

SPRING MEETING

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 9 - 11, 1940

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## SPRING MEETING

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## FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D.C., April 9, 1940, 10:00 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, J.J.Ireland, W.A. Spicer, M.E.Kern, G.W.Wells, I.H.Evans, F.C.Gilbert, Meade MacGuire, R.Ruhling, E.E.Andross, Frederick Griggs, G.W.Schubert, M.L.Rice, W.B.Ochs, J.F.Piper, J.J.Nethery, E.H.Oswald, E.L.Neff, Glenn Calkins, J.K.Jones, R.L.Benton, H.E.Rogers, L.Halswick, H.D.Casebeer, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, J.E.Weaver, Steen Rasmussen, W.A.Butler, W.H.Bergherm, M.A.Hollister, Dr. H.M. Walton, Miss Kathryn Jensen, C.E.Weaks, E.E.Franklin, H.H.Votaw, J.A.Stevens, W.K.Ising, A.W.Peterson, C.L.Bond, D.A.Ochs, H.L. Rudy, T.J.Michael, W.E.Murray (of Argentina), H.G.Stoehr (of Brazil), L.L.Moffitt (of Southern Africa), W.P.Elliott, F.M. Wilcox, W.E.Howell, M.V.Tucker, J.H.Cochran, M.C.Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

J.W.MacNeil (representing the Columbia Union in the absence of H.J.Detwiler), Claude Conard, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, W.L.Burgan, C.B.Haynes, F.G.Ashbaugh, H.M.Burwell, C.A.Russell, H.F.Benson (of Japan), D.E.Reiner, E.L.Richmond, C.E.Palmer, Frederick Lee, F.D.Nichol, Miss Lora Clement, L.W.Graham, M.R. Thurber, J.M.Howell, T.W.Steen, M.E.Olsen, K.L.Gant, E.A.Pohle, E.W.Dunbar, M.E.Cady, G.R.Fattic, E.E.Cossentine, W.W.Prescott, Miss Rosamond Ginther, Miss Stella Fleisher, Miss Lizzie Gregg.

L.H.Christian, occupying the chair, was sorry to announce that Elder McElhany, who had contracted the influenza while filling appointments on the Pacific Coast, was not well enough to be with us. The Secretary was asked to convey to Elder McElhany the sympathy of the Committee, and their hopes for his speedy recovery.

After referring to present world conditions, Elder Christian in opening the meeting read the promise in Psa.76:10: "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee; the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain." Also the call in Isa. 60:1,2, to "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee."



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The following quotation from Special Testimonies was also read:

"God's workers today constitute the connecting link between the former workers, the church of history, and the church that is to be called out from the world and prepared to meet their Lord. The tide of spiritual life is to flow through the appointed channels, as in the history of the past. From age to age the light which God has for the world has been imparted to the church militant, and God is continuing to impart precious light. All who receive the light are to diffuse it to those who sit in darkness. All the excellencies that have come through the belief of the truth from past ages to the present time, are to be treated with the utmost respect."

"Truly," said Elder Christian, "we should make present conditions and the searching for light, and the willingness to think of spiritual and eternal things on the part of many in the world today, count for the advancement of the advent movement."

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

The following daily program for the meeting was adopted:

A.M.	P.M.
8:30 -- 9:00 Devotional	2:00 -- 3:30 Session
9:00 -- 10:30 Session	3:30 -- 3:45 Recess
10:30 -- 10:45 Recess	3:45 -- 5:15 Session
10:45 -- 12:00 Session	7:00 -- 9:00 Subcommittees or Session.

#### PRINCIPLES OF PROTESTANTISM AND SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE:

Information was given by H.H.Votaw and W.G.Turner relative to a plan being developed by certain religious leaders in Washington, in which we have been asked to join, for educating the people in the United States in the true principles of Protestantism, and concerning the principle of the separation of church and state.

Suggestion was made that our own people need to be better informed concerning the prophecies relating to the Papacy, and concerning the increasing spread and encroachments of Catholicism in the United States, both in religious circles and in government affairs, and that it might be well if some special attention were given to this subject at the camp meetings this summer.

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to give study to this question, and make recommendation



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as to how we may cooperate with these religious leaders in the educational campaign which they propose, and also as to ways and means of enlightening our own people on this matter.

Appointed: M.E.Kern, chairman; F.M.Wilcox, H.H.Votaw, L.H.Christian, F.D.Nichol.

#### OBJECTIVES AND SPIRIT OF OUR CAMP MEETINGS:

There was some discussion of the objectives and spirit of our camp meetings. The need of our people for spiritual help, and the importance of steady continuous work by those who attend the meetings, was stressed. Simplification of the camp meeting program was also suggested.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of seven to give study to this question, and bring in recommendations.

Appointed: I.H.Evans, G.W.Wells, J.J.Nethery, Glenn Calkins, M.L.Rice, Steen Rasmussen, J.A.Stevens.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statements of the General Conference, the General Conference Corporation, the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, and the General Conference Association, for the year ending December 31, 1939, together with auditor's certificates for each organization, and these were accepted as follows:

[See thirteen pages following]

Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, with the closing prayer by W.E.Murray, of South America.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1939

		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Current</u>			
Cash and Bank	1 952 052 26		
Security Investments	982 917 79		
Notes Receivable	158 00		
Accounts Receivable	124 608 03		
Accrued Interest Securities	7 205 28		
Inventory Supplies and Prepaid Expense	<u>10 765 16</u>		
Total Current Assets		3 077 706 52	
<u>Fixed</u>			
General Conference Library	4 562 95		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>2 761 72</u>		
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1 801 23</u>	
Total Assets			3 079 507 75

		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	87 007 13		
Trust Funds	<u>849 435 38</u>		
Total Liabilities			<u>936 442 51</u>

		<u>NET WORTH</u>	
Net Worth January 1, 1939	1 935 046 79		
Net Increase during Year 1939	<u>208 018 45</u>		
Net Worth December 31, 1939			2 143 065 24

		<u>ANALYSIS OF NET WORTH</u>	
Provision to Cover Fixed Assets		1 801 23	
Current Assets	3 077 706 52		
Liabilities	<u>936 442 51</u>		
Working Capital December 31, 1939		<u>2 141 264 01</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1939			2 143 065 24



## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## OPERATING STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1939

INCOMETITHENorth America

Union Conferences

49 602 78

Per Cent of Tithe

790 976 50

Miscellaneous Tithe

2 237 54

842 816 82

Foreign Tithe

10% Union Tithe Europe

2 406 82

25% Local Tithe Europe

14 744 76

Tithe from Other Divisions

8 062 9225 214 50

Total Tithe Receipts

868 031 32

MISSION OFFERINGSNorth America

Forty-cent-a-week Funds

2 420 026 98

Miscellaneous

8 672 01

Specific Miss. Offerings

3 982 34

2 432 681 33

Foreign

Europe Non-Revertible

79 765 93

Other Divisions Non-Revert.

235 241 89

Revertible Mission Funds

670 470 29985 478 11

Total Mission Offerings

3 418 159 44

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME247 215 06

Total General Conference Income Year 1939

4 533 405 82



## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## OPERATING STATEMENT CONTINUED

Year Ending December 31, 1939

EXPENSESAPPROPRIATIONSForeign

Regular	2 082 907 61
Reverted Funds	670 470 29
Special Appropriations	104 900 00
Emergency Appropriations	74 843 16
Appropriation from Exchange	
Funds--Far East	23 509 26
Specific Gifts for Miss.	3 982 34
13th Sabbath Overflow	28 617 33
Special Sick Relief	4 635 64
Appointees and Furlough Exp.	1 504 46
Spring in Tithe and Offerings	6 526 37

Total Foreign Appropriations

3 001 896 46

Home

Regular	226 688 68
Alaska and Hawaii by Rev.	22 121 94
Emergency and Special	97 750 50
Institutional Relief	441 214 52
Rural Schools--Southern Union	3 000 00
Bible Societies	2 580 32
American Temperance Soc.	386 21
General Meeting Expense	632 73
General Conf. Session Provision	6 000 00
Appro. to Sustentation Fund	55 063 23
Harvest Ing. Overflow	66 203 92
Special Sick Relief	6 021 34
Spring in Offerings--Alaska	590 69

Total Home Appropriations

928 254 08

Total Appropriations for Year 1939

3 930 150 54

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## OPERATING STATEMENT CONTINUED

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSEAdministrative & Departmental

Salary	173 050 36
Rent Subsidy	15 054 39
Travel	51 557 59
Office Expensee	<u>26 036 06</u>

Total Administrative & Departmental Exp. 265 698 40

Regular Operating Expense

Rent, Heat, and Light	12 091 56
Liability Insurance	798 19
Automobile Ins. Subsidy	205 21
General Expense	380 62
Cables and Telegrams	1 453 01
Entertainment	1 470 28
Ministry--Net Cost	2 104 11
Retired Laborers	6 637 32
Transportation Agencies	10 748 70
Harvest Ingathering Expense	80 783 76
Promotion Expense	6 159 64
Year Book Loss	<u>121 82</u>

Total Regular Operating Expense 122 954 22

Misc. Operating Expense

Autumn Council Expense	467 14
Depreciation Library Books	456 30
Provision Advent Source Material	1 500 00
Provision Doubtful Accounts	250 00
5% R. & H. Cafeteria Loss	2 447 77
Research Committee Expense	<u>1 463 00</u>

Total Misc. Operating Expense 6 584 21

Total General Operating Expense 395 236 83

Total General Conference Expense Year 1939 4 325 387 37

Total Income Year 1939	4 533 405 82
Total Expense Year 1939	<u>4 325 387 37</u>

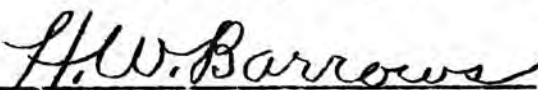
Net Gain Year 1939 208 018 45



## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS:

Having examined the financial records of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1939, I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and the related Operating Statement correctly set forth the financial position of this organization as of December 31, 1939 and the results of operating during the year then ended.

  
Associate Auditor General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D. C.  
February 15, 1940

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S. D. A.  
Washington Sanitarium Eliminated

BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1939

A S S E T S

Current

Cash and Bank	214 848 37	
Notes and Securities	971 693 25	
Accounts Receivable	11 135 58	
Interest Receivable	7 541 71	
Prepaid Expense	<u>378 07</u>	
Total Current Assets		1 205 596 98

Fixed

Real Estate	13 534 39	
Buildings Less Depreciation	97 442 59	
Equipment Less Depreciation	<u>22 482 05</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>133 459 03</u>
Total Assets		1 339 056 01

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable	99 361 15	
Notes and Certificates	254 256 52	
Annuity Agreements	459 527 19	
Interest and Annuities Payable	<u>2 161 54</u>	
Total Liabilities		815 306 40

N E T    W O R T H

Net Worth January 1, 1939	450 240 81	
Net Gain Year 1939	<u>73 508 80</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1939		<u>523 749 61</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		1 339 056 01



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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S. D. A.  
Including Washington Sanitarium

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1939

A S S E T S

Current

Cash and Bank	214 848 37
Notes and Securities	971 693 25
Accounts Receivable	213 315 98
Accrued Interest	7 541 71
Prepaid Exp.-Unexpired Ins.	<u>378 07</u>

Total Current Assets 1 407 777 38

Fixed

Real Estate:

G. C. Corporation	11 034 39	
Washington Sanitarium	27 966 23	
District of Columbia		
Clinic	<u>2 500 00</u>	41 500 62

Buildings Less Deprec.

G. C. Corporation	87 566 59	
Washington Sanitarium	299 093 94	
District of Columbia		
Clinic	<u>9 876 00</u>	396 536 53

Equipment Less Deprec.

G. C. Corporation	22 482 05	
Washington Sanitarium	<u>51 522 64</u>	<u>74 004 69</u>

Total Fixed Assets 512 041 84

Total Assets 1 919 819 22

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable	103 446 31
Notes and Certificates	254 256 52
Annuity Agreements	464 727 19
Interest and Annuities	<u>2 161 54</u>

Total Liabilities 824 591 56

Net Worth December 31, 1939 1 095 227 66

Total Liabilities and Net Worth 1 919 819 22

A N A L Y S I S O F N E T W O R T H

Net Worth January 1, 1939		992 846 93
G. C. Corporation Net Gain Year 1939	73 508 80	
Washington Sanitarium Net Gain Year 1939	<u>28 871 93</u>	<u>102 380 73</u>

Net Worth December 31, 1939 1 095 227 66

## GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S. D. A.

## OPERATING STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1939

I N C O M E

## Interest Income:

Banks	1 709 32	
Securities	33 089 78	
Notes Receivable	603 60	
Dividends	<u>5 428 53</u>	40 831 23

Gain on Security Sales	5 777 17	
Gain on Equipment Sales	243 57	
Building and Equipment Rental Income	10 800 00	
Wills, Legacies and Estates	15 643 37	
Income--Lucy Hall Property	770 61	
Matured Annuities	17 500 00	
Refund of Appropriation	188 00	
Sanitarium Mission Hospital	22 902 94	
Special Donation	<u>41 043 33</u>	

Total Income Year 1939

155 700 22

E X P E N S E S

Annuity Expense	19 591 02	
Interest Expense	3 106 99	
Depreciation - Buildings	2 364 21	
Depreciation - Equipment	4 029 42	
"                Grounds Improvement	137 30	
"                Washington Clinic	384 00	
General Expense	432 16	
Grounds Expense	238 86	
Insurance Expense	192 34	
Taxes	2 437 13	
Repairs - Buildings	336 52	
Repairs - Equipment	253 32	
Salaries	2 420 22	
Subsidy	251 97	
Special Appropriations	42 165 00	
Jose A. Bertran Hill Estate Expense	533 70	
Interest Adjustment E. G. White Estate Years 1934 to 1938	<u>3 317 26</u>	

Total Expense Year 1939

82 191 42

General Conference Corporation Gain Year 1939

73 508 80

Washington Sanitarium - 1939 Operating Gain

28 871 93

Increase in Corporation Net Worth Year 1939

102 380 73



## WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

## BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1939

A S S E T SCurrent

Cash and Bank	113 696 98
Securities	820 00
Miscellaneous Property	152 00
Accounts Receivable	32 039 43
Supplies and Prepaid Expense	<u>55 471 99</u>

Total Current Assets

202 180 40

Fixed

Real Estate	27 966 23
Buildings and Improvements	573 651 35
Less Reserve for Depre.	<u>274 557 41</u>
	299 093 94
Furniture and Equip.	125 507 42
Less Reserve for Depre.	<u>73 984 78</u>
	<u>51 522 64</u>

Total Fixed Assets

378 582 81

Total Assets

580 763 21

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable	3 985 16
Trust Fund	100 00
Annuity Agreements	<u>5 200 00</u>

Total Liabilities

9 285 16

N E T    W O R T H

Net Worth Jan. 1, 1939	542 606 12
Operating Gain Year 1939	<u>28 871 93</u>

Net Worth Dec. 31, 1939

571 478 05

571 478 05

Total Liabilities and Net Worth

580 763 21

## WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

## LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT

One Year of 52 Weeks Ending December 31, 1939

G A I N S

Charity - State of Maryland	750 00
Conscience Funds Received	2 00
Cash Over and Short Balance	83 10
Cash Discounts from Firms	1 115 62
Lost Accounts Collected	100 18
Equipment Sales and Transfers	<u>101 00</u>
	2 151 90

Net Gain Transferred from Departmental Operating Statement	<u>41 570 45</u>
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43 722 35

L O S S E S

Charity - Patients	11 889 56
Charity - Children's Hospital	1 800 32
Donations	280 02
Contribution to Medical College	<u>880 52</u>

14 850 42

Net Gain for 1939 Transferred to  
Net Worth Account

28 871 93



CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have made an examination of the books and accounting records of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1939. All cash vouchers have been carefully checked and bank accounts and securities have been verified by actual inspection or by certificates of the depositaries.

Securities with a par value of \$25,000 have been deposited with the trustees of the Lisner Estate as collateral to guarantee completion of the Lisner Memorial Building at the Washington Sanitarium in harmony with agreement entered into between the contractor and the Washington Sanitarium Association.

In my opinion, based upon such examination, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement present fairly the financial position of the General Conference Corporation, which includes the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, at December 31, 1939, and the results of operations for the year then ended.



Associate Auditor  
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Washington, D. C.  
February 29, 1940.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1939

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable		
General Conference Corporation		26 425 76
Real Estate	200 00	
Less Reserve	<u>200 00</u>	
Total Assets		26 425 76

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	995 00
Thompson Monument Fund	<u>60 00</u>
Total Liabilities	1 055 00

NET WORTH

Net Worth January 1, 1939	24 603 05	
Gain Year 1939	<u>767 71</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1939		<u>25 370 76</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		26 425 76

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1939

INCOME

Interest on Funds with General Conference Corporation	769 71
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EXPENSE

Filing Non-Profit Corporation Report	<u>2 00</u>
Income Exceeds Expense	767 71



CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have audited the records of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1939, and hereby certify that in my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Income and Expense Statement correctly set forth the financial position of the association at December 31, 1939.



Associate Auditor  
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Washington, D. C.

February 29, 1940.

## FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 9, 1940, 2 P.M.

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The Chairman, W.G.Turner, read from page 173 of the book "Education," and pages 753 and 754 of Volume V of the Testimonies from which we take the following excerpts:

"In the annals of human history the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as dependent on the will and prowess of man. The shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, behind, above, and through all the play and counter-play of human interests and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will."

"We permit ourselves to feel altogether too much care, trouble, <sup>and</sup> perplexity in the Lord's work. Finite men are not left to carry the burdens of responsibility. We need to trust in God, believe in Him, and go forward. The tireless vigilance of the heavenly messengers, and their unceasing employment in their ministry in connection with the beings of earth, show us how God's hand is guiding the wheel within a wheel."

F.Griggs and J.J.Nethery led in prayer.

E.D.Dick conveyed to the delegates an expression of appreciation from J.L.McElhany for the message of good wishes sent him by action taken in the morning meeting.

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM:

The Promotion Committee on the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program for 1940 had made recommendation to the General Conference Committee that the volumes for the 1941 Reading Program be selected at the Spring Meeting. Although certain questions were raised concerning the wisdom of the continuance of this plan, yet it was felt by many that the plan had met with a welcome reception in the field and is of benefit to our membership generally.

VOTED, That the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program be continued during 1941, and that a committee of five, appointed by the Chair, be asked to submit suggestive volumes for reading during 1941.

Committee appointed: Steen Rasmussen, M.A.Hollister, A.W.Peterson, Arthur White, I.H.Evans.



April 9, 1940, 2 P.M.

## CREDENTIALS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS:

Attention was called to the necessity of renewing credentials and licenses to General Conference workers, as those now carried expire June 30, 1940.

VOTED, That credentials and licenses be issued to General Conference workers, to serve until December 31, 1942.

## NORTH AMERICAN VICE-PRESIDENT:

VOTED, That a Committee on Nominations be appointed to submit a report on a Vice-President for the North American Division.

Appointed: E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, F.Griggs, J.H.Cochran, the presidents of the union conferences, in collaboration with J.L.McElhany.

## STATEMENT ON RELATIONSHIP TO LABOR UNIONS:

The "Statement Concerning the Relationship of Seventh-day Adventists to Labor Unions" which had been adopted in the meeting of February 29, was distributed. E.D.Dick reported on contacts recently made with leading labor union officials. Inasmuch as this Statement had already been sent to union and local conference presidents in North America opportunity was given for an expression as to its reception in the field. Various suggestions were made, and it was generally felt that such a statement would be very helpful in the future.

VOTED, To await the reaction of the labor leaders who have been approached on this item, and then give study to revising the Statement, with a view to printing it in leaflet form for distribution to our leaders.

## MEDICAL COUNCIL:

It is desired by the Medical Department secretaries and by medical workers that a Medical Council be held in the near future, where problems of mutual interest may be discussed. It may be advisable to postpone the meeting of Nursing Administrators called for May 19-21, and hold it in connection with the Council.

VOTED, That Dr. H.M.Walton, L.H.Christian, E.D.Dick, Miss Kathryn Jensen, and the union conference presidents who have medical institutions in their territories, constitute a committee to give study to the holding of a Medical Council, and the time and place of such a meeting.

Adjourned at 5:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by W.B. Ochs.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.

E.D.Dick, Secretary.

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.



## FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 10, 1940, 8:30 A.M.

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## ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.S.Longacre.

"Nearer, My God to Thee," was sung to open the devotional service, which, conducted by Elder Spicer, occupied the first thirty minutes of the morning session.

Elder Spicer's message was one of faith and confidence in the certainty of the soon appearing of the Lord Jesus, and of admonition to faithfulness in the work committed to us, of preparing a people to meet the Lord. We have never before seen such things as we see today, and the events that are taking place in the world with such suddenness are but signs that the coming of the Lord is hastening on. That is the event we are looking for, and upon which we must keep our eyes fixed. "For unto those that look for Him shall He appear again the second time without sin unto salvation." "Great pains should be taken," we are told in the Spirit of prophecy, "to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly." And, "Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised." Again quoting, from "Prophets and Kings," "While all the world is plunged in darkness, there will be light in every dwelling of the saints. They will catch the first light of His second appearing." One of the most important things we have to do, said Elder Spicer, is to keep the light of the hope of the coming of Jesus burning brightly in the homes and hearts of Seventh-day Adventists, and to do that we as workers must be prepared and ready ourselves.

Elders Wilcox, Kern and Dick led in a season of prayer, especially remembering our work and workers in the war-torn fields of Europe.

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Taking up the business of the forenoon, the first item was the appointment of a committee on Special Days and Offerings, and it was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to bring in recommendations regarding the Calendar of Special Days, Offerings, and Campaigns for 1941.

Appointed: A.W.Cormack, J.K.Jones, J.F.Piper, Steen Rasmussen, E.E.Franklin, J.E.Weaver, J.A.Stevens, A.W.Peterson, M.A.Hollister.



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## SPANISH SCHOOL:

Attention was called to the fact that tentative plans for the establishment of a school for the training of Spanish workers have been before us for quite a long time, but that these plans have never been finalized. H.A.Morrison and H.D.Casebeer told of the very great need for such a school, and of the advisability of its being located where those who come for training will be in their own natural environment. H.T.Elliott reported concerning funds which the Bureau of Home Missions is prepared to allot to the establishment of the school.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the Chair, to give study to the matter, and make definite recommendation concerning the establishment of a Spanish training school.

Appointed: H.A.Morrison, Glenn Calkins, R.L.Benton, W.E. Nelson, H.T.Elliott, W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, H.D.Casebeer, J.F.Piper, W.H.Teesdale, E.D.Dick.

## SUSTENTATION FUND SURPLUS:

The following recommendation, introduced by the Treasurer was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Sustentation Fund is a fund that is held in trust for our conferences and institutions in North America, to be used in assisting sick and aged workers, and the needy widows and children of deceased laborers; and

WHEREAS, There has been accumulated over a period of years a larger surplus in this fund than seems necessary, and the percentages now being paid to the fund by our conferences and institutions appear to be sufficient to meet the present disbursements to beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, It appears consistent that since any reduction of the present surplus should benefit the organizations which have helped to create it; therefore

We recommend, That in order to adjust the present surplus of the Sustentation Fund, we refund to each conference, publishing house, book and Bible house, sanitarium, college and academy in North America, a sum equivalent to the amount paid to or due to the Sustentation Fund for the months of January, February and March, 1939, it being understood that should any of the organizations named be owing the Sustentation Fund, the amount refunded shall apply on such indebtedness.

## BOOKS FOR 1941 MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of seven to give consideration to, and report concerning the books to be used in the 1941 Missions Extension Campaign.



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Committee appointed: Steen Rasmussen, C.E.Weaks, J.H. Cochran, M.V.Tucker, W.P.Elliott, A.W.Peterson, M.A.Hollister.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT FOR NORTH AMERICA:

The committee that was appointed to nominate a Vice-President for the North American Division, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to make provision for the leadership of the work in North America recommends that W.G.Turner be appointed as Vice-President for the North American Division, to serve in the interim between now and the next General Conference Session.

#### REVISION OF CURRICULUM OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

H.A.Morrison, secretary of the Department of Education, reported that the committee appointed by the 1937 Autumn Council, on revision of the curriculum of our elementary schools, has completed its work, and the Department is now desirous that a revision of the secondary curriculum shall be undertaken. This work should be assigned to a representative committee of nine or ten members, who would meet and study the problem and make assignments, and then meet once or twice again during the two years that it would probably take to complete the work.

VOTED, To refer to the Minority Committee the appointment of a committee on revision of the curriculum of our secondary schools.

#### BIBLE TEACHING IN OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

W.H.Teesdale outlined a plan which the Department of Education hopes may lead to the strengthening and unifying of the Bible teaching in our secondary schools, in which field in some of the schools the same methods are being used that were followed years ago, whereas other teachers are following new methods of teaching the same truths. It is felt that something should be done towards revising plans and methods before there is a wide diversity of practice on the part of our teachers.

VOTED, That we approve of the suggestion by the Department of Education, looking toward the strengthening and unifying of the Bible teaching in our secondary schools; that it be left with the Minority Committee and the Department of Education to work out the plan in detail; and that we ask the union and local conferences and institutions concerned to cooperate in the plan.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, with the closing prayer by E.H.Oswald.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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After the opening song, the Chairman read from "Testimonies to Ministers," page 49, a part of the excerpt reading as follows: "The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be re-proved, warned and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard."

## CHURCH HYMNAL:

Report was made by I.H. Evans concerning the selection of hymns for the new church hymnal, announcing that this work has now been completed. It is necessary to secure permission for copyright on two hundred of the 660 hymns to be used in the book. It will doubtless take some months to obtain this permission. The Review and Herald Publishing Association has in hand sufficient stock of "Christ in Song" to meet the demand for twelve to fourteen weeks. Suggestion was made that in case of need for further copies of "Christ in Song," after the supply is exhausted, prior to the completion of the printing of the new hymnal, rebound copies of "Christ in Song" could be used to supply the need.

VOTED, To authorize the discontinuance of the publication of "Christ in Song," with the understanding that the Review and Herald Publishing Association make such provision as is necessary to meet the demand for these books; and that we authorize the publication of the new song book as the denominational hymnal.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

## TIME OF UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

Attention was called to items on the Agenda referring to the Autumn Council, General Conference Session, and time of Union Sessions, and it was

VOTED, To refer these items to a committee as follows: L H Christian, E D Dick, W E Nelson, H T Elliott, W G Turner, and the North American union presidents, with J.L. McElhany.

Adjourned at 3:25 P.M., to give opportunity for sub-committees to meet.

W.G. Turner, Chairman.  
E.D. Dick, Secretary.  
Katie Farney, Recording Sec'y.



## FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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"In a Little While We're Going Home" was sung to open the meeting.

F.M. Wilcox, who led in the devotional service, referred to the admonition of Moses to Israel just before he was taken away, that they should remember the Lord who had led them during the forty years in the wilderness, and how in a very short time they forgot this admonition and departed from God. The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua. But Joshua died, and a new generation arose, which knew not the Lord, nor the things that he had done for Israel. They forgot the faith of their fathers. This experience was repeated again and again in the history of Israel. Repeatedly the Lord called them back, and repeatedly they wandered away. The apostolic church went through the same experience, for the Lord said to the church of Ephesus, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. And all through the centuries every religious movement that has arisen has fallen away from the fundamentals that formed the basis of their existence. Elder Wilcox then spoke of the lowering of certain standards among us, of departure from the simplicity that characterized the early work of this message, and of our need of guarding against these influences. The messenger of the Lord has said, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Surely we must not forget. And we should by consistency in our own lives, encourage those who come into the church to remain true and faithful to the principles and standards of the message.

The devotional service closed with a season of prayer.

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## ATTENDANCE AT FORTHCOMING AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The first item of business was a report from the committee to whom items were referred relative to the next Autumn Council, the General Conference Session, and the Union Conference Sessions. The report of this committee was adopted as follows:

At a meeting of the Minority Committee of the General Conference held March 4, action was taken inviting the presidents of all overseas divisions insofar as may be possible to attend the forthcoming Autumn Council. It was also agreed that the question of the time of holding the next General Conference Session be referred to the Autumn Council, when representatives from these overseas divisions could be present to give counsel on this matter.



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In view of the possibility of holding the General Conference Session in the spring of 1941, and the desirability, therefore, of not having a large attendance from North America at the Autumn Council preceding the Session,

We recommend, That the attendance at the Autumn Council be limited to the following:

Members of the General Conference Committee.  
Presidents of local conferences.  
Union conference secretary-treasurers and auditors.  
Union Negro secretaries.  
Presidents of junior and senior colleges.  
Leading editors from each of the publishing houses.

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Since it is necessary to make reservation for auditoriums and other accommodations suitable for large gatherings well in advance, and since the holding of the General Conference Session in 1941 will not be decided until the forthcoming Autumn Council, which will be too late to secure suitable services,

We recommend, That the Minority Committee in counsel with the union conferences be authorized to make early tentative reservations for an auditorium and other accommodations as may be needed for the holding of the General Conference Session in 1941.

#### TIME OF UNION SESSIONS:

Since the final decision on the time of the General Conference Session has been referred to the Autumn Council, and inasmuch as the time for the holding of the union sessions is related to the time of the holding of the General Conference Session,

We recommend, That the time of the holding of such sessions be referred to the forthcoming Autumn Council for decision.

#### MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN LITERATURE:

The following report from the committee appointed on Missions Extension Campaign literature for 1941 was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That, in harmony with the suggestion of the recent Nashville Home Missionary Council, for the 1941 Missions Extension effort we favor the plan of having two 25-cent, 96-page books for this campaign, and that the entire North American Division unite in the use of the same two books.



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2. That one of the books deal with present-day world conditions in the light of Bible prophecy with special emphasis being placed on the Christian's hope,--the second coming of Christ, and that the other be a book that would make a special appeal to theyouth.

3. That the publishing houses in the North American field work on the basis of an exchange of plates in the production of these books as provided for in the Publishing Department recommendation.

4. That the Brookfield Branch of the Pacific Press be requested to provide two books in a number of the leading foreign languages for use in the 1941 Missions Extension campaign.

#### MEDICAL COUNCIL:

The committee on the question of calling a Medical Council submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the meeting of directors of schools of nursing previously approved to have been held in Takoma Park following a meeting of national nursing associations in Philadelphia, be now canceled.

2. That approval be given for the holding of a Medical Convention in Boulder, Colorado, November 29 to December 4, inclusive. Delegates to this convention will be the personnel of the General Conference Medical Department, such General Conference officers as may be able to be present, the chairmen of the sanitarium boards of management, the medical directors, business managers, directors of the school of nursing and nursing service, and the sanitarium chaplains.

3. The purpose of this convention shall be to study objectives and purposes of sanitarium work, to seek for greater uniformity of practice, to elevate standards of service, to improve morale, and to study varied problems of common interest, including matters of organization, and to further study matters pertaining to nursing education, especially ways and means of more fully preparing nurses to meet denominational standards.

#### OBJECTIVES AND SPIRIT OF OUR CAMP MEETINGS:

The committee on Objectives and Spirit of our Camp Meetings submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Divine counsel has been given as to the objective of our camp meetings, and in detail has outlined methods that will meet the approval of the Spirit of God. Facing the 1940 camp



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meeting season, we may well consider this admonition: "Tremendous issues are before us, yea, and right upon us. Let our prayers ascend to God that the four angels may still hold the four winds, that they may not blow to injure or destroy until the last warning has been given to the world. Then let us work in harmony with our prayers. Let nothing lessen the force of the truth for this time. . . . Our message is a life-and-death message, and we must let it appear as it is, the great power of God. We are to present it in all its telling force. Then the Lord will make it effectual. It is our privilege to expect large things, even the demonstration of the Spirit of God. This is the power that will convict and convert the soul."--"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p.61.

Your committee spent much time in constructive discussion of the camp meeting program, and respectfully submits the following recommendations as a general guide in the development of plans for the 1940 camp meetings:

1. In the opportunity that the annual camp meeting provides of meeting with so many of our people, and in facing the seriousness of the hour and the need of all for individual heart searching and consecration, we would stress the thought that the camp should provide for every opportunity wherein the spirit of revival shall be emphasized, that all attending may be refreshed and uplifted in the things of God.

2. As the work has grown, the camp meeting program has outgrown the old-time simplicity, and too often is so congested as to allow little or no time for personal work and quiet meditation. "Do not immediately follow one discourse with another, but let a period of rest intervene, that the truth may be fastened in the mind, and that opportunity for meditation and prayer may be given for both ministers and people."--"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p.56.

3. As far as possible there should be greater continuity of the work of those who bear the burdens of preaching at our camp meetings. Some special lines of work may require but one presentation before the worker passes on to other meetings, but those who are called to carry the heaviest part of instructing the people should, as far as possible, remain throughout the period of the camp meeting in order to have ample time to ascertain their spiritual needs, and do effective work to meet such need.

4. Opportunity should be provided for prayer and personal work. Where such arrangement can be made, district the camp, assigning certain tents, or rooms, to one or more workers whose duty it shall be to minister to the spiritual needs of old and young. Time and place should also be provided where individuals may counsel with ministers, Bible workers or other workers, or have special prayer.



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5. Attendance at camp meeting can be greatly increased by community visitation work by selected workers from among the campers. "At some of our camp meetings, strong companies of workers have been organized to go out into the city and its suburbs to distribute literature and invite people to the meetings." --"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 36.

6. One benefit accruing from our camp meetings is the opportunity afforded our people to secure our literature. We therefore recommend that there be at least one good "book sale," but that we discourage a growing tendency to make each general service an occasion for selling a book or pamphlet. Nor do we believe it is good promotion to decorate the preaching pavilion constantly with a variety of posters or placards advertising our good books and periodicals.

7. With rare exceptions, the evening services should be devoted to the presentation of evangelistic topics. Where pictures are to be shown, let such be presented for twenty or thirty minutes before the time of the evening preaching service, using what would otherwise be the song-service time.

8. Throughout the years our people have gone to camp meeting prepared to respond to an appeal for liberal gifts to foreign missions. This old-time spirit of interest in our world-wide work should be carefully nurtured during the camp meeting, and on one, or both Sabbaths of the meeting, an offering for missions should be taken; care being exercised that the appeal for the offering shall be made in such a way as not to spoil the spiritual influence of the meeting.

9. Camp meeting music should be a vital phase of the spiritual work of the meeting. Therefore we suggest that a responsible committee, answerable to the conference committee, clothed with authority, be asked to direct in the appointment of musicians and singers, and to pass on the merits of all special musical contributions to the service programs; and further, that we encourage more congregational singing.

#### CREDENTIALS TO THOSE ENGAGED IN PRIVATE BUSINESS:

A committee that was appointed on a question concerning credentials, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

In response to the question raised by the field relative to men once ordained, but who have left full-time evangelistic ministry to enter private professional work or business, and as to whether such should be granted credentials for assisting in local church work as elders or otherwise, we are of the opinion that the Working Policy of the General Conference makes no provision for the granting of credentials to such individuals, as they are not under or subject to the direction of any denominational body. Therefore

We recommend, That the General Conference policy be adhered to.



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## CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS FOR 1941

The Committee on the Calendar of Special Days, Offerings and Campaigns for 1941, presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

Special Days for 1941  
For which Programs are provided

January 4	Home Missionary Day
January 25	Religious Liberty Day
February 1	Christian Home Day
February 22	Temperance Day
March 1	Home Missionary Day
March 8-15	Missionary Volunteer Day (March 8) and Week of Prayer.
April 5	Medical Missionary Day
May 3	Home Missionary Day
June 7	Home-Foreign Day
July 5	Home Missionary Day
July 26	Educational Day
August 2	Harvest Ingathering Rally Day
September 6	Home Missionary Day
October 4	Home Missionary Day
November 1	Colporteurs' Rally Day
November 15-22	Week of Sacrifice
November 29	Spirit of Prophecy Day
December 6-13	Annual Week of Prayer
December 20	Christian Stewardship Day

Dates of Campaigns in 1941

January 4-25	<u>Liberty Magazine Campaign</u>
February 15-March 1	<u>Signs of the Times Campaign</u>
March 8-15	<u>Youth's Instructor Campaign</u>
May 3 - 10	<u>Missions Extension and Big Week</u>
August 2-September 27	<u>Official Ingathering Campaign</u>
October 4 -18	<u>Watchman and Message Magazines Campaign</u>
December 1 - 31	<u>Review and Herald Campaign</u>



Dates of Special Offerings in 1941

January 11	Foreign Missions Offering
January 25	Religious Liberty Offering
February 8	Foreign Missions Offering
March 8	Foreign Missions Offering
March 29	Elementary Schools Offering
April 12	Foreign Missions Offering
May 10	Missions Extension Offering
May 31	Elementary Schools Offering
June 14	Foreign Missions Offering
July 12	Foreign Missions Offering
July 19	Midsummer Offering for Missions
August 9	Foreign Missions Offering
August 16	Offering for Negro Work
August 30	Elementary Schools Offering
September 13	Foreign Missions Offering
October 11	Foreign Missions Offering
November 8	Foreign Missions Offering
November 22	Week of Sacrifice Offering
November 29	Elementary School Offering
December 13	Annual Offering

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in 1941

March 29  
June 28  
September 27  
December 27

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REVIEW AND HERALD CAMPAIGN FOR 1940:

VOTED, That the special Review and Herald Campaign for 1940 be the same period as for 1941, December 1 - 31.

PRINCIPLES OF PROTESTANTISM  
AND SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE:

The committee appointed to draft a statement on Principles of Protestantism and Separation of Church and State, submitted a Statement, and recommendations, which were adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That in view of world developments that point to the soon-fulfillment of Revelation 13, the accompanying Statement, "The Impending Conflict and Our Responsibility," which seeks to arouse our people to a clearer realization of the impending crisis and our responsibilities in relation to this crisis, be sent to all our churches in North America.

2. That we ask the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference to foster the preparation of a special, inexpensive piece of literature dealing with this crisis, and that



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our ministry and people be encouraged to give this a circulation of not less than two million copies.

3. That our ministers and others be invited to send in to the Religious Liberty Department any significant newspaper clippings or magazine articles they find that throw light on the fulfillment of Revelation 13, and that in turn the best of this material be made available to our whole ministry.

4. That our ministry be encouraged to give special attention to the prophecy of Revelation 13 in their preaching to our own people, in their evangelistic efforts, and at the coming camp meetings. Further, we suggest to the editors of our journals that they capitalize the present opportunity, to enlighten both our own people and the world on this subject.

5. That so far as it is possible to do so, without compromising our principles, we respond favorably to the invitation of certain Protestant leaders to cooperate with them in an educational movement in behalf of the Protestant principle of the separation of church and state.

[See following pages for the Statement, to be sent to the churches.]



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## THE IMPENDING CONFLICT AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY

On every side fast fulfilling prophecy meets our eyes. Wars and rumors of wars rivet our attention. Calamities by land and sea and other startling signs become increasingly the topic of our conversation. All these omens of the end are intended of God to arouse us by their very magnitude and spectacular nature. But while we are gazing, spellbound, at these tremendous happenings, we should remember that other signs, equally significant, are being fulfilled also, and that there is danger that we may fail to sense their import because of the stealthy way in which they have been creeping upon us. We think particularly of the events that have been shaping themselves for the fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 13.

If there is one prophecy above another that ought to stir us, it is the inspired forecast concerning the healing of the "deadly wound" and the making of an image to the beast. Revelation 13 describes the last conflict between good and evil in this world, a conflict in which we shall be called upon to play a most solemn part. And because we believe that this prophecy does portray the very last events we have always considered that any evidence of its soon-fulfillment is equally an evidence that the end of all things is nigh at hand.

Recent developments provide vivid proof that the day of the complete fulfillment of this prophecy is very near. For example, the collapse of liberty with resulting civil and religious persecution; the growing power of the Papacy; the widespread apostasy in Protestantism coupled with an almost complete loss of conviction concerning the principles of Protestantism; and, lastly, the sending of an ambassadorial representative by the President of the United States to the Vatican.

If we are to be able to stand in the impending crisis we must be developing the kind of faith and the kind of character that will enable us to choose prison and persecution, if need be, rather than to deny our faith. There is need also, that all of us become more diligent students of prophecy. We must be able to discern rightly the signs of the times if we are to be protected from the almost overmastering delusions of Satan that will finally take the world captive. Likewise, we need to refresh our minds on the basic principles that distinguish Protestantism and concerning the history of its providential beginnings.

We need to sense with new force that if we intend, under God, to accomplish our task of completing the unfinished Reformation we must put new energy and fervor into our endeavors. As bearers of the third angel's message we are to warn men against worshipping the beast and his image. If ever those words had meaning and timeliness it is today. We have a message on religious liberty for the world. When could we expect to find the time more ripe for the preaching of that message?



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There is nothing in our view of fulfilling prophecy that permits us to sit in resigned piety awaiting the storm. While we should always be resigned to the will of God, we should never be resigned to the will of Satan; and it is the display of Satan's scheming that is revealed in a very special way in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation. Declares the servant of the Lord:

"Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience."--"Testimonies, Vol. 5, page 714.

"While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome; let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice, and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history, and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed."--Id. Page 716.

There should be a concerted endeavor on the part of the membership in all our churches to carry out this inspired instruction. But with all our earnestness and vigor in proclaiming the truth on Revelation 13, there should be coupled good sense and prudence. We should not forget that we are dealing with a prophecy not yet completely fulfilled, and we must eschew the alluring temptation to fill in details of future developments that are not clearly revealed in the prophecy. We must never substitute our imagination for divine revelation, for thereby we only weaken our cause and subject it to possible ridicule. We need not depart from the simple outline of the prophecy and the evident facts of current history in order to preach a stirring and convicting message to the world.

Furthermore, we need to be on our guard lest in our preaching of Revelation 13 we appear to be political agitators. The servant of the Lord warns us "not to say or do anything that would necessarily close up our way."--"Gospel Workers," p. 390.

The critical happenings of our day and the signs of the impending conflict call upon all of us to greater holiness in our own lives and greater activity in proclaiming the message God has given to us. Should we not adopt as our own the words of our Lord: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"? John 9:4.

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Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, with the closing prayer by G.W. Schubert.

L.H. Christian, Chairman.

E.D. Dick, Secretary.

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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"Wholly Thine" was sung as the meeting opened. W.K. Ising led in prayer.

## SPANISH SCHOOL:

The committee appointed to give study to the question of special training for Spanish young people, submitted a report, which being amended, was adopted as follows:

In harmony with previous actions of the General Conference Committee authorizing establishment of a Spanish training school,

We recommend, 1. That it be located in a Spanish environment, in the Southwestern area of the United States.

2. That it be owned and operated by the Pacific and Southwestern Union Conferences.

3. That the constituency of the school be composed of five members selected by the Pacific Union Conference Committee, five members selected by the Southwestern Union Conference Committee, two members selected by the Central Union Conference Committee, and of any other members of these three above-named union conference committees and of any member of the General Conference Committee who may be present at any meeting of the constituency.

4. That the managing board of this mission training school, when and if organized, consist of three members of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, three members of the Southwestern Union Conference Committee, the Secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions, the Secretary of the Spanish Department of the Bureau, the Secretary of the Department of Education of the General Conference, and the President of the North American Division.

5. That the first meeting of the proposed constituency be called May 6, 1940, at El Paso, Texas.

6. That the General Conference Treasurer, the President of the North American Division, the Secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions, the Secretary of the Spanish Department of the Bureau, and the Secretary of the Department of Education of the General Conference, be authorized to join the constituency in this meeting, W.G. Turner serving as temporary chairman.



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# MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER EVANGELISTIC CONGRESS:

The following recommendation was presented from the Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council, held just prior to this Spring Meeting:

WHEREAS, "Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere. There should be one hundred earnest, faithful laborers in home and foreign fields where now there is one. The highways and byways are yet unworked. . . .The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth"; and

WHEREAS, Similar gatherings of Christian youth in other parts of the world field have demonstrated their value to inspire and to unite advent youth in Christian service; therefore,

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee give consideration to the matter of arranging for a North American Evangelistic Youth's Conference which would bring together a selected and delegated body of representative Missionary Volunteers for instruction and inspiration, with the purpose of sending them back to their respective churches imbued with the spirit of personal devotion and evangelism; the time, place, and arrangements for such an Evangelistic Youth's Conference to be studied by a representative committee appointed by the General Conference Committee.

VOTED, That the above recommendation be referred to the General Conference Committee, for report at the Autumn Council.

## LITERATURE AND METHODS IN HARVEST INGATHERING:

Attention was directed to the difficulties experienced in certain unions with reference to expressions used in literature prepared for promotion purposes in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, which some feel do not give a correct impression. It was stated that at times funds are solicited ostensibly for welfare work whereas in actuality they<sup>are</sup> used for mission work. Following a discussion as to the purpose and propriety of the methods now used for Harvest Ingathering, it was

VOTED, That this item of Literature and Methods in Harvest Ingathering be referred to the Minority Committee for further study.

## T.H.OKOHIRA--RESOLUTION:

The Secretary made mention of the word that had been received some time ago of the death of Elder T.H.Okohira, in Tokyo, on the 7th of December. Elder Okohira was one of our pioneer missionaries to Japan. As a young man he had come to the United States with a business career in view. Here, however,



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he found the truth and returned later to take the message to the people of his own country, where for forty-three years he labored earnestly and successfully for the upbuilding of the church.

RESOLVED, That we record our appreciation of the devoted, Christian life and the faithful and fruitful service of Brother T.H.Okohira in the Japanese field, and hereby extend to the sorrowing relatives and friends who mourn his loss our deepest sympathy.

#### TIME OF SURVEY OF COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

W.E.Nelson as chairman of the commission appointed to survey the College of Medical Evangelists reported it is planned to hold the survey at an early date, and that the definite time would be announced as soon as possible to the members of the Survey Commission.

#### MEDICAL CADET CORPS COUNCIL:

It is desired to call a meeting of the Medical Cadet Corps Council while the delegates from the field are in. Inasmuch as J.L.McElhany, the chairman, is unable to call the Council together at this time, suggestion was made that a temporary chairman be appointed.

VOTED, That E.D.Dick be appointed as chairman temporarily with the understanding that a meeting of the Medical Cadet Corps Council be called.

#### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM VOLUMES FOR 1941:

The committee appointed to recommend volumes for the 1941 Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program presented the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program volumes for 1941 be "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Messages to Young People."

#### RECREATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BASEMENT OF CHURCH:

Request for counsel has come from the field as to the propriety of using the basement of a church for recreational purposes for young people. Questions have been raised also as to the holding of meetings for progressive class work in basement rooms of our churches. Certain churches have refused to grant our young people this privilege. As the question involves the spirituality of our young people, it is one that deserves careful study.



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VOTED, To request the Minority Committee to give study to the question of recreation for young people in the basement of our churches, and to appoint a committee to bring in a report to the Officers' Meeting preceding the Autumn Council.

ELLEN G. WHITE PUBLICATIONS:

In view of limited time, the reading of the report on the work of the Ellen G. White Publications was waived, with the understanding that a mimeographed copy of the report would be later placed in the hands of the delegates. Noteworthy among the facts given are the following:

During the year 1939 the preparation of two new manuscripts has been completed,--"Counsels on Stewardship," and "Counsels to Editors." Work is progressing on a history of health reform. A number of Mrs. E.G. White's books have been translated and printed in foreign countries. Over five thousand copies of the larger books have been sold by colporteurs. Forty-one thousand books have been placed in the homes of our people as compared with twenty-two thousand the preceding year. From ten to twenty per cent of our members have joined in the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program, the plan having been adopted in nearly all the world divisions. A representative of the office has visited several of our schools in an intensive Spirit of Prophecy program, and the response has been gratifying. The work of the office has been carried on within the budget for the year.

Adjourned sine die, at 5:30 P.M. Closing prayer by J.J. Nethery.

W.G. Turner, Chairman.  
E.D. Dick, Secretary.  
Katie Farney Recording Secretary.