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October 4 - 11, 1937

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 4, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.G. Turner, H.T. Elliott, E.D. Dick, W.E. Nelson, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, H.E. Rogers, E.E. Franklin, Steen Rasmussen, W.H. Bergherm, F.M. Wilcox, H.A. Morrison, L.E. Froom, W.E. Howell, H.H. Votaw, A.W. Peterson, R. Ruhling, G.W. Wells, D.A. Ochs, C.L. Bond, J.A. Stevens, C.E. Weeks, S.A. Wellman, J.J. Ireland, W.A. Butler, M.E. Kern, Dr. H.M. Walton, W.H. Teesdale.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.L. Burgan, T.M. French.

Prayer by W.H. Bergherm. Minutes of the meetings of September 27 and 30 were approved.

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET FOR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS:

The committee that was appointed to give consideration to the recommendation of the 1936 Autumn Council, relative to the preparation of an instruction booklet that can be placed in the hands of new converts for study before baptism and admission to church membership, presented the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That a manuscript be prepared in simple language and of sufficient length to make a forty-eight-page booklet, 5-1/4 by 7-3/4 inches in size, care being exercised to make the booklet as attractive as possible.

2. That the pamphlet embody the following:

a. The statement of belief of the Seventh-day Adventist church, with proof texts, which appears in the denominational Year Book.

suggested b. A section with sub-headings, treating the subjects ⁱⁿ the Autumn Council action as follows:

- (1) How to keep the Sabbath.
- (2) Christian temperance.
- (3) The Bible plan of finance, dress, etc.
- (4) How to maintain a Christian experience.
- (5) The Spirit of Prophecy.

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This section to include also a discussion on the meaning of baptism, the Christian's recreation and amusement, health reform, etc. It is recommended that the section dealing with these peculiar tenets of faith be treated in question and answer form with ample notes and references, and that as far as consistent, the entire outline be set forth from the standpoint of the Bible.

3. That there appear in the pamphlet a page devoted to church etiquette which will briefly bring to the attention of the candidate proper procedure and conduct in the house of God.
4. That the booklet be prepared with chapter headings and sub-headings, with sufficient spacing to provide easy reading.
5. That W.H.Branson be requested to prepare the manuscript and submit it to this same subcommittee for examination and approval.
6. That the document be credited to the General Conference, rather than that the name of the author appear on the title page.
7. That instead of embodying a baptismal certificate in the booklet, as has been suggested, the certificate now available be used. The present certificate is in book form with stub pages on which important information can be recorded by the officiating minister for the purpose of permanent record in the conference office.

DR. ROGER PAUL TO AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Dr. Roger Paul, on furlough from China, be invited to attend the Autumn Council, and the council of medical workers preceding.

MRS. C.C.CRISLER--SUSTENTATION:

The Sustentation Committee referred to the General Conference Committee the question of responsibility for the sustentation of Mrs. C.C.Crisler. Sister Crisler was at first employed in Australia, later coming to America to continue her work as one of Sister White's assistants. Following her marriage to C.C.Crisler, they were appointed to China. Because of the exceptional nature of the case, it was

VOTED, That the General Conference assume the responsibility for the sustentation support of Mrs. C.C.Crisler.

V.M.HANSEN--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense in accordance with the regular policy, for V.M.Hansen, returned from China.

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D.E.LUST--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to allow medical expense, in accordance with the regular policy, in the case of D.E.Lust, on furlough from Cuba.

TRANSPORTATION--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to suggest the policy to be followed as regards reporting expenses if a worker desires to use his automobile on trips, when free transportation on the railroad is obtainable.

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, M.N.Campbell, Steen Rasmussen, J.A.Stevens, G.W.Wells, C.S.Longacre, H.T.Elliott.

MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL:

VOTED, To refer to the Finance Committee at the Autumn Council for consideration, the suggestion that has come from various sources, that the missions offering goal be raised from forty to fifty cents a week per member.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 7, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.G. Turner, M.N. Campbell, W.H. Branson, A.W. Cormack, E.D. Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, I.H. Evans, G.W. Wells, C.E. Weeks, M.E. Kern, Steen Rasmussen, E.E. Franklin, F.M. Wilcox, L.E. Froom, H.H. Votaw, A.W. Peterson, C.S. Longacre, D.A. Ochs, S.A. Wellman, H.A. Morrison, W.E. Howell, Dr. H.M. Walton, C.L. Bond, F.C. Gilbert.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.L. Burgan, T.M. French, M.E. Olsen.

Prayer by G.W. Wells. Minutes of the meeting of October 4 were approved.

HILTON KENT--INDIA:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Division to release Hilton Kent, of North New Zealand, to connect with the Southern Asia Division as field missionary secretary for the South India Union Mission.

WAYNE HILL--SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, To reaffirm our action of August 12, requesting the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference to release Wayne B. Hill, to connect with the Southern African Division in response to their call for a city evangelist for the city of Durban.

E.L. CARDEY--SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the Chesapeake Conference to release E.L. Cardey, to connect with the Southern African Division for city evangelistic work.

VOTED, That the General Conference meet the transportation expense of one of these families, in accordance with the agreement made with the Southern African Division at the time of the General Conference session.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

Dr. H.M. Walton of the Medical Department, submitted a slight revision in connection with the plan for the organization of a Medical Missionary Association, and it was agreed to accept this to be incorporated as part of the original draft of the plan, which has already been accepted for favorable presentation to the Autumn Council.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MEETINGS IN BATTLE CREEK:

VOTED, That we hereby authorize the holding of General Conference Committee meetings in Battle Creek, as may be necessary, before and following the coming Autumn Council.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE--BRANCH IN SOUTHERN ASIA:

A committee that was appointed to give study to the question of a branch of the Home Study Institute in the Southern Asia Division, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Southern Asia Division has been in correspondence with the main office of the Home Study Institute, and also with the Oriental Branch located at Shanghai, with a view to the establishment of a branch in Southern Asia; and

WHEREAS, The Board of the Oriental Branch has asked counsel of the General Conference Committee in this matter; in view of the situation that now exists in China, and the uncertainty of the future,

We recommend, That the proposed branch in Southern Asia be started,--like the other three branches now in operation,--by the home office in Takoma Park, and on the following basis:

1. That the work of the branch be carried on under the supervision of the Educational Secretary of the Division, who shall be authorized to devote some of his time to its development.
2. That a competent stenographer be appointed to give part time to rendering him the necessary secretarial assistance.
3. That courses suited to the needs of the indigenous members and some of the more elementary courses that might be needed by the workers be worked out under the direction of the Southern Asia Branch, national workers being called in to assist in the preparation, translation, and adaptation of courses, and also as far as necessary in the correction of the lesson papers.
4. That foreign workers desiring to take more advanced courses enroll for them with the Home Study office in Takoma Park.
5. That tuition rates for students of the branch, national and foreign, be low enough to be compatible with their wage-earning power.
6. That vigorous promotion of the work in the field be carried on by the Educational and Home Missionary Secretaries,

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and by the workers generally on the basis that the proposed branch will be a valuable instrument in promoting the interests of the work in Southern Asia.

7. That the main office of the Home Study Institute be hereby authorized to donate from its earnings, as needed, up to \$500 to assist in starting this branch in Southern Asia.

8. That this money be used in the preparation and adaptation of courses, and for some of the initial secretarial expense.

9. That the branch in Southern Asia plan to carry on this work as far as possible on the self-supporting basis.

H.K.HALLADAY RELEASED:

VOTED, That H.K.Halladay be released from the call to the Minnesota Conference.

GLENN A.COON RELEASED:

VOTED, That Glenn A.Coon be released from the call to the South Caribbean Conference, of the Inter-American Division.

C.L.BOND--FOREST LAKE ACADEMY:

VOTED, That C.L.Bond be authorized to respond to the request to conduct the Week of Prayer at Forest Lake Academy, November 12-20.

HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINE:

After consideration of the report of the committee on the Harvest Ingathering magazine, it was

VOTED, To adopt the recommendation of the committee that no additional expense be incurred in order to use color on the inside pages of the Harvest Ingathering magazine for 1938; and

VOTED, That we approve of the use of a religious picture for the front cover of the foreign-language Harvest Ingathering magazines, with the exception of the Yiddish; and

VOTED, To refer to the forthcoming Presidents' Council for study and possible recommendation, the suggestion that the magazine be enlarged by the addition of four pages.

ETHIOPIA:

Recommendations from the Committee on Ethiopian Affairs were adopted as follows:

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1. Whereas, The conditions in Ethiopia make it advisable that the mission leadership be of Italian nationality, we request the Southern European Division to release three workers qualified to serve as

- a. Superintendent of the Ethiopian Union Mission.
- b. A school man to take charge of the school work at Addis Alem.
- c. A nurse to connect with the hospital staff in Addis Ababa.

2. That inasmuch as our work is at present restricted to Addis Ababa and the immediate vicinity, and can be cared for by a smaller staff than is now in the field; and whereas furloughs for many of the workers are long overdue and should be allowed in order to safeguard their health,

We authorize furloughs for M.J.Sorenson and family, Dr. G.C.Bergman and family, Dr. A.R.Stadin, N.B.Nielsen, Miss R. Hofstad and Miss Alice Lind, leaving it to the Ethiopian Union Committee to work out the time of these furloughs as may be for the best interests of the work; it being understood that those returning to the Northern European Division be referred to that Division to be placed, if for any reason it becomes impossible for them to return to Ethiopia.

3. That H.Hanson, who is at present in charge of the school work, be asked to remain in the field for at least a year, to serve as treasurer of the union mission.

4. The Italian administration in Ethiopia having developed an arrangement whereby all contacts of the Protestant missions with the government in that territory must be made through an official whom they have designated to approach the government in such matters, and our brethren in Ethiopia having requested counsel in the matter,

Resolved, That we instruct our Ethiopian Union Committee to cooperate with the government in this arrangement.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 11, 1937, 8:15 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, A.W.Cormack, C.L.Bond,
E.E.Franklin, C.E.Weaks, W.A.Butler, G.W.Wells, A.W.Peterson,
H.A.Morrison, J.A.Stevens, Steen Rasmussen, M.A.Hollister,
J.J.Ireland, F.C.Gilbert, L.E.Froom, S.A.Wellman.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows, W.L.Burgan, M.E.Olsen.

Prayer by L.E.Froom.

CHAIN LETTER SOLICITATION:

The attention of the Committee was called to a chain letter, by an anonymous writer, that has been circulating. The letter solicits financial aid to prevent a certain mission station in the Southern African Division from being closed, after the Division Committee had decided that for the best interests of the work it should be sold and the money used for the establishment of a new station in a more favorable location.

An article which had been prepared by request of the officers, was read, warning our people against responding to any appeals for mission funds not approved by responsible division committees, or by the General Conference Committee, and disapproving of the chain letter method of raising funds.

VOTED, That we approve of the publication of this article in the Review and Herald and in our union conference papers, over the signature of the General Conference Committee.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

AUTUMN COUNCIL

Battle Creek, Michigan, October 20 to 27, 1937

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1937, 7:30 P.M.

The Tabernacle was well filled as members of the Battle Creek church gathered with representatives of our world-wide work for the first meeting of the Autumn Council, at 7:30 Wednesday evening, October 20, 1937. Following the opening song, "Come, Thou Almighty King," prayer was offered by W.A.Spicer.

PRESENT:

With but few exceptions, all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in the North American Division were present. Members of the Committee and other workers representing the divisions outside of North America were present as follows:

Central Europe: G.W.Schubert, A.Minck, W.K.Ising, O. Schildhauer.

China: A.A.Esteb, Otto Christensen, Frederick Lee, Dr. R.J. Brines.

Far East: V.T.Armstrong, F.A.Pratt, D.S.Kime, Mrs. Theo Wangerin, I.E.Gillis, Nora Atkins.

Inter-America: G.A.Roberts, W.C.Raley, A.R.Ogden, A.A. Carscallen, L.L.Grand Pre, H.A.B.Robinson, E.M.Trummer, L.J. Borrowdale.

Northern Europe: W.E.Read, J.I.Robison, E.R.Colson, H.W. Lowe, V.E.Toppenberg.

South America: Roger Altman, J.M.Howell, James F.Cummins, A.L.Westphal.

Southern Africa: W.L.Hyatt, E.C.Boger.

Southern Europe: A.V.Olson, F.Brennwald, W.R.Beach, E.V. Hermanson, J.C.Culpepper, R.L.Odom.

Southern Asia: O.O.Mattison, Dr. D.W.Semmens, D.W.Hunter.

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There were also present from North America, the local conference presidents, the union conference treasurers and auditors, the union Negro secretaries, and a large number of departmental secretaries who had been in attendance at departmental conventions during the few days immediately preceding the Autumn Council.

DAILY PROGRAM:

A Daily Program for the Council was adopted as follows:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:30 A.M.
Council	9:45 -- 12:00
Union and Local Conference	
Committees and Boards	1:15 -- 2:15 P.M.
Committees	2:30 -- 6:00
Public Service	3:00 -- 4:30
Council	7:30 -- 9:00

Announcement was made of the hours for the Sabbath services and of speakers for the public services, and leaders of the morning devotional meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Suggestions concerning the personnel of standing committees were adopted as follows:

GUIDING COMMITTEE:

W.E.Howell, Chairman

J.L.McElhany	M.N.Campbell
L.H.Christian	W.E.Nelson
W.H.Branson	E.D.Dick

PLATFORM COMMITTEE:

M.A.Hollister	F.H.Robbins
	O.T.Garner

MUSIC DIRECTORS:

L.K.Dickson	C.L.Bond
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SEATING OF DELEGATIONS AND
DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS:

H.T.Elliott	J.A.Stevens.
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BUDGET COMMITTEE

W.E.Nelson, ChairmanW.H.Williams, Secretary

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R.L.Benton	W.H.Heckman	J.J.Reiswig
W.H.Branson	J.J.Ireland	M.L.Rice
Glenn Calkins	J.K.Jones	F.H.Robbins
M.N.Campbell	L.E.Lenheim	W.M.Robbins
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		F.M.Wilcox

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C.L.Bond	J.K.Jones	J.F.Piper
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W.A.Butler	J.L.McElhany	R.A.Roberts
Glenn Calkins	W.E.Nelson	G.W.Schubert
L.H.Christian	J.J.Nethery	E.K.Slade
A.W.Cormack	W.B.Ochs	W.G.Turner
H.J.Detwiler	A.V.Olson	J.E.Weaver
E.D.Dick	H.O.Olson	S.A.Wellman
		W.H.Williams

NOMINATIONS:

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Glenn Calkins	W.H.Heckman	E.H.Oswald
M.N.Campbell	J.K.Jones	J.F.Piper
L.H.Christian	J.L.McElhany	O.Schildhauer
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W.A.Butler	W.L.Hyatt	G.A.Roberts
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H.T.Elliott	Wm. Mueller	David Voth
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H.E.Ford	W.A.Nelson	Dr. H.M.Walton
E.E.Franklin	J.J.Nethery	S.A.Wellman
C.O.Franz	J.H.Nies	T.B.Westbrook
O.T.Garner	W.B.Ochs	W.R.White
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L.W.Graham	I.G.Ortner	F.M.Wilcox
	D.S.Osgood	W.H.Williams

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 F.C.Gilbert
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 R.Ruhling
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 A.W.Spalding
 J.A.Stevens
 J.J.Strahle
 R.G.Strickland
 J.C.Thompson
 J.W.Turner
 W.G.Turner
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 J.E.Weaver
 A.E.Webb
 G.W.Wells
 Arthur L.White
 S.E.Wight
 H.L.Wood

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

Elder J.L.McElhany, after extending a cordial welcome to all those present, and soliciting the prayers of all for the success of the Council, and that God may give divine guidance and help for the solving of the many problems connected with His work, outlined in vivid language the conditions under which we are living in the world today. It is evident, he said, that we are living in the time of the fulfillment of the prophecy of the eleventh of Revelation:

"And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

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Also the prophecy of Jesus when he declared that "upon the earth" there should be "distress of nations, with perplexity," "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Living in the midst of these perils of the last days, he said, we have to take them into account in planning for our work. We have seen our property destroyed, our workers scattered, the lives of our believers imperiled. We have seen the work hindered by restrictive decrees. We have seen oppressive laws bring persecution. But neither banishment, imprisonment, nor martyrdom can stop the onward march of the work of God. The truth of God is invincible and it marches on to certain and triumphant victory.

If ever there was a time when a courageous spirit should possess our hearts, that time is now. We must not let down the weapons of our warfare. We must be possessed with a spirit of militant courage, and must move forward, doing our utmost in behalf of the cause of God in spite of these untoward conditions.

Living as we are in these serious, ominous times, when prophecy is certainly being fulfilled, when everywhere about us we see the multiplying evidences of the soon coming of the Lord, what kind of a call should we send out to the church at large? Has not the time come when that call sounded by the prophet of old ought to echo out to the church:

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem."

Surely the time has come when the watchmen should lift up their voices and sound this call to the church, a call so clear and definite that the church of God will hear and answer.

It is a call to arise and forsake the garments of sin and self-righteousness and to put on the beautiful garments of the righteousness of the Lord Jesus. Then we shall have a victorious and triumphant church, a church that knows what it means to prevail with God, to have deliverance from sin and evil; a church cleansed from all worldliness; a church in which Jesus is lifted up in the lives of its members; a praying, believing church! Such a church will be hoping and praying, and looking forward to translation into the eternal kingdom of God.

It is the responsibility of the leaders gathered here to lead the church into that experience. And in order to perfect the church and prepare her for glorification and translation, a ministry is needed made up of earnest, godly, spiritual men, men who know how to pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of God. A ministry is needed that lives above the influences and pleasures of the world; men who put into their life practices every principle of truth for which this message stands. The church has a right to that kind of a ministry. Every leader ought to be a solid, thorough Seventh-day Adventist, who preaches and lives the

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truths of this message, wholly devoted to the work, with no time for other interests. "This one thing I do" ought to be the motto of every man who has given his life to the gospel ministry.

Surely the time has come when leaders and people ought to move forward into an experience of new victory, of new spiritual power, of deeper consecration; into an experience of holier living, more zealous devotion, and a more earnest effort to finish the work of God in the earth. In connection with the finishing of the work the calls are multiplying, and there is need of more and more money. But more than our need of money is our need of power, of an infilling of the Holy Spirit, so that as an aroused church and consecrated leaders, we may make a great spiritual advance toward the kingdom of God.

"Daughter of Zion" was sung to close, and O. Montgomery pronounced the benediction.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
E.D. Dick, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1937, 9:45

The devotional service Thursday morning, October 21, was conducted by O. Montgomery, who emphasized the need of divine help and a special preparation for the conflict that is before us. He felt that we, the Advent people, are living far beneath the plane of godliness and victory that it is our privilege to enjoy. The Lord calls us to "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Lessons were drawn from the experience of the apostles at Pentecost. After they had received the Holy Ghost they spake with mighty power. They spake in other tongues, so that every man heard them in his own language. There was given to them the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of discernment. God gave to them the ability to rightly interpret and understand the actions of men and women. There was given to them the spirit of courage and holy boldness to condemn sin. There was also given to them the power to perform miracles. This all came through the anointing by the Holy Spirit.

All that the Spirit was, and all that the Spirit wrought, and all the gifts that the Spirit bestowed on the apostolic

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church, when the Holy Ghost had full possession of the leadership of that church, we may look for in the remnant church when we come into that relationship to God that the apostles sustained when they came from the upper chamber experience. The Lord has promised to pour out His Spirit in the latter days, and that signs and wonders shall follow those who believe.

Following the opening song in the second business session of the Council, and the reading of a short extract from the Testimonies by the chairman, W.E.Read, of the Northern European Division, offered prayer.

A message was read from N.C.Wilson and A.E.Nelson, sending greetings from the Southern Asia Division to the Autumn Council, and the secretary was instructed to reply, expressing our appreciation of the message, and of the good work being carried on in the Southern Asia field.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

The Chairman made a statement concerning conditions in Central Europe which have made it necessary to give study to the question of making some readjustments in connection with the administration of our work in that territory. The General Conference officers, including the brethren from Central Europe, after giving careful and serious study to the whole situation, presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

PLAN OF TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION FOR THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

WHEREAS, Present conditions make it impossible for the work to be carried on in all parts of the Central European Division territory as heretofore; and

WHEREAS, To meet the present emergency it seems imperative that some modification of the plan of administering certain sections of this division be made; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the administration of the Netherlands East Indies Union be permanently transferred to the Far Eastern Division, together with all budget provision for this union mission as from January 1, 1938; and that the present general form of union organization be retained.

2. That the rest of the present territory of the Central European Division remain intact, but during the present emergency and beginning November 1, 1937, it be administered in two sections; one section with headquarters in Germany and the other section with headquarters in Washington, D.C., it being understood that the present budget provisions continue and reports be gathered as heretofore until the end of 1937.

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Divisional Section One

3. That the section administered from the office in Germany be designated as Section One, and be comprised of the East German Union Conference, the South German Union Conference, and the West German Union Conference.

4. That Section One of the Division be fully staffed and the work directed by a division committee consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Departmental Secretaries and Field Secretary, the presidents of the respective unions within its territory, and such other representative men as may be chosen by the division committee, and that the officers of the divisional section be the same as the officers of the German Inter-Union Association, thus making the president of the Inter-Union Association also the president of the divisional section.

5. That Section One of the division continue as in the past to be responsible for the support of all the German missionaries within the mission territory of Section Two of the division, such support to be rendered through the Advent Mission Society and the General Conference.

6. That Section One of the division shall, upon request of the General Conference Committee, send representatives into the territory of Section Two of the division and to the Netherlands East Indies, to attend general meetings and to assist in the general promotion of the work.

7. That Section One of the division, upon request of the General Conference Committee, continue to supply missionary recruits for the mission territories of Section Two, to pay their salaries and expenses to the respective fields, and to furnish supplies for their field work as far as possible.

8. That Section One of this division be recognized by the General Conference as one of the home bases, and that the division committee, upon request of the General Conference, endeavor to supply missionary recruits for the world field to the extent of its ability.

Divisional Section Two

9. That the section administered by the General Conference and from its office at Washington, D.C., be designated as Section Two of the Central European Division, and be comprised of the following fields: the Czechoslovakian Union Conference, the Hungarian Union Mission, the Arabic Union Mission, the Netherlands Conference; the two Austrian Conferences, the Tanganyika Mission, the Bulgarian Mission, the Grecian Mission, the Turkish Mission, and the Iran Mission.

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10. That a president, a secretary, and a treasurer be chosen for Section Two of this division, and the work be directed by a Division Committee consisting of the Division President, the Secretary, Treasurer, the Secretaries of the General Conference Publishing, Young People's, Home Missionary, and Sabbath School Departments; the presidents and superintendents of unions within its territory, and such other representatives of local fields not included in any union as may be designated by action of the General Conference Committee.

11. That one of the general vice-presidents of the General Conference be chosen to carry the work of President of Section Two of the Central European Division along with his other regular work.

12. That the Secretary for Section Two give his full time to the work of this division.

13. That the Under-treasurer of the General Conference become the Treasurer of Section Two of this division.

14. That departmental help for Section Two be drawn from the staffs of the General Conference and Section One of the Central European Division as may be required and that the departmental reports be sent direct to the Division Secretary, he to furnish copies to the Division President and the respective departmental secretaries of the General Conference, and that these reports be also exchanged between the two sections.

15. That the presidents of the two sections of the Central European Division endeavor to keep in close touch with each other, and arrange for frequent exchange of general help for visitation within the respective sections.

16. That the Netherlands Conference continue to look upon the Dutch East Indies as its mission field from the standpoint of furnishing men and means for the furtherance of the work in that island territory, such help to be supplied through the General Conference.

17. That barring further emergencies, this form of organization be continued at least until the next session of the General Conference, at which time it may be reviewed and modified as then existing conditions may warrant.

STATISTICAL REPORTS:

H.E. Rogers, the Statistical Secretary, rendered the Seventy-fourth Annual Statistical Report, for the year ending December 31, 1936. Following is a brief summary of the report:

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At the close of 1936, this work was conducted in 378 countries, islands, and island groups, by 26,553 evangelistic and institutional laborers, who are using in their work 649 languages and dialects. This is an increase of 71 languages during 1936, or practically one new language added every five days during the year. The increase since 1929 has been 255 languages, or an average of one new language added every ten days during the past seven years.

The membership of the 8,243 churches of the denomination throughout the world at the close of 1936 was 438,139. This is a gain of 138,584 since 1929, and is equivalent to a gain greater than the entire membership of the denomination as it stood in 1915, 72 years after this movement began.

There are now 70 union conferences, 143 local conferences, 328 missions, and 489 institutions, with which are connected a total of 26,553 evangelistic and institutional laborers. In 1920 the number of laborers in North America and outside stood about equal, with 6,553 in North America, and 6,528 outside, a total of 13,081. But now the number outside greatly exceeds those laboring in North America. The total laborers now stand thus: North America, 9,650; outside, 16,903. The percentages are, for North America, 36.34; outside, 63.66. It will be noticed that the number of laborers engaged in service has more than doubled during the past sixteen years. The number of laborers for 1936 constitutes one active laborer for every 16.5 members.

The total amount of tithe received in 1936 was \$6,429,793.46 funds for foreign missions, \$3,394,894.00; home missions, \$1,785,291.99, or a total sum of \$11,609,979.45. The per capita of tithe was \$14.68; foreign missions, \$7.75; home missions, \$4.06; total \$26.49.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1936:

H.E. Rogers presented also the Thirty-second Financial Statement, giving information as to the assets, liabilities, net worth, income and expense of the 957 organizations connected with the denomination, this being the report for the year closing December 31, 1936, with the exception of the schools in North America, whose reports were closed in May or June, 1937.

The report shows assets of \$47,439,926.20, a gain of \$1,998,577.71, or 4.40 per cent. The liabilities now stand at \$15,313,138.84, an increase during the year of \$823,076.03, or 5.68 per cent. The net worth stands at \$32,126,787.36, an increase during the year of \$1,175,501.68, or a gain of 3.80 per cent. The total income during the year was \$37,947,626.54; the expenditures were \$36,772,124.86, thus leaving \$1,175,501.68 as the increase in net worth.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by M.N. Campbell.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
E.D. Dick, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1937, 7:30 P.M.

The evening hour was given to M.N.Campbell, the Vice-president of the General Conference for the North American Division, who gave a word picture of activities, a report of accomplishments, and a review of the needs in the great home base of the message, with its population of 142 millions, and its Sabbath-keeping membership of 165,000, distributed among 2,500 churches.

Of the population of 142 millions, it is estimated that 40 million people speak a foreign tongue, reports giving 1,624 as the number of languages and dialects spoken, so that practically every union in this division has its foreign population to evangelize. About 126 workers are engaged in laboring for the foreigners in North America.

Elder Campbell made mention of the splendid work being done by each of the general Departments, and then took us on a tour of the ten North American union conferences, referring to evangelistic, educational, medical, publishing, radio and other interests being promoted. He also pointed out some of the vicissitudes experienced during recent years, through drought, floods, rust, grasshoppers, etc., and the problems confronting all of these unions at the present time, such as providing for much needed repairs of educational and medical institutions that were allowed to deteriorate during the long depression because of lack of funds to keep them up to standard, and of providing suitable houses of worship for churches that have outgrown their present quarters, or have never had a place of worship of their own. There is also the problem of liquidating heavy indebtedness that has accumulated during these years.

In spite of these heavy financial burdens that rest upon this division, our conferences are laboring zealously to reach their foreign mission goals, having raised thus far this year \$113,000 more in mission offerings than during the same period last year. North America has sent over four thousand workers to the overseas fields, and during the last ten years has sent abroad to other divisions the large sum of twenty-three million dollars.

"He Leadeth Me," was sung to close, and E.K.Slade pronounced the benediction.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1937, 9:45 A.M.

I.H. Evans, who led the devotional service Friday morning, October 22, took as his text Psalms 119:89-91, dwelling upon the greatness of God and His faithfulness in fulfilling His word to every one of His children. He stressed the three points in this scripture.

1. The word of God is settled in heaven forever.

There is no longer any controversy in heaven regarding the word of God. Its authority is acknowledged by all the heavenly beings, and willing obedience is rendered. It will never again be doubted, and if we are to be saved in the kingdom of heaven we must settle it here on earth whether we will accept that word as final. Many of the teachings and philosophies of men have changed through the years, but God's word has never changed, nor will it ever change. It remains forever the same.

2. The faithfulness of God to all generations.

The Psalmist declares that the faithfulness of God is also enduring. In all the promises made to David in the 89th Psalm, the Lord declares "Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break." God remains true, though every man should prove a liar. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His attitude toward His creatures never changes. He says to every man who hears and responds to His call, "My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with thee." God will never forsake us so long as we are true to Him.

3. All the creation of God remains and abides according to the ordinances of the Lord.

It is by the word and power of God and because of His faithfulness that all the creation is preserved and continues to obey the ordinances of the Lord. The universe is under the direct control of the Lord and obeys the fixed laws that God has established. Our finite minds are staggered when we try to grasp the vastness of the universe as brought to light through the observations of astronomical science.

And God in the Scriptures continually refers to His creative power as proof that He will save His children from sin and take us to live with Him in the midst of His wonderful creation. We are just as sure of going through into the everlasting kingdom of God if we accept the atoning blood of Jesus for cleansing from sin, and take God's word and live by it, as that that word is sure. The whole universe bears testimony that God is faithful. and that He will keep His covenant forever.

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A.V.Olson, of the Southern European Division, offered prayer at the opening of the fourth business session of the Council.

ORDINATION OF DR. H.M.WALTON:

J.L.McElhany introduced a recommendation from the officers, that Dr. H.M.Walton, Secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference, be ordained to the gospel ministry, and it was

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the officers, we authorize the ordination of Dr. H.M.Walton.

L.T.NICOLA INVITED TO SIT WITH THE COUNCIL:

VOTED, That L.T.Nicola, who was at one time secretary of the General Conference, be invited to sit with the Council and take part in its deliberations.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

A series of recommendations from the General Conference Executive Committee, with reference to the organization of a Medical Missionary Association, were introduced, and discussed at some length.

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS:

The hour having arrived that was appointed for the meeting of a number of legal associations, the Council recessed, and these meetings were called in their order as follows:

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the President, J.L.McElhany, and a report of the business of the Company was made by W.A.Benjamin. The Nominating Committee for the Council was asked to bring in nominations of three trustees to be elected for the Insurance Company, and the meeting was adjourned to 10 o'clock Monday morning.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM AND OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by J.K.Jones, a report rendered by H.E.Ford, also a financial statement and certificate of audit, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

The meeting of the Oakwood Junior College constituency was duly called by J.K.Jones, the chairman of the Board, and adjourned to 10:30 Monday morning, October 25.

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MEDICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

The Council resumed business and discussion continued of the recommendations relating to the formation of a Medical Missionary Association. After being amended, they were adopted as follows:

In the development of plans, the secretaries of the General Conference Medical Department desire to utilize every feature of the general world organization for the promotion of the interests coming under the Medical Department and for the extension of the work of God throughout the earth.

By various means an effort is to be put forth to enlist the interest, support, and cooperation of every member of the denomination/living and teaching our accepted principles of healthful living, and in carrying forward the ministry of health education and medical missionary endeavor.

Since the Department has such a meager field organization, and with the large number of physicians and graduate nurses engaged in private practice and others not directly engaged in conferences or institutions under denominational control, and desiring to secure the active cooperation of the entire group of medically trained workers, the Medical Department of the General Conference recommends that an auxiliary organization of these medical workers be formed under its direction, with the Secretaries of the Department as elected by the General Conference as the officers and promoters of the work of the proposed Medical Missionary Association; said Association to be a cooperative body for study, counsel, health education and field activity in medical missionary work. Therefore

We recommend to the General Conference Committee the formation of a Medical Missionary Association based on the following plan of organization:

Name

Medical Missionary Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Headquarters

General Conference Office, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Officers

The regularly elected secretaries of the Medical Department of the General Conference.

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Advisory Committee

This committee shall consist of the secretary, associate, assistant and division secretaries of the Medical Department of the General Conference, and the appointed Medical Department counselors (as appearing in the Year Book), with the addition of the following members:

President of the General Conference
 Secretary of the General Conference
 Editors of "The Ministry"
 One graduate dietitian
 One dentist
 Two physicians in private practice

Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to all Seventh-day Adventist physicians, dentists, graduate nurses, dietitians, and medical technicians who are church members in good and regular standing, who desire to join this Association, and who volunteer to assist and cooperate in teaching the health principles adopted by this denomination in a representative manner, and in promoting the interests of medical missionary work.

Objectives

The objectives of said Association are:

1. To "lead the people to study the manifestation of God's love and wisdom in the works of nature, lead them to study that marvelous organization, the human system, and the laws by which it is governed," so that "those who perceive the evidence of God's love, who understand something of the wisdom and beneficence of His laws and the results of obedience, will come to regard their duty and obligations from an altogether different point of view. Instead of looking upon the observance of the laws of health as a matter of sacrifice or self-denial, they will regard it as it really is -- an inestimable blessing."
2. To cultivate and maintain a strong bond of brotherly fellowship between the gospel ministry and the medical ministry, and to foster the unification and strengthening of their combined efforts.
3. To unite with the gospel ministry in presenting the subject of healthful living in a practical, sound, well-balanced comprehensive manner.
4. To revive an interest in genuine medical missionary work which we are told is "the gospel in practice," and "when connected with other lines of gospel effort is a most effective instrument by which the ground is prepared for the sowing of the seeds of truth, and the instrument also by which the harvest is reaped."

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Platform of Principles

WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist church has been given, through the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, instruction in healthful living, and believing this instruction to be of divine origin, and that its object is to "secure the highest possible development of mind and soul and body," and, believing that observance of that instruction thus given this people will promote our health and happiness in this life and will aid us in a preparation for the life to come;

We therefore affirm our confidence in the health reform message, pledging our hearty support, and accept as our platform the following statement of principles as adopted by the General Conference in session, in 1936:

"We recognize that it is in God that we live and move and have our being; that man is not his own, but belongs to God by right of creation and redemption; that the body is claimed by God for the indwelling of His Holy Spirit, and that man's mental faculties and physical powers should be used to show forth Christian character and service.

"We believe that 'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap,' and that a disregard for natural law and its violation are attended by physical penalty; that much of the disease from which man suffers could be prevented by obedience to the laws of health; and that as Christians we owe it to God and our fellow men to observe these laws as fully as possible.

"We believe that the difficult and serious times upon which we have entered make extraordinary demands upon our reserve of physical and mental energy; that good health is especially important to enable us to meet the emergencies of these strenuous times; and that if we would preserve our health, we must have an understanding of the laws which govern our physical well being and follow them in all our habits of living.

"We believe that God has given His people a special message for this time that will enable them to stand in the crisis just before them and to triumph in His kingdom. As an essential part of that message God has given instruction regarding the care of the body, which, if rightly practiced, will bring health and strength, with increased vigor and energy for His service.

"We believe that the light revealed in true science, in the Bible and in the Spirit of prophecy, is of benefit only as it is followed, and that all our people should with confidence accept the truth concerning healthful living and practice its principles in their homes and in their individual lives.

"We believe that the principles of health reform demand total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages such as beer, wine, and spirituous liquors, tobacco in all its forms, tea and coffee, and irritating spices and condiments.

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"We believe in sufficient and appropriate exercise and in proper and sufficient hours of sleep and relaxation.

"We believe in the proper clothing of the body as relates to warmth, protection, simplicity and modesty.

"We believe in strict cleanliness of person and premises and protection against disease-bearing insects and against all disease-producing conditions.

"We believe that we should always do our best to supply the body with wholesome and nourishing foods, used with simplicity in variety and amount, and properly prepared.

"We believe that man's best diet is that originally provided for him; grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables, to which may be added eggs and dairy products when obtained under assured health conditions.

"We believe that flesh food at its best is only an emergency food; that while it has food value, it at the same time contains poisonous products of animal tissue wastes; and that its use as food under ordinary conditions is attended by risk to the health.

"We believe that with the present great increase in diseases of animals the use of flesh as food is attended by an ever-increasing danger; that we should give serious heed to the urgent instruction given us to endeavor earnestly to provide for our tables that food which is most wholesome and best suited to health.

"We believe that the principles of healthful living should be adopted by our people, and practiced as fully as possible. We are not unmindful of the fact that there are in some countries conditions of poverty or scarcity that may make it difficult or even impossible for believers to obtain a sufficient quantity or variety of those foods best suited to promote health, and therefore we would not urge diet standards impossible to attain. We also believe that no one should sit in judgment on others in matters of diet."

Organ of Association

We recommend, 1. That a special section in "The Ministry" headed "The Medical Missionary" constitute the medium of communication between the members of the Medical Missionary Association.

2. That all of our medical institutions be requested to provide the "Ministry" with its new Medical Missionary Section, for all medical workers in their employ who become members of this Association, including private duty nurses on call, and for nurses' homes and libraries, as all conferences provide the present "Ministry" for their conference worker groups,

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at the 50 cent per annum club rate to individual names and addresses.

3. That all physicians, nurses and dentists in private practice registering as members of the Medical Missionary Association, be asked by the Medical Department to personally subscribe to the "Ministry," at a special \$1.00 rate, per annum, the regular single subscription of the enlarged "Ministry" being raised to \$1.50.

4. That the College of Medical Evangelists be asked to encourage its full medical student body to become members of the Association, and to subscribe to the "Ministry" throughout their five-year course, at the conference and institutional rate of 50 cents each, per annum, sent to individual names and addresses.

5. That the overseas divisions be urged to extend these same provisions to all English-reading medical missionary workers, in their respective fields.

Editorial Council

The editorial council for the Medical Missionary section of the "Ministry" shall be the regularly elected Secretary of the Medical Department and two Associate Secretaries.

Financing

WHEREAS, The figures submitted by the publishers of the "Ministry" indicate that with a slightly lighter weight of paper (50# stock) and the conservative Medical Department estimate of 1800 additional subscriptions in clubs from medical institutions and single subscriptions from physicians, nurses and dentists in private practice, "Ministry" can, with advertising income from a minimum of six pages monthly, easily reach the 1800 additional medical workers at no increase in subsidy, but possibly a decrease, and no change in the present conference and institutional club rate. Therefore,

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee authorize

1. The "Ministry" to be increased to forty-eight pages, beginning with the January, 1938, issue, thus providing a maximum of eight pages for the new Medical Missionary section, eight pages for advertising appropriate to the "Ministry," and the remaining eight pages as additional to the regular features of the "Ministry."

2. That all of our medical institutions in North America be requested to provide the "Ministry" with its new medical missionary section, for all medical workers in their employ, as all conferences provide the present "Ministry" for

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their conference worker groups, at the 50 cent per annum club rate to individual names and addresses.

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Members of Advisory Committee

For the members of the advisory committee of the Medical Missionary Association who are not ex-officio, the following names are suggested:

Graduate dietitian , Pearl Jenkins.
Dentist, Dr. J.R. Mitchell.
Physicians in private practice, G.K. Abbott, M.D.,
George Harding, M.D.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submitted a partial report, which was adopted as follows:

- We recommend, 1. That G.W. Schubert be invited to connect with the General Conference as a Field Secretary.
2. That W.K. Ising be invited to connect with the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference as Associate Secretary.
3. That A. Minck be invited to take the presidency of Section I of the Central European Division.
4. That W.H. Branson be invited to take the presidency of Section II of the Central European Division, in addition to his other duties.
5. That in harmony with the provisions of the action affecting the organization of the division, W.H. Williams, Under-treasurer of the General Conference, be the treasurer of Section II of the Central European Division.

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6. That H.L.Rudy be invited to take the secretaryship of Section II of the Central European Division, and that the Canadian Union and the Alberta Conference be asked to release him for this appointment.

M.N.Campbell, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THE SABBATH SERVICES

The meetings on the Sabbath were a great inspiration and spiritual uplift to all present. These were well attended by delegates and visitors, and indeed the presence of the Lord was very markedly manifest. The Friday evening meeting, the Sabbath school, morning, afternoon, and evening services were held in the large Kellogg Auditorium, while special meetings for the children were conducted during the morning and afternoon in the Tabernacle.

Elder A.V.Olson, president of the Southern European Division, addressed the Council Friday evening, telling of the progress of the work in the countries of Southern Europe and the islands of the Indian Ocean, and of deliverances wrought in behalf of God's people in lands of persecution and trial.

At the eleven o'clock hour, following the Sabbath school, Elder W.H.Branson, recently returned from an extended visit to the mission fields of Southern Asia and Southern Africa, spoke to a large and attentive congregation. Our hearts were gladdened as he told of the evidences of the dawning of a new day of opportunity for the giving of the message in India. The time to which our missionaries and people have long looked forward in that stronghold of heathenism has come at last. As we see what is transpiring, we are constrained to cry out in gratitude to God, "It must be the breaking of the day!"

The obstacles of heathenism and superstition are breaking down before our very eyes, and even the barriers of the age-long caste system of Hinduism are giving way to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother Branson told of an appeal presented to him as a representative of the Adventist Mission Board by a mixed group of representatives of a number of different religions, including Hindus and Moslems, begging that teachers of the truth might be sent to proclaim the message among them. He told also of stirring sights and scenes in Africa where multitudes are holding out their hands for the truth for this time. The call of the hour to us as a people is that in the righteousness and power of the Lord Jesus we arise and go forward to the finishing of the work. In response to the speaker's earnest in-

vation at the close of the service, it seemed that the whole congregation rose to signify their reconsecration to the Lord.

In the afternoon service Elder G.A. Roberts, president of the Inter-American Division, and Elder H.J. Detwiler, president of the Columbia Union Conference, who has recently returned from a visit to the mission fields of the Southern African Division, spoke to a large congregation concerning the progress of the work in these sections of the great world vineyard. Thousands are pressing their way into the fold of truth, and there are multitudes in the valley of decision. In many places it is as it was in apostolic times,--God pouring out of His Spirit upon all flesh, and the Church of Jesus Christ is enlarging her borders in preparation for the return of her Lord. Yet, it was pointed out, there remains still much to be done in sowing and reaping before the harvest which is so near to come shall come.

The evening meeting was well attended when Elder W.E. Read told of the triumphs of the gospel in the mission fields of the Northern European Division. His stories of advancement greatly cheered us, and his appeals for united, whole-hearted support on the part of all of us for the great foreign mission program greatly moved us.

Sitting in these Sabbath meetings, we wished in our hearts many times that thousands more of our dear church members might be present to hear these uplifting reports and stirring appeals. Throughout the Sabbath services these absent members of the Advent family were again and again mentioned in the prayers that were offered. We are glad indeed that through the Review these reports and appeals may in part at least be shared with these fellow believers of ours.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1937, 9:45 A.M.

W.A.Spicer's topic for the devotional service, Sunday morning, October 24, was, The Message -- The Movement. We give a few of the thoughts he emphasized:

What a blessed thing light is on a dark night! It is a dark night over all the earth. The overflowing surge of sin is flooding the world, sweeping men on to destruction, and they do not know the way out. God has given us a light to hold up, to show men the path to safety. Peter said, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts." We know the day has not yet dawned, but the streaks of morning light appear, and the day star is rising bright in yonder sky.

God has given us the light of the sure word of prophecy to hold up among and before men. "Among whom ye shine," Paul said, "as lights in the world, holding forth the word of light!"

This message has made us, it has built up this movement, and in the life time of one family it has gone to the ends of the earth with marvelous power. It has the infinite power of God in it.

We are told, in Volume 9 of the Testimonies, page 98: "Repeat the message, repeat the message. . .It is new to the people every time they hear it." And in "Life Sketches," page 359, "We are under obligation to declare the full counsel of God. We are not to make less prominent the special truths that separate us from the world, and that have made us what we are." And in Volume 6, page 17: "No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are is to be weakened." The truth that has built up this work will finish the work.

In our preaching we ought to stick to the main lines of the message. The giving of this message is our particular task

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on earth. It is the work to which the Advent people has been called.

The way to revive the church is to revive the message that built up the church. This does not mean that we are not to preach Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Every time we preach on the great lines of prophecy we are to put Christ into them, for the everlasting gospel is interwoven with the prophecies relating to these last days. The keynote of every sermon should be the nearness of the coming of the Lord.

ORDINATION OF DR. H.M.WALTON:

Following the devotional study, the ordination of Dr. H.M.Walton took place. W.G.Turner offered the prayer, J.L. McElhany delivered the charge, and the welcome to the gospel ministry was extended by M.N.Campbell.

The fifth business session of the Council was opened with prayer by G.A.Roberts, of the Inter-American Division.

The Chairman, L.H.Christian, called for the final report of the Nominating Committee, and this was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We recommend, 1. That J.C.Culpepper be invited to take the secretaryship of the Publishing Department of the South American Division, the Southern European Division being asked to release him for this appointment.

2. That the following be appointed for Section I of the Central European Division:

- a. Secretary: M.Busch.
- b. Treasurer: M.Voight.
- c. Field Secretary: E.Gugel.
- d. Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Missionary Secretary: M.Busch.
- e. Publishing Secretary: H.Boex.
- f. Medical Secretary: Dr. L.E.Conradi.

3. Auditor for Sections I and II of the Division:
O.Schildhauer.

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We recommend, 4. To fill vacancies on the Board of Regents: E.E.Cossentine, representing junior colleges, and E.F.Heim, representing academies.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Claude Cónard, the General Conference auditor, in presenting the Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for 1936-1937, called attention to special features in the report. Improvement in operating results during 1936-37 is seen in each of the school groups in North America. Two senior colleges, four junior colleges and twenty-two academies have larger gains or smaller losses without subsidies this year than last, with a net betterment in all schools of \$40,398.73.

In June, 1937, the recorded assets of the regular colleges and academies stood at \$6,515,658.15. Liabilities were \$1,083,354.85, and net worth, \$5,432,303.30. For every one dollar of assets in 1937 the liabilities were 16.6 cents as compared with 15.6 cents in 1936. For the first time since 1927 the total school indebtedness now exceeds \$1,000,000.

Through the worst years of the depression a valiant group of schools maintained their place on the Freedom from Debt list. This meant that their only financial obligations during this time were small current accounts or annuity contracts which had to be carried until they matured.

During the thirteen years since the present debt reduction campaign started in 1924, thirty-six of the present total of forty-seven schools have at one time or another had all of their interest obligations paid. The 1937 list records twenty now free, with sixteen schools that once were clear of note indebtedness, but are now again involved; and the amount of their new combined interest-bearing debts totals nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

The auditor closed his report with these words:

"In these days of alluring enticements to expansion when almost every contact beckons toward overbroadening, our institutions must be doubly cautious lest they be swept with the treacherous tide into depths of involvement beyond their control. Their safety, as never before, lies in adhering strictly to principles of sound management, the no-debt policy, budget control, ample cash reserves, and strong faith in the ultimate triumph of God's cause in the world."

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SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

The report concerning Sanitariums and Hospitals in North America, rendered also by Claude Conard, showed that the fourteen sanitariums and hospitals that sent in regular statements reported operating income in 1936 of \$4,505,033.47. This was \$395,621.22, or 9.6% more than in 1935. The expense for the same period of \$4,413,170.48 was \$353,999.94 - 8.7% - above the previous year. The operating gain for the year was \$91,862.99.

Sanitarium receipts for the first eight months of 1937 were \$3,354,679.15, which were \$374,941.82 - 12.6% - above the first eight months period of 1936. Operating gains to the end of August, 1937, of \$109,632.01, were practically the same as for the corresponding period of 1936.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Operating Statement of Income and Expenditures, and the Balance Sheet of the General Conference for the eight months ending August 31, 1937, as follows:

[See three pages following]

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 OPERATING STATEMENT
 For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1937

<u>TITHE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	
<u>North America:</u>		
Union Conferences	29 899 45	
Per Cent of Tithe	459 996 63	
Miscellaneous	<u>4 404 23</u>	494 300 31
 <u>Foreign Tithe:</u>		
European Tithe of Tithe	3 744 66	
European Per Cent of Tithe	8 348 05	
Other Divisions	<u>3 777 61</u>	<u>15 870 32</u>
Total Tithe		510 170 63
 <u>MISSION OFFERINGS</u>		
<u>North America:</u>		
Forty-Cent-a-Week Fund	1 114 170 52	
Miscellaneous	<u>5 478 02</u>	1 119 648 54
 <u>Foreign:</u>		
European Misc. Missions	40 168 86	
Other Divisions	<u>113 548 52</u>	<u>153 717 38</u>
Total Missions		1 273 365 92
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</u>		
Interest	14 297 18	
Exchange Gains	6 716 18	
Pledges and Surplus Tithe	11 250 00	
Specific Mission Offerings	2 498 34	
Miscellaneous	121 38	
Legacies		
Royalties	<u>828 59</u>	35 711 67
Revertible Missions		<u>320 209 30</u>
Total Miscellaneous		<u>355 920 97</u>
TOTAL INCOME		2 139 457 52
 <u>EXPENDITURES (See next schedule)</u>		
Total Expenditures		<u>2 396 614 76</u>
Expense Exceeds Income		257 157 24

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Salary and Dept. Expense	169 873 48	
Transportation Agents' Exp.	7 118 27	
Maintenance and General Exp.	<u>11 363 30</u>	188 355 05

APPROPRIATIONS

Foreign--Regular Base	1 288 210 80	
Home--Regular Base	126 523 68	
Alaska, Hawaii, By Rev.	16 146 08	
Foreign--Specific Miss.Off.	2 498 34	
Special Approp.--Foreign	<u>61 333 12</u>	1 494 712 02

MISC. AND FIXED APPROPRIATIONS

Institutional Comeback	202 036 43	
Emergency Appropriations:		
--Foreign	25 086 47	
--Home	31 316 14	
--Sick Benefit	5 382 65	
13th Sabbath Overflow Approp.	13 333 36	
Spring in Tithes and Off.1936	3 333 07	
Harvest Ingathering Approp.	46 666 64	
Mission Promotion Approp.	8 666 64	
Furloughs and Appointees	3 744 54	
Retired Workers	3 721 17	
S.D.A. Theological Seminary	5 103 65	
Sustentation Appropriation	27 658 98	
Specific and Fixed Approp.	<u>17 288 65</u>	393 338 39
Approp. By Reversion		<u>320 209 30</u> <u>2 208 259 71</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2 396 614 76

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	1935	For Eight Months 1936	1937 (1937 over 1936)	Increase or Decrease *
<u>INCOME</u>				
Tithe	355 728 64	436 269 39	510 170 63	73 901 24
Mission Offerings	1 083 220 99	1 169 401 21	1 273 365 92	103 964 71
Miscellaneous Income	<u>464 577 83</u>	<u>420 184 56</u>	<u>355 920 97</u>	<u>64 263 59*</u>
Total Income	1 903 527 46	2 025 855 16	2 139 457 52	113 602 36
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Administrative Expense	200 585 09	191 676 88	188 355 05	3 321 83*
Appropriation Expense	<u>1 952 488 39</u>	<u>2 005 924 40</u>	<u>2 208 259 71</u>	<u>202 335 31</u>
Total Expense	2 153 073 48	2 197 601 28	2 396 614 76	199 013 48
Expense Exceeds Income	249 546 02	171 746 12	257 157 24	
Net Decline 1937 over 1936				85 411 12

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
BALANCE SHEET
For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1937

ASSETS

Cash and Banks		1 053 482 10	
<u>Notes and Securities:</u>			
Securities	764 964 92		
Notes	<u>175 00</u>	765 139 92	
<u>Accounts Receivable:</u>			
Divisions	92 886 79		
Publishing Houses	43 527 41		
Transportation Agencies	15 159 60		
Personal Accounts	11 654 60		
Miscellaneous	<u>85 632 11</u>	248 860 51	
Radio and Transcription		2 250 24	
Inventories--Supplies, and Misc.		8 802 80	
Library	2 956 76		
Less Reserve	<u>1 899 12</u>	<u>1 057 64</u>	
 TOTAL ASSETS			2 079 593 21

LIABILITIES

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>			
Divisions	5 158 96		
Publishing Houses	653 06		
Miscellaneous	5 442 92		
Personal Accounts	<u>10 421 07</u>	21 676 01	
Trust Funds	453 206 12		
Accrued Expense Reserves	<u>43 694 99</u>	<u>496 901 11</u>	
 TOTAL LIABILITIES			518 577 12

SURPLUS

Surplus January 1, 1937	1 826 753 52		
Less Surplus Adjustment	<u>8 580 19</u>		
Total	1 818 173 33		
Less Decrease for eight months	<u>257 157 24</u>	<u>1 561 016 09</u>	
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS			2 079 593 21

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CAREFULNESS IN SPEAKING AND WRITING:

A statement concerning carefulness in speaking and writing which had been prepared, and was reviewed in the Presidents' Council, was presented, and adopted as follows:

In view of the intensity of the times, there is cause to remind ourselves, as gospel workers, of the need of carefulness in setting forth world tendencies and events that constitute signs of our times.

Under the great commission, we are sent to win to Christ peoples of all races and nations, regardless of forms of government or political alignments. We have ever recognized the right of every Christian believer to exercise the franchise granted by this earthly citizenship in the fear of God and for the service of his fellows in things of this world. But it is needful that we keep ever in mind that we are "Ambassadors for Christ" to every creature. It is manifest that the gospel messenger therefore cannot allow in his heart the spirit of the antagonisms and controversies and partisanship that divide men into contending camps in political, social, industrial, and religious life. He is to allow nothing to hinder him in his work for the supreme object,--the salvation of men from sin, of every class or party or estate.

The missionary who goes to labor in another land may keep in his heart love of home and earthly country; but he is to remember that his mission is to represent the gospel of the heavenly country, the way of salvation from sin. While teaching the way of eternal life, the missionary must bear in mind also the need of so instructing the people as to inculcate loyalty to the government under which they live, and Christian respect for the authority of governors and administrators. The gospel recognizes the basic fact that civil governments among men are essential to civil order. "The powers that be are ordained of God." Rom. 13:1.

The times in which we live call for carefulness on the part of public speakers and writers. We ask our editors and public speakers, who must call attention to world events as having a bearing on fulfillment of prophecy, to exercise great care in order that national or international affairs shall not be dealt with in such a way as to suggest that our attitude in one country is critical of the forms of government or political institutions of another country. We are one church, with brethren in every land who are bound by the gospel principle to be loyal subjects wherever they may be, and every phrasing used in speaking of international affairs should be scanned to avoid any use of words that might be misinterpreted. As public speakers or writers, we should choose our words so that no one can mistake what we say as lacking in respect for civil governors or rulers. We have been admonished concerning the misinterpretations and use that may be made of carelessly spoken words:

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"Many will be surprised to hear their own words strained into a meaning that they did not intend them to have. Then let our workers be careful to speak guardedly at all times. . .

"The less we make direct charges against authorities and powers, the greater work we shall be able to accomplish. . . .It is our work to magnify and exalt the law of God.

"The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character, that have been carelessly spoken by our brethren, will be used by our enemies to condemn us. These will not be used merely to condemn those who made the statements, but will be charged upon the whole body of Adventists." --"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, pp. 394,395.

We call attention of writers and speakers to the fact that copies of our papers containing statements regarding events are sometimes to be found on file in foreign offices of governments. The providential means in our day for spreading light and news, for which we thank God, makes the whole world one great sounding board, and remarks by some evangelist lightly spoken regarding actions of some government and reported in a newspaper, may be noted in the foreign office of that government, and bring official questioning, and perhaps difficulty, to brethren laboring in that country.

While we are to be true to God, unwavering and uncompromising in loyalty to truth, let us use great care in writing and speaking, especially scanning every reference to any governments to make sure there is nothing said that may be misinterpreted as unfriendly to people or country. We are in a sacred work that bears the message of God's love to sinners of all mankind. As the intensity of the times increases, let us resolve to be more than ever faithful to the Spirit of Christ in delivering the gospel message to all men.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Recommendations presented from the Presidents' Council, after being amended, were adopted as follows:

PREVENTING LOSS OF MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, Every shepherd of the flock must feel the deepest distress over the present heavy loss of church members each year; and

WHEREAS, We are confident that God will bless our conscientious, determined efforts to prevent such loss,

Resolved, That we urge all of our people who occupy positions of leadership or influence to keep constantly in mind and emphasize the following recommendations, praying that God may bless our efforts to work intelligently and unitedly to save those who, without such help, will soon drift away from us.

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We recommend, 1. That great care be used in both public meetings, and personal examination, to make sure that each candidate for church membership has been actually converted and gives evidence of a genuine Christian experience.

2. That he understands and believes every essential doctrine of our message, including the Spirit of prophecy, and that he be instructed in the principles of our church organization and with regard to the transfer of church membership.

3. That he be encouraged to study the Bible, not only for daily food, but also to provide himself with an outline of the doctrines, with a view to laboring actively for others, inasmuch as a real burden for souls is one of the most important evidences of conversion.

4. That as far as possible, ministers and conference workers, including departmental secretaries, set the example of untiring ministry in the homes of our people, rather than confining their efforts to public services. That church officers be urged and educated to visit the members in their homes, studying with, and praying for those who are not strongly established in Christ, or in the message.

5. That earnest, persevering efforts be put forth--

a. To educate our parents to place all their children in our own schools.

b. To organize the newmembers, as well as the older ones and the youth to work in Sabbath school, missionary bands, or some active labor for others.

c. To emphasize the importance of a constant reading of the Review and our other periodicals as one of the greatest safeguards against drifting into apostasy.

d. To guard carefully against harsh criticism of the faults of the young people, or those new in the faith.

e. To enroll every church member as a member of the Sabbath school.

WHEREAS, We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "for the salvation of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost;" and

WHEREAS, There has been a tendency in some churches to dismiss quite readily the erring members, or those who for various reasons may not attend regularly, or are out of contact with their local church,

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We recommend, 6. That no name be taken from the church roll until every possible effort has been put forth to save the member; and, in the regular reviews of the church membership lists, a conference worker shall be present for counsel and advice.

7. That when a member moves from one conference or church to another there be careful cooperation between the churches and conferences to arrange promptly for the transfer of the membership.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE:

Recognizing the increasing laxity in moral standards so apparent in the world around us, and the imperative need of the church of Christ to uphold the standards of purity and righteousness in the midst of this prevailing iniquity,

a. We hereby reaffirm our standards on marriage and divorce as published in the "Church Manual," and as adopted in the 1935 Louisville, Kentucky, Autumn Council; and we ask our ministers, our church officers, and our church congregations to carry out faithfully in their practice these Biblically sound standards, showing neither fear, favor, nor partiality in their application, in order that righteousness and purity and uniformity of practice may continue to prevail among God's remnant people.

b. We ask the Minority Committee to give further study to ways and means of properly applying the standards established.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by W.H.Branson.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1937, 9:45 A.M.

In the devotional hour, Monday morning, October 25, Elder F.M.Wilcox spoke on the topic: Revival and Reformation. The experiences of Israel of old were used as lessons for the Israel of today. As the Scribes and Pharisees, though they were praying men and active in missionary endeavor, trusted in

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a religion of works without love, so there is constant danger that we shall trust to our own works and efforts for salvation instead of looking to Christ to be clothed with His righteousness.

Very real and serious dangers threatening the church were pointed out. These dangers are greater from within than from without, and threaten the leaders as well as the laity. Earnest appeal was made to the ministry to exemplify in their own lives the principles taught to others.

True revival by the Spirit of God will not only stir the heart, but will bring about reformation in the life. When the church whole-heartedly responds to God's requirements, we shall see the outpouring of the latter rain for the finishing of the work.

The service was concluded with earnest prayer by Elder J.L. McElhany.

"Take Me as I Am," was sung to open the sixth business session of the Council, at 9:45 Monday morning, October 25. Prayer was offered by V.T. Armstrong, of the Far Eastern Division.

REPORT FROM THE PLANS COMMITTEE:

A partial report from the Plans Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

THANKSGIVING TO GOD:

Not merely because it is customary, but because "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," we, in this Autumn Council of 1937, put on record the gratitude of our hearts for the mercies and blessings of our heavenly Father that have attended our people and our work during the year. We have experienced the loving care of our God on every hand, even in the midst of times of trouble and unrest in all the world, and of war in portions of the field.

We have heard anew of God's faithfulness in delivering His people in times of trial. Doors that seemed swinging shut have been held open still for soul-winning service. It is the hand of God, and we lift up our hearts with joy and give thanks for it. From lands where war has interrupted the work in parts of the field, and where believers and workers have suffered affliction and serious loss, there come words of cheer and of confidence in the over-ruling care of God for His people and His cause. We thank the Lord for this anchor of faith that holds our brethren and sisters steadfast in all the storms of trouble that sweep the world.

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The reports of representatives at this Council tell of harvests of souls being won to Christ in old fields and new. Our hearts thrill with joy at the word that one new language was added every five days in 1936. In the old North American base the reports for the first half of 1937 show apparently the greatest ingathering of souls in any half-year period in our record.

In all lands the times have been increasingly serious. There is distress of nations with perplexity, as our Saviour foretold. But these signs of His soon coming are leading multitudes to give attention to the message of preparation to meet the Lord. We thank God for a message of salvation and hope for this time. We thank Him for brethren and sisters of the advent faith in all lands who have stood by this cause of Christ with their prayers, their personal work for souls, and with the sacrificial giving of their means. God has surely accepted this devotion, and 34,000 new souls were baptized last year, coming in to join us in the work.

For this blessed advent message of salvation, for the grace manifested upon the believers, for progress made, for souls won, for the spirit of liberality poured upon the advent folk, for the spirit of soul-winning service that abounds more and more, and for all the blessings and mercies of the year,-- we thank our heavenly Father, and reconsecrate our lives to Christ and to His glorious cause.

[The remainder of the Report from the Plans Committee are recommendations that came from the Educational Council]

EDUCATIONAL JOURNALS:

WHEREAS, We recognize the need for mediums of expression for two important aspects of our departmental work, namely, the general promotion of the interests of Christian education in the home and in the school; and the professional exchange of information relating to current trends, progressive methods, and interesting accomplishments in the elementary, secondary, and higher fields of education,

We recommend, 1. That the general promotional aspects of Christian education in the home and in the school be accomplished through the medium of the Review and Herald.

2. That a thirty-two page bi-monthly educational journal replacing Home and School be undertaken by the Department of Education of the General Conference to serve the professional interests of our educational workers specifically, and of our denominational workers generally, by the inclusion of such items and discussions as the following:

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- a. General articles setting forth the importance and place of Christian education in the denominational program.
 - b. Articles bearing on the needs of the three fields of education: elementary, secondary, and collegiate.
 - c. Digest of significant current articles from other educational magazines and periodicals.
 - d. Reviews of practical, current professional books.
 - e. Reports of interesting experimental and other kinds of work being carried on in schools and fields around the world;
3. That until the new journal is launched, we vigorously promote Home and School in our fields, and that its publication continue uninterrupted.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD IN DIVISIONS OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA:

WHEREAS, There is need of closer coordination of the various parts of our educational work in the union conferences or missions in our world divisions outside North America,

We recommend, 1. That wherever possible an Educational Board be maintained consisting of the union educational secretary, the educational superintendents of the local fields, the principals of the secondary schools or colleges, the normal director, superintendent of nursing education, and the members of the union committee.

2. That this board have regular times of meeting for the consideration of the educational problems of the union.

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, The curriculum for the elementary schools should be changed from time to time to meet the needs of the field,

We recommend, 1. That a Curriculum Revision Committee of thirteen be appointed to work during a two-year period on this problem.

2. That the members of this committee be named from the Union Educational Secretaries, Normal Directors, and Conference Educational Superintendents, at least one representative to be selected from each union conference.

3. That the purpose of this committee be,

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a. To formulate basic principles for the building of a "core" curriculum which will achieve the objectives of Christian education.

b. To outline the major course requirements, or to prepare a syllabus which will become useful as a guide from which each union conference may build its course of study.

4. That the Department of Education Associate Secretary for Elementary Schools be the chairman of this committee.

5. That the members of this committee be appointed by the secretary of the Department of Education, in counsel with the associate secretaries and the chairman of the Curriculum Revision Committee.

We further recommend, 1. That in each union conference a sub-committee composed of the union educational secretary, normal director, the conference educational superintendents, and such others as they may call, be assigned to work on definite sections of the proposed curriculum.

2. That the assignment of specific problems to the sub-committees be made as early as possible in order that each one may begin its work this autumn, 1937.

BOOKLET ON EVOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The preparation of a first-class textbook in biology involves great expense, and

WHEREAS, Such a textbook if prepared might not receive general acceptance among our schools, and

WHEREAS, Any textbooks available contain more or less objectionable material on evolution, and

WHEREAS, Many teachers are either wholly or partly unprepared to answer questions pertaining to evolution,

We recommend, That our Department of Education of the General Conference make provision for the preparation of a booklet dealing with evolution and discussing disputed questions from the viewpoint of the Bible record of creation and the flood this booklet to be used as a supplement to textbooks in biology.

STANDARDS FOR BIBLE TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, Adequate Bible instruction requires specific and special training in the field of Biblical studies, and

WHEREAS, Such instruction presents peculiar pedagogical problems and calls for a definite type of personal spiritual work,

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We recommend, 1. That, as far as possible, persons shall be chosen as Bible instructors who have had a major in Bible and theology in their college curriculum, and who have had not less than two years' field experience.

2. That Bible instructors be given opportunity to enlarge their fitness to teach by attending the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

WHEREAS, There is great need of Bible teachers, editors, and preachers of thorough scholarship in the Bible, Biblical languages, religious history, and homiletics,

We recommend, 1. That we express our hearty appreciation of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and we hereby pledge to give this new institution our hearty support and cooperation.

2. That there be a careful coordination of the work of our senior colleges and the Theological Seminary so that college graduates who expect to enter the Seminary will have met the entrance requirements.

TRAINING OF BIBLE WORKERS:

WHEREAS, "The plan of holding Bible readings was a heaven born idea," and

WHEREAS, Experience has proven that women can do very effective evangelistic work in giving Bible readings, either in connection with public evangelistic efforts or working alone, and

WHEREAS, There are many earnest Christian women who would gladly prepare for the Bible work if they saw in it the possibilities of a career in soul winning,

We recommend, That our conference leaders in North America give careful study to the need for Bible workers in the field, and cooperate with the General Conference Department of Education in planning for adequate instruction in Bible work in our colleges that will meet the needs of the field.

COORDINATION OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL CURRICULUM:

WHEREAS, It is the general plan for our educational system that students finishing courses in our junior colleges continue their training in a senior college, and

WHEREAS, The present conditions demand of ministers a training such as is afforded in our senior colleges,

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We recommend, That our colleges, in their respective territories, coordinate their courses in Bible and related subjects to enable the junior college student to enter the senior college and continue the proper sequence of courses to the best advantage.

TEACHERS TO VISIT MISSION FIELDS:

WHEREAS, The General Conference has recommended that certain of our college teachers have a sabbatic year's leave of absence, and

WHEREAS, One great purpose of our colleges is to prepare young people for service in the mission field,

We recommend, 1. That we reaffirm a previous action that arrangements be made from time to time, through the General Conference Educational Department and the General Conference Committee, for certain experienced teachers to visit the mission fields, in order that they may obtain a first-hand knowledge of conditions and needs, and also to render such help to the work in the fields visited as may be possible.

2. That such financial arrangements as may be necessary be made between the college and the union conference concerned.

EXCHANGE OF COLLEGE PROFESSORS:

WHEREAS, We believe that an exchange of college professors will increase their efficiency, and also bring to the students the benefits of instruction under different, well-qualified teachers,

We recommend, That in harmony with a previous action of our Department of Education, arrangements be made from time to time through the Department for an exchange of professors between colleges at home or overseas for one or two semesters.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, It so often happens that our church school teachers are left with no means of support during the summer vacations,

We recommend, That our conferences give consideration to the question of summer employment of their church school teachers, endeavoring to formulate definite plans for appropriate employment beginning with the coming summer of 1938.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICE OF ELEMENTARY TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, Continuity of teaching service is recognized as profitable and highly desirable in the work of teachers,

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We recommend, That the local church and school board encourage competent teachers to remain in consecutive years of employment.

PRE-SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTARY TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy tells us that "In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavor to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a Scriptural foundation,"

We recommend, 1. That the education of our children and youth in our own Christian schools be enlarged and strengthened through the united effort and cooperation of the parents and members of the church.

2. That our churches employ the church school teacher one or two weeks before the opening of school for the purpose of visiting every home and gathering all the children into the school, and for the purpose of necessary preparations for the opening of school.

WORKERS' CHILDREN IN OUR OWN SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, We have been instructed that all our children and youth should have the privilege of a Christian education, and

WHEREAS, It is our desire to see this fulfilled as completely as possible, and

WHEREAS, In order to accomplish this we need the cooperation and influence of every worker, both in word and deed,

We recommend, That all conference workers, including teachers, ministers, pastors, and field workers, set an example of confidence in the above instruction by supporting and wherever possible by sending their children to our own schools.

At this point the Council recessed, and a meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the President, J.L. McElhany.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Fred Green, J.H. Nies, and W.B. Mohr were elected trustees of the Company.

The meeting adjourned sine die.

PREFACE

At its 1936 session the General Conference authorized the Minority Committee to study the need for a new church hymnal.

Fifty years ago the General Conference brought out our denominational hymnal, "Hymns and Tunes," and for many years this book has served a useful purpose in the hymnology of the church. At its 1936 session, the General Conference authorized the General Conference Committee to study the need for a new church hymnal. Other books, as "Christ in Song," "Gospel in Song," etc. have been brought out to meet the need of a wider range of suitable music for the church, Sabbath school, and young people's meetings. But from far and near the need of a new hymnal, which would include more songs of the advent faith, as well as songs suited more especially for Sabbath schools and young people's meetings, has been urged.

At its 1936 session the General Conference authorized the General Conference Committee to study the need for a new church hymnal. The Autumn Council of that year held in Fort Worth recommended that a new church hymnal be prepared, and the Council appointed a small committee to begin the preparation of the manuscript. Later, at Washington, D.C., this committee was enlarged to twenty, with instruction to select suitable hymns, edit both words and music, and bring into being a new hymnal. The committee was instructed to use care and discrimination in the selection of the numbers made, and it was agreed that the total number of hymns should be somewhat less than in "Hymns and Tunes."

The committee has selected many of the best hymns available. Many are old standard and familiar hymns. About thirty new hymns now before printed have been contributed by our Seventhday Adventist musicians. The plan has been followed of setting the words within the bars of the music. The music editors have sometimes transposed the key in order that more may join in the singing.

Responsive Scriptural readings have been provided, so that this may be a part of the public worship where desired. A few choir pieces are included, as well as some of the Advent hymns that were sung before 1844. Topical and first-line indexes will aid in selecting hymns on particular themes.

It is the General Conference plan that this hymnal shall replace "Hymns and Tunes" and "Christ in Song" in our public services. We believe it is the best compilation of songs ever prepared for the use of our S D A churches. The work has been done by men who live and breathe the advent spirit, who have sought to preserve for the church uplifting and inspiring songs and hymns of worship that will deepen the spiritual appreciation and experience of all our believers who use the book, and who have endeavored also to retain those hymns which embody some of the distinctive doctrinal features of the Advent Movement. There is much in modern religious music that partakes of the popular ~~rhythem~~ rhythm of the times, which it is felt does not contribute to the deepening of a real devotional spirit of worship. An earnest effort has been made not to use songs of this type.

We acknowledge with gratitude the splendid and self-sacrificing service rendered by the small group of editors in their work of selecting hymns, arranging and planning the hymnal and reading the proofs. We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of new hymns and tunes by the authors. We express our thanks to all who have labored earnestly to bring out this hymnal. We trust it will be widely received and used by our churches and that it will contribute much to the spiritual worship of God in our public services.

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A meeting of the Oakwood Junior College constituency was called by J.K.Jones, the Chairman. The annual report was rendered by J.L.Moran, the secretary, and the balance sheet for the year ending May 24, 1937, along with the auditor's statement, was submitted by Owen Troy, the treasurer. These being accepted, the meeting adjourned sine die.

CHURCH HYMNAL:

On resuming the business of the Council, the Chairman called for the report of a committee that had been appointed to give study to the question of a new church hymnal. The report of this committee was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That a new church hymnal be produced, not to exceed 700 pages in size, and that the words of the hymns be set within the bars of the music.

In presenting their report, the hymn book committee asked for an expression of opinion as to the character of songs to be included in the new book. Quite a number expressed themselves as in favor of the old majestic hymns that breathe a spirit of reverence and worship, that were used by the church in earlier years, before the introduction of the more modern evangelistic songs. Others felt that some of the modern songs have their use also, especially in connection with evangelistic efforts, and that they should not be discarded altogether. The suggestion was made that it might be difficult to hold to the idea of one hymnal for use on all occasions,--the church service, Sabbath school, young people's meetings and evangelistic efforts.

J.L.McElhany pointed out that the committee on the question of a new hymnal had now discharged its responsibility, and that it would be necessary either to appoint a new committee or make some other provision for carrying out the recommendation adopted.

On motion from the floor, it was

VOTED, That the matter be now referred to the Minority Committee, with authorization to carry out the recommendation that a new hymnal be produced.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That David Voth, Frank W.Peterson, W.P.Elliott, W.H.Holden, W.M.Robbins, H.G.Childs, H.J.Detwiler and W.H.Heckman be appointed to serve with the General Conference officers and the other union conference presidents as an Auditing Committee, to audit the accounts of General Conference workers.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORD:

D.D.Rees made a brief report of the activities of the Christian Record and Benevolent Association, which showed that the work for the blind is being carried forward in a strong way from the new Christian Record building in College View, Nebraska.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by W.E.Howell.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1937, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional hour Tuesday morning, October 26, was led by L.H.Christian, who spoke on the topic: "A Shepherd-Minded Ministry and Leadership." Amplified, it means a pastoral leadership, a love for our church members, an earnest yearning for their salvation. The apostle Paul understood the meaning of such a ministry. (See II Corinthians 11:28,29.) Paul was interested in the doctrines, but he did not forget the church. Above all else stood forth that thought "the care of all the churches."

Elder Christian pointed out that it is even more difficult now than years ago to carry on this type of leadership. When the older minister visited the church there was no program of promotion and very little raising of money. There is danger today that amid all these things we forget the work of the shepherd, of caring for the flock of Christ.

What I am trying to make plain, Elder Christian continued is that we must adapt ourselves in our labor of love; we must understand the people and meet them where they are. What does this problem involve? Last year we baptized over four thousand members. These people come to us, but they are not saved when they are baptized. Our work is not finished when they are written on the church roll.

We, as ministers, need to get on our hearts the salvation of our people. One of the most beautiful things among our people is the love they have for the ministry. This must be built on confidence. We cannot help the members unless they trust us. A shepherd ministry is built on confidence and grounded in love.

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After the opening song for the seventh business session of the Council, at 9:45 Tuesday morning, October 26, Elder A. Minck, president of Section I of the Central European Division, led in prayer.

PRIVATE SOLICITATION OF MISSION FUNDS:

W.E.Nelson, the treasurer, referred to a situation that has been developing through the years, of our people in the home churches sending money direct to missionaries in the field with whom they may be acquainted, or who have solicited them in behalf of some special field or project, and of the danger through the growth of this practice, of a breakdown in the regular systematic support of our missionary enterprise. The General Conference officers, feeling great concern over the situation, submitted the following statement, which was unanimously adopted:

We learn, with considerable concern, that a practice is growing among some of our brethren and sisters in the homeland of sending mission offerings direct to certain missionaries in the field rather than giving their funds to help in the regular mission program as carried on by the denominational organization.

Sometimes these gifts are sent as the result of personal solicitation on the part of missionaries overseas, and at other times they are sent because of a desire on the part of the giver to form a vital contact with a particular field and to know exactly what his offerings are accomplishing. Often these direct gifts are made upon the mistaken supposition that the party to whom they are sent is better qualified to decide how and where such funds should be spent than are the men who are held responsible by the denomination for the equal distribution of mission funds among the various fields. We appreciate the love of these brethren for missions, but we feel sure that their method of rendering help is wrong.

We believe that the following considerations will lead thoughtful Seventh-day Adventists to realize the extreme dangers involved in such a plan of financing our world mission program:

1. If all our people sent their gifts direct to some missionary friend, it would mean that those workers from overseas who had a wide acquaintance in the homelands and who were able to make a strong appeal to our home churches would be liberally supported in their program, while equally worthy and capable workers, who were not so well known, would have little or nothing with which to work.

We are acquainted with certain missionaries of other denominations whose work is thus supported and have witnessed the evils of such a plan. The worker who takes frequent furloughs; who can make the strongest appeal in the home churches; who has the most appealing personality and the widest circle of friends,

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receives thousands of dollars for the support of himself and the work of his mission; while some of his brethren, members of the same organization, but who have fewer contacts with the home churches, are forced to skimp along with only a pittance or even leave the field for lack of support.

It often happens also that for certain reasons it becomes necessary to shift workers from one section of the field to another; men do not continue permanently in one locality. Now where the work has been built up and native laborers employed beyond regular budget provision by the use of private funds received by the missionary in charge of a given district, and where for some reason this particular missionary is moved to a new location, his successor finds it impossible to maintain the work on the standard set up by his predecessor unless he too begins to solicit special donations from his friends in the home churches.

2. When funds are sent direct to some missionary in the field, either for his own use or to be redistributed by him to others in the field, this lays upon the individual receiving the money the full responsibility of deciding how such funds shall be disbursed and spent. He is under no obligation to counsel with his co-laborers in the field, nor is he guided by responsible committees whose duty it is to see that equal support is provided for all our workers and stations. Such a plan of finance would make every missionary a separate and independent unit, and would remove from him the counsel and cooperation of his associates within the field that is so important a factor in the prosecution of our work.

3. Funds sent to our missionaries through the regular channels provided by the denomination, are audited and checked by competent men appointed to do that work. The books of each division office are audited by a General Conference auditor. The division, in turn, arranges for an annual audit of all funds passed on through the union and local field offices to the missionaries on the local stations. Not a penny is lost sight of. An annual report is made as to the use of the funds that our people have provided. Thus the General Conference is able to trace every dollar from its original source, right through to the station where it is spent in support of our work and workers.

This, however, is not true of money sent direct to individual missionaries. Their accounts are not audited. While we make no imputation of dishonesty on the part of any, yet we feel we should call the attention of our people to the extreme weakness of such a plan. No one but the missionaries know how the funds are expended. They are the sole judges as to what use shall be made of the money sent them. They are responsible to no one in the matter. No reports are made by them to responsible committees of the receipt or use of such funds. And temptation is thus often placed before them to expend money thus received in ways that are not approved by those whom the church

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has made responsible for the general oversight of the work in the respective fields.

Seventh-day Adventists have a message for all people. Our orders are to "go into all the world." Wherever human beings live our representatives must be sent to proclaim the Advent message. Such a gigantic task can be carried on by a small people only by the guidance of the Spirit of God and complete coordination of effort on the part of the entire church membership.

Already we are carrying on mission work in over three hundred fifty countries and island fields, and thousands of missionaries and indigenous workers are located in these fields and are giving their lives in an effort to proclaim the truth to those about them. Now it is the duty of the church to see that equal support is provided for our workers in all lands, and on all stations. It is neither right nor fair that some should be supported more liberally than others. One family sent out by the church is just as worthy of support as any other family. One man may be fortunately situated in a field where converts are made with comparatively little effort, while another, through no choice of his own, may be sent to a very difficult field where results are hard to obtain. These men may both possess equal ability, but the one will soon be able to send home glowing reports of marvelous achievements which reports greatly stir our hearts, whereas the other worker must labor on for years with little to encourage him except the knowledge that he has been sent of God and is doing his level best.

In God's sight these men are on an equal footing, They are both doing His service. One is as faithful as the other. But human nature will, if given rein, lead individuals to rally to the support of the one who is able to report large gains and to neglect the other who is struggling against odds of which his more favorably situated brother knows nothing. Sometimes some one is heard to say: "I want my money to go directly to the places where things are being accomplished and where so many are coming into the truth." But such forget that the work cannot be finished in these favorable places until it is likewise finished in all the hard and difficult fields of earth.

The reason Seventh-day Adventists have been so successful in carrying on a world work in the past is the fact that they have held together on a definite world mission program. There has been perfect coordination of effort. Our funds have been sent to a common treasury, and men of wide experience with a world outlook have endeavored to make an equitable distribution of funds to all fields. When funds have been plentiful all fields have shared in the blessing. When they have been short all have shared in the shortage. In that sense we, like the apostles, have had all things in common. There have been none who lacked while their brethren had plenty. And God has blessed this plan until it has become an object of admiration and wonder among those not of our faith.

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We are sure that these considerations will lead all our people who may read these lines to feel that they should continue to cooperate with the General Conference Mission Board in carrying on a unified mission program, and that all efforts to divert funds into private channels should be discouraged. This is the plan ordained of God, as is witnessed in the experience of the early church when the entire membership joined hands in an effort to support those who gave themselves to the proclamation of the gospel:

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Acts 4:32-35.

WORK OF THE AUDITORS:

The following recommendations concerning the work of the auditors, also coming from the General Conference officers, were adopted:

WHEREAS, The By-laws of the General Conference and the policies and procedure of the Auditing Department, make provision for the auditing of accounts of the various organizations of our work in all parts of the world field; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the General Conference be acquainted with the resources, liabilities and expenditures of all such organizations,

We recommend, That the following clauses be added to the policies and procedure of the Auditing Department, as acted upon in 1932:

That the General Conference auditors have access not only to the division books and vouchers, but also, where deemed necessary, and in collaboration with the division auditor, or the union auditor, to the books and vouchers of any union, local conference, mission field, or any institution within the division territory.

We further recommend, That the same arrangement obtain in the case of the division auditor and also of the union auditor, in relation to the respective fields and institutions under their care.

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REPORT FROM PLANS COMMITTEE:

The Plans Committee submitted a further partial report, which, after being amended, was adopted as follows:

MEDICAL TRAINING FOR NONCOMBATANT SERVICE:

WHEREAS, Seventh-day Adventists throughout their history have repeatedly declared their stand upon participation in way to be that of noncombatancy; and

WHEREAS, There are definite forms of noncombatant service by which we may give loyal support to our country in time of war, such as medical service, relief of the needy, especially soldiers' families, and other lines of welfare work, food production, and vocational work,

We recommend, 1. That our colleges and junior colleges in the United States, including the College of Medical Evangelists, take steps to provide the facilities and leadership for a one-year course of noncombatant medical training, with one semester hour of credit, and that when these institutions have adequate facilities they give consideration to a second year of such training.

2. That the General Conference Department of Education in counsel with the leadership of the schools where these activities are found, lead out in developing a specific syllabus for guidance in the administering of this medical training for noncombatant service.

3. That in the classes where these courses are given the principles of noncombatancy, as set forth in the life and teachings of Christ, be carefully studied, special emphasis being given to observance of the Sabbath in times of war.

4. That if uniforms are used they shall be of our own design and approved by the Educational Department, and shall be worn by both the instructor and the students.

OBSERVANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEKS:

WHEREAS, Much can be done to prevent fires in our denomination/institutions and properties, and

WHEREAS, The governments of the United States and Canada have seen fit to issue proclamations establishing two National Fire Prevention Weeks, one in the spring and the other in the autumn of each year, and

WHEREAS, Facts and statistics prove that where these weeks are observed, fire losses have been greatly reduced,

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We recommend, That "National Fire Prevention Weeks" be observed by appropriate educational and publicity programs, and by thorough inspections of all our North American denominational properties.

SOCIETY OF MISSIONARY MEN:

WHEREAS, There is a growing conviction that the men in our churches should be more closely brought together in fellowship and social contact as well as in missionary endeavor, and believing that such a plan would give direction and strength to our lay preaching work as well as the other lines of helpful service which an organized body of men might render to the church and the community;

We recommend, 1. That in our churches where there is an interested group of consecrated Seventh-day Adventist men, there be organized a "Society of Missionary Men."

2. That in its relationship to the church and the general missionary activities of the church, the work of the Society of Missionary Men is to be cooperative and supplementary, each member holding the same relationship to the church and its missionary program as any other regular church member.

3. That the Home Missionary Department be asked to promote the organization of these societies and give direction to their work, according to the general plans and policies as are approved by the General Conference Committee.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, There are many subtle influences undermining and weakening the ideals of the founders of the American Republic, and seeking to nullify and override the constitutional guaranties of civil and religious liberty; therefore,

Resolved, That the Religious Liberty Association of America, which stands for the complete separation of church and state, for the free exercise of the conscience of the individual in all religious matters, for the freedom of the press, of speech, of petition, and of assembly, for the equality of all religions before the law, for the equal protection of all men before the bar of justice, and for an equal opportunity to obtain property rights, redouble its efforts in defending these fundamental principles of constitutional government so all men and all religions may enjoy the same privileges and liberties before the law. The Religious Liberty Association reaffirms its objectives to keep the church and the state separate; to prevent church organizations from securing financial help from the state treasury; to frustrate all efforts of religious organizations to secure the enactment by the state of religious legislation; and, above all, to maintain and preserve the inalienable rights of all men as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

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GROUP HOSPITALIZATION PLANS:

WHEREAS, The Group Hospitalization plan for the cost of hospital care as approved by the American Hospital Association, is being nationally adopted, and non-profit Hospital Service Associations are being organized in the territories adjacent to many of our Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, There is a benefit to our sanitariums and hospitals as participating members of such Hospital Service Associations, and also to our staff members; therefore,

Resolved, That we do not look with disfavor on our institutions becoming participating members of Group Hospitalization Plans, provided it is found after thorough study that the individual sanitarium and hospital can adapt itself to the regulations of the Hospital Service Association, and that the hospitalization plan is adaptable to the work of the sanitarium and hospital.

EFFICIENCY COMMISSION MEETINGS:

WHEREAS, It is felt that meetings of sanitarium leaders to study fundamental principles underlying the medical work, devotional topics, and means of strengthening and unifying the work in all departments of our sanitariums are of great benefit,

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Medical Department be requested to sponsor a continuance of meetings of the Eastern and Western Efficiency Commissions to meet not more frequently than every two years, with the understanding that alternate meetings be combined.

2. That the Eastern Commission meet in Washington, D.C. and the Western in Los Angeles, the dates to be arranged by the Medical Department in consultation with the assistant secretaries of the department for the institutions in Eastern and Western United States, and authorized by the General Conference Committee.

3. That the Commission be composed of the chairman of the board, medical superintendent, the business manager, and the superintendent of nurses from each institution, and the union medical secretaries when they are not included in the above group.

4. That the Eastern Division include all the sanitariums east of the Mississippi River, and the Western all the sanitariums west of the Mississippi River.

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5. That the officers be elected by the members at the time of the regular meeting, and that for the next proposed meeting Dr. H.W.Vollmer act as chairman of the meeting on the West Coast, and Dr. W.A.Ruble as chairman of the meeting on the East Coast, and that T.F.Culhane and E.L.Place be asked to act as secretaries for the Western and Eastern meetings respectively.

6. That the expense of such meetings be pooled and prorated to the various institutions according to their representation.

POSTGRADUATE SURVEY:

WHEREAS, There is great need for developing and utilizing postgraduate facilities in our own ranks for the advantage of both physicians and supervisors,

We recommend, 1. That a committee of three, suggesting Doctors Walton, Coyne and Pratt, make a survey of our denominational institutions to determine the potentialities and available opportunities for postgraduate work for our physicians.

2. That a survey of our institutions be made by the General Conference Medical Department to determine which institutions are best prepared and equipped for giving special opportunities for advanced work to nursing supervisors, in operating room technique, hydrotherapy and massage, and other specialities, and that following this survey plans be laid for the development of such postgraduate courses.

GROUP PICTURE AND SANITARIUM FOLDER:

WHEREAS, We are losing the advantage of effective co-operative advertising through the medium of our sanitarium patients, and in an endeavor to greatly extend the influence of our sisterhood of sanitariums around the world,

We recommend, 1. That favorable consideration be given to the making of a group picture of all our sanitariums the world over, and the printing of an illustrated folder, similar to the one used at the Chicago World's Fair, setting forth the work of all our sanitariums, the pictures to be displayed in each sanitarium and the literature to be placed in racks in each institution.

2. That the General Conference Medical Department sponsor this undertaking in counsel with the Executive Committee and the Sanitarium group.

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STANDARDS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY:

WHEREAS, There is great need of elevating and maintaining a high level of professional efficiency in our sanitarium treatment work, and high standards pertaining to Physical Therapy, especially hydrotherapy and massage,

We recommend, To the boards of our institutions,

1. That each institution qualify at least one member of its nursing staff to meet the requirements of the American Medical Association as Physical Therapy technicians, the same to be supervisor of the hydrotherapy and physical therapy departments.

2. That sanitarium boards give consideration to the securing of a physician and nurse highly skilled in Physical Therapy and its technique, especially hydrotherapy and massage, to spend one or more months in each institution to conduct classes and demonstrations in Physical Therapy for the benefit of the medical staff and supervisors, and that the General Conference Medical Department be asked to assist in securing individuals qualified for this work, the expense of the same to be prorated among the institutions benefitted by this service, and that the prorating of expense be based upon the time spent in the institution.

COURSES FOR GRADUATE NURSES:

WHEREAS, During the past several years, and by Autumn Council authorization, advanced courses for graduates nurses have been conducted in the summer sessions of both Washington Missionary College and Pacific Union College,

We recommend, That permanent permission be granted both of these institutions to continue the work that has proved so profitable in developing leaders and teachers in nursing, and that for purposes of promotion the Mississippi River be considered the geographical division for the eastern and western school territory.

We further recommend, That the courses for the summer sessions be developed in cooperation with the General Conference Medical Department.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee submitted a partial report, which was amended, and adopted as follows:

DEBT CONTROL AND LIQUIDATION:

WHEREAS, The incurring of indebtedness by any organization, whether conference, mission, institution, or church,

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affects very definitely, though sometimes indirectly, the entire denominational organization;

Resolved, 1. That we reaffirm the principles of working toward no denominational indebtedness as set forth in resolutions and actions formerly voted by the General Conference, and that no financial obligations be incurred in the operation of any denominational organization, all work being carried strictly on a cash budget basis.

2. That in all our denominational organizations throughout the world, including the General Conference, divisions, union and local conferences, and missions, all operations be promoted on available funds, and that no further debts be incurred except in emergency situations as provided for in this series of resolutions. That in all our institutions, embracing publishing houses, schools, and sanitariums, the work be carried on with available funds, so that there shall be no increase of indebtedness.

3. That when the controlling board of an institution or organization desires to enlarge or improve its properties and increase the facilities for carrying on its work, this shall be done without incurring indebtedness.

4. That in building projects in self-supporting union conferences in North America where the cost does not exceed \$5,000, approval shall be given by the union conference committee; in all other divisions where the cost does not exceed \$5,000, approval shall be given by the union and division committees, before building operations are begun or preliminary arrangements involving financial commitments are made for such buildings.

5. That in building projects where the cost exceeds \$5,000, approval shall be obtained from the General Conference Committee before construction is begun or financial commitments are entered into.

6. That no conference, mission, or institution shall borrow money for the purpose of reinvestment or loan to individuals; neither shall it make loans from its own funds to employees or other individuals. This provision does not apply to specific loan funds, such as student aid funds.

7. That no conference, mission or institution shall borrow money to reloan to churches, and no church shall borrow money for church building or church expense except as hereinafter provided.

8. That churches contemplating either purchasing or erecting church buildings, be cautioned not to undertake obligations which the church cannot easily carry, the local and

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union committees giving careful counsel, after studying the size of the congregation, its financial strength, and the location of the church.

9. That in the purchase and building of church properties, in no case should building operations be started until 75 per cent of the entire cost is in hand in cash; that provision satisfactory to the General Conference or division committee for securing the remaining 25 per cent be made before work is begun on such construction, and that work proceed and obligations be incurred only as funds are available. And, further that a project contemplating the expenditure of \$25,000 or more be recognized as a special problem involving wider counsel with local, union, division and General Conference Committees as to the percentage of funds above 75 per cent that should be in hand before building operations are begun or obligations incurred. In fields where it may be possible to occupy small church buildings before they are completed, permission may be given by the division committee to proceed with the construction as funds are available.

10. That churches be not dedicated until they are free from indebtedness.

11. That under unforeseen emergency conditions where it may seem imperative that some funds be borrowed in order to preserve or protect existing properties and interests, such loans be secured only after approval as follows:

a. A union conference may borrow or authorize the borrowing of amounts not exceeding \$1,000 or its equivalent in local currency within a calendar year upon approval of the union conference committee. For amounts exceeding \$1,000, approval by the division or General Conference Committees must be obtained.

b. A union mission may not borrow or authorize the borrowing of money without the approval of the division or General Conference Committees.

c. An institution not coming directly under the supervision of a union conference or union mission may borrow or authorize the borrowing of amounts not exceeding \$1,000 in a year, upon approval of the board of trustees of the institution. Amounts exceeding \$1,000 must have the approval of the division or General Conference Committee.

d. It is understood that division fields may neither borrow nor authorize the borrowing of emergency amounts exceeding \$5,000 in the aggregate for all of their organizations within a calendar year without the approval of the General Conference Committee.

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12. That at the completion of a building project, or at the end of each year during which it is under construction, a report be made of the building and land cost and financial standing of the project, to the treasurer of the division in which it is located; and that for projects receiving aid from the Church Extension or other special fund, the division treasurer file a copy of such report with the treasurer of the General Conference.

13. That leaders who show inability to operate the work in harmony with our established financial policies be not permitted to continue in executive leadership.

WHEREAS, For many years it has been the denominational policy to carry on all foreign mission work on a strictly cash basis; and

WHEREAS, The incurring of debt in mission fields imperils the future of our world mission program and places a heavy burden of interest payments upon the fields, which handicaps the progress of their work; and

WHEREAS, During recent years there has been considerable departure from this cash policy in a number of fields, and debts have been incurred by the borrowing of money for the erection of buildings and the purchase of equipment, as well as for the operation of the work above the provisions of the regular budget; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That mission fields having incurred indebtedness be required to adopt a definite policy of debt liquidation, this to become operative from January 1, 1938.

2. That not less than ten per cent of the entire present indebtedness of any given division and its subsidiary organizations be liquidated each year.

3. That as far as possible, funds be raised within the respective divisions with which to liquidate the indebtedness; but where such funds are not sufficient, the balance be made up from regular budget receipts other than tithe; and that where the indebtedness is exceptionally large, the question be made a matter for special consideration by the division committee in counsel with the General Conference.

4. That in fields other than mission territories, where indebtedness has been incurred in conference or institutional work, not less than ten per cent of such indebtedness be liquidated each year beginning with January 1, 1938; and that where the indebtedness is exceptionally large, the question be made a matter for special consideration by the division committee in counsel with the General Conference.

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5. That in fields where debt-paying comeback funds are provided, these moneys be carefully safeguarded for this purpose and applied fully on debt reduction.

6. That at each Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee, division officers and the presidents of union and local conferences in North America report regarding plans for the reduction of indebtedness in their fields, the methods adopted to this end, and the progress made in the effort. Furthermore, that at the annual division councils, union conference and union mission officers in division fields make similar reports of progress in debt reduction.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE SUSTENTATION FUND:

1. That the schedule of sustentation rates be revised so as to provide that three-fourths of the amount paid to a married couple may be paid to single workers as well as to widows and widowers.

2. That paragraphs 41, 43, and 73 of the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund be revised to read as follows, the added words being in parentheses:

Paragraph 41. Conferences or institutions shall care for a disabled employee for a period of six months on full salary after he has become incapacitated and ceased active work before such worker will be admitted to the Sustentation Fund, this six months to be considered a part of the worker's service period. If the worker is placed on the Sustentation Fund, the employing organization shall contribute to the Sustentation Fund an amount equivalent to the sustentation allowance (including medical allowance) of the beneficiary for a further period of six months. The following are exceptions to this general regulation:

Paragraph 43. Applicants for sustentation who have reached the age of fifty years and who have given not less than twenty-five years' service to the cause and whose disability is considered permanent, may be placed on the Sustentation Fund without the employing organization's having to continue salary for the usual six months; but the conference or institution last employing the worker shall supplement the sustentation allowance (exclusive of medical allowance) to full salary for a period of six months, and shall in addition thereto contribute to the Sustentation Fund an amount equivalent to the sustentation allowance (including medical allowance) of the beneficiary for a further period of six months.

Paragraph 73. No sustentation beneficiary shall be considered eligible for retention on the fund who shall receive a subsidy which when added to his sustentation allowance (exclusive of medical allowance) will make a combined amount

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exceeding 80 per cent of the prevailing average rate of the same class of workers when regularly employed, etc.

3. In order to clarify the meaning of paragraph 34, it be made to read as follows:

A worker's eligibility to sustentation assistance will not be affected when he for some very special reason other than personal gain finds it necessary to drop his work for a limited time, such discontinuance being by agreement with and the consent of the organization employing him, and having been occasioned by sickness, further training for service -- provided he reenters the organized work immediately upon its completion -- or for other causes considered valid by the local and union conferences concerned, and by the Sustentation Committee if later he should make application for assistance from the fund, it being understood that only the number of years of actual denominational service will be considered the basis for determining his sustentation rate.

4. That in order to clarify the meaning of paragraph 52, it be made to read as follows:

In the application of the fifteen year minimum continuous service provision for sustentation assistance, it is understood that special duty nurses in our sanitariums who are constantly on call and who put in as much as three-quarters time in actual work for the institution, are considered eligible for assistance, provided the regular sustentation percentage has been paid on the wage lists, it being understood that three-quarters or more employed time in any one year shall constitute a year of service in the computation of sustentation allowance. Other part-time employees of our institutions who hold themselves subject to call, and on whose wage the percentage for sustentation has been paid by the institutions employing them, are entitled to the same consideration under the sustentation plan, it being understood that the service period will be computed on the actual time of labor.

5. That the following be added to the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund:

a. The marriage of a lady worker to a worker of another division does not release her home division from responsibility for her support as a widow if because of service in her own division or in a division to which she may have been sent she is eligible to sustentation benefits, it being understood that not only her own service but also the service of her husband in which she has shared shall be considered in determining her eligibility and her sustentation rate.

b. A woman who withdraws from the organized work in order to marry shall not be considered eligible for assistance from the fund in case of becoming a widow unless she has

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twenty or more years of service to her credit prior to marriage. In case she has less than twenty years of service and reenters the work after marriage, the provisions of the policy as stated in paragraphs 35, 36 and 37 shall apply.

c. A woman who is a beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund, and who loses her eligibility to the benefits of the fund upon marriage, as provided in paragraph 63, may be considered eligible for reinstatement if she should become a widow provided she has had at least twenty years of service to her credit at the time of marriage or had passed the age of fifty years at the time of marriage.

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1938:

Resolved, 1. That in fixing exchange rates, we recognize only bank or official exchange quotations.

2. That the fixed rates of exchange for the year 1938 be as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate 1937</u>	<u>Recommended 1938</u>
Australasia	Australian pound	\$4.00	\$4.00
CENTRAL EUROPE			
Germany	Reichsmark	.2857	.2857
Austria	shilling	.1869	.1869
Bulgaria	leva	.01204	.01204
Czechoslovakia	kroner	.04166	.04
Egypt	Egyptian pound	5.00	5.00
Greece	drachma	.00943	.0092
Holland	guilder	.55	.55
Hungary	pengo	.2915	.20
Iran	rials	.0641	.0641
Iraq	dinar	4.87	4.87
Java & N.E.I.	guilder	.55	.55
Palestine	Palestine pound	4.87	4.87
Syria	Syrian L (20 ffr.)	.934	.79
Tanganyika	shilling	.2436	.2435
Turkey	Turkish pound	.80	.80
CHINA			
China	Mex. dollar	.33-1/3	.32
Manchukuo	yen	.33-1/3	.32
FAR EAST			
Borneo	sarawak	.57	.57
French Indo-China	piaster	.4667	.395
Japan & Korea	yen	.33-1/3	.32
Philippines	peso	.50	.50
Siam	tical	.45	.45
Straits Settlements	Singapore dollar	.57	.57

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INTER AMERICA			
British Islands	pound	4.87	4.87
British Honduras	dollar	1.00	1.00
British Guiana	pound	4.87	4.87
Colombia	peso	.65	.60
Costa Rica	colon	.19	.19
Cuba	peso	1.00	1.00
Curacao	florin	.55	.55
French West Indies	franc	.0467	.0395
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00	1.00
Haiti	gourde	.20	.20
Mexico	peso	.33-1/3	.30
Nicaragua	cordoba	1.00	.60
Panama	balboa	1.00	1.00
Porto Rico	peso	1.00	1.00
Salvador	colon	.45	.40
Santo Domingo	peso	1.00	1.00
Spanish Honduras	lempira	.50	.50
Venezuela	bolivar	.193	.30
NORTHERN EUROPE			
British Isles	pound	4.87	4.87
Cameroons	franc	.0467	.0395
Denmark	krone (22.40 to £)	.217	.217
Estonia	krone (18 to £)	.27 *	.27
Ethiopia	lira (92.53 to £)	.05265	.05265
Finland	markka (226 to £)	.02155	.02155
Gold Coast	pound	4.87	4.87
Kenya	pound	4.87	4.87
Latvia	lat (25.22 to £)	.193	.193
Liberia	pound	4.87	4.87
Lithuania	lit (29 to £)	.161	.161
Nigeria	pound	4.87	4.87
Norway	krone (20 to £)	.24	.24
Poland	zloty (26 to £)	.1122	.1873
Sierra Leone	pound	4.87	4.87
Sweden	krone (19.50 to £)	.2497	.2497
Uganda	pound	4.87	4.87
SOUTH AMERICA			
Argentina	peso	.33-1/3	.33-1/3
Bolivia	boliviano	.15	.05
Brazil	milreis	.08	.075
Chile	peso	.07	.05
Ecuador	sucre	.15	.10
Peru	sol	.28	.28
Uruguay	peso	.70	.65

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate 1937</u>	<u>Recommended 1938</u>
SOUTHERN AFRICA			
Angola	angolare	.0442	.0442
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.0339	.0339
No. Rhodesia	pound	4.87	4.87
Nyasaland	pound	4.87	4.87
So. African Union	pound	4.87	4.87
So. Rhodesia	pound	4.87	4.87
SOUTHERN ASIA			
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.3636	.3636
SOUTHERN EUROPE			
Belgium	Belgian franc	.0339	.0339
France	franc	.0467	.0395
Italy	lira	.05265	.05265
Jugoslavia	dinar	.0177	.0215
Mauritius	rupee	.3636	.3636
Portugal	escuda	.0442	.0450
Rumania	leu	.006	.0075
Spain	peseta	.13	.08
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.23	.23

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That provision be made for 82 ministerial internships in the North American Division for the year 1938, and that the allotment be as follows:

1. That 62 internships be assigned to the several union conferences as follows:

Atlantic Union	7	
Canadian Union	5	
Central Union	5	
Columbia Union	9	
Lake Union	7	
Northern Union	4	
North Pacific	6	
Pacific Union	11	
Southern Union	4	
Southwestern	4	62

2. That ten colored internships be apportioned to the various union conferences as follows:

Atlantic Union	1
Central Union	1
Columbia Union	1
Lake Union	1
Pacific Union	1
Southern Union	3
Southwestern	2

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3. That ten internships be assigned to the Bureau of Home Missions for distribution in counsel with the various union conferences.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN CHINA:

WHEREAS, The Minority Committee referred to this Autumn Council the question of formulating a plan for financing medical education in the China Division; and

WHEREAS, The present conditions in China make it impossible at this time to make any definite plans for medical education in that country;

We recommend, That the question of formulating a plan for financing medical education in the China Division be referred back to the Minority Committee for study and report to the next Biennial Council.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M. Closing prayer by H.H.Cobban.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1937, 7:30 P. M.

The eighth session of the Council convened at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, October 26. M. A. Hollister read the 46th Psalm, and prayer was offered by E. E. Andross.

TEMPERANCE QUARTERLY:

At the Spring Meeting of the Committee there was some discussion of the issuance of a Temperance Quarterly, and a committee was appointed to give study to the question, and to report to this Autumn Council. It was

VOTED, To adopt the recommendation of this committee, that the question of the publication of a Temperance Quarterly be referred to the Minority Committee for further study to determine the question of its character, and nature of its make-up, the place of publication, costs, editorship, et cetera.

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REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A further report from the Finance Committee was submitted and adopted as follows:

HINSDALE SANITARIUM REQUEST RE. SUSTENTATION:

WHEREAS, The Hinsdale Sanitarium has made request that the plan which was adopted at the time of the last General Conference session for its employees to become eligible for sustentation benefits be amplified, and;

WHEREAS, More study should be given to this matter than is possible at this meeting;

We recommend, That the request of the Hinsdale Sanitarium be referred to the General Conference Executive Committee.

ANNUAL OFFERING FOR 1937:

WHEREAS, A great catastrophe has come to our mission work in China involving the loss of self-support of many foreign and national workers and the destruction of mission property and the personal effects of our workers;

We recommend, 1. That the annual offering for 1937 be devoted to the meeting of this emergency to our work in China.

2. That we make a special effort to greatly increase this offering, setting as our goal for it the sum of \$225,000.

3. That this offering apply on the Forty-cent-a-Week Fund.

4. That the comeback be released on all funds received in this offering above the average of the annual offerings for the past three years, the amount being \$27,108.00.

BUILDING PROGRAM AT OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE:

We recommend, That approval be given to the plan submitted for financing an additional building at the Oakwood Junior College, the funds to be provided as follows:

The Negro constituency to raise	\$10,000
The General Conference	10,000
The North American Unions to provide	
\$10,000 as follows:	

Southern Union	1,750
Columbia Union	1,500
Pacific Union	1,125
Atlantic Union	1,125
Lake Union	1,000
Central Union	1,000
Southwestern Union	1,000
North Pacific Union	500
Northern Union	500
Canadian Union	500

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We recommend, That all funds be in hand by September 1, 1938, and that no building be started until the required amount of money is in hand.

HARVEST INGATHERING BASIC GOALS FOR 1938:

We recommend, That the Harvest Ingathering basic goals for 1938 be as follows:

Atlantic Union	\$85,000
Canadian Union	35,000
Central Union	46,000
Columbia Union	,105,000
Lake Union	80,000
North Pacific Union	68,000
Northern Union	39,000
Pacific Union	155,000
Southern Union	65,735
Southwestern Union	35,000
	<u>\$713,735</u>

HELP FOR STUDENTS AT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

WHEREAS, The last Autumn Council recommended that conferences and institutions cooperate in a financial way in making provision for workers to study at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, The rent and board at the school, together with textbooks, local transportation, etc., will of necessity make considerable addition to the workers' expense:

We recommend, That these extra costs be paid by the workers sent, and that the conference or institution continue their salary, pay the matriculation fee, and allow the traveling expense to and from the school, with the understanding that the General Conference continue to share in the travelling expenses according to the present policy.

WHEREAS, Conferences have shown their loyalty and faith in the Seminary by sending good, promising students; and

WHEREAS, Questions have been asked as to the kind of students desired;

We recommend, That conference committees and institutional boards, in selecting those who shall have the privilege of attending the Seminary, keep in mind these factors:

1. The need and possibility of self-improvement.
2. Qualifications for advanced study.
3. Prospects of future service in the cause.
4. The special needs of individuals to prepare for designated lines of work.

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We recommend, That so far as possible conferences and institutions take a favorable attitude toward the attendance of workers who desire to attend, and who are able to meet their own expenses, and who in the judgment of the committee or board would profit by such attendance, giving them leave of absence with the understanding that they will return to their work when the designated school work is completed.

SAFEGUARDING FUNDS OF THE CAUSE:

Since the employing of honest, sincere Christian men and women is the best security that can be obtained in the safeguarding of funds;

We recommend, 1. That only those be chosen to places of trust and responsibility involving the handling of monies and investments who give evidence of a genuine Christian experience, and whose training or qualifications fit them for responsibilities of this kind.

2. That the investment of reserves and trust funds which must be held in our conferences, institutions, and other organizations be made only under the direction of authorized committees or boards, and that these investments and securities be disposed of by similar authorizations.

Furthermore, that a careful and complete record be kept of the purchase and sale of all securities; and, where safety deposit boxes are maintained for the keeping of such documents and other valuables, it be arranged with those in charge of such services that two authorized persons be present to gain admittance to the safety deposit boxes and their contents.

3. That where an employee of a conference or other organization takes a course in violation of the laws of the country, and of the financial trust or responsibility reposed in him, that church discipline be administered, and that we cooperate in the proper punishment of such offenders.

4. That the auditing system of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination be strengthened; and, where necessary, additional auditors be employed, so that careful annual audits may be assured, as well as such intermediate audits and other help as may be required to afford adequate security for denominational funds, and for the protection of those who are responsible for these monies.

5. That auditors follow the plan, as far as possible, of making unannounced audits.

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REPORT FROM PLANS COMMITTEE:

The Plans Committee submitted its third and final report, which was adopted, after being amended, as follows:

1938 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

We recommend, That the date of the 1938 Biennial Autumn Council be October 18 to 27; and that the question of location be referred to the Minority Committee.

HARVEST INGATHERING --DATE:

WHEREAS, Many of our conferences, in order to be ready for the early fall evangelistic efforts, are beginning the Harvest Ingathering work earlier than the date heretofore appointed; and

WHEREAS, There is a general desire in the field to have the annual campaign date advanced;

We recommend, That the date of the 1938 Harvest Ingathering campaign be August 13 to October 5.

HARVEST INGATHERING--CONSECRATION WEEK:

WHEREAS, The Harvest Ingathering is spiritual work of the highest order whereby millions of people throughout the world are personally contacted each year, to whom we are to "impart blessings," and from whom we are to receive financial assistance for the Lord's work; and

WHEREAS, There is a recognized need of spiritual preparation on the part of all who engage in this work; therefore,

We recommend, That the week immediately preceding the beginning of the 1938 Ingathering campaign be observed in all our churches throughout the world as a week of consecration and prayer in behalf of the campaign to follow, that the campaign may be the means of reaching many precious souls as well as the gathering of larger funds for missions.

LAY PREACHING:

WHEREAS, More than one hundred public efforts have been conducted this year by lay preachers, which have resulted in the establishment of new churches and companies of believers; and

WHEREAS, There are yet thousands of consecrated men in our churches, who, with proper encouragement and training, could enter this work as humble instruments in the Master's hands to proclaim the Word and labor without additional expense to the cause; therefore,

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We recommend, 1. That in churches where there are a sufficient number of interested persons lay preachers' seminars be organized for the training of all prospective lay preachers.

2. That as soon as is advisable those enrolled in these classes be assigned work in the field under pastoral supervision.

3. That where possible district seminars be conducted at an evening hour in order to give all prospective lay preachers an opportunity to join the class.

4. That the present plan of conducting lay preachers' institutes be continued, and that wherever possible these institutes be held for a period of three or four days to permit more time for instruction and practice work.

BIBLE STUDY LEAGUE:

WHEREAS, We have received much instruction relative to the importance of scattering our literature "like the leaves of autumn;" and

WHEREAS, The Bible Study League, especially as carried on recently in some of our conferences, contributes impressively toward this end and has won the enthusiastic support of conference workers, church officers, and substantial lay members;

We recommend, That the General Conference Executive Committee be requested to give study to the unique features of the most successful plans now in use for carrying forward the Bible Study League, weighing the value and practicability of such important points as conference-wide support required by the plan, and that following this study a plan incorporating the most successful features be presented to the conferences, with the understanding that it be used on as extended or modified a scale as the local conference committees may deem advisable.

A GREATER "WIN ONE" MOVEMENT:

WHEREAS, World events clearly indicate that we are now in the harvest hour when all our forces must be led forth into most earnest soul-winning labor; and

WHEREAS, The "Win One" Movement launched at the beginning of 1937 has brought new inspiration to our people in their missionary activities, and has resulted in the salvation of many precious souls,

We recommend, That earnest appeals be made in our churches and through the columns of our church papers everywhere to enlist our entire lay forces in a greater "Win One" Movement during the year 1938, with the objective of encouraging

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every Seventh-day Adventist to win one more soul to Christ before the close of that year.

BIBLE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy clearly points out that "every church should be a training school for Christian workers;" and

WHEREAS, The training of the laity at this time deserves special attention in order that we may reap a more abundant harvest of souls;

We recommend, 1. That the course in Bible Evangelism be known as "Bible Service Training School," and that efforts be put forth to enlist thousands of our believers in this course of Bible Evangelism.

2. That the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments give study to the preparation and promotion of a coordinated course of study to include Bible Doctrines, Denominational History, and The Art of Giving Bible Readings.

GREATER LITERATURE MINISTRY:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy indicates that largely through our publishing work will be accomplished the work of that other angel of Revelation 18; and

WHEREAS, This can only be done by the whole body of Adventist believers giving their fullest support and heartiest endeavor to plans which shall insure the scattering of our message-filled literature as the leaves of autumn;

We recommend, 1. That every conference worker be requested to keep before our people the importance of the colporteur work, and endeavor to secure each year at least one full-time recruit for the literature ministry.

2. That in selecting these workers, care be taken to maintain the high standard set for this work by the Spirit of prophecy.

3. That where conference district leaders and city pastors enlist such recruits, the field missionary secretary and conference committee cooperate by encouraging the recruits to work in the district or city where they are recruited.

4. That we suggest to each church organization that at least one of its members engage continuously in the colporteur literature ministry with our books, and that at least one other of its members be a magazine worker, and that these missionary workers be given the encouragement and moral support of the church organization.

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY PERIODICALS:

WHEREAS, There are millions of foreign-born persons in the United States and Canada who must be reached with the message, and in view of the fact that our foreign-language periodicals correspond in character to the English Signs of the Times therefore,

We recommend, That at the time of the annual campaign for the English Signs of the Times in all our conferences the promotion of these foreign-language periodicals also be taken up simultaneously with the English "Signs of the Times," and be considered a part of the campaign goal.

LIBERTY MAGAZINE:

has come
WHEREAS, The time/when civil and religious liberties are being ruthlessly assailed and constitutional government guaranteeing human rights is threatened in many countries; and,

WHEREAS, The Liberty Magazine is so ably defending the heritage of liberty for all men and setting forth the dangers in well-intended but misguided legislation which menaces our constitutional liberties; and,

WHEREAS, Public enlightenment and education in the fundamental principles of constitutional government is the principal means of preserving our blood-bought heritage of freedom for all men; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we set apart the month of January, 1938, for a campaign in all our churches in the United States to increase the circulation of the LIBERTY Magazine, and that the goal be one subscription for every church member.

2. That the Home Missionary Department and the Publishing Department cooperate with the Religious Liberty Department in making this campaign a success.

THE HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

In view of the large number of Adventist young people who are not able to attend one of our resident schools, and, also, in view of the fact that many church officers and other forward-looking lay members desire more training in such subjects as Grammar, Public Speaking, World History, and the Fine Arts of Soul Winning,

We recommend, That full use be made of the facilities offered by the Home Study Institute, which is our General Conference school for developing the talents of those who are denied other means of getting an education. And, further, we invite the attention of our conference workers to the attractive

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Home Study courses of an advanced character; such as, Hebrew, New Testament Greek, Missions and Mission Problems, Church History, Harmony, and the history of Europe since 1914.

TRAINING OF NATIONAL WORKERS:

WHEREAS, There are mighty forces at work in the world today to build up barriers between nations and to alienate peoples from each other; and

WHEREAS, God's remnant people are to stand together as one church around the world, and His watchmen are to "see eye to eye when Jehovah returneth to Zion," (Isa. 52:8, A.R.V.); and

WHEREAS, In many countries it is becoming necessary that our church work be led by nationals;

We recommend, 1. That our various divisions of the world field endeavor by all means possible to hasten the development of a well-trained national ministry, and that a special effort be made to train promising young nationals in the elements of leadership.

2. That pursuant to these purposes we suggest the following:

a. Founding and developing to the fullest strength possible of schools where our young people in the various nations and language areas can be trained for service.

b. Special provision, where necessary, that promising young men be given opportunity for the study of the English language, thus opening to all such the wealth of denominational literature in English, and, that wherever possible, this training in English be given in the national's own land.

c. Providing as rapidly as possible for the translation from the English into the various languages of fundamental material now found in denominational literature.

d. Arranging, as it is possible, for national workers who have proved themselves efficient in church leadership, and who have sufficient understanding of the English language, to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, to study further the great fundamentals of the Advent message, and to become more fully acquainted with the general work of the denomination.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

WHEREAS, The fall and spring weeks of prayer present wonderful opportunities for giving special help to our youth;

We recommend, That workers going to churches and institutions during the Week of Prayer be encouraged to stay long enough to obtain lasting results.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK OF PRAYER:

WHEREAS, There is no more productive period for the conversion of our young people than the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer; and

united
 WHEREAS, In fields that have given/help to their youth at this time, gratifying results have been seen;

We recommend, 1. That all our conferences see to it that so far as possible each church carry out a strong program for their young people during this Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer with church assignments for the ministers and other conference workers; that the Week be made a soul-winning effort for youth and that it be followed up with baptismal classes, and a thorough grounding of the youth in the Christian life.

2. That where there is no conference worker, the Missionary Volunteer Society executive committee with the church board be responsible for the promoting of these services.

3. That wherever possible these meetings be held every night during the week.

4. That the church board and the executive committee of the Missionary Volunteer Society form themselves into prayer bands; that the Personal Workers' Band be enlarged and engage in soul winning, especially getting in touch with those of our youth who are not attending church and that the names of all these be placed on the prayer list during the week.

5. That the special material in the Church Officers' Gazette be used.

SPIRITUAL WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
 IN BEHALF OF OUR YOUTH:

WHEREAS, It is vitally necessary to help our young people spiritually throughout the entire year;

We recommend, 1. That revival meetings be held regularly for the youth in all our churches.

2. That pastors, evangelists, church officers, and Missionary Volunteer leaders be encouraged to carry on this program of revival, making use of such avenues as the mid-week prayer meeting, the Missionary Volunteer meeting, the spring Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer, the annual church Week of Prayer, and short revival services.

3. That our Missionary Volunteer secretaries recognize the special responsibility resting upon them in the field of evangelism for our youth, and that they spend as much time as possible in our churches working for the backslidden, discouraged, and unconverted youth.

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EVANGELISM AND THE M.V. SOCIETY PROGRAM:

WHEREAS, The Missionary Volunteer Society is the training ground for the youth in the local church; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the difficulty of reorganizing and revitalizing our Missionary Volunteer societies after a lapse has occurred in the holding of regular Missionary Volunteer meetings, and believing that the members of our Missionary Volunteer Societies, if trained and directed in service, can be of real value to our evangelists during an evangelistic effort,

We recommend, 1. That when an evangelistic series is being conducted in a community that our evangelists and pastors be urged to plan so that the Missionary Volunteer society and its activities shall not be disrupted.

2. That during such an evangelistic series, and wherever feasible, that one night each week, or one night each two weeks, be dedicated to special effort for non-Adventist youth, and that our own youth be enlisted by the evangelist in soul-winning effort for their fellows.

3. That in efforts for youth we encourage the use of the recently published "Truth for Youth" series of leaflets.

WORK FOR OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE:

WHEREAS, Our churches are in great need of young people properly trained to act as leaders in active missionary endeavor; and

WHEREAS, The pen of inspiration has stated: The youth "must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ. Teach them to try in a quiet, unpretending way to help their young companions. Let different branches of missionary effort be systematically laid out, in which they may take part, and let them be given instruction and help. Thus they will learn to work for God;"

We recommend, 1. That in churches where there are pastors or church officers qualified to teach, training classes for the young married couples, and for the more mature young people be organized for the purpose of teaching them how to give Bible readings, to hold cottage meetings, and to do personal work for other youth.

2. That pastors, church officers, and Missionary Volunteer secretaries encourage members of the two groups mentioned in section 1, who may desire school credit, to enroll in the Home Study Institute courses which will teach them how to give Bible readings, hold cottage meetings, and to do personal work for other youth.

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3. That Missionary Volunteer secretaries hold institutes with a view to training older young people in the various lines of missionary activity promoted by the Young People's Department.

EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ASSOCIATION:

WHEREAS, The social and recreational practices and activities of our young people largely determine their faithfulness to Christian ideals; and

WHEREAS, We deplore the results accruing to those of our young people who mingle with the world in questionable worldly places of recreation and amusement; and

WHEREAS, So many of our homes are unable to provide for the social and recreational development of our young people;

We recommend, 1. That our churches, especially in our larger centers, seek to provide places for educational and recreational purposes, these to be used as centers for vocational education, recreation, and social activities, and to be placed, if possible, in connection with our schools.

2. That these centers and all social gathering be under the careful supervision of a committee whose duty it is to plan for proper chaperonage and definite supervision of all activities, whether social, recreational, or vocational. We would suggest the committee be selected from the church board and the Missionary Volunteer Society executive committee, and, if near a school, that some members be chosen from the school faculty.

3. That these centers be used as a base for training our young people in vocations, such as canning, cooking, basketry, wood-working, metal work, leather work, radio, telegraphy, home-making, first aid, art, nature, and other studies that lead to vocational honors in Missionary Volunteer Progressive Classes

4. That provision be made for at least two age levels, - primary (up to nine or ten years of age) and above the primary grade; that where possible, however, leadership be provided for a primary group, for a Junior group, and for a Senior group.

FILMS WHICH CAN BE RECOMMENDED:

Believing that at comparatively moderate cost, mission films and other acceptable types could be copied and made available to our people through a central agency;

We recommend, That we express to the General Conference Committee on Visual Education our feeling that we need a larger selection of this type of film, and request the General Conference to make available to the Missionary Volunteer Department such films at as small cost as possible.

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TEMPERANCE EDUCATION:

In view of the appalling increase in the use of liquor and tobacco; and realizing the terrible effects that alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics are having upon the human race; and recognizing that there is a grave danger in the flood of advertising constantly being carried on to the extent that the minds of youth shall become confused as to their relationship to these vices; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That wherever possible and advisable, our churches and Missionary Volunteer societies prepare temperance programs and rallies to be presented to those not of our faith, such rallies to be presented at least once each year.

2. That we invite the American Temperance Society to recognize each local Missionary Volunteer Society as a branch of its organization, and that the officers of each Missionary Volunteer Society be recognized as officers of the branch of the American Temperance Society.

APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY:

Resolved, That we, the 1937 Autumn Council of Seventh-day Adventists, do express our heartiest appreciation to the newspaper press of Battle Creek for their sympathetic presentation of the affairs of our Council and for the generous space they have given us; to the Battle Creek Sanitarium for its most cordial hospitality and for its efficient housing and feeding of our delegates; to the Battle Creek Tabernacle Church and the Michigan Conference for the use of the church building and for their thoughtful provision for so many of our needs.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the Southern Union Conference and the Florida Conference be requested to release W. E. McClure to connect with the Southern African Division and Southeast African Union Mission as director of the Malamulo Mission.

2. That the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conference be asked to release D. A. McAdams to connect with the South American Division as field missionary secretary of the East Brazil Union.

3. That the Central European Division, Section 1, and the South German Union be requested to release Willie Schmidt to connect with the Inter-American Division for colporteur work in the Central American Union.

4. That the Southern European Division and the Italian Union Mission be asked to release G. Cupertino to connect with the Ethiopian Union Mission as superintendent.

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5. That the Southern European Division be requested to release a mission worker of Italian citizenship to connect with Ethiopian Union Mission as principal of the training school in Addis Alem.

6. That the Southern European Division be requested to release a nurse of Italian citizenship to connect with Ethiopian Union Mission for service in the hospital at Addis Ababa.

7. That the Southern European Division and Rumanian Union be asked to release Florea Jeremia, of the North Moldau Conference, to connect with the Lake Union for work in the Illinois and Indiana Conferences.

8. That the Southern European Division be requested to release a French-speaking worker to connect with the Canadian Union for labor in Eastern Canada.

9. That the Lake Union and Wisconsin Conference be requested to release Ora S. Plue to connect with the Southwestern Union as a ministerial interne in the Oklahoma Conference.

10. That the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital be asked to release Elder and Mrs. W. E. Barr to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium, Elder Barr to serve as chaplain and Mrs. Barr as preceptress of nurses.

11. That the Lake Union and Michigan Conference be asked to release Miss Vinnie Goodner to connect with the Columbia Union as a Bible worker in the Ohio Conference.

12. That the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference be requested to release W. R. Archbold to connect with the North Pacific Union for evangelistic work in the Montana Conference.

13. That the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference be requested to release Miss Ione Dorner to connect with the North Pacific Union office for stenographic work.

14. That the Southern Union and Florida Conference be requested to release C. M. Crawford to connect with the Inter-American Division and Caribbean Union to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Guiana Conference.

15. That the Central Union and Nebraska Conference be requested to release G. E. Leffler to connect with the Southern Union for labor in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; and that the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be requested to release E. W. Wolfe to connect with the Central Union for labor in Nebraska.

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16. That the Central Union and Colorado Conference be asked to release H. J. Miller to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; and that the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be asked to release Thomas Murphy to connect with the Central Union for labor in the Colorado Conference.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A further partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted as follows:

DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES IN DIVISION FIELDS:

We recommend, That the budgets of the several divisions and their subsidiary organizations include provision for all departmental supplies and promotion used within their respective territories.

COLLECTION OF RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM FUNDS:

WHEREAS, The Riverside Sanitarium is greatly in need of the funds that were pledged toward the building program by our Negro constituency,

We recommend, That the Negro secretaries, so far as possible, be released from other duties during the months of January and February next, to unite with the pastors of our Negro churches in soliciting and collecting these funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEDICAL WORKERS' COUNCIL:

We recommend, That the series of recommendations from the Medical Workers' Council relating to postgraduate work of physicians and others, vacations, etc., be referred to the General Conference Executive Committee for action

REPORTING OF OFFERINGS SENT DIRECT TO FIELDS BY DONORS:

We recommend, 1. That in the future any missionary or mission field receiving funds either as a result of private solicitation or from special gifts sent by interested believers from fields outside of the division in which said worker or mission is located, shall be required to report the same through the union and division to the General Conference, with the understanding that it be left to the discretion of the General Conference Budget Committee to decide if part or all of these funds shall be deducted from the appropriation going to the field involved.

2. That the same plan be followed by our divisions with home bases; that is, that the field be required to report such gifts through the union to the division.

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MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND:

WHEREAS, The Missions Extension plan has now been in successful operation for the past seventeen years and has been the means of building, equipping, and assisting over 400 different projects such as printing plants, dispensaries, and schools, which are now carrying on extensive work in the mission fields, many having become practically self-supporting; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the Missions Extension Fund plan be continued in 1938 as an important feature of our world missions program.

2. That in North America the goal for the Missions Extension Fund Offering be \$80,000, the offering to be taken on Sabbath, April 23, and that the church goals be based upon the average of \$2 a member.

3. That the funds received from this offering be devoted to medical, educational, and publishing projects in foreign divisions, to be divided equally between maintenance and extension of work.

4. That the projects to be given assistance be chosen by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

5. That the Medical, Educational, and Publishing Departments unite with the Home Missionary Department in the carrying out of the following plan for the promotion of the offering:

a. Conference and institutional workers and all lay members be asked to dedicate a day's income to the Missions Extension Fund Offering.

b. That the week beginning April 16 be known as Missions Extension Literature Week, when our entire lay forces and such others as can do so, unite in the sale of our truth-filled literature for the benefit of the Missions Extension Fund. It is understood that no literature goal shall be set, and that the literature be sold on its merits and not on a soliciting basis, and that each member will be responsible for the literature he desires to sell.

c. That colporteurs participate in the plan by taking part in a special literature week - April 16-23, dedicating the proceeds of an average day's income to the offering.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR COLLEGE SUBSIDIES:

We recommend, 1. That the series of recommendations from the College Presidents' Section of the Educational Convention, relating to the increasing of senior and junior college subsidies, be referred to the General Conference Executive Committee.

2. That the General Conference Executive Committee appoint a commission to make a careful survey of the finances

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and curriculums of our colleges and to help them to operate within their income.

MORATORIUM ON GENERAL GATHERINGS IN 1938:

In view of the great need for conserving both funds and time

We recommend, 1. That a moratorium be declared on the holding of general conventions and gatherings, except the Biennial Council, during the year 1938.

2. That no conventions be held in connection with or preceding this Biennial Council.

GRADUATE WORK FOR ACADEMY TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS:

WHEREAS, Many academy principals and teachers serve faithfully year after year without opportunity for professional advancement; and

WHEREAS, Professional advancement is very necessary to continued efficient service;

We recommend, 1. That academy boards give consideration to making provision for principals and teachers, after a term of years of faithful service, to be released for convenient periods that they may pursue graduate study.

2. That financial assistance be provided.

3. That where a principal or teacher accepts financial assistance for graduate study, he be expected to continue to serve for a reasonable time in that school from which he received the help.

4. That in case a principal or teacher accepts a call to another school before he has served a year for each \$100 assistance he has received, the school calling him shall reimburse to the school that gave the assistance an amount commensurate with the length of service.

Adjourned to 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 27.

J.L. McElhany,
W.G. Turner, Chairmen.

A.W. Cormack, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

W. G. Turner, who conducted the devotional service Wednesday morning, October 27, based his study upon the words found in Ezekiel 33:7-9: "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou doest not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

These words, said Elder Turner, apply to the minister of God today with the same force as when they were uttered centuries ago. It is our duty to warn Israel, the church of the living God. The doing or the not doing of our duty in this matter has eternal results. This means that we are to be men called of God, guided by His spirit, and willing as faithful watchman to point out sin when sin is evident.

Sometimes the message that we seek to convey to men and women will be received by them gladly and fruitfully; sometimes it will not be accepted. But we must not flinch in the responsibilities that come to us. Men truly called of God to be watchmen have never done that. How often in the history of God's people have they rejoiced because of faithful watchmen! What wonderful things have happened to this people individually and collectively when they have accepted the word and have followed the leading of the Lord!

The world today is being warned on every hand of the seriousness of the times. The world does not need warning so much as it needs light; the church of God today does not need light so much as it needs warning.

Why is it that there is the possibility of the church turning back to Egypt? There are two reasons. First, because the church has lost the sense of the fact and the tragedy of sin; second, because the life of the watchman is not being lived with such consistency as to make him susceptible to the Spirit and guidance of God.

There are some who believe that persecution will bring a revival of true godliness. That is not so. The revival is going to bring the persecution. Israel will be warned and revived, the work of God will go with mighty power, persecution will come, and the Lord will then appear in His glory.

We are nearing the end of the journey. God's people long to stand in the presence of the King. May the Lord help us to so love the people that when we see sin appearing, we shall warn them; that they being warned, may understand their need and find salvation. As watchman, let us not fail them.

"Watchman, Blow the Gospel Trumpet," was sung to close, and E. E. Franklin pronounced the benediction.

ON HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1937, 2:00 P. M.

"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," was sung to open the ninth session of the Council, at 2 P. M., Wednesday, October 27. Elder McElhany read Matt. 6:26-33, as a reminder of God's care for His children.

Prayer was offered by I. H. Evans.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee submitted its final report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

SURVEY COMMISSION TO LOCATE SPANISH SCHOOL:

In view of the fact that we have no school for the training of our Spanish-speaking youth in the southwestern section of the United States;

Resolved, That the following committee be hereby appointed to make a careful survey of the field occupied by these people to find if possible a suitable location for such school, this committee to report its findings to the Biennial Council: M. N. Campbell, F. L. Perry, J. D. Smith, R. L. Benton, Glenn Calkins, H. A. Morrison, E. F. Hackman.

EXCHANGE POLICY:

We recommend, That we reaffirm the policies relating to fixed exchange rates, adopted at the 1936 Autumn Council, except that the paragraph relating to the transfer of personal funds by workers living away from their native countries or from which they received their appointment be revised to read as follows:

That mission workers located in fields outside their native countries be permitted to transfer their own personal funds to their native countries or the countries from which they received their appointments at the fixed rates to an amount not exceeding twenty per cent annually of the workers' salary during the time they are in the mission field. Such transfers may include school accounts incurred in the education of the workers' children, assistance in the support of dependent relatives, purchase of books, periodicals, and imported supplies for personal use only, and the transfer of personal salary savings within the current year. Periodicals and books regularly listed by Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses may be included in the twenty per cent provision from whatever source secured.

If an employed missionary family has unusual school expenses, they may remit through the regular channels additional funds above the twenty per cent provision upon the consideration and action by the division committee on the merits of each . . .

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individual case. A worker returning permanently to his homeland may be permitted, upon the approval of the division committee, to transfer additional funds at the fixed rate not to exceed ten per cent of his salary in denom national work for the time he has been in the field, provided he has not previously benefited by a similar privilege. Such transfer may be only by credit through the regular channels and at the fixed rate prevailing at the time of his return to the homeland. These funds may be made up of receipts from the sale of his household furniture and from personal salary savings.

RESEARCH WORK BY HEADS OF COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS:

WHEREAS, The heads of our college departments in general do not have the privilege of meeting with our field men at Autumn Councils and other places where the various activities of our rapidly growing work are being discussed and presented; and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that the heads of these departments have opportunity to associate with their fellow-teachers in the same department and that all these have opportunity to get a closer contact with the personnel of the General Conference and of our work in general;

We recommend, 1. That the heads of each department in our colleges be assembled at Washington for study or research in connection with their individual departments and for association with the General Conference representatives and the Theological Seminary.

2. That each section or department meet once in four years.
3. That the period of the meeting of each section be six weeks.
4. That the time synchronize with the second term of the summer session of the Theological Seminary, and that two weeks of this time be in lieu of vacation.
5. That we pool the travel expense on the basis of one cent per mile for necessary mileage, and \$2.25 per day living expenses in transit including room expense, the maximum travel time to and from Washington being twelve days from the Pacific Coast, eight days from Keene, six days from the Central West, four days from Emmanuel Missionary College, Atlantic Union College, and Southern Junior College, and Washington none.
6. That these department heads receive full salary during this time.
7. That a flat allowance of \$50.00 be given each delegate for living expenses in Washington.

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8. That we group our departments as follows:

- a. Science and Mathematics
- b. English, Language, and Education
- c. History, Bible, and Music
- d. Applied Arts, and Commerce

SELF-SUPPORT AND SEGREGATION OF BUDGET:

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference passed at the 1936 Autumn Council, affecting such countries as Africa, China, the Far East, South America, ^{Latin America} India, and foreign sections of other divisions, "that the income from the indigenous constituency support its own work and that goals be set from time to time for the percentage of self-support to be reached, so that an increasingly larger portion of what is appropriated by the General Conference can be used for opening new work;" and

WHEREAS, The time has come when our believers in overseas divisions should be encouraged to take a larger part in financing the denominational work by assuming the responsibility for the support of the church in their respective fields;

We recommend, 1. That in mission fields there be a complete separation of the general budget into two sections, the respective sections to be known as Section 1, to include all missionaries from the United States, Europe, and other home bases; and Section 11 to include national or indigenous workers.

2. That the salary and expense of all foreign workers be paid from Section 1 of the budget.

3. That the goal be to place our indigenous church work on a self-supporting basis and that the division committees set before the respective union and local fields a goal for self-support within a given period of years.

4. That frequent appeals be made to our believers by division and union leaders, mission directors, church pastors, and elders, and others on whom responsibility is placed, in an endeavor to bring in sufficient tithe and offerings from our churches to cover the budget requirements for sustaining the church activities in every land.

5. That beginning with January 1, 1938, a full segregation of the budget be made on the present status of carrying the work.

6. That temporarily additional subsidies may be made to the budgets from division funds. These subsidies may continue until the goal of self-support is reached.

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7. That it be the goal of every managing board in mission fields to place our publishing houses, sanitariums, and hospitals on a self-supporting basis, including all salaries, and all operating expense, in order that more funds may be released from the budget for the extension of the message into unentered fields.

8. That in harmony with the General Conference policy, authorized operating funds be recommended for 1938 for each organization in the respective divisions.

9. That beginning with the year 1938 any surplus found in mission organizations over and above the authorized operating surplus at the close of the year revert to the Division treasury for reappropriation by the Division committee as the needs ^{may} appear.

10. That organizations paying both national and foreign workers may keep two sets of books where found practicable.

11. That monthly statements be issued from each mission and institution and furnished each member of the controlling field committee or institutional board.

12. That national workers, pastors, and church elders be supplied statements of tithe and mission funds for their respective sections, revealing goals and results attained.

OPERATING RESERVES FOR CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTIONS:

WHEREAS, We are living in times of great economic uncertainty, and our conferences and institutions may be brought suddenly into serious financial perplexity; and

WHEREAS, Our conferences and institutions in North America are largely dependent upon their own resources in times of economic stress;

We recommend, That organizations in North America be encouraged to build up and maintain a suitable working capital or reserve of not less than twenty per cent of a year's operating expense.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, In many of our mission fields the wages paid to some of our teachers in church schools, academies, and colleges are inadequate and below the level of other classes of workers of like training and experience;

We recommend, That the wage scale of teachers in mission fields be set, both for foreign or indigenous teachers, on the same approximate level as for other workers in either class. In case of either indigenous or foreign teachers experience and training shall also be considered in setting the rate of wage.

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INCREASE IN SIZE OF HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINE:

We recommend, That the Harvest Ingathering Magazine for 1938 be increased in size by adding four pages.

APPEAL TO OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS:

The following was adopted as an appeal to be sent from this Autumn Council to our Sabbath schools;

The Autumn Council of 1937 was confronted with requests from the world field for appropriations totaling more than five million dollars. But funds available to meet these requests covered scarcely more than half of these needs.

Once again General Conference reserves were drawn upon to the extent of \$200,000 in an endeavor to meet the most urgent needs of the ever-expanding work throughout the world, but many hard-pressed workers will have to work on without needed helpers and many a crying need unanswered.

The Sabbath school membership has always provided a generous share of mission funds. But the present per capita of Sabbath school offerings is far less than in past years, while the finishing of the work calls for increased giving. We extend to our Sabbath schools throughout the world sincerest appreciation for the goodly contribution to the annual budget, and earnestly appeal to each Sabbath school member to increase his weekly Sabbath school offering during the coming year. Even a modest increase in the total given at each Sabbath school session will provide a sum that will enable our mission field workers to enter many open doors and to win a goodly harvest of souls.

We pray that God may bless you all in basket and in store and give to you all a spirit of greater liberality in your offerings through the Sabbath school.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BUILDING:

The following recommendations with reference to an administration building for the Theological Seminary were adopted:

WHEREAS, We have already seen excellent results from the work of the S. D. A. Theological Seminary, in the better equipment of educational and evangelistic workers and in fostering doctrinal unity throughout the world field; and

WHEREAS, Experience has confirmed the wisdom of the decision regarding the establishment of the school at Washington, D. C., in connection with our denominational headquarters; and

WHEREAS, The school does not have a building or proper equipment for its work;

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We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Committee proceed to gather the money and to erect and equip a suitable administration building, which shall also include a vault and office room for the E. G. White Estate.

2. That we accept with gratitude the valuable property offered to us by the Review and Herald Publishing Association on which to build the Seminary Administration Building.

3. That the following conferences and institutions be invited to contribute the amounts indicated:

a. The General Conference Corporation	\$40,000
b. The North American Division through its union and local conferences on a membership basis	40,000
c. Other Divisions:	
Australia	2,000
South Africa	500
Northern Europe	500
Southern Europe	500
South America	500
Inter-America	500
Southern Asia	500
China	500
Far East	500
d. Institutions:	
Atlantic Union College	500
Emmanuel Missionary College	500
Pacific Union College	500
Southern Junior College	500
Southern California Jr. College	500
Union College	500
Washington Missionary College	500
Walla Walla College	500
Pacific Press	5,000
White Memorial Hospital and Loma Linda Sanitarium	2,000
Glendale Sanitarium	1,000
Portland Sanitarium	1,000
Boulder and Porter Sanitarium	1,000
Florida Sanitarium	1,000
New England Sanitarium	1,000
Washington Sanitarium	1,000
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4. That for the securing of the funds allotted to the North American Division, a general offering be taken on January 29, 1938, it being understood that the General and Union Conference leadership will be responsible for the promotion of the offering.

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5. That the following persons constitute a committee on detail plans of promotion: M. E. Kern, L. K. Dickson, C. A. Scriven, J. J. Reiswig, H. E. Lysinger, M. G. Conger, C. B. Haynes, W. A. Nelson, T. B. Westbrook, V. E. Peugh, W. A. Clemenson.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

Calls for workers were presented by the Secretary, and action taken as follows:

VOTED, That we request the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College to release Fred Green to connect with Southern Junior College as treasurer and assistant business manager.

VOTED, That we request the Inter-American Division and the Antillian Union Mission to release J. R. McWilliam, to connect with the Southern Union as field missionary secretary of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

VOTED, That we request the Central Union Conference and the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium to release W. M. Address, to connect with the New England Sanitarium as chaplain.

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Missouri Conference to release R. M. Whitsett, to connect with the Southern African Division, for evangelistic work in the South African Union Conference.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORK IN ETHIOPIA:

The Chairman called attention to the present situation as regards the administration of our work in Ethiopia, and that by a temporary emergency arrangement, the work is being administered by the General Conference from Washington. It seems necessary that some better plan be worked out. It was

VOTED, That this matter of the administration of the work in Ethiopia be referred to the Minority Committee, with power to act.

THE BUDGET:

The Budget Committee having completed its work, the report was presented by W. H. William, and was adopted as follows:

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We recommend, That the estimated income for appropriations from the mission treasury to overseas and North American Division fields for 1938, to balance the budget, be as follows:

Regular General Conference income	\$3,244,658.87
General Conference reserves	289,055.35
Total estimated income for appropriation for 1938	3,533,714.22

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1938 and 1939 be as follows:

Australia	9,000.00
Central Europe, Section II	155,441.28
China	325,407.87
Far East	295,390.50
Inter-America	221,349.28
Northern Europe	116,488.39
Southern Africa	231,299.55
South America	246,155.89
Southern Asia	304,961.51
Southern Europe	154,813.12

Alaska	1,200.00
Canadian Union	31,305.42
Southern Union	3,703.19
Southwestern Union	8,953.28
Negro Department:	

Southern Union Mission	25,951.70
Southwestern " "	9,197.70
Oakwood Jr. College	11,000.00
Riverside Sanitarium	10,000.00
Theological Seminary	15,305.63
Bureau of Home Missions	85,609.79
College of Med. Evangelists	10,000.00
E.G. White Estate	6,240.79
Miscellaneous and Fixed Administration	806,929.83
	<u>315,909.50</u>

Total regular budget	3,401,614.22
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We recommend, 2. That special appropriations be as follows:

Overseas

Central European Division	
Section II	5,000.00
Far East	15,000.00
Inter-America	15,000.00
Northern Europe	15,000.00
South America	10,000.00
Southern Africa	15,000.00

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Southern Asia	15,000.00	
Southern Europe	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total special appropriations to overseas divisions	105,000.00	105,000.00

North America

Oakwood Jr. College building	10,000.00	
Translation Fund		
"Messages to Young People"	1,000.00	
Atlantic Union College	10,000.00	
Riverside Sanitarium (1937)	5,000.00	
E.G. White Estate, moving expense (1937)	<u>1,100.00</u>	
Total Special Appropriations to North American Division	27,100.00	<u>27,100.00</u>

Total regular and special appropriations to home and overseas organizations		\$3,533,714.22
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We recommend, 3. That the overflow of the Week of Sacrifice for 1937 be divided to the several mission divisions, excepting the China Division, on an equal distribution.

4. That we request the Australasian Division to appropriate \$5,000 to Newbold College, England.

5. That the request for emergency appropriations be referred to the General Conference Minority Committee for consideration, and that \$35,000 be set up to care for the special requests presented at this Autumn Council.

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CHURCH EXTENSION FUND:

We recommend, 6. The following appropriations for 1938 to the overseas divisions and the North American Division from the Church Extension Fund:

Overseas:

Central European Division, Section 11
To be allocated by division committee \$4,500.00

China Division:
Hong Kong 4,500.00

Far Eastern Division:

Manila, P. I. 5,000.00
Indo-China chapels 1,500.00 6,500.00

Inter-American Division:

Torreón, Mexico 2,000.00
Vera Cruz, Mexico 2,000.00
Chapels, Mexico 2,000.00 6,000.00

Northern European Division:

E. Nordic Union
Hultafors, Sweden 1,000.00

W. Nordic Union:
Tromsø, Norway 750.00

Poland 1,000.00

Estonia:
Narva 750.00

East African Missions:
Nigeria, Gold Coast,
Kenya, and Uganda chapels 1,000.00 4,500.00

Southern African Division:

To be allocated by
Division Committee 4,500.00

South American Division:

Montevideo, Uruguay 4,500.00

Southern Asia Division:

Headquarters and church in
Shillong, Assam 4,000.00
Bombay 9,000.00 13,000.00

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Southern European Division:

Rumania:		
Bucarest	3,500.00	
France:		
Chapels, to be allocated by Division Committee	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>

Total appropriation from Church Extension Fund to overseas divisions		\$ 54,000.00
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North American Division:

Atlantic Union:		
New Bedford, Mass. Portuguese	500.00	
Syracuse, New York	500.00	
Greater New York, churches	<u>3,500.00</u>	4,500.00
Canadian Union:		
Montreal, Quebec		2,500.00
Central Union:		
Denver, Colo.		3,000.00
Columbia Union:		
Philadelphia, colored	3,000.00	
Pittsburgh, German	500.00	
Hyattsville, Md.	<u>1,000.00</u>	4,500.00
Lake Union:		
Indianapolis, Indiana	3,000.00	
Iron Mountain, Mich.	500.00	
Alton, Ill.	500.00	
Richland Center, Wis.	250.00	
Withee, Wis.	<u>250.00</u>	4,500.00
Northern Union:		
Des Moines, Ia.	1,500.00	
Rapid City, S. Dak.	500.00	
Albert Lea, Minn.	<u>500.00</u>	2,500.00
North Pacific Union:		
Alaska:		
Anchorage	2,000.00	
Pilot Point (Eskimo)	1,000.00	
Fairbanks	<u>1,000.00</u>	4,000.00
Pacific Union:		
San Diego	4,500.00	
Lodi, German	<u>500.00</u>	5,000.00

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Southern Union:		
Columbia, S. C.	1,250.00	
Forest Lake, Fla.	1,250.00	
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. colored	350.00	
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	300.00	
Kingston, N. C.	350.00	<u>3,500.00</u>
Southwestern Union:		
Dallas, Texas	2,000.00	
El Reno, Okla	500.00	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total appropriations from Church Extension Fund to North American Division		
	\$36,500.00	
Total appropriations from Church Extension Fund		
		<u>\$90,500.00</u>
Total regular, special and church extension appropriations to North American and overseas divisions		
		3,824,214.22

The Council closed with a feeling of solemnity as Elder McElhany addressed the delegates in the following words:

"As we come to the close of this Council we all realize, I am sure, our great need of the Lord's blessing and of increased spiritual power as we return to our respective fields to carry on the work the coming year. We face a world torn with strife and confusion, a world filled with perplexity and trouble, a world so hopelessly involved in sin and iniquity that nothing short of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the grace of God can save it. More than at any time in all the history of this movement we need divine power and an infilling of the Spirit of God. I trust that every one here will join most earnestly in prayerful intercession with God that He will visit us with an outpouring of His holy Spirit. I trust, too, that God will give every man a spirit of courage. This is no time to retreat before the enemy, to give way to despair or fear, but rather to be filled with a spirit of courage, and determined to march steadily forward, using the resources that we have, meager though they may be, to the best possible advantage in carrying forward the Lord's work. May God's blessing rest richly upon each of you as you go forth in His name."

Adjourned sine die, with the benediction by O. Montgomery.

J. L. McElhany, Chairman.

E. D. Dick,

H. T. Elliott, Secretaries.

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Michigan, October 27, 1937, 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was held in East Hall, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. J.L.McElhany in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, A.V.Olson, W.E.Read, M. Minck, V.T.Armstrong, G.A.Roberts, W.H.Branson, M.N.Campbell, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, Roger Altman, E.R.Colson, F.Brennwald, I.H.Evans, W.A.Spicer, H.H.Cobban, J.J.Ireland, J.L.Shaw, M.E.Kern, G.W.Wells, F.C. Gilbert, F.M.Wilcox, Glenn Calkins, W.B.Ochs, C.E.Weaks, J.J. Strahle, C.L.Bond, Miss Jensen, J.K.Jones, H.O.Olson, M.C.Taft, W.H.Teesdale, H.A.Morrison, Steen Rasmussen, W.E.Howell, W.A. Butler, W.H.Heckman, Dr. H.M.Walton, G.W.Schubert, I.J.Woodman, R.L.Benton, E.E.Andross, O.Montgomery, J.J.Nethery, A.A.Esteb, C.S.Longacre, F.L.Peterson, F.L.Perry, M.L.Andreasen, J.F.Piper, W.C.Raley, H.J.Detwiler, E.H.Oswald, H.E.Rogers, D.A.Ochs, J.A. Stevens.

Prayer by A.V.Olson.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION:

The following resolution was presented by the representatives from the overseas divisions:

Resolved, That we, the delegates from the overseas divisions do hereby express our grateful appreciation to our brethren and sisters in North America for their faithfulness and liberality in the raising of mission offerings, which has made possible the large appropriations voted by the Autumn Council just closed, for the support of the work in the fields which we represent.

The following resolution, also, was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the General Conference Committee do hereby express to the presidents of union and local conferences, and the pastors and leaders of our churches in North America, our deep appreciation of their loyalty and faithfulness in keeping ever before our people in the homeland the necessity and privilege of supporting the great mission enterprise in the regions beyond.

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VISITS TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

Elder McElhany referred to the fact that in 1863 this cause had thirty workers, and they were all in the United States; that in 1880 we had four workers outside the United States. Today we have an army of more than 9,000 men and women engaged in work in other lands. In order that close contact may be maintained with these laborers and the work they are doing, and that they may have counsel and help from the headquarters staff, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the following visits of General Conference workers to overseas divisions:

W.A.Spicer: Northern and Southern European Division Councils. Central European Division Councils, Sections I and II.

W.G.Turner: Northern European Division Council; Southern European Division Council; Central European Division Council, Section I; mission fields of the Northern European Division.

E.D.Dick: Southern Asia Division, for survey, returning via Near East.

H.A.Morrison: Southern Asia Division, for survey, returning via Near East.

L.H.Christian: South American Division Council and other appointments.

W.A.Butler: South American Division Council and other appointments.

H.T.Elliott: Inter-American Division Council.

W.E.Nelson: China Division Council; Far Eastern Division Council; Southern Asia Division Council; Near East.

Steen Rasmussen: Home Missionary conventions in the European Divisions.

W.H.Branson: Central European Division, Sections I and II, Division Council and other appointments.

W.H.Williams: Central European Division, Sections I and II, Division Council and other appointments.

H.L.Rudy: Central European Division, Section II, Council.

VISITS BY UNION PRESIDENTS TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

The following request was received from representatives of the overseas divisions who were present at the Autumn Council:

"At an informal meeting of foreign division representatives held this afternoon (October 27)) it was unanimously agreed to file with the General Conference Secretary a request for visits to our several divisions by union presidents from North America, during the coming year. It was further agreed that rather than make requests for definite individuals, it be left with the General Conference Committee to determine who is to make the trips and to what divisions they are to go."

The feeling was expressed that if the union conference presidents of North America could have the privilege of visiting the mission fields in the overseas divisions, it would be an inspiration to them and to their unions on their return, as well as helpful to the fields visited. It was

VOTED, That the foregoing request be received, with appreciation of this expression on the part of the overseas representatives.

APPOINTMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers in North America:

W.H.Teesdale: Teachers' Institute in Southern Union Conference, January 3-5.

J.E.Weaver: New Jersey Teachers' Institute, October 31 to November 2; Central Union Teachers' Institute, Union College, November 9-13; Iowa Teachers' Institute, November 16-20; Pacific Union, November 21 to December 27; Southwestern Union Institutes December 29 and early January.

C.L.Bond: Young People's Rally, Chicago, October 30; Week of Prayer at Forest Lake Academy, November 12-20.

A.W.Spalding: Itinerary as arranged in the Lake Union Conference during months of November and December.

Representative of the Sabbath School Department to attend Sabbath school secretaries' council in the Pacific Union, December 15-16, and following that to the end of January local Sabbath school conventions in the Pacific Union; Southwestern Union in February.

L.H.Christian: Exira, Iowa, October 29-31; Minneapolis, November 1-3.

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Dr. H.M. Walton: Chicago; Mason City, Iowa; Jersey City; New York City, immediately following the Autumn Council.

F.L. Peterson: Chicago Shiloh Church, November 27 to December 5; Brooklyn No. 2 Church, December 11-19.

Representative from the Publishing Department to attend colporteur institutes in the Southwestern Union, January, 1938, the exact dates to be arranged.

Meade MacGuire: Emmanuel Missionary College for week following the Autumn Council.

D.W. Hunter: Week of Prayer early in December at Mountain Sanitarium, Fletcher, North Carolina.

G.W. Wells: Oklahoma Conference, November 13 to December 15; Manitoba-Saskatchewan, latter part of December and early January.

M.N. Campbell: Southern Union, November 10-20; Mt. Vernon Ohio, November 29-30; New York, December 1-2; Oklahoma workers' meeting, December 29-January 2; following that until January 12 in Southwestern Union; Pacific Union, January 14 to March 2.

A.W. Peterson: Week of Prayer at Oshawa Missionary College, the date to be arranged; Missionary Volunteer secretaries' council for Northern Union at Nevada, Iowa, November 15-16.

I.H. Evans: Visit churches in Michigan for couple of weeks following the Autumn Council.

F.C. Gilbert: New Jersey, one week beginning October 31.

C.E. Weaks: Lake Union, October 28 - November 2.

E.E. Franklin: Atlantic Union Field Missionary Secretaries' Council, November 5-9.

S.A. Wellman: Southern Union, November 22 to December 5.

L. Halswick: Atlantic Union, October 28-November 7; Lake Union, November 7-12; Southwestern Union, December; Pacific and North Pacific Unions, January and February.

C.S. Longacre: Chicago and Berrien Springs.

AUDITORS' ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following itineraries for the General Conference auditors:

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H.W.Barrows: Inter-American Division
South American Division
Southern African Division
European Divisions
London Transportation Office.

W.E.Phillips: Headquarters offices and institutions
Union conferences in North America
Institutions in North America with what
help the other auditors can give
New York Transportation Office.

Claude Conard: China Division
Far Eastern Division
Southern Asia Division
Arabic Union.

O. SCHILDHAUER--AMERICA:

VOTED, That on the recommendation of Sections I and II of the Central European Division, O.Schildhauer, the auditor for these two sections, be invited to come to America early in the new year, to make some contact with the auditing work in the organizations and institutions in this field.

RELEASED FROM CALLS:

VOTED, That the following workers be released from calls to various fields:

A.L.Bietz from the call to Oklahoma.

J.C.Kozel from the call to the Caribbean Union Conference.

Miss Lydia Sonnenberg from the call to Hawaii.

Miss Dorothy Ford from the call to the North Pacific Union.

Miss Evalyn Law from the call to Walla Walla College.

Miss Mary Walsh from the call to the Northern California Conference.

H.C.Klement from the call to the Potomac Conference.

ETHIOPIAN UNION MISSION:

The Chairman called attention to the action of the General Conference Committee of July 21, 1937, in which the General Conference took over temporarily the responsibility of administering the work in Ethiopia, which field has been attached to the Northern European Division. This is not a satisfactory solution of the problem of supervising the work in that field under existing conditions, and it was felt that if possible

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a better arrangement should be made. Attention was called to the desirability of having the local leadership of Italian nationality, and also to the necessity of returning to their homes a number of the workers now in the field. After some consideration, it seemed to all that the Southern European Division could perhaps maintain the closer contact with the Ethiopian field, and it was

VOTED, That the ^{Ethiopian} ~~European~~ Union Mission be transferred from the Northern to the Southern European Division, with the understanding that any extra expense involved in bringing men out of Ethiopia or sending new workers into the field, not provided for in the present Ethiopian budget, will be borne by the General Conference.

OUR WORK IN RUSSIA:

A number of brethren spoke of their burden with reference to our work in Russia, and the suggestion was made that by connecting that field with the Northern European Division it might be possible to establish contact with our workers and believers, and provide some measure of supervision of the work, in a spiritual capacity, at least. It was

VOTED, That we request the Northern European Division to undertake the oversight of our work in Soviet Russia.

W.E.HOWELL--RESIGNATION FROM RADIO COMMISSION:

In view of Elder McElhany's need for the services of W.E.Howell in secretarial lines, and the fact that the work of the Radio Commission is demanding so much of his time that he is not able to give the necessary attention to this secretarial work, W.E.Howell has tendered his resignation as secretary of the Radio Commission.

VOTED, To accept the resignation of W.E.Howell as secretary of the Radio Commission, at the same time expressing to him our appreciation of the fine work he has done in promoting the interests of our broadcasting work.

VOTED, That the future leadership of the Radio Commission be referred to the Minority Committee in Washington.

SURVEY COMMISSION ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS:

A committee that was appointed by the officers in their meeting preceding the Autumn Council, submitted the following report:

WHEREAS, God has given us a great message to publish to the whole world, it is therefore incumbent upon us to conserve and use in the most economical way possible all our resources for the advancement of the work; and

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WHEREAS, It is a waste of funds as well as a hindrance to the spirit of cooperation for our publishing houses in the North American Division to publish and promote in the field periodicals and books identical in nature, when one book or periodical could just as well serve the whole field; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the excellent work being accomplished by our Publishing Department in the promotion of the sale of our literature, we also recognize the necessity of more attention being given to the production end of our publishing work,

We recommend, 1. That there be appointed a Survey and Coordination Commission to cooperate with the Publishing Department, and work under the direction of the General Conference Committee.

2. That this Commission include one or more General Conference officers, the secretaries of the Publishing Department, the chairman of the board and the manager and treasurer of each of the publishing houses in the North American Division, and such others as may be deemed necessary.

3. That the Commission give special study to the unification and coordination of the work of the North American Division publishing houses and to the types of literature to be produced; pass upon the plans of the publishing houses for the production of periodical literature, subscription and campaign books, and upon general plans for sales promotion in the field; and conduct surveys as may be necessary of the financial operation of our publishing houses, and of the book and Bible houses.

VOTED, To adopt the foregoing report, and to refer to the Minority Committee in Washington the appointment of the Survey Commission called for.

SERVICE AND FURLOUGH PERIOD FOR CAMEROONS:

VOTED, That the service period of workers in the Cameroons, under the supervision of the Southern European Division, be two years, instead of two and a half years, followed by a furlough of six months from port to port.

D.E. LUST--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That in order that he may have further time for recuperation of his health, D.E. Lust, of the Inter-American Division, be granted a two months' extension of his furlough, or until February 28.

GLENN L. GOFFAR--MINISTERIAL INTERNESHIP:

The application of Glenn L. Goffar for Ministerial Interneship in the Oregon Conference was referred to this Committee, inasmuch as Brother Goffar is past the thirty-year age limit. All other requirements being met, it was

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VOTED, That Ministerial Interneship be granted to Glenn L. Goffar, for work in the Oregon Conference.

J.C.DIMOCK--BOULDER SANITARIUM
JAMES OSS --WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release J.C.Dimock to connect with the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium; and to request the Central Union and the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium to release James Oss to connect with the Washington Sanitarium.

BUREAU OF GUIDANCE:

The Secretary stated that the suggestion has been made that it would be helpful if our doctors appointed to the mission fields, and who are required to obtain the British qualifications, could have some guidance on landing in England, in the matter of proper procedure and the best method of making contact with the medical schools, getting in touch with the best coaches, etc., so that they may not by any unfavorable procedure prejudice their case or militate against an early passing of the examinations. The Stanborough Sanitarium at Watford offers to furnish this sort of guidance if the General Conference will meet the small expense involved in making the necessary continuous contact with the universities and the coaches.

VOTED, That we accept the kind offer of the Stanborough Park Sanitarium, and agree to meet the expense that may be involved in maintaining this bureau of guidance for our doctors who go to England to obtain the British qualifications, on the understanding that the expense will not exceed £10 per year.

GREETINGS TO F.GRIGGS:

VOTED, To send the greetings of this Committee to F. Griggs and his fellow workers in China, by V.T.Armstrong who will be stopping in Hong Kong on his way to Singapore.

APPRECIATION:

VOTED, To ask the Secretary to convey our appreciation to the loyal group of stenographers who worked so untiringly during the time of the Council.

VOTED, To express to Elder L.T.Nicola our thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies extended to the delegates and visitors during the time of the Council.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by G.W.Schubert.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

E.D.Dick,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.