, and in such case the loan or any part thereof shall be and remain the personal obligation of the teacher, to be paid in cash according to the terms of the contract.

d. If the recipient of such^a loan shall accept a call to any other Seventh-day Adventist school or organization, the organization calling him shall assume the outstanding balance of the loan.

e. Financial assistance shall not be given to teachers who have not established their Bachelor's standing.

COMMISSION ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

We recommend, 24. The appointment of a commission to give study to our secondary schools for the purpose of effecting economies of maintenance and operation and of defining their relationship to our senior and junior colleges.

COMMISSION ON SECONDARY SCHOOL FINANCE:

We recommend, 25. That the Financial Survey Commission be requested to bring in a standard touching the financial operation of our academies.

SELECTION OF ACADEMY PRINCIPALS:

We recommend, 26. That the Educational Department be requested to place on record a list of such qualifications as it deems necessary and essential to guide academy boards

when selecting a principal.

AMENDMENTS TO SECONDARY TEACHER
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

We recommend, 27. That we amend the requirements for secondary certification by adding the following standards effective 1934-35:

7. Special subjects including Agriculture, Cookery, Sewing, Woodworking, Printing, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, and Art-- 12 college hours or the equivalent in the specific field taught, academic units to be evaluated on the basis of two hours per semester.

8. Typewriting: 60 words net in a certified standard speed test.

9. That a one year special Teacher's Certificate be granted to those who have eight hours in education, twelve hours in the subject taught, with a total of sixty-four hours of approved college work; this certificate will be renewed upon the completion of six semester hours of additional college work.

Resolved, 28. To amend the Bible standard of certification by substituting the word "or" for "and" causing the standard to read "including Daniel and Revelation or Advanced Bible Doctrines."

Whereas, The Home Study Institute, of Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., is our extension division, and its courses tally closely with those of our colleges and academies; therefore,

Resolved, 29. a. That we encourage young people who are not able to attend a resident institution, and forward looking persons of more mature years, to avail themselves of the opportunities for systematic study, thus offered them, and

b. That full credit be given in our colleges for all courses taken through the Institute, whether in the Upper or Lower Division, it being understood that the amount of Home Study work which is to form part of the requirements for a degree, shall not exceed forty semester hours; and further,

c. That one half of the required work of the academic or high school course may be done through the Institute.

We recommend, 30. That semester Board of Regents examinations in all subjects be made available to both accredited and unaccredited academies for the school year 1932-33.

LIST OF ACCREDITED ACADEMIES:

Resolved, 31. To accredit the following academies for the year 1931-32:

Shelton Academy
 Fox River Academy
 Glendale Academy
 Southern Junior College--preparatory department
 Maplewood Academy
 Washington Missionary College--preparatory department
 Union College--preparatory department
 Campion Academy
 Indiana Academy
 Los Angeles Academy
 Southern California Junior College--preparatory department
 Adelprian Academy
 Long Beach Academy
 Battle Creek Academy
 Hinsdale Academy
 Cedar Lake Academy
 Greater New York Academy
 Golden Gate Academy
 Yakima Valley Academy
 Oak Park Academy
 Plainview Academy
 Pacific Union College--preparatory department
 South Lancaster Academy
 Walla Walla College--preparatory department
 Auburn Academy
 Columbia Academy
 Gem State Academy
 Laurelwood Academy
 Mt. Ellis Academy
 Loma Linda Academy
 Mountain View Academy
 Broadview College--preparatory department
 Emmanuel Missionary College--preparatory department

Resolved, 32. To retain the following academies on the accredited list with certain suggestions for correcting slight deficiencies in teacher training:

- a. Southwestern Junior College--preparatory department
 Suggested that Prof. Julian Thompson, a teacher holding the Master's degree, make up the three hour lack in Education.
- b. Enterprise Academy.
 Professor Holmes, an experienced and successful teacher, has been lacking in Education hours. Having made up the major portion of these since the last inspection, suggested that he complete this work.

c. Sheyenne River Academy

Suggested that the principal begin to work up his hours in Education as rapidly as consistent with his other duties.

d. Harlem Academy

It is understood that the principal receives his college degree in January thus correcting their deficiency.

Resolved, 33. That the following schools whose reports are not in be left for the Department in Washington to act upon inasmuch as the circumstances of delay are not the fault of the school authorities:

Oshawa Missionary College
Canadian Junior College
Pine Tree Academy

We recommend, 34. That M.L.Andreassen be nominated to fill the vacancy made in the Board of Regents by the resignation of P.L.Thompson from the presidency of Union College.

MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF REGENTS:

VOTED, To increase the Board of Regents to thirty, with the understanding that the Board of Regents will nominate the four additional members.

REPORT FROM THE PUBLISHING CONVENTION:

H.H.Hall reported that the council of publishers held just preceding the Autumn Council had been a very successful meeting, enabling our publishing houses to get together, and provisions were made for a close cooperation in the publication of books and in having a more unified plan of costs, etc. The resolutions submitted by this Publishers' Council were adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That a committee on Big Week books be created as follows:

H.H.Hall, chairman.

Secretary General Conference Home Missionary
Department

Two members from the Review and Herald Pub. Ass'n

Two members from the Pacific Press Pub. Ass'n

One member from the Southern Publishing Ass'n

One member from the Canadian Watchman Press.

We recommend, 2. That the publishing houses secure suggestions from their fields as to subject matter, and pass this information on to the committee for consideration and the selection of manuscripts to be used. Typewritten copies of the manuscript selected to be furnished to each of these publishing houses, and that the cost of manuscript and illustrations, including cover, be distributed to houses accepting manuscript on the following basis:

Review and Herald	35%
Pacific Press	35%
Southern Publishing Association	20%
Canadian Watchman Press	10%

If either or both of the latter houses decline manuscripts, the remaining expense to be divided equally between the Pacific Press and the Review and Herald.

We recommend, 3. The deletion of the recorded action concerning pattern plates. --General Conference, October 14, 1914. Rev. 1920. This paragraph on page 9 of General Conference Publishing Department Recommendations is as follows:

Pattern Plates

"19. That, when a set of electrotpe plates is furnished to one or more publishing houses, the original publisher be asked to keep and maintain a set of up-to-date pattern plates." (---Pub. Dept. Minutes, October, 1914, Revised 1920.)

BIBLE CONFERENCE:

In the Officers' Meeting preceding the Council proper, careful study had been given to the plan of holding a Bible Conference, and recommendations were presented to the Council and adopted as follows:

In view of the unusual moral and spiritual world condition into which we have come; and in view of the fact that in recent years thousands of new members and hundreds of young workers have entered our ranks; and in view of the need of maintaining the unity of the faith of the advent message, and inasmuch as a number of our leaders from the world field will be together at the time of the 1932 Autumn Council,

We recommend, 1. That this favorable opportunity be taken advantage of by calling together at some suitable place preceding the Council, a group of representative men for special Bible study and prayer.

2. That representation to this Bible Conference be made up as follows:

The General Conference headquarters officers.	
The General Conference Field Secretaries.	
The presidents of foreign divisions, and from--	
North America	19
Australasia	2
Inter-America	2
South America	2
Africa	2
Southern Asia	1
Far East	2
China	2
Northern Europe	3
Central Europe	4
Southern Europe	2

3. That the selection of the representatives from North America be made by the General Conference Committee at Washington, and that the representatives from other divisions be nominated by the respective division committees for approval by the General Conference Committee in Washington.

4. That a committee on arrangements and program be appointed by the Committee, which shall work under the direction of the Committee in preparing for this meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans made a partial report. After referring back the first section, on the organization of missionary work in the local church, and after some very helpful information had been presented in the discussion on welfare work, the report was adopted as follows:

WELFARE WORK:

Whereas, The gospel of the Lord Jesus calls for definite action in ministering to the destitute and needy; and

Whereas, In many communities there is great need of this kind of work; we therefore, --

Recommend the following plans as a means of helping all our churches to engage in this line of Christian service:

1. Purpose and Objective:

- a. To relieve physical suffering and need.
- b. To bring new life and spirit into our churches.

2. Organization:

Name—Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society.

Officers—Director.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Governing Committee—Local church board.

Conference Supervision—Conference Home Missionary Secretary.

It is understood that no local church organization of the Welfare Society is to be launched without the counsel of the conference officers and the Home Missionary Secretary.

General Promotion--This work is fostered by and is under the general supervision of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, with the cooperation of the Missionary Volunteer Department.

Working Groups--(a) Regular church bands, (b) Dorcas Society, (c) Missionary Volunteer Societies.

3. Plan of Work:

a. Maintain Identity. The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society is not to merge its identity with other welfare organizations, but hold to its legitimate field of welfare service.

b. Cooperative Relationship. The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society should thoroughly understand the principles upon which other welfare organizations work, and should ever maintain a cooperative attitude.

c. Scope of operation. It is the intention of this organization to render temporary aid to families in real need, along the lines of furnishing clothing, bedding, fuel, and food. We do not plan to enter the field of paying rent or providing weekly cash allowances to needy cases, but at all times desire to manifest a Christian interest in the unfortunate and seek to put such in touch with the proper organizations.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN:

Whereas, The people of the United States today are becoming increasingly confused by the vast propaganda of the liquor interests to discredit the benefits of prohibition; and

Whereas, A crisis confronts the nation in the matter of the modification or repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment; and

Whereas, This situation calls for an extensive dissemination of information as to the moral, economic, and physical advantages of prohibition, and offers at the same time unparalleled opportunity for educating the masses as to the effects of liquor on body and soul, and the benefits of the practice of the principles of temperance; and,

Whereas, The Seventh-day Adventist denomination has a particular responsibility and unique position in temperance education because of its beliefs, teachings, and practices, as well as being a non-political organization; and,

Whereas, We have been exhorted in the following instruction to take the aggressive in the temperance movement--

"Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks. For many years a flood of light concerning the principles of true reform has been shining on our pathway, and we are accountable before God to let this light shine to others. Years ago we regarded the spread of temperance principles as one of our most important duties. It should be so today." -- "Gospel Workers," p.384.

Be it Resolved, That in the present serious situation when the cause of temperance is in jeopardy, as leaders in the great cause of truth, we recognize in these conditions the call of God to His people who are personally and denominationally committed to the cause of temperance for extensive activities in behalf of temperance, both within and without the denomination, that the following outline of plans for the proposed campaign be adopted:

Public Work

That special attention be given in each conference to the selection of able public speakers who will address mass meetings, service club groups and other organizations; and that wherever possible they make use of the radio. And that our evangelists make temperance lectures a feature in their evangelistic series.

Education of our People

That a thorough program be entered upon for the education of our own people in the temperance principles and concerning the issues of the crisis now confronting the nation.

Educational Literature

That we circulate widely the special "Big Week" book on the subject of temperance now in preparation, the temperance "Youth's Instructor," and other tract and leaflet literature that may be provided; and that--

We endorse the plan of the Pacific Press Publishing Association to issue another temperance and prohibition number of the "Signs of the Times," and urge that this be given the widest possible distribution during the summer of 1932.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BASIS OF COMPUTING MISSION FUNDS:

The Committee on the Basis of Computing Mission Funds appointed a year ago made a report, which was adopted as follows:

Whereas, The present plan of raising mission offerings, under God, has proven a great blessing in the extension of the advent message in mission lands; and,

Whereas, We do not believe that other proposed plans considered have the same strength of appeal as the one which has been thus far followed; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That no change of the base of computing mission funds be made, but that we continue to promote strongly the present plan.

2. That a pamphlet be prepared, setting forth the merits of the present "Sixty-cent-a-Week Plan, and the best methods of promoting it in the field.

In connection with this report, the Treasurer, J.L. Shaw, spoke of the unity of the committee in submitting this report and of the great value of our present plan of mission offerings. In response to inquiry, it was explained that the Sixty-cents-a-Week goal is not an individual goal, but a conference goal; and that every individual should give as God has prospered him, many, of course, being able to give more than the average goal of sixty cents a week.

FURLOUGH POLICY:

The Officers' Council had given some study to certain points of our furlough policy which needed clarifying, and made a report which was adopted as follows:

LENGTH OF FURLOUGH AND TERM OF SERVICE:

In view of the abnormal financial conditions, creating such shortage of mission funds that appropriations must be reduced and new appointments held up,

We recommend, 1. To division executives that counsel be had with missionaries whose furlough is coming due, suggesting to any whose health condition may not require immediate action that it would be a helpful contribution to the cause if it were found possible to defer furloughs for a season.

2. That in these times of shortage our missionaries be urged not to increase furlough costs by over-staying furlough leave, returning promptly to the field.

FURLOUGH OF LADY WORKERS MARRYING COLONIALS:

We recommend, 3. That the five year furlough arrangement do not apply to a single lady worker marrying a colonial worker after she has arrived in the mission field.

RETURN OF MISSIONARY ON FURLOUGH TO FORMER HOME:

As a matter of clarifying the furlough policy, it was--

VOTED, That in order to give a missionary the full benefit of the furlough he be returned to his former home, even if the parents are dead.

MESSAGE FROM THE GENEVA DELEGATION TO THE AUTUMN COUNCIL:

C.H. Watson presented the following message from our Geneva delegation to the League of Nations, addressed to the Autumn Council:

"Your Delegation to the League of Nations' sessions on Calendar Reform, and the Delegations from the European, Australasian and Southern African Divisions, desire to express their gratitude to God for the many remarkable providences experienced at Geneva.

"We are of the opinion that the value of the witness given for the truth before the representatives of the forty-two nations assembled is beyond estimation and will prove of incalculable blessing to our work in all parts of the world. There is no doubt that the entire Assembly was deeply impressed with the earnestness and sincerity of the Adventist position.

"We are grateful for the earnest prayers of our people and believe that these have led to the moving of God's Spirit upon the minds of statesmen and given power to the spoken word. Nevertheless, though through the mercy of God the immediate Calendar crisis has been postponed, we feel that

this should not lead to a slackening of our efforts to enlighten the people concerning the dangers of a blank day Calendar. Though disappointed at Geneva the Calendar reformers are determined to continue their propaganda in the hope of reversing the decision in the future.

"We believe that the evident hand of God throughout this unique and historic experience should bring joy and renewed confidence to our people everywhere and inspire in one and all fresh zeal and courage for the tasks before us."

(Signed) C.S.Longacre, Dr. J.Nussbaum, A.Vollmer, A.S.Maxwell, G.E.Nord, L.L.Caviness, Steen Rasmussen, R.Allen Anderson, P.G.Nelsen, T.T.Babienko, J.I. Robison.

Elder C.H.Watson also read from a letter from C.S. Longacre concerning the change of sentiment that came over the Calendar Committee during the consideration of the calendar question, as a result of the presentation by Dr. Nussbaum. Our delegation desired to impress upon us the importance of a vigorous educational campaign in the various countries of the world in the four years before this question will come up for decision again. Brother Watson spoke of the wonderful providence of God in this decision and urged us to make these four years a time of intensive soul winning. The plans suggested by our delegation at Geneva were referred to the Committee on Plans for further consideration.

C.B.Haynes read a telegram from Geneva which was printed in the New York Times on October 16, telling of the decision of the League to postpone actions on the Calendar question for further study. On motion of C.H.Watson, it was-

VOTED, To accept with gratitude and thanksgiving to God the report that has come to us from our delegation as to the outcome of the consideration of the Calendar question by the Calendar Committee in Geneva.

L.H.Christian emphasized the great importance of this decision to our work in all the world, especially in those countries that belong to the League.

At the conclusion of this report on the Calendar revision, we engaged in an earnest season of prayer and thanksgiving.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
M.E.KERN, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1931, 7 P.M.

A special meeting of the members of the General Conference Executive Committee was called in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 7 P.M.

PRESENT:

All the members of the General Conference Committee in attendance at the Autumn Council.

C. H. Watson in the chair.

Prayer by W. C. Moffett:

L. R. CONRADI:

The chairman reported the results of a hearing concerning doctrinal teaching, which had been held with L. R. Conradi at his request, the sub-committee to hold this hearing having been appointed by the General Conference Committee at Washington, D.C., August 10. The committee on the hearing had counselled against the teaching of the views presented to them in the hearing. The chairman reported that L. R. Conradi had expressed his willingness to co-operate with the administration in every way possible.

A letter was read which the chairman had written, stipulating the suggestions of the committee to Brother Conradi as to his future attitude, and the latter's friendly reply, submitting at the same time his resignation as a Field Secretary of the General Conference.

VOTED, That the resignation be accepted, while at the same time we express our appreciation of the earnest labors of our brother these many years as a fellow-laborer in the cause of this advent message.

It was also--

VOTED, That we recommend to the Sustentation Committee that L. R. Conradi be placed on the sustentation list, in harmony with understandings expressed in correspondence exchanged between the chairman and Brother Conradi.

[Signature]

In response to question by H. F. Schuberth, of the Central European Division, which now meets the salary of L. R. Conradi, it was--

VOTED, That the General Conference treasury assume the salary of L. R. Conradi from October 1, 1931, continuing the usual period before the sustentation rate begins.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the officers, union conference presidents and the following eight brethren constitute the Auditing Committee: J. F. Piper, M. A. Hollister, J. K. Jones, F. M. Wilcox, L. M. Bowen, I. J. Woodman, B. M. Emerson, I. G. Ortner.

C. H. WATSON, Chairman,
E. KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 9:30 A.M.

The devotional service was led by Elder E. K. Slade, who pointed out the need of an ever-deepening consecration to God, and the possibility of a much larger experience of the indwelling Christ.

The ninth meeting of the Council opened at 9:30 A.M., in the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

A scripture reading from 1 John 3 was given by Glenn Calkins. R. T. Baer offered prayer.

REPORT ON FINANCES:

J. L. Shaw spoke of the serious financial situation confronting us, stating that a study of the prospective income indicated the necessity of cutting the budget approximately ten per cent. He also expressed the hope that by earnest efforts to economize and by a strong effort to increase our funds, we might prevent the actual returning of missionaries to the home field. The Sabbath schools show a loss for the first eight months of \$12,000 as compared with last year. He urged that all of our workers be encouraged to make this year's Week of Sacrifice a real success and indicated that the salaries of all our workers for one week would equal \$100,000. If our laymen could be

led to duplicate that, the Week of Sacrifice would go far toward saving our situation.

He also suggested the necessity of working our fields more carefully in behalf of the spiritual uplift and the bringing up of all lines of our work. The Educational Department is promoting for the Educational Week of Sacrifice, the raising of \$20,000 to keep the educational work going in Inter-America, with the understanding that the overflow will go to the building of the Hankow school which has been destroyed by a flood.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

The treasurer called for any special offerings which conferences or individuals have to make, which resulted in the following:

Pacific Union	\$2,500
Southeastern California	
Conference	5,000
Southern California	
Conference	23,000
California Conference	5,000
Pacific Union College	500
Washington Sanitarium	5,000
Lars Hansen	1,000
Columbia Union (provisional)	1,000
Kansas Conference	100
E. W. Farnsworth	100
Total	\$43,200

In addition to this, there was given for the extension funds:

Glendale Sanitarium	\$5,000
Pacific Press Publishing	
Association	2,000

Charles Thompson and J. J. Nethery suggested that the combined Northern and Central Unions might be able to make a contribution after the combination has taken place.

INSTITUTIONAL FINANCES:

Claude Conard presented a report of the financial condition of our educational institutions in North America. By figures and graphs he called attention to the fact that the liabilities of the institutions have gone up in the last year. While the senior colleges show a nine per cent reduction of liabilities, the junior colleges showed a serious increase. The report listed twenty-one educational

institutions which are now free from debt, and thirteen which are still burdened with debt. The reports indicate that a very large part of the loss is from our industries, especially from the agricultural group. The schools are furnishing students a very large amount of work, enough, in fact, has been given to the students during 1930 and 1931 to equal the full expenses of 1,725 students. The report indicates that nearly two-fifths of the students have worked their entire way. We were exhorted to hold what we have already gained in debt reduction and to make further progress in paying obligations, even though this may be small because of the quiet times.

S. A. Ruskjer made a statement concerning the heavy indebtedness on the Western Canadian Junior College, as shown by the report, due to the rebuilding of the institution after its destruction by fire. The present plant is conservatively valued at \$150,000. Plans have been made for the reduction of the debt to \$9,000, although this reduction has been made in part by the conferences of the Western Canadian Union assuming \$42,000 of the indebtedness. He spoke of the drastic measures which have been recently taken in cutting down the operation of the school forty per cent in order to balance the school's operating budget.

The treasurer made a very earnest appeal to the Council to stop the increase of indebtedness, urging that we must balance the budgets and keep them balanced.

The president, C. H. Watson, spoke on the same line, suggesting that the managers of our schools must determine not to permit operating losses. He expressed the conviction that the standards of normalcy will not return and urged that we address ourselves to the adjusting of our finances to avoid losses, and that we should most earnestly operate the debt-reduction program.

J. J. Nethery and S. E. Wight spoke of serious losses in the operation of our schools, urging that further study be given to the reduction of these school plants. It was urged that the commission on secondary education should vigorously prosecute its work in the study of our academies.

C. W. Irwin warned against getting ourselves into a panic in this time and urged that we pursue a steady course with reference to the school situation.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BOARD OF REGENTS:

The committee appointed to nominate four additional members to the Board of Regents presented the following report, which was adopted:

I. H. Evans; J. E. Weaver, president of the Walla Walla College; the educational secretary of the combined Northern and Central Unions; the educational secretary of the Southwestern Union.

W. H. BRANSON, Chairman
M. E. KERN, Secretary

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 7 P.M.

Tenth meeting of the Council.

O. Montgomery in the chair. Prayer by E. L. Richmond.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

H. E. Rogers presented the statistical report and financial statement for all our conferences, missions and institutions, covering the year 1930. The report showed that at the end of 1930 we had all over the world 6,741 churches, with 314,253 members, employing 21,461 laborers, who are using in their work 417 languages and dialects. During the past thirty years 3,618 evangelistic laborers have been sent from the home base into service in foreign mission fields, or one laborer sent out practically every third day.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

Then the secretary read the report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That Miss Effie James be released from returning to the China Division, and that we pass on to her the call to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium.

2. That Miss Edith McLachlin be released from returning to the China Division, and that she be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division for stenographic work in the division office.

3. That the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conference be requested to release Miss Beatrice Bray, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as church school teacher for Japan.

4. That Adolph Bernhard, of Canadian Junior College, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as secretary-treasurer for the Northwest India Union.

5. To pass on to the Lake Union and Illinois Conference the call for S. N. Rittenhouse to connect with the Atlantic Union for labor in the New York Conference.

6. To pass on to the Atlantic Union and New York Conference the call for M. R. Bailey to connect with the Lake Union for work in the Illinois Conference; this with the understanding that S. N. Rittenhouse accepts the call to the New York Conference.

7. That D. S. Kime, on furlough from the Netherlands East Indies, be invited to return to his former field of labor.

8. To pass on to the Columbia Union the call for E. M. Fishell to connect with the North Pacific Union as Field Missionary Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION:

A very thorough discussion took place after the reading of the report of the Committee on Administration, and it was unanimously adopted as follows:

REPRESENTATION AT UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES:

Recognizing the value of greater representation at union conference sessions, of our lay people whose counsel and co-operation are needed in every feature of our great work,

We recommend, 1. That the delegations to union conference sessions include a fair proportion of laymen not in denominational employment. This recommendation is to apply to the North American Division, and to such other divisions where conditions make its application advisable.

2. That the union conferences in session make constitutional provision for the appointment of standing committees as follows: The standing committees for the union session shall be nominated by a special committee consisting of a General Conference or division representative who may be present, who shall act as chairman, and three representatives from each local conference. The local conference representatives on this special committee shall be appointed by their respective delegations at the union session.

We further suggest that the Committee on Nominations consist of nine or eleven members; and that a General Conference or division representative who may be present shall be one; and that constitutional provision be made for adopting this plan.

3. That the standing committees for a local conference session be nominated in the following manner: Each church represented in the delegation at the session shall be empowered, through its delegation, to choose one member of a committee to nominate standing committees. The persons thus selected together with the leading union conference representative present, who shall act as chairman of this committee, shall have full authority to nominate all standing committees.

That the Committee on Nominations consist of five to nine members, the leading union representative being named as one; and further, that the leading General Conference or division representative present be asked to sit with the committee as counsellor.

4. That the Committee on Licenses and Credentials shall be composed of ordained ministers of experience.

Adjourned at 9 P.M.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman,
E. KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 9:30 A.M.

Elder J. E. Fulton led the devotional service, calling special attention to the admonitions of the Word of God which have direct reference to the return of our Lord and the preparation needed by His people to make them ready for this solemn occasion. The study was followed by a testimony service.

Eleventh meeting of the Council. I. H. Evans in the chair. Prayer by F. M. Wilcox.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

A further and final report of the Committee on Plans was adopted as follows:

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION:

Resolved, That we express to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the First Methodist Church, its pastor, Dr. Bready, and his associate officers, together with the Omaha daily papers, our appreciation of the courtesies and consideration they have extended to us, which have done so much to make our stay in Omaha pleasant and profitable.

Resolved, That the Council express to Mrs. Helene Winter our appreciation of her faithful attendance and service at the organ and piano during our sessions, which have contributed so greatly to the efficiency and enjoyment of the Council.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Anspach, the caretaker of the First Methodist Church, our appreciation of his accommodating willingness and labor in ministering to our comfort and convenience.

CONSTITUENCY OF OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE:

In view of the fact that the General Conference Committee has designated Oakwood Junior College as the training school for our colored believers in North America,

We recommend, That one or more representatives from each of the union conferences in the North having a considerable number of colored believers (namely: the Atlantic, Columbia, Lake and Central Unions), be selected by the executive committee of the conference and added to the constituency of the school.

SABBATH SCHOOL INTERESTS
AT FORTHCOMING UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

In view of the fact that the Sabbath School Department is not represented in the union organization by a secretary who looks after the particular interests of the department, as is the case in other departments,

We recommend, That one of the experienced Sabbath School secretaries of the local conferences within each union be selected by the union conference committee to act for the Sabbath School interests of the union in preparation for and during the coming sessions of each union conference.

CAMP MEETING PASTORAL COMMITTEE:

We recommend, That the pastoral committee be composed of the president of the local conference, a representative of the union conference, a representative of the General Conference whenever possible, and two other persons which the local conference committee shall name.

INTERNESHIP PLAN PROVISIONS:

We recommend, 1. That in the operation of the Interneship Plan the provision shall not be construed to include--

a. Those who have not completed their preparatory training and who knowingly plan to return to school for further work, but shall be limited to young men and women who have finished their preparatory work and present themselves as candidates for continuous service; neither shall it be considered proper for conferences to place these internes in school during their interne year.

b. Nor shall their interneship period be spread over several summer vacations while the prospective worker is still in training, but shall be a continuous period for testing the fitness of the interne for the ministry or Bible work.

We further recommend, 2. That in justice to our youth, conferences shall not receive young men or women into their employ under this plan if not definitely planning to continue them thereafter, even though their service during their trial year has been satisfactory and,

3. That when internes are received into conference employ they shall (a) not be used during their interneship chiefly for campaign promotion purposes throughout the

year, but shall be given opportunity for development of their talents in harmony with the founding purpose of the plan; and (b) that young men internes shall not be placed as pastors of churches, but shall be given opportunity in direct evangelism as the ideal initiation into the gospel ministry.

COLLEGE MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES:

Whereas, The Ministerial Association Advisory Council in its meeting of May 19, 1931, voted "that the secretaries be asked to develop the idea of Ministerial Institutes for our college ministerial students, in close counsel, of course, with the executive leaders," directing them to ascertain the attitude of the colleges toward the proposal; and,

Whereas, Correspondence with our leading North American colleges relative to this suggestion has resulted in general approval of the plan and definite invitations for such institutes in their institutions. therefore,

We recommend, That the Ministerial Association secretaries, in counsel with the General Conference officers, arrange for College Ministerial Institutes, as rapidly as feasible, with the purpose in view of (a) specifically aiding the Theological Departments of our advanced schools by setting before the ministerial and Bible worker student groups the exalted privileges and solemn obligations of the ideal Christian ministry, presenting such essential principles of spiritual, efficient, and scholarly ministry as would be appropriate for young men and women in training for such a life work; and (b) through chapel period privileges, and similar general assemblies, directing the attention of our college students generally to the sacred character of the ministerial call and commission, thus helping to lift the spiritual vision of the student body at large.

FOSTERING EVANGELISM:

We recommend, That the Ministerial Association be authorized to aid the leadership in the various sections of the world field in fostering increasingly aggressive and continuous soul-winning, (a) through Ministerial institutes, where invitations are extended and arrangements effected by the directing committees concerned: (b) by vigorous correspondence of encouragement; and (c) by constructive articles and emphasis in the columns of the "Ministry."

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE POLICY:

We recommend, 1. That a group of twelve to fifteen representative men chosen from every major phase of the ministry--including executives, editors, evangelists, pastors, Bible teachers, history teachers, college presidents, and Bible workers,--be requested by the Minority Committee, to act as a special committee for seeking out and suggesting appropriate and diversified volumes, their recommendations and reports to be correlated by the Association Secretaries for presentation to the Association Advisory Council prior to the annual Spring Meeting in order to receive final approval from the Spring Council, thus providing ample time for effective promotion in the foreign divisions, before the beginning of each year;

2. That the reading of the Bible by course in the chronological order of the books be arranged for two consecutive years, the first year embracing the Old Testament and the second the New; and that the best available chronological outline be secured and made available for guidance in such reading;

3. That endeavor be made to include for 1937 a volume on the principles of pedagogy as applied to the theory and practice of preaching;

4. That the established policy of including a Spirit of prophecy volume annually in the Course be continued; and,

5. That the established elective volume feature of the annual Reading Course be likewise continued.

HOME STUDY COURSES:

Whereas, There are in this country alone about twenty-five thousand of our young people and children of school age who are not privileged to attend our resident schools, and,

Whereas, The one thing essential to getting many of them started on a Home Study course, is a little personal effort on the part of conference workers who travel among the churches and are frequently in the homes of our people, therefore,

Resolved, That we encourage such workers to include with their other activities patient and persistent efforts to enroll promising young people as students in the Home Study Institute, believing that diligent use of spare time in

systematic study of the Bible, History, English, Modern Languages, Shorthand and Typewriting, and other subjects, will not only contribute to the building of strong Christian characters, but will fit our young people for larger service; and, further--

Resolved, That in view of the need of cultivating high standards of efficiency in the gospel ministry, it be considered the normal thing for ministers and other conference workers to pursue courses in the Home Study Institute.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER:

Recognizing the serious situation we are facing as a denomination due to the financial depression and the effect that it naturally has on our world program, and in view of the fast fulfilling signs of the times, indicating the imminent return of our Saviour, and realizing our own individual need of a new consecration and a renewed dedication of ourselves and our possessions to God,

We recommend, That the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, December 12, 1931, be appointed a special day of consecration, fasting and prayer in all the world, that God may come to the rescue of His work and His people in this time of need.

DATE OF HARVEST INGATHERING:

Whereas, We have met increasing difficulties in our Harvest Ingathering campaigns in North America, due to Community Chest, unemployment and similar drives, which usually come in the autumn, and since it is evident from the experience of certain of our conferences that an earlier date for the beginning of the Ingathering will aid in finishing our appeal before such drives begin, and consequently be helpful in the attainment of the goal, therefore,

We recommend, That the official date for the opening of the Ingathering in North America be August 1, except where local conditions make an earlier or a later date imperative for that section, and that we make every effort through strong organization to complete the campaign within six weeks from the time of beginning in any church or conference.

THE JEWISH WORK:

Whereas, The Jewish people are manifesting increased friendliness toward Seventh-day Adventists and their work; and,

Whereas, The spirit of inquiry in regard to our beliefs becomes more marked as our believers contact with them; and,

Whereas, Recent changes in the administration of Palestinian Zionism afford us an unusual opportunity for a greater approach to them with this message; therefore-

Resolved, That we endorse the plan of the Jewish Department of the Bureau of Home Missions to issue a special number of the periodical "A World Movement", during the year 1932, preferably in March, and that we encourage our believers to circulate this Palestinian issue among the Jewish people.

REAFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE:

Whereas, Seventh-day Adventists throughout all their history, both in practice and doctrine, have upheld the highest standards of temperance, and have fought valiantly in the cause of outlawing liquor; and,

Whereas, The great cause of temperance as embodied in the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is now being challenged and threatened by reactionary forces that would again legalize liquor; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we, the Autumn Council of Seventh-day Adventists assembled at Omaha, Nebraska, do reaffirm our allegiance to the temperance cause, and do pledge ourselves to an aggressive, world-wide educational campaign setting forth the physical, economic, moral and spiritual advantages of temperance, and for the upholding in the United States of the 18th Amendment and its supporting laws to its constitution as the best solution thus far developed for the liquor problem in the United States.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON CALENDAR REFORM:

Whereas, We are informed that the Calendar reformers are already laying plans to urge the Blank Day plan of Calendar revision before the General Conference of the League of Nations at its meeting in 1935, and believing it is imperative to inaugurate a counter movement for the purpose of enlightening the public relative to the truth, and,

Whereas, The delegation which represented the General Conference at the meeting of the League of Nations held in Geneva during October, 1931, has urged that the Autumn Council initiate such a counter movement,

We recommend, 1. That National Religious Liberty Associations be organized in as many countries as possible and feasible;

2. That capable Religious Liberty secretaries be appointed in all countries in which provision for such work has been made in the respective conference budgets;

3. That the European Divisions especially be invited to appoint Division Religious Liberty secretaries to co-operate with the General secretaries at headquarters, for the purpose of furnishing the necessary information for strong counter campaigns whenever necessary, by acquainting our own people with the issues and how to meet them, and to furnish the public and the press with publicity material;

4. That suitable literature be prepared on the Calendar issue in the same languages and in the same countries where the proponents of the new Calendar scheme are operating, and that a plan be laid so this literature can be placed in the hands of public officials and others who ought to have it;

5. We would further suggest that our Conference officials and ministers take advantage of the unparalleled opportunities presented to discuss the Calendar issue before business organizations and the public generally.

CHURCH MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION:

Whereas, There is vital need of fostering in every consistent way a missionary spirit and zeal for soul winning in the hearts of all our members; and,

Whereas, Such a work can only be done successfully when the missionary leaders of the church have frequent opportunity to stress the importance of this work and to keep before the church the plans and methods best suited for carrying on this endeavor,

We recommend, 1. a. That the plan of conducting the fifteen minute missionary service be continued in all the churches where considered advisable, in accordance with the action of the Springfield Autumn Council.

b. That this service be held strictly within the limits of the time specified, special care being taken to see that it is not allowed to interfere with the Sabbath morning service.

c. That this service not be made in any way a part of the Sabbath school program, either as to the use of time or organization, during the regular Sabbath school period, but that it commence only after the Sabbath school exercises are closed in accordance with the

recommendations of the Sabbath School Department; and that the Sabbath school shall not in any way encroach on the fifteen minute period, but that it likewise close promptly on time.

Realizing that the work of God in this earth can never be finished till the membership of our churches rally to the work and unite their efforts with that of ministers and church officers; and in order that the greatest freedom be given to the accomplishment of this purpose;

We recommend, 2. That the church be left free, after the Sabbath school is closed in accordance with recommendations of the Sabbath School Department, to form bands for missionary endeavor by the class band method or by any other method that may seem best adapted to the needs of the church.

Adjourned at 12 M.

I. H. EVANS, Chairman,
E. KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 7 P. M.

Twelfth meeting of the Council. L. A. Hansen offered prayer.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM:

Under the leadership of W. H. Branson, the various unions reported very briefly on the work of evangelism and its results during the past year. It was evident that the entire field had taken very seriously our resolutions of last year on increased evangelism. Several reported more baptisms during the first nine months of the present year than during the entire previous year and in some cases a far larger proportion. Most excellent reports were given of the evangelistic work being done in some places by laymen.

Elder L. H. Christian reported that even in Moscow, Russia, our ministers were having opportunity to speak two nights in a week in the basement of an old Catholic church, aside from the Sabbath meeting, and that the government favors our exposition of the prophecies. E. L. Richmond spoke of an evangelistic effort conducted in old, conservative, Alexandria, Virginia, by the Review and Herald. A good report was given of an evangelistic effort being held in Seoul, Korea, by F. Griggs, the preaching being done through an interpreter.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM:

A Committee on Evangelism was appointed, to report at the next Committee meeting, consisting of O. Montgomery, W. H. Heckman, S. E. Wight, S. A. Ruskjer, E. E. Andross, J. K. Jones, C. B. Haynes, I. H. Evans.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee made a report which was adopted as follows:

WAGE SCALE:

We recommend, That the present general wage scale be reduced approximately ten per cent in its maximum and minimum rates for different classes of workers, adjusting those rates on the nearest quarter of a dollar above any amount that is not an even dollar or quarter of a dollar. This wage scale shall become effective at once.

We further recommend, That the individual rates of workers in the various organizations be adjusted to conform to the new schedules not later than January 1, 1932, it being understood that in carrying out the provisions of this wage scale, auditing committees bear in mind the needs of workers who are much below the maximum so that no injustice be done to any class of workers.

SUSTENTATION RATES:

1. A minimum service period of fifteen years shall be required for assistance from the Sustentation Fund, except that help may be given in special cases of widows with one or more dependent children and in emergency cases where workers are stricken with diseases which leave them wholly incapacitated for contributing to self-support. In such cases a minimum of ten years' service shall be required.

2. The maximum rate of married workers eligible to sustentation assistance shall be \$25 a calendar month, plus \$1.00 a month for each year of service up to thirty-five years, and \$2.00 a month for each year from thirty-five to forty years, making a maximum of \$70 a month for forty or more years of service.

3. Widows and widowers shall receive three-fourths of the rates for married couples. In special cases aged workers--widows, widowers, and other single workers--of approximately forty years of service may receive the full rate given to married couples of corresponding service. The rate for widows or widowers with one dependent child or more shall be not less than \$35 a month, not including child allowance.

4. Single workers other than those stated above shall receive two-thirds of the rates paid to married couples of corresponding service.

5. Workers who are sick and who require constant medical attention, as for instance, those suffering from tuberculosis, may receive in addition to the regular rates, \$8.00 a month for single laborers, and \$12.00 a month for a man and wife, if one of them needs special care.

6. The rates for workers with less than fifteen years of service, now on the Sustentation Fund, shall be 25 per cent below the rate here stated for workers with a minimum of fifteen years of service, except in the case of widows with dependent children.

7. These rates shall go into effect at the close of 1931.

CHILD ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, 1. That the child allowance rate be \$6.00 a month in place of \$1.50 ^{a week} as in the former plan.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

With reference to medical assistance,

We recommend, That the sustentation fund cannot be held responsible for the payment of medical or sanitarium bills for beneficiaries in addition to the regular sustentation allowance. Where there are children or other relatives, they should be expected to provide for special sickness or funeral expense.

CHANGES IN SUSTENTATION POLICY:

We recommend, That the following changes be made in the sustentation policy:

In article "Subsidies", on pages 11 and 12 of the sustentation leaflet, change "highest rate" to "prevailing average rate of the same class of workers", and change "85%" to "80%".

In article "Medical Reports Required", on page 13, change "sixty years" to "sixty-five years."

In article "Sustentation not Charity", on page 14, eliminate words "means" and "just".

TEN PER CENT TITHE TO SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That the conferences continue to pay ten per cent of their tithe into the sustentation fund, in accordance with the action taken at the spring meeting of the General Conference Committee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE VERBAL CHANGES IN SUSTENTATION POLICY:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee at Washington be authorized to make such verbal changes as are necessary to bring the sustentation policy into conformity with the actions taken here regarding sustentation, and such other minor changes as may be required.

TRAVELING SUBSIDY TO OAKWOOD STUDENTS:

We recommend, That conferences allow to Oakwood students as traveling subsidy on the ordinary fare to the school by the most direct route, without sleeper, the amount in excess of \$10.00 when the student remains a full year or more, this amount to be allowed on school expense; and that the same amount be allowed on return fare after graduation, or after three years' attendance at the school, in case the student returns to his home or home conference. Such a subsidy is to be paid only if students have been recommended by conference officials.

ENABLING FUND FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS:

We recommend, That the action taken at the Milwaukee Autumn Council in 1923 creating an Enabling Fund for medical students in mission lands be rescinded.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE:

The Budget Committee made a report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

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We recommend, 1. That in view of the shortage of funds and our inability to grant the appropriations requested by home and foreign fields, a ten per cent cut in base appropriations to home fields, home institutions, and to foreign fields be made in order to bring our appropriations within our estimated income, these appropriations for 1932 to be as follows:

Australasian Division	18,000.00	
China Division	381,858.19	
Far Eastern Division	301,661.12	
Inter-American Division	257,206.91	
Northern European Division	165,504.53	
Southern African Division	266,211.95	
South American Division	300,205.44	
Southern Asian Division	353,275.65	
Southern European Division	<u>159,462.84</u>	2,203,386.63
Eastern Canadian Union	25,380.00	
Southeastern Union	9,000.00	
Southern Union	10,152.00	
Southwestern Union	11,167.20	
Western Canadian Union	8,417.70	
North American Negro Department:		
Southeastern Union Mission	20,304.00	
Southern Union Mission	21,150.00	
Southwestern Union Mission	10,152.00	
Oakwood Junior College	16,920.00	
Bureau of Home Missions	84,600.00	
College of Medical Evangelists	8,460.00	
Ellen G. White Estate	3,218.14	
Lake Grove Indian Mission	<u>4,653.00</u>	233,574.04
Miscellaneous and Fixed	869,561.67	
Administration	<u>311,465.48</u>	1,181,027.15
Total		3,617,987.82

2. That these regular appropriations constitute the base for 1932.

Whereas, These appropriations are based upon our expectation of receiving the income estimated in our budget, and

Whereas, The estimated income for 1932 is based upon our expected income for 1931, from the sources indicated in the budget, and

Whereas, It is difficult in view of present conditions to estimate with accuracy our income for next year,

We recommend, 3. (a) That should the income for 1931 fall below our estimate, a further pro rata reduction be made in appropriations at the close of the present year.

(b) That should there be a shortage of income during the year 1932, the fields and organizations receiving appropriations be informed of the situation and their appropriations be cut on a pro rata basis, in order that no further reduction be made in the General Conference authorized reserve next year.

4. That in order to balance the General Conference budget for 1932, the following funds be applied to the regular appropriations for that year:

From Church Extension Fund	
(\$40,000 being available for	
appropriation to home fields)	\$60,000
From Missions Extension Fund	40,000
From Division exchange gains	90,000
From Ministerial Internship Fund	25,000
	<u>215,000</u>

5. That in order to reduce the estimated deficit in the current year's operations, \$25,000 be transferred from the Ministerial Internship Fund to our operating fund.

5-A. We recommend, That from that portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Funds now in the hands of the Treasurer, the following appropriations be made:

S. African Division, for its Missions	737.61
S. African Division, for rebuilding Spion Kop	
School destroyed by fire	1,000.00
Southern Asian Division	1,000.00
China Division, to apply on restoration of	
Hankow Compound destroyed by flood	2,712.04
	<u>5,449.65</u>

Special Appropriations

We recommend, 6. That \$8,617.96 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to the China Division to apply on the restoration of the Hankow Compound, which with the amount to be appropriated from the Missions Extension Fund and from the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow will make \$15,000, and

7. That the China Division use \$10,000 from their exchange gains during the first six months of 1931, to bring the amount of the restoration fund up to \$25,000.

8. That the following special appropriations be granted:

Western Canadian Union	12,000
Northern Union, for North Dakota	5,000
Southwestern Union, for Negro work	2,000
Southern European Division, for Roumania	3,000

Northern European Division, for registration of our denomination in Poland	2,000
Southern African Division, for rebuilding Spion Kop school destroyed by fire	1,000

Church Extension Fund

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We recommend, That the following appropriations be granted from
the Church Extension Fund for 1932:

Atlantic Union:		
Springfield, Mass.	2,500	
Hamilton, Bermuda	<u>3,000</u>	5,500
Central Union:		
St. Louis, Mo. (colored)		3,000
Columbia Union:		
Lakewood Church, Cleveland (Conditional upon the congregation raising \$9,500)		2,500
Eastern Canadian Union:		
Montreal, Quebec		4,000
Lake Union:		
Muskegon, Mich.	3,500	
South Bend, Ind. (colored)	<u>2,000</u>	5,500
Pacific Union:		
Phoenix, Ariz.	3,000	
Hollywood, Calif.	<u>2,500</u>	5,500
Southeastern Union:		
Ocala, Fla. (colored)	2,000	
Macon, Ga. "	500	
Raleigh, N.C. "	500	
Wilmington, N.C.	<u>1,000</u>	4,000
Southern Union:		
Selma, Ala.	2,000	
Birmingham, Ala. (colored)	<u>2,000</u>	4,000

Southwestern Union:		
Fort Worth, Texas	3,000	
Texarkana, Ark.	<u>1,000</u>	4,000
Western Canadian Union:		
Winnipeg, Ukrainian		<u>2,000</u>
Total		40,000

Missions Extension Fund

Estimated receipts for 1932:

North America Big Week	90,000 less 16% comeback	75,000
African	" " 2,000 (Basis for 1931 was \$2,221)	
Australia	" " 2,000 (" " " " 4,000)	
Far East	" " 3,000 (" " " " 6,000)	
	(for China and Far East)	
China	" " 3,000	
Europe:		
Central	" " 14,000 (They to raise and use)	
Northern	" " 8,850 (Same as 1931)	
Southern	" " 6,000 (" " ")	
Inter-America	" " 3,000 (Basis for 1931 was \$3,395)	
South America	" " 4,000 (" " " " 4,500)	
Southern Asia	" " <u>1,500</u> (Same as 1931)	
Amount to be raised outside of N.America	47,350	<u>47,350</u>
Glendale Sanitarium earnings		122,350
Pacific Press earnings		<u>5,000</u>
		<u>2,000</u>
Total estimated receipts		129,350

We recommend, 10. That the following appropriations be granted from the Missions Extension Fund for 1932:

(a)	To be applied on Class I of the regular budget	40,000
(b)	Central European Division	14,000.00
	China Division	8,670.00
	Far Eastern Division	8,650.00
	Inter-American Division	8,500.00
	Northern European Division	9,350.00
	Southern African Division	9,423.45
	South American Division	8,500.00
	Southern Asian Division	10,264.48
	Southern European Division	9,000.00

Eastern Canadian Union	1,500.00	
Translation and Initial Expense Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>88,857.93</u>
Total		128,857.93
Regular budget	40,000.00	
Publishing	20,132.23	
Educational	42,801.89	
Medical	<u>25,923.81</u>	
	128,857.93	

Exchange

For a number of years the constant flow of mission funds into the treasury has made it possible for the General Conference to forward to the mission fields the appropriations as voted and expressed in American dollars, the respective divisions retaining the gain on exchange, but

Whereas, The present conditions throughout the world due to almost universal depression is resulting in a decreased income to the General Conference Treasury, and it is found impossible to meet the base appropriations of former years, and

Whereas, It seems necessary to conserve every resource to keep our present foreign staff of workers in the field, and that we may more equally divide the steady flow of appropriations in caring for our world-wide work,

We recommend, 11. (a) That the net gain in exchange realized by division fields receiving appropriations from the General Conference be General Conference funds.

(b) That the basis of dealing with the exchange question as it relates to the different divisions be referred to the General Conference Minority Committee.

Whereas, The wide fluctuation of currencies of the various countries affect the financing of our world-wide work, and

Whereas, The rates of exchange as fixed affect the basis of handling the appropriations and general mission funds,

We recommend, 12. (a) That the General Conference Committee fix the standard rates of exchange which shall prevail in the interchange of business between the General Conference Treasury and the several divisions, said rates to be arrived at by taking into consideration such information and data as may be available.

(b) That the Division Committee establish standard rates of exchange which shall control business between the Division treasury and the organization within their territories, these rates to be approved by the General Conference Committee.

(c) That all fields compile their budgets in the currency of the country in which they are operating, the budget totals to be converted into U.S. currency at the rates of exchange agreed upon by the General Conference and Division Committees before submitting said budget to the General Conference.

(d) That mission funds be reported through the various channels to the General Conference at the same rate of exchange as used in the compilation of the budgets.

Balanced and Revised Budgets

Whereas, The General Conference Policy provides that "all evangelistic and institutional activities undertaken in the name of the denomination, and in which denominational support is involved, shall be conducted on a cash basis", and that "all funds for supporting such work shall be in hand or provided for before the work is entered upon", and

Whereas, The above mentioned policy has been the plan on which the General Conference has uniformly carried on its foreign mission program and thus avoided the curse and burden of debt,

(a)

We recommend, 13. That all organizations receiving appropriations from the General Conference be required to balance their budgets each year, so that no debt will be incurred.

(b) That each year following the Autumn Council all organizations receiving appropriations from the General Conference be requested to file with the General Conference Treasurer a copy of the revised annual administration budget of the Division office, together with the proposed appropriations to be made to its subsidiary organizations.

Harvest Ingathering Funds

Whereas, Some of the divisions outside of North America have asked for counsel concerning the use of the Harvest Ingathering funds for Class I, or repeating expenses in their division,

(a)

We recommend, 14. That the statement on page 42, paragraph numbered 5, of the General Conference Working Policy, reading as follows:

"The Harvest Ingathering, Extension Fund (Big Week), and such other mission funds as are authorized by the General Conference to be retained by the division, shall be reported to the General Conference Treasury in the monthly remittance report, in order that the world gifts for missions may appear in our financial records, but such funds shall be automatically reappropriated to the divisions, not being added to the base appropriations."

shall be understood to mean that the General Conference shall not apply to the base or class appropriations to that field any portion of the Harvest Ingathering funds used by a division for Class I work in its territory. But the division committee shall be free to use Harvest Ingathering funds as they may deem best to meet the needs of the work, it being understood that the division shall not ask the General Conference to increase the base or Class I appropriations to cover any amount used by the division from Harvest Ingathering funds for this class of work.

(b) That all Harvest Ingathering funds be remitted to the respective division treasuries to be appropriated by the division committees as the needs of their fields may require.

ANNUAL OPERATING SUBSIDY FOR ACADEMY
FOR COLORED YOUTH IN THE NORTH:

We recommend, 15. That approval be given to the plan of the Minority Committee to provide an annual operating subsidy of \$6,000 for the proposed academy in the North for our colored youth, by deducting this amount from debt-paying portion of the comeback fund before any division is made of the same.

FURTHER REPORT OF TREASURER:

The General Conference treasurer made a report showing the total fixed and current assets to be \$2,077,821.01, with liabilities amounting to \$105,240.21; the total surplus and reserves, \$1,972,580.80. The Revenue Statement showed the total income to be \$5,043,215.76, total expense, \$5,381,604.28, the expense exceeding the income by \$338,388.52.

The report of the General Conference Corporation showed an operating gain of \$56,482.31, appropriations amounting to \$87,500.00, and the total expenses and appropriations in excess of income to be \$31,017.69, which has been passed to surplus.

The General Conference Association report showed a net income of \$696.10, passed to surplus.

SUSTENTATION FUND:

After further study of sustentation matters, the following was passed:

We recommend, The appointment of a committee to study a mutual benefit plan for workers to assist in sustentation income.

Also that the question of nurses' and doctors' sustentation be referred to this same committee, this committee to report at the next Autumn Council.

HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINE:

The Secretary asked counsel from the delegation regarding the coming Harvest Ingathering magazine, and several helpful suggestions were made. There seemed to be a general desire for greater emphasis on home welfare work and such enterprises as the rural schools. It was also suggested that our medical work makes a strong appeal to the people.

GLENN CALKINS--GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To add the name of Glenn Calkins to the elective members of our General Conference Committee.

C. H. WATSON, Chairman,
M. E. KERN, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

All the General Conference Committee members attending the Autumn Council, excepting C. K. Meyers and A. W. Cornack.

C. H. Watson in the chair. Prayer by F. H. Robbins.

COMMISSION ON BROADVIEW COLLEGE:

VOTED, That C. H. Watson, J. L. McElhany and C. W. Irwin be a committee to appoint the Commission on the Broadview and Hutchinson schools, as authorized by the Autumn Council.

CALLS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE HELP:

VOTED, That we refer to the officers and the General Conference Committee in Washington the calls for General Conference help that have come to us from the China and Far Eastern Divisions.

VOTED, That the request of the Northern European Division for a General Conference representative to visit West Africa for four months during the winter of 1931-32, be referred to the officers and General Conference Committee at Washington.

O. MONTGOMERY:

VOTED, That for health reasons, O. Montgomery be granted a two months' leave of absence.

FOREIGN VISITS:

VOTED, That G. W. Schubert visit the Northern European Division for meetings in the Polish and Baltic Unions and other appointments as may be arranged, from May 15 to September, 1932.

VOTED, That C. W. Irwin visit the Northern European Division from July 20 to August 25, for the educational council, and to meet other appointments.

VOTED, That A. W. Truman, M.D., visit the Northern European Division from December until January 15, 1932, to attend the medical convention and fill other appointments.

VOTED, That we approve of the following dates for General Conference representatives to visit in the Central European Division: W. H. Branson, July 11-August 20; H. T. Elliott, July 11-31, and August 15-20; L. H. Christian, July 11-24.

VOTED, That the request of the Inter-American Division for a representative of the Treasury and Auditing Departments to attend the Inter-American Division Council, be referred to the General Conference Committee at Washington.

VOTED, That I. H. Evans attend the Jugoslavian Union session, August 5 to 14.

VOTED, That A. W. Truman, M.D., be authorized to spend some time in the Southern and Central European Division territory this coming winter, as may be arranged with the respective division committees.

DR. A. E. GILBERT--NORTH AFRICA:

Suggestion was made by the Southern European Division concerning the need for self-supporting medical missionary work in North Africa, and Dr. A. E. Gilbert of the Washington Sanitarium was reported as being willing to go as a self-supporting medical missionary to that field.

VOTED, That the General Conference secretaries be requested to make such arrangement with Dr. A. E. Gilbert as to enable the Southern European Division to invite him to undertake self-supporting work in the North African Union.

FLOOD RELIEF:

VOTED, That while we do not deem it advisable to make a call for flood relief through the Review and Herald at the present time, we authorize the China Division to appropriate out of the gain in exchange in the first six months of 1931, \$10,000 Mex. for relief work in behalf of our Chinese brethren, and that we authorize them if necessary to take another \$10,000 Mex. out of the last six months' gain of exchange for immediate flood relief; and that this action be cabled to the China Division.

VOTED, That an appeal for flood relief through the Review and Herald be made later, when we have more facts in our hands as to how many of our Chinese brethren and sisters are in need, and that the money thus gathered be an added appropriation to the \$20,000 Mex. out of the exchange gains.

NORTH AMERICAN ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That H. T. Elliott spend the time until November 14 in the Lake Union, in field work.

VOTED, That D. A. Ochs remain in the Central Union until November 16, for field work.

VOTED, That C. L. Bond respond to the call from the Northern Union for field work immediately following this meeting.

VOTED, That C. A. Russell spend ten days in institute work in the Atlantic and Columbia Unions, following this meeting.

VOTED, That L. E. Christman spend the time from November 5 to December 7 in the Southern Union.

VOTED, That E. F. Hackman spend three weeks during the latter part of November in the Southeastern Union.

VOTED, That J. J. Reiswig attend meetings in the Northern Union from October 30 to November 14.

VOTED, That W. H. Branson respond to the request of the Southern New England Conference to attend a workers' meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, November 23 to 25.

W. K. SMITH--NEW ORLEANS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and Missouri Conference the call for W. K. Smith of St. Louis to connect with the Southern Union and Louisiana-Mississippi Conference for work in New Orleans.

A. B. RUSSELL--ST. LOUIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Alabama Conference the call for A. B. Russell to connect with the Central Union and Missouri Conference for work in St. Louis.

MISS EMMA BINDER--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Union and White Memorial Hospital to release Miss Emma Binder to connect with the Southern Asia Division for medical work in Nuzvid, South India.

MISS EDITH MCLACHLIN--SALARY:

VOTED, That the China Division pay the salary of Miss Edith McLachlin until November 30, and that the Inter-American Division assume her wages December 1, and further, that we

urge Miss McLachlin to sail for Inter-America early in January.

UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

VOTED, That the dates for the coming union conference sessions be set as follows: Group No. 1: Southern and Southeastern Unions, February 3-13; Southwestern, February 17-27; Group No. 2: Lake, January 13-23; Central and Northern, January 20-30; Western Canada, February 3-13; North Pacific, February 17-27; Pacific, March 2-12; Atlantic and Columbia, March 30-April 9; East Canada, April 14-23.

READJUSTMENTS IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

The chairman made a statement regarding conditions in the Treasury Department which require more help, especially the need of an undertreasurer to carry some of the responsibilities being borne by the treasurer, and to have full responsibility in the treasurer's absence. The need of special help in the matter of investments was also mentioned, and suggestion was also made that J. J. Ireland be transferred from the work of a general auditor to act as an assistant treasurer to do this special work on investments.

J. J. Ireland presented his resignation, and it was--

VOTED, To accept the resignation of J. J. Ireland, for the purpose of his transfer to the Treasury Department.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of five to nominate a General Conference auditor, and to consider other suggestions with reference to the readjustment of the work in the Treasury Department. The committee appointed was W. H. Branson, Charles Thompson, S. E. Wight, H. H. Votaw, and E. E. Andross.

The committee retired and later brought in the following report which was adopted:

We recommend for undertreasurer, W. H. Williams; for General Conference auditor, Claude Conard; the General Conference Committee at Washington to supply such auditors in addition to the present staff as are necessary to do the work.

The resignation of Claude Conard as assistant treasurer was received and accepted.

THE E. G. WHITE ESTATE:

There was presented from A. G. Daniells, chairman of the trustees of the E. G. White Estate, a letter in behalf of the trustees, making certain requests regarding the adjustment of the finances of the estate. It was--

VOTED, To refer this entire matter to a committee of ten, with available trustees, of which the General Conference president should be chairman, this committee to report its findings to the Spring Council. The committee is as follows: C. H. Watson, H. H. Hall, W. A. Spicer, E. L. Richmond, J. L. Shaw, I. H. Evans, W. E. Howell, F. H. Robbins, E. K. Slade, J. L. McElhany, and available trustees.

During the consideration of this matter, W. C. White made a statement regarding the financial condition of the E. G. White Estate, reminding us that that part of the estate which is most valuable to the denomination,--the manuscripts in the Elmshaven vault,--were not listed in the assets. It had been the hope of Brother White that the income from the royalties might have cleared the indebtedness as well as provide for foreign translations. But sales of the books have decreased, and the index and other valuable manuscripts which have been prepared have cost far beyond what can possibly be realized on royalties.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM:

The Committee on Evangelism made the following report which was adopted:

Whereas, The work of all our denominational organizations is to win souls to Christ, this being the only way of actually extending and enlarging the kingdom of God, and,

Whereas, This great purpose should be continually kept before our working force in all divisions, both native and foreign, as well as before our laity;

Whereas, There are in our home base countries hundreds of cities and towns and rural districts where we have no churches and where the advent message has not been preached for many years, if ever;

Whereas, There are many other places where we have small, struggling churches that stand in great need of revival and enlargement; and,

Whereas, We are warned by the servant of the Lord that there is great danger of the church of today failing, as did Israel of old, in occupying all the territory for God, in the following earnest words:

"When the Israelites entered Canaan, they did not fulfill God's purpose by taking possession of the whole land. After making a partial conquest, they settled down to enjoy the fruit of their victories. In their unbelief and love of ease, they congregated in the portions already conquered, instead of pushing forward to occupy new territory. Thus they began to depart from God. By their failure to carry out His purpose they made it impossible for Him to fulfill to them His promise of blessing.

"Is not the church of today doing the same thing? With the whole world before them in need of the gospel, professed Christians congregate where they themselves can enjoy gospel privileges. They do not feel the necessity of occupying new territory, carrying the message of salvation into regions beyond. They refuse to fulfill Christ's commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Are they less guilty than was the Jewish church?" Vol. 8, page 119.

We therefore recommend, 1. That the whole working force throughout the world field shall give themselves to this one great supreme purpose of winning souls to Christ, that the world may be warned and that many souls may be led to accept the gospel message.

2. That we make use of every legitimate agency in extending our work into areas and sections where the message has not been preached.

3. That all our conferences endeavor the coming year to launch a strong "home base advance" into the unoccupied sections of their respective fields, endeavoring to raise up churches in many new centers, and to enlarge and strengthen our small, struggling churches where evangelistic campaigns have not recently been held, thus greatly extending the influence of the truth and increasing our church membership.

4. That in order to greatly strengthen the lay-leadership in our churches, thus making it possible for our laymen to share the burden of church administration with the pastors and evangelists, we reaffirm the recommendations of former councils that conferences plan early in each new year for the conduct of a church officers' convention or conventions, at which time instruction can be given to these lay leaders as to the best method of conducting the details of the work of the church.

5. That our conferences be urged to utilize the full strength of the laboring forces in leading and training

the church membership in the Harvest Ingathering work for the six weeks' period allocated to this campaign, endeavoring by every means possible to reach their goals within that period of time, but that any defeat on the goal still existing at the end of this period shall not be permitted to prevent them from opening their autumn evangelistic efforts. When these efforts are held in the vicinity of the church of which the evangelist is pastor, he should continue to foster the work of the campaign, if it is not completed, in addition to carrying forward the work of his effort, thus assuring the raising of the full Ingathering goal. In the event his effort is too far removed from the church to permit him to continue to foster the work of the campaign until the goal is reached, that the conferences be urged to arrange for members of the conference office staff, or others, to foster the campaign work in the church thus left until the campaign is completed.

6. That we urge that young and inexperienced ministers having newly entered the work shall be given full opportunity to develop their ministerial gifts by engaging in the work of direct evangelism, laboring for those not of our faith rather than doing pastoral work in our city churches.

7. That all foreign workers as well as native workers in the mission fields, and all officers and other workers in the home base fields, who hold ministerial license or credentials, engage in public evangelistic work for at least a portion of each year, as far as it is possible to arrange for the same.

8. That while there are places, no doubt, where Sunday night meetings held by the pastors of our city churches constitute a successful method of evangelism, yet we would urge that ordinarily the evangelistic efforts conducted by our workers should operate for six nights each week, thus making the effort concise and short and bringing the hearers to an early decision for the truth.

9. That we undertake to train every church to carry on active soul-winning work in their communities by distribution of literature, medical missionary work, and by conducting cottage meetings and Bible readings, and that wherever there is proper talent they be encouraged to undertake small public efforts for those not of our faith.

10. That special emphasis be given to evangelism in the coming union sessions.

Several delegates discussed the question of evangelism very earnestly. W. C. White emphasized the self-supporting evangelistic work through groups of workers in the city, including nurses, and O. Montgomery called our attention to the necessity of renewing our efforts for the country places, and also emphasized the work of the laymen. He spoke of a native in Africa who had covenanted with God that he would save one soul each year, but he had done much more than this, having as a result of his work the last few years three or four strong companies of believers.

Adjourned at 12 M.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman,

E. KOTZ,

M. E. KERN, Secretaries.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

(1931)

October 28, 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

The same as in the morning session.

O. Montgomery in the chair. Prayer by C. V. Leach.

CHURCH MANUAL:

J. L. McElhany presented a manuscript for a church manual, and it was--

VOTED, To authorize the General Conference Committee in Washington to take steps toward editing the manuscript, and proceed with its publication.

CREDENTIALS:

The question of granting honorary credentials to workers who are no longer in active service came up, and it was--

~~VOTED~~, That the granting of honorary credentials to workers who are no longer in active service and who are not on sustentation be left to the discretion of local conferences in which they live.

ITINERARY G. W. SCHUBERT:

VOTED, That G. W. Schubert visit the German churches in the East during week-ends in December and January; and in the middle West and the West from February to April of 1932.

S. A. WELLMAN:

VOTED, That S. A. Wellman attend a Sabbath school convention in Greater New York the week-end of November 7.

MISSION STORIES TO BE PRINTED:

VOTED, To authorize the secretaries to select the most interesting mission stories told at the Autumn Council, for future use in printed form.

AUTUMN COUNCIL LEAFLET:

VOTED, To publish all the Autumn Council actions in printed form in a leaflet.

COMMITTEE ON COLORED CHURCH IN CLEVELAND:

The situation of the colored church in Cleveland was presented by the president of the Columbia Union and the president of the Ohio Conference, and it was--

VOTED, That a commission of seven, two of the members being from the General Conference staff; the rest from the union and local conference, study the situation and report to the General Conference Committee at Washington. J. L. McElhany and C. Conard were nominated as the General Conference representatives on this committee.

S. D. HARTWELL:

The case of S. D. Hartwell and wife was presented, and it was--

VOTED, To recommend to the Sustentation Committee that S. D. Hartwell and wife be allowed \$10.00 weekly, extra, for special care, if the brethren should not succeed in making other suitable arrangement for the Hartwells with the Old People's Home, which is near by.

TUBERCULAR UNIT:

VOTED, That should Mr. Henry M. Porter finally decide at any time to provide funds for the erection of a tubercular unit, we hereby express ourselves as favorable

to such a generous undertaking on his part and our readiness to enter definitely into such negotiation as shall be mutually agreeable.

COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES REPORT:

A partial report was received from the Committee on Annuities, and it was--

VOTED, That the General Conference Committee in Washington, in co-operation with the field, work out a definite plan along the lines discussed, and present such plan before the next Autumn Council for general adoption.

VOTED, That the same Committee also study the matter of wills and legacies.

COMMITTEE ON BROADVIEW AND HUTCHINSON:

In harmony with the recommendation brought in by the Board of Regents and voted by the Autumn Council, the following were appointed a committee on the Broadview and Hutchinson Colleges:

C. H. Watson	W. B. Ochs	S. G. Burley
M. N. Campbell	J. J. Reiswig	Henry Meyer
W. H. Holden	F. R. Isaac	N. R. Nelson
T. W. Steen	H. P. Bloum	D. A. Mozar
J. L. McElhany	R. E. Harter	C. Edwardson
C. W. Irwin	August Anderson	L. Halswick
J. J. Nethery	O. Granlund	P. G. Herwick
Chas. Thompson	K. A. Offerman	August S. Anderson
M. B. Van Kirk	A. O. Lund	A. W. Johnson
F. H. Robbins	O. J. Nerlund	M. E. Kern
W. H. Branson	M. H. Schuster	I. G. Ortner
I. H. Evans	E. H. Oswald	
J. L. Shaw	G. A. Grauer	
S. E. Wight	A. H. Rulkoetter	
E. K. Slade	S. A. Ruskjer	
H. O. Olson	J. Vitrano	

Adjourned at 5:20 P M., with prayer by W. A. Spicer.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman,
E. KOTZ, Secretary.