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SIX HUNDRED ELEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 13, 1945, 7:30 P.M.

The 1945 Autumn Council was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 13 - 20. The Black and Silver Hall of the Civic Auditorium was filled to capacity as members of the General Conference Committee and other workers representing various interests, along with numbers of visiting brethren and sisters gathered for the first meeting, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 13. After an opening song, Elder W.F. Branson read the 58th chapter of Isaiah, and prayer was offered by E.E. Andross.

Those present in addition to members of the General Conference Committee included the local conference presidents in North America, the union secretary-treasurers and auditors, the colored union secretaries, the college presidents, and a number of Publishing, Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer and Medical representatives who had been in attendance at pre-Council meetings.

Representatives of overseas divisions were present as follows:

China: N.F. Brewer, E.L. Longway, W.I. Hilliard, Dr. Herbert Liu, Milton Lee, S.L. Frost, Miss Bessie Mount, Miss Thora Thomson, Raymond C. Hill.

Far East: V.T. Armstrong, W.P. Bradley, P.L. Williams, R.S. Watts, C.W. Lee, F.A. Pratt, L.F. Bohner, James Leland, F.A. Mote, J.M. Nearness, H.R. Emmerson.

Inter-America: Glenn Calkins, W.E. Read, A.H. Roth, Wesley Amundsen, E.C. Brown, L.H. Olson.

South America: F.L. Harrison, J. Berger Johnson, Roger A. Wilcox, F.L. Baer.

Southern Africa: Milton Robison, W.H. Anderson, E.D. Hanson, G.R. Nash.

Southern Asia: L.C. Sheppard, E.E. Meleen, H.G. Woodward.

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MESSAGES OF GREETING:

Messages of greeting to the Council by cable were read from the following: R.R.Figuhr and H.O.Olson, of the South American Division; P.G.Nelson and G.A.Lindsay, representing the East and West Nordic Unions in Northern Europe; A.L.Ham and A.F.Tarr, of the Southern Asia Division; E.L.Branson, of the Middle East Union, and J.F.Cummins and J.A.Stevens who are at present visiting that union; R.A.Anderson, at present in Australia. A letter was read from A.Minck, president of the Central European Division, transmitted to us by one of our soldier boys. The letter contained greetings and best wishes from the Central European Division Committee, and expressed the hope that there might be opportunity soon for them to join us in Council. There was a letter of greeting also from Elder F.C.Gilbert, who had hoped he might be with us in this Council.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to acknowledge these messages, and to convey greetings from this Council to the brethren from whom they came and to the believers in the fields they represent, including a message of greeting to C.W.Bozarth and E.A.Moon, of the Southern African Division.

VOTED, also, to send greetings from the Council to the following brethren who have been with us in many Councils heretofore: Elders W.A.Spicer, I.h.Evans, F.M.Wilcox and C.H.Watson.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Elder J.L.McElhany, as he began his opening address to the Council, paid tribute to our young men who during the years of their service to their country have been faithful also in their service to God. He referred to the fact that our first contacts with many of our mission fields from which we had been so long cut off have been through our soldier young men. Many of them, immediately upon arriving in these places, have made it their business to hunt up our believers and workers, to inquire concerning the welfare of the work. Some of the young men without previous experience have preached to the believers, comforting them and ministering to them spiritually. They have paid their tithes and offerings in these fields, in order to help to rehabilitate them financially. "The manner in which our young men have risen to these opportunities," said Elder McElhany, "has forcefully impressed upon me the fact that in the closing days of this message the Lord can place His Spirit upon any consecrated instrument and use it mightily in the finishing of His work. What our soldiers have accomplished can be multiplied scores of times as the Spirit of God through the latter rain is poured out upon His people, and apostolic experiences are repeated."

"I believe the time is here," Elder McElhany continued, when every effort should be put forth to lead all our people into a fuller and deeper experience in soul-winning activity. As

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Seventh-day Adventists we have only one mission in this world, and that is to proclaim the message for these last days in preparation for the coming of the Lord. The time was when all of our city churches were bases for active evangelistic work. But many of our pastors today are overburdened with the details of church affairs to the point where they do not have opportunity for evangelistic work. Every church should be a base or center for continuous missionary service."

In the remainder of his address, Elder McElhany touched on various other points of vital importance in connection with our work at the present time. We can give but a few excerpts here.

"I feel a deep concern," he said, "about the young men who are being trained for the ministry. We need a large body of well-trained men whose souls are fired with a zeal for soul winning. We should encourage these young men to catch up the flaming torch of evangelism and go from center to center preaching the truths of this message. Our internship policy provides that the young men entering the ministry should have opportunity to get actual experience in evangelism. Many of them, however, are being pressed into other lines of work. We earnestly plead that these young men be given the opportunity to develop basically as evangelistic soul winners.

"The opportunities for the use of our message-filled literature have never been greater than they are in the present hour. Our publishing houses should be pressed to the limit of their capacity in preparing literature that will proclaim the message of Christ's soon coming. Our colporteurs are doing a valiant service in many lands in placing our publications in the homes of the people, and only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished through their efforts. But all of our church members should be made literature conscious, and encouraged to make greater use of our books, tracts, and periodicals. We need to remind ourselves continually of those words that 'in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory.'--Vol. 7, p. 140.

"There is another serious problem that faces us today. It has to do with the way we are planning for the financing of the work. In the North American field at the present time there is a great upsurge of planning for the enlargement and expansion of our work. Some of our institutions, it is true, are in need of renewing their facilities. Some are worn out and obsolete, and should be rebuilt. But we are greatly concerned over the staggering total of projects that are contemplated. The financing of the program contemplated would call for millions of dollars, and in practically all cases there is not at the present time adequate financial resources with which to carry the projects to completion. From all sides we receive requests for

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General Conference aid in order to complete these projects. But within the provision of our financial resources there is not enough money to meet all of these requests without withdrawing our help and much of our support from the foreign fields. And these demands are coming at the very time when our overseas work faces the gravest and the greatest need.

"It is our duty as stewards of the resources that God makes available for His work, to plan wisely and to see that there is an equitable distribution of those resources. In all our planning the great needy world must be taken into consideration. Of all times in our history, this is the hour when we ought to be putting forth the greatest and most sustained efforts to carry the message into all the world.

"I recommend the appointment of a carefully selected commission or group of men to give study to some of these contemplated projects, in order that they may be coordinated and brought within the realm of financial possibility. Otherwise, should our financial resources be greatly lessened through a time of depression, we may be left with many uncompleted projects on our hands. The temptation in such a situation is to incur debt, and thus bring financial disaster to the cause of God.

"A year ago I emphasized the great need that would arise as the different fields opened up, for workers to go out to help restore and rebuild our work in many of the fields from which we were cut off by the war. I wish to reiterate at this time the great need for more workers for our overseas divisions. We need among us a revival of the foreign mission spirit. We appreciate the hearty response on the part of many to the calls that have come to them. We feel, however, that there are many more who could respond to the Macedonian calls that are coming from many lands. Every worker who is physically and otherwise qualified for foreign service should hold himself in readiness to respond to the Lord's call.

"As we face the opportunities of the future, let us arise in the power of our God-given message and with renewed consecration press on with every resource at our command for the finishing of the work. Let us throw into this great and holy task all that within our human resources we have to offer, and pray that with these our Lord may bestow His divine resources in the power of the Holy Spirit for the accomplishment of the great work of God in all the world."

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., November 14, W.H. Anderson, of Africa, offering the closing prayer.

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

SIX HUNDRED TWELFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 14, 1945, 9:45 A.M.

L.K. Dickson, who conducted the devotional service Wednesday morning, November 14, used as his text Hebrews 2:1: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip," or as the revised version puts it, "lest haply we drift away from them."

Attention was drawn to the experience of the early church, how many of the Hebrew converts were beginning to look backward to their former religion with its tangible forms and ceremonies and charm, and were forgetting the things they had heard and learned to accept by faith as they had laid hold of the Christian teaching. By a gradual process they were little by little slipping away from the faith once delivered to the saints. Gradually they were yielding to influences adverse to Christian fidelity. Their reverence for Christ was diminishing. Their zeal was cooling. Their hearts were being filled with other interests until the love for Christ and His church was being quenched. Then Elder Dickson asked the question, Are not these same dangers threatening the church today?

He then referred to the lives and experiences of the early pioneers of this Advent movement, and to the ideals, standards and principles which marked the beginning of the movement. Like the apostles of old, he said, the lives of the pioneers of this message were distinguished by the strength of spiritual power. They acted under the deep movings of the Holy Spirit with strong fervor. They were not swayed by circumstances. Their voices rang clear wherever they were heard. They gave the trumpet a certain sound. Theirs was not a soft peddling policy in the face of trouble. No, they walked by faith and declared the whole truth as God had revealed it to them. Holy boldness with humility were characteristics of those early leaders.

We need to recapture the spirit of faith and consecration and self-sacrifice and fervor of the early pioneers. We need to recapture the spirit of investigation of the Word of God which they had. We need to recapture the consuming burden for souls that they carried. They were men who prayed much, and who through prayer found their way. We need more of that spirit in all of our councils and lives today. The serious hour to which we have come in the work of God demands that we recapture that spirit of prayer and faith and reverence for things sacred to a point far beyond our present attainments.

How shall we recapture that spirit, asked Elder Dickson. Only through a closer fellowship with God, and by inward communion which is constant and fervent and accompanied by an out-

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ward fidelity to His revealed will. The church today must "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest haply we drift away from them."

"I will Follow Thee, My Saviour," was sung to open the second business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Wednesday, November 14. Prayer was offered by W.H.Branson.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:30 A.M.
Council	9:45 -- 12:30
Subcommittees and Boards	1:30 -- 2:45 P.M.
Committees or Council Session	3:30 -- 6:00
Subcommittees or Council Session	7:30 -- 9:00

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Nominations of Standing Committees were presented, as made by the Minority Committee, and these committees were appointed as follows:

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H.J. Capman	Don H. Spillman
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Platform Committee:

V.T. Armstrong, Chairman.

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M.V. Campbell	H.A. Morrison	H.L. Rudy
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Frederick Griggs	W.B. Ochs	

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E.W. Dunbar	A.L. Moon	V.L. Sanders
R.L. Eldridge	C.G. Maracle	W.A. Scharffenberg
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E.W. Everest	R.W. Nelson	C.W. Shankel
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A.R. Stadin, M.D.	F.D. Wells	Harold Young
R.B. Thurber	G.W. Wells	

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

The Chairman and Treasurer referred to plans for holding the General Conference session in St. Louis in 1946. The session was to have been held in St. Louis in 1945. When it was postponed to 1946, reservation of the Auditorium in St. Louis was made for approximately the same dates as in 1945, the dates for 1946 being May 28 to June 9, for the session, with the departmental conventions beginning May 22 and running to May 27. That reservation still stands. The matter of rooming accommodations presents a problem, since we have no assurance at the present time of more than 600 hotel rooms. It is hoped that this situation will improve, and that as the time draws nearer and representatives are sent to St. Louis to make arrangements, additional living accommodations may be secured.

1946 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The Treasurer stated that in view of the necessity of early negotiations if suitable accommodations were to be found for the 1946 Autumn Council, tentative arrangements had been made with the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau to hold the Council in Grand Rapids. It was

VOTED, To confirm the arrangements made for holding the 1946 Autumn Council in Grand Rapids, October 15 to 22.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement of Income and Expenses for the first six months of 1945, as follows:

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1945

ASSETS

Cash & Securities Comprising

Current Operating Funds	\$	598 804 08	
Rehabilitation Funds		4 207 110 59	
Authorized Surplus (40% of 1945 Appropriations)		3 993 540 60	
Trust Funds		1 165 682 43	
Special Appropriations & Reserve Funds		<u>874 215 96</u>	\$10 839 353 66

Total Funds held in	
Cash	\$ 1 760 896 91
Securities	<u>9 078 456 75</u>
Total	\$10 839 353 66

Accounts Receivable		603 589 13
Inventories		<u>15 310 23</u>
Total Assets		\$11 458 253 02

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	305 074 73
Trust Funds		<u>1 165 682 43</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1 470 757 16</u>

NET WORTH June 30, 1945 \$ 9 987 495 86

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Operating Statement

Six Months Ending June 30, 1945

INCOME

Tithes

North America			
Unions	\$	72 980 38	
Percent of Tithes, Regular	1	372 730 07	
Percent of Tithes, Special		439 650 49	
Miscellaneous		<u>64 167 26</u>	\$ 1 949 528 20

Overseas

Europe - Union Tithes 1%	\$	1 953 03	
" - Percent of Tithes		3 942 08	
Other Divisions, Non-			
Revertible		<u>11 022 35</u>	<u>16 917 46</u>

Total Tithes \$1 966 445 66

Mission Offerings

North America			
Fifty-Cent-A-Week-Funds	\$	3 370 245 02	
Miscellaneous		<u>8 157 44</u>	\$ 3 378 402 46

Overseas

Europe 25%	\$	10 186 58	
Other Divisions, Non-			
Revertible		<u>246 472 94</u>	<u>256 659 52</u>

Total Mission Offerings \$3 635 061 98

Miscellaneous Funds

Dividends, Interest, and Miscel.	\$	128 470 96	
Donations & Miscel, Income		1 303 56	
Funds returned & reclaimed		1 290 46	
Surplus Tithes		3 000 00	
Specific Mission Offerings Rec'd.		8 195 97	
Royalties		<u>(159 22) *</u>	142 101 73

Missions Revertible Offerings 657 452 46

Total Miscellaneous Income 799 554 19

TOTAL INCOME \$6 401 061 83

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Operating Statement

Six Months Ending June 30, 1945

EXPENSES

Administrative

Salary & Expense of Departments	\$	208 994 75	
Transportation Agencies		6 604 45	
Maintenance & General		13 620 16	\$ 229 219 36

Appropriations

Regular - Overseas	\$	1 849 251 78	
" - Home		288 629 94	
Special - Overseas, Spring Council		500 000 00	
" - Rehabilitation (six mon)		500 000 00	3 137 881 72

Miscellaneous & Fixed

Appointees' Expense	\$	10 731 33	
Contingency Fund		10 808 50	
Emergency - Overseas		7 747 86	
" - Home		29 496 34	
" - Sick Benefit, Overseas		2 757 14	
" - " " Home		5 982 40	
Ingathering Expense		13 736 16	
Missions Promotion		3 642 69	
Permanently Returned Workers		27 191 37	
Retired Workers' Salary & Travel		5 989 41	
Specific Mission Offerings Disbursed		8 195 97	
Specific & Fixed Approp. (Sched. A)		14 125 77	
Sustentation Appropriation		35 001 42	
Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Expense		62 571 58	237 977 94

Appropriations by Reversion

Ingathering Overflow	\$	629 792 59	
Institutional Comeback		417 206 01	
No America Mission Funds Revert.		53 166 73	
Percent of Tithes Refunded		439 650 49	
Total Reversions, Home Field	\$	1 539 815 82	
Overseas - Spring in Tithes & Off.		104 047 28	
" - Revertible Offerings		657 452 46	2 301 315 56

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$5 906 394 58

TOTAL INCOME	Six Months	\$ 6 401 061 83
Deduct: TOTAL EXPENSES	Six Months	<u>5 906 394 58</u>

NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS	\$ <u>494 667 25</u>
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STATISTICAL SUMMARIES:

We give here a few of the figures contained in the Statistical Summaries for 1944 as submitted by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary:

At the close of 1944 the available figures listed 9,351 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the world, with 557,768 members, of which 206,908 were in the United States and Canada, and 350,860 in overseas divisions. There were 14,648 workers engaged by the conferences and missions in evangelistic and colporteur activities, and 15,017 more employees in publishing houses, schools, sanitariums and hospitals and other institutions. Of these 29,665 workers, 11,158 were in the United States and Canada, and 18,507 in overseas divisions.

The total contributions to home and foreign activities in all divisions of the General Conference in 1944 of \$28,685,434.11 was \$3,006,185.00 -- 11.7% -- more than in 1943. The increase in 1943 over 1942 was 27.7%. Of the aggregate sum raised in 1944, \$17,865,482.31, or 62.3% was tithes; \$7,498,171.99 -- 26.1% -- mission offerings; and \$3,321,779.81 -- 11.6% -- contributions for home work. In 1944 each Seventh-day Adventist church member in the world field was reported to have paid in tithes and offerings an average of \$51.43. This is 4.29 more than in 1943. In fields outside of North America the annual payment of tithes and mission and home offerings was \$17.31, and in the United States and Canada alone \$109.28.

In Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses, sanitariums, food centers, colleges and secondary schools in all the divisions of the General Conference the total investment at the beginning of 1944 was \$32,237,303.69. The entire valuation of all denominational properties, including churches and conference facilities, was \$86,141,653.96. The net increase in the value of properties owned by Seventh-day Adventists was \$11,355,720.88 or 15.2% over the previous year. Thus the one year's increase in property investment was a larger amount than the entire denominational value in buildings and other resources in 1910.

Throughout the world field 3,116 elementary and mission schools were in operation, with a reported enrollment of 113,447. Teachers employed were 4,411, and the cost of operating these schools was \$1,497,949.91. Students above the elementary grades throughout the world field numbered 22,572, of which 16,563 were in the North American territory and 6,009 in overseas divisions.

Sixty-one publishing centers, employing 1,106 workers, were engaged in the preparation and printing of our books and periodicals, and 3,440 colporteurs were engaged in distributing this literature. Reports showed that literature was printed in 185 languages. Book and periodical sales amounted to \$8,509,267.09.

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In the world field 184 sanitariums, hospital, clinics and treatment rooms were reported, caring for 100,857 patients staying in the institutions, and giving 856,211 treatments or medical services to others coming to the health centers for attention. Connected with these institutions were 2,176 physicians and nurses and 3,709 other helpers not including 1,061 nurses in training. In addition to the care of regular patients, the health institutions reported \$504,161.34 of charity work in 1944.

At the close of 1944, 14,602 Sabbath schools with 669,863 members were reported in operation in the world field. Sabbath school offerings for missions were \$3,544,888.34. In the North American Division 52.6 cents of every dollar raised for foreign missions came through the Sabbath schools, and in the entire world field, including North America, 47.3 cents of each mission fund dollar were given by the Sabbath schools.

Missionary Volunteer Societies memberships around the world were 186,087. Collections for home and local society work totaled \$64,854.81, all other contributions by the young people having been included in the regular church funds.

AIRPLANE TRAVEL:

A request had come for counsel with reference to making extended use of air travel in connection with the conduct of our work. The consensus was that where time and long distances are involved, travel by air might be justifiable, but with the present air rates, as a matter of economy it ought not to be used to any extent in local compact fields.

Suggestion was made that practically all the air lines are expecting very soon to make great reductions in their rates, and also that a number of religious organizations, as the Council of Churches of Christ in America, and the National Evangelical Association, are appealing to these companies to grant a reduced fare for the clergy. It was

VOTED, That a suitable resolution be drafted, to accompany similar resolutions from other religious organizations, requesting the airplane companies to grant concessions to ministers in the matter of fares comparable to those now granted by the railroads.

FLYING LESSONS:

Statement was made that there seems to be quite a desire on the part of some of our young people to learn to fly, and some of our young ministers are making request that they be permitted to take flying lessons. Conference administrators

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wished to know what attitude they should take toward such requests. It was felt that the taking of flying lessons, and other lessons in connection with the operation and care of an airplane could not be done without spending time that should be devoted to the work to which the minister is called. After some discussion of the question, it was

VOTED, That we discourage our young ministerial workers from spending time taking flying lessons.

Adjourned to 9:45 Thursday morning, with the closing prayer by H.A. Morrison.

SIX HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1945, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional hour Thursday morning was conducted by F.D. Nichol, who took as his text the words of Peter: "We have not followed cunningly devised fables." He opened with a statement regarding our peculiar connection with history and prophecy. "Our faith and preaching are anchored to history, past, present, and future," he said. "That is inevitable, for we are a people of prophecy, and prophecy comes into focus only as history unfolds."

He showed that at the very outset of the Advent movement a century ago the real controversy with the rest of Christendom was over the nature of the event that was impending for the world. The Adventists declared that the second coming of Christ in power and glory to judge the world, was what impended. Their opponents declared that world betterment through gradual moral regeneration was just ahead. Adventists and their opponents alike have continued to declare that the event each expects is near at hand.

Elder Nichol summarized the forecasts that Adventists have made through the century as to various events that would take place as the end drew near, and how fantastic some of these forecasts sounded when first made. The developments of recent years were recited to show how they have brought these forecasts into sharp focus and changed them from fantastic predictions to grave facts.

He stressed the fact that today no one laughs at our predictions, that, indeed, eminent men quite outdo us in their dire predictions concerning the future of the world.

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He concluded by declaring: "The passing century has provided, not grounds for doubt, but grounds for added faith in the surety of the Advent doctrine. We stand forth today as a people with a message that has not had to be revised as a result of the upheavals through which the world has been passing. We have not followed cunningly devised fables."

"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," was sung to open the third business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Thursday, November 15, and prayer was offered by Frederick Griggs.

HOSPITAL UNIT:

A short time ago instruction was sent to O.A.Blake and L.C. Wilcox in the Philippines, that they endeavor to purchase some of the surplus war materials which we understood would be offered for sale in Manila. Especially were we anxious to secure some hospital equipment, in view of the destruction of much of our sanitarium equipment in China and the Far East. Our instruction had been that they endeavor to secure a number of 50- and 100-bed hospital units. The Treasurer reported a cable just received from O.A.Blake, stating that as yet no small units are available, but that they have the offer of one used 250-bed hospital for \$43,000, and one new 250-bed unit for \$57,000. It is the understanding that these units may be split into sections to be used in different places.

VOTED, That O.A.Blake be instructed to purchase the new 250-bed hospital unit for \$57,000, to be charged to the Rehabilitation Fund; and that he be advised to keep in mind the possibility of securing some smaller units.

F.D.NICHOL'S SERMON:

VOTED, That in response to requests received, arrangements be made for printing in leaflet form the sermon delivered by F.D.Nichol in the morning devotional hour.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for the school year 1944-45 were distributed by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary. These showed that as a result of the donations to the institutions for capital and operating purposes, the net investment in Seventh-day Adventist colleges and secondary schools in North America has increased \$1,200,094.81 during the school year 1944-45. Next to the previous school term this is the largest growth in net worth that has ever been recorded. The asset values increased \$1,214,837.92

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during the past school year. This is only \$22,000 less than the record asset growth in 1944 over the previous year. In the 1925 peak year of school indebtedness, educational notes and loans payable by our colleges and academies in North America stood at \$1,214,815.56. During the twenty years of debt campaigning, the reduction of notes and loans in educational institutions has totaled 1,186,898.71. Forty-eight schools record no loan obligations in 1945. During the year 1944-45 school assets and net worth have reached the highest point yet recorded. Notes and loans payable at the end of the year were the lowest on record and within easy reach of the bottom. Earned school income, running expenses, and contributions for capital and operating purposes were all the highest ever. Favorable features give evidence of a rapidly expanding educational and industrial program.

SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

Financial Summaries of the Seventh-day Adventist Sanitariums and Hospitals in North America were also presented by Claude Conard. The operating income of these institutions in 1944 was \$9,454,262.33. This volume of earned receipts was \$850,108.35 larger than in 1943, and \$4,139,011 more than in 1929. Operating expense in 1944 was \$8,473,501.13, \$831,283.81 above 1943; and the sum of the operating gains was \$978,791.20. During the first eight months of 1945, the income of \$6,598,857.42 was \$401,773.37 more than for the corresponding period in 1944. The eight months' operating expenses to August, 1945, totaling \$5,917,939.51, were \$439,235.88 more than for the first eight months of the previous year. The 1945 eight months' gain was \$680,917.91. An amount equal to 99.6 cents for every dollar of patients' business placed on the books was collected in 1944.

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE SUMMARIES:

Attention was also directed to sheets showing Book and Bible House sales in North America in 1944 as having reached the unprecedented record of \$3,502,266.69, an increase over 1943 of \$658,180.67, or 23.1%. Eleven conferences, or two more than last year, passed the \$100,000 mark in sales during 1944. During 1944 the assets of the Bible Houses in North America increased \$282,335.31, or 33.9%. The liabilities were increased \$39,540.24, or 24.7%. The net worth advanced \$242,995.07, or 36.1%, to \$915,455.86.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

The Secretary read a telegram of greeting to the Council from Elder E.K. Slade, and a cable from William McClements, superintendent of the African West Coast Union Mission. It was

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VOTED, To respond by sending greetings from the Council to these brethren.

Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED FOURTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1945, 3:00 P.M.

Immediately after the opening song, followed by prayer by H.H.Votaw, the Council recessed, and a meeting of the International Insurance Company, of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the president, J.L.McElhany.

In the absence of W.A.Benjamin, the secretary, W.E.Nelson was asked to serve as secretary pro tem. Financial Statements with Certificate of Audit were read and accepted. The following persons were reelected members of the Board of Trustees for a term of three years: J.L.McElhany, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, H.T. Elliott. The minutes of the meeting were read by W.E.Nelson, and adjournment was taken sine die.

The Council resumed, certain materials were distributed and announcements of committee appointments for the remainder of the afternoon and the evening were made, after which adjournment was taken to 9:45 Friday morning.

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

SIX HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 16, 1945, 9:45 A.M.

The text used by L.E. Lenheim as the basis of his study in the devotional service Friday morning was Rom. 13:11-12: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

"We are living in an atomic age," said Elder Lenheim, "an age of atomic power. How sad it would be for the people of the living God to be found sleeping in this day and hour! It is sad to think that a helpless and hopeless world should be faced with a powerless religion. The church needs spiritual lightning, thunderings and earthquakes in this day of atomic power."

"Ours is a great organization," he continued, "but our impact upon the barbarism and Godlessness of the world is very feeble. We need such a revival and such an infilling as the disciples had on the day of Pentecost. It will take more than the clanging of machinery and the whirring of wheels to accomplish the work of God in our day. The only answer to the situation in the world today is spiritual power."

"We are standing on the borders of the eternal world, and the hour is ripe for the baptism of power throughout our ranks. Do we sometimes find ourselves wondering how we are going to finish the work of God? That was the experience of the disciples. But Jesus said, 'Ye shall receive power,' power to do the work 'unto the uttermost parts of the earth.'

"There is danger of a damming up of the divine stream of power with the logs of indifference, the logs of neutrality, the logs of careless planning, the logs of sin. There is danger today that the people of God may have light but not life. That they may have profession, but no possession. There is danger that we may have religion, but no regeneration; competition but no cooperation. There is danger that we may have the form of Godliness, but no power."

"What were the effects of the day of Pentecost upon the little band of apostolic leaders? First, it brought greater unity to the people of God. Then the church grew. Pentecost brought stability; the members remained faithful. Then they attracted the attention of the world. When the church of the living God gets on fire with the spirit and power of God, the world will go out of its way to see that church, as Moses went out of his way, not to see an ordinary bush, but to see a bush on fire."

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Baptism with power will not only attract the attention of the world, but it will burn sin out of our own hearts and make us ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung for the opening of the fifth business session of the Council, at 9:45A.M. Friday, November 16, and prayer was offered by Dr. H.M. Walton.

MEMORIAL FROM AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE:

A Memorial from the Australasian Union Conference, suggesting the formation of a Southern Pacific Division of the General Conference, was presented as follows:

WHEREAS, War in the Pacific has resulted in great and far-reaching changes of territorial control, and has made vast populations more accessible to missionary endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, New and more regular means of transport will henceforth serve all parts of the Pacific; and,

WHEREAS, It now seems quite necessary in order to meet these new conditions we readjust the territorial lines of those Divisions which embrace the Orient and the Islands of the Pacific; and,

WHEREAS, Under the present form of organization our work in Australasia has become somewhat isolated from the rest of the world, and remote from General Conference supervision and influence; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that the present time is especially opportune for the formation of a Division which would embrace the present Australasian Union Conference and other neighboring territories, thus providing both territory and populations adequate to the formation of a worthwhile Division; be it therefore

Resolved, 1. That we request the General Conference to approve of a plan for the formation of such a Divisional organization at the forthcoming General Conference Session in 1946, the same to be known as the Southern Pacific Division.

2. That the territory of this Division be comprised of the present territory of the Australasian Union Conference, the present Netherlands East Indies Union Mission, the Malay States, British North Borneo and Sarawak, and the former Japanese Mandated Territories, viz., Marshall and Caroline Islands; with headquarters at Wahrenonga in the present Australasian Union Conference office.

3. That this territory be divided into the following unions:

a. An Australian Union Conference comprised of the States of the Commonwealth of Australia, with headquarters in Melbourne.

b. A New Zealand Union Conference comprised of the Dominion of New Zealand and adjacent islands, and the Islands of Polynesia and Micronesia, south of Latitude 10 North, with headquarters in Auckland.

c. A Central South Seas Union Mission comprised of the British Solomon Islands, Santa Cruz Islands, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Loyalty Islands, Norfolk Island, Lord Howe Island, with headquarters in the Governmental Administration center on Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands.

d. A New Guinea Union Mission comprised of British New Guinea, including the territory of Papua, the Caroline and Marshall Islands, Truk Island and Nauru, with headquarters in Port Moresby.

e. A Malayan Union Mission comprised of the Malay States, Sarawak, British North Borneo, with headquarters in Singapore.

f. A Netherlands East Indies Union Mission comprised of the present Netherlands East Indies Union, with headquarters at Bandoeng.

4. That the Australasian Conference Association, Limited, continue as the Trustee and Holding body of the denomination in the Southern Pacific Division; further,

That in order to have the Australasian Conference Association, Limited, function as the Trustee of all organizations within the Australasian section of the Division, it become an organization of the Southern Pacific Division, acting as Trustee in the temporalities of the cause in the Australasian section of the field.

5. That the Australasian Missionary College, Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Signs Publishing Company, and the Fire-side Correspondence School be considered as divisional institutions. All other institutions (except those operated by the A.C.A. Ltd.) shall be operated by the respective unions in which they are located.

6. That the Union Treasurer be authorized to prepare budgets for the proposed Divisional administration covering the last half-year of 1946, and the full year 1947, the same to be presented to the General Conference at the next Autumn Council.

7. That we suggest to the General Conference that this Divisional organization take effect July 1, 1946.

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8. That in the event of the General Conference Committee favoring this request, we suggest to them that they provide temporary supervision for the territory of the Netherlands East Indies, the Malay States, British North Borneo, Sarawak, and the former Japanese Mandated Territories (Marshall and Caroline Islands), until such time as the divisional affiliations of these fields shall be determined.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS:

Recommendations from the Officers relative to the Memorial were presented and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That approval of the plan to form a new division in the South and Southwest Pacific area, in response to the Australasian Union Conference Memorial, be given at this Autumn Council.

2. That budget provision for the financing of this new division be made in the distribution of the budget this year.

3. That the determination of what territories shall be assigned to this new division be left over until the next General Conference session.

4. That in the interval between now and the next General Conference session the territories involved in the proposed changes be administered by the General Conference Committee.

Far Eastern Division Headquarters

In view of the probable territorial changes in the territory of the Far Eastern Division due to the organization of the new division in the South Pacific,

We recommend, To the Far Eastern Division that they locate the headquarters of the Division on the Island of Hong Kong.

Adjourned to 2:30 this afternoon, with the closing prayer by L.E.Froom.

L.K.Dickson,
J.L.McElhany, Chairmen.
E.D.Dick,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 16, 1945, 2:30 P.M.

The time of the afternoon session was given to Mr. Leo Grullow, representative of the American Society for Russian Relief, Inc., known during the war as Russian War Relief.

Mr. Grullow has just returned from two years spent in Russia, and his mission now is to report to the various committees in this country that sent relief supplies to Russia during the war. He gave a graphic description of the devastation and suffering he saw, though he felt it was hard to picture so that one could understand who had not actually seen with his own eyes. In cold statistics he reported that 109 million head of cattle and 20 million lives had been lost; and 40,000 hospitals, 84,000 schools and 17,000 towns destroyed. There are a million orphans in Russia at the present time.

Twenty-five million families have been benefitted by the relief sent from this country, but it is quite necessary that relief shipments be continued. The need for clothes, he said, is immeasurable, for the invading army had requisitioned everything in the way of clothing in the country, and not even a handkerchief has been manufactured during the past five years. He referred to the seventeen tons of clothing and kits contributed by our churches, and said he saw some of our shipments in a warehouse in Moscow waiting to be transferred to the Ukraine.

Mr. Grullow reported the Russian people as most grateful for the relief clothing, food and other supplies sent to them, which they refer to as "gifts" from their friends in America.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Glenn Calkins, after it was voted to adjourn to 9:45 Sunday morning.

L.K. Dickson, Chairman.

E.D. Dick, Secretary.

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 18, 1945, 9:45 A.M.

"And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water." Gen. 26:18,19.

This was the text used by E.E.Cossentine in the devotional service Sunday morning, as he pointed out the necessity of our digging out the spiritual wells in our lives, for where there is no water, there is no life. Isaac found himself in a desert country, with no water. The wells that he had depended on finding, because his father had dug them, had all been stopped up by the Philistines. It seemed a hopeless situation, but instead of becoming discouraged and going somewhere else, Isaac digged again right where he was. And he not only uncovered the wells that his father had dug, but he uncovered springs of flowing water. This, said Professor Cossentine, has been the way to success in God's work all through the ages,--to dig again.

He referred to the experience of Noah, who in spite of ridicule and derision, kept right on building the ark and preaching his message for one hundred and twenty years; also to the falling of the walls of Jericho after they had been encompassed seven days. The founders of this Advent movement were not discouraged by the overwhelming disappointment that came when the Lord did not return, as they had expected, on that twenty-second day of October in 1844. No, they digged again into the Word of God, and we are here today as the result.

We are presented with a great challenge, he said, to dig and dig deeper, when we consider that fifty per cent of our youth are losing their way. The boys and girls are the most precious heritage of this church, but many of them are slipping away, sometimes because we have failed to dig far enough and long enough. Then there are the members who are dropped from our church rolls. How differently Moses reacted when he came down from the mount and found that the people had sinned. He prayed that if they could not be forgiven, his name might be blotted out of God's book. If our church leaders had that same earnestness and solicitude today, there would be fewer dropped members from our churches. Maybe worldliness has come in, and the spiritual springs in their lives have been stopped up. It should be our part to dig again, and uncover those springs. We should be as anxious to bring them back into the fold as we were to win them in the first place.

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We hear much today about the world situation, and of efforts to find a formula that will save the world from complete annihilation. The only answer to the hopelessness in the world is the water of life flowing from a living spring, and God has called this people to be one of those springs. The atomic bomb and its power to destroy is in every one's mind. The church has a power far beyond the power of the atomic bomb, and that is the power of prayer. "God make my life a living spring of inspiration to others," should be our daily prayer.

The seventh business session of the Council, at 9:45 Sunday morning, November 18, was opened with song, followed by prayer by D.E.Rebok.

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers were submitted, and adopted as follows:

PLAN FOR SPECIAL MISSIONARY PREPARATION:

WHEREAS, Three elements enter into the preparation of candidates for service in overseas mission lands, viz., (1) the general ^{cultural} training, (2) the professional training--theological, educational, medical, technical, etc.--and (3) the special missionary preparation. The first two elements are offered in the colleges and professional schools, such as the Medical College, the Teachers' College, the Theological Department of our senior colleges, and the Theological Seminary, but we now need to offer the third element, or special missionary training, in our own School of Missions, perhaps on a plan similar to that now offered in such institutions as the Kennedy School of Missions in America and the Livingstone School of Missions in England; and,

WHEREAS, This special missionary preparation for Seventh-day Adventist mission appointees should include a simplified medical and health evangelism training for non-medical missionaries and a general orientation into the whole work of missions. Our missionaries are called upon to perform many types of duties in the mission field for which they have not been prepared in the colleges and the Seminary; especially is this true of those locating in interior or more remote mission areas. As much as six months might better be spent in this special missionary training before the appointee sails for the field rather than that he be handicapped throughout his entire missionary career, or have to learn to perform some of the vital services the hard way; therefore

We recommend, 1. That a six months' period of special missionary training be provided for missionary appointees in a School of Missions to be conducted in connection with the Theological Seminary in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

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2. That this training include a course in Medical and Health Evangelism for non-medical appointees, and general orientation courses for both medical and non-medical missionary appointees.

3. That the staff for medical training include one full time clinic nurse, qualified in public health, and doctors and nurses in the Washington community who have had rich experience in their particular area of study either through mission service or special study.

4. That the staff for the Missionary Orientation Courses be the officers and other members of the General Conference staff who have had experience in foreign mission service, together with the regular staff members of the Theological Seminary, and others who may be brought in from various parts of the field for specific instruction.

5. That the General Conference Committee in conjunction with the Theological Seminary Board work out plans for the carrying out of this resolution.

The following recommendations from the General Conference Officers and the Madison Survey Commission were adopted:

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS:

WHEREAS, We feel that the self-supporting institutions in the South have made a large and helpful contribution to the Seventh-day Adventist work; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that there were certain worthy objectives and motivations that prompted the workers to connect with the self-supporting work and to give themselves to this endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, In considering any plans for developing this work, we recognize the need of acting with great care that we preserve the original objectives as pointed out by the Spirit of prophecy and thus that we do not weaken the incentives that led these workers to devote their lives to this important work; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Committee arrange for the formation of an organization to be known as the "Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions," making provision for constitution, by-laws, and working policy, and including the following points:

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a. That the objectives of this association shall be to promote the interests of self-supporting missionary institutions; to set up institutional standards and policies of operation, and rules for membership; to admit or drop institutions from membership in the association; to assist the various units in developing their constitutions to provide that the membership in their constituencies and boards of trustees be chosen from among Seventh-day Adventists in good and regular standing, and that these institutional boards have adequate representation of men carrying responsibility in the organized work.

b. That the membership of this association shall be the charter member institutions and such institutions as shall be admitted by its controlling committee.

c. That the following institutions be invited to become charter members of the association: Rural Educational Association of Madison, The Asheville Agricultural School and Mountain Sanitarium, Pisgah Institute and Sanitarium, and Pewee Valley Sanitarium and Academy.

d. That in meetings of this association to be held biennially each member institution shall be represented by one person for each institution and one for every 20 full-time workers or major fraction thereof employed by the institution and elected by them for the purpose of this representation, but no institution shall have more than five representatives.

e. That an executive committee of eleven members for the conduct of the business of the association shall be appointed biennially by the General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists, six of whom shall be nominated by this association at its biennial meetings.

2. a. That the association and the General Conference Committee cooperate in organizing a legal corporation to serve as a holding corporation for properties of the various units. This holding cooperation is intended to safeguard the properties of member institutions to the self-supporting work.

b. That the Board of Trustees of this legal corporation shall consist of eleven members to be elected biennially by the General Conference Committee, six of whom shall be nominated by the members of the "Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions," whose property is held by the corporation.

c. That the Board of Trustees shall have full authority to accept or refuse to hold the properties of any unit.

d. That the various units which become members of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions

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be invited to negotiate with the holding corporation looking forward to conveying their fixed assets and their liabilities to this organization.

3. That in arranging for the formation of the "Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions" and its legal corporation, it be understood that the General Conference assumes no financial responsibility whatsoever for the corporation itself or member institutions, since the corporation is itself a responsible organization to safeguard the financial interests of these institutions.

4. That the General Conference create an office of Secretary of Self-Supporting Work whose duties shall be to foster this work, to serve as a coordinator between the union conferences, the conferences, the Madison unit and the other self-supporting units, to visit these various institutions and advise with them concerning their organization and operation and to assist in unifying these organizations and together with representatives of the conference medical and educational departments develop their work.

5. That the request of the Madison Survey Commission that the annual appropriation to rural schools be increased from \$3,000 to \$6,000, be referred to the Budget Committee.

SELECTION OF BASIC SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LIBRARY:

At a meeting of the General Conference Committee in Washington, held July 12, 1945, action was taken recommending that a uniform basic library of Spirit of prophecy literature be provided for all divisions of the world field. Later two committees were appointed, one on Selection of the Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library, and the other a Promotion Committee, to execute the plans for the production and distribution of the library. The Committee on Selection was instructed to be ready to report to this Autumn Council. The committee submitted a partial report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, The following books for the Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library:

1. Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White (220 pp.) (Embodying a brief autobiography of Ellen G. White, drawn from Life Sketches; the early visions taken from Early Writings and Testimonies for the Church; and a well prepared Appendix statement on the place of the prophetic gift in the remnant church.)

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2. Early Writings on the Conflict of the Ages (250 pp.) (Being the Spiritual Gifts section of Early Writings augmented by matter drawn largely from Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1 and Acts of the Apostles.)

3. Selections from the Testimonies -- 3 Volumes, 450-500 pages each (1,350-1,500 pp.) (A new selection drawn from the English 3-Volume set of Selections and from the Latin-American 3-Volume 1,100 page selection.)

4. Gospel Workers (534 pp.)

5. Your Home and Health (380 pp.) (Being a slight abbreviation of Ministry of Healing with some chapter rearrangement.)

6. Messages to Young People (500 pp.)

7. Steps to Christ (144 pp.)

8. A book on Christian Education, embodying part of the book Education, and portions of Counsels to Teachers, and other educational material.

PROMOTION OF BASIC SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LIBRARY:

1. Policy on Subsidies:

WHEREAS, It is the object of the plans for the Uniform Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library to make certain designated E.G. White books available in the various languages spoken by Seventh day Adventists, whether the constituencies be large or small, at a price within the buying ability of such constituencies; therefore,

We recommend the following policy on subsidies:

1. That wherever possible, the books of the Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library shall be produced and distributed on a self-supporting basis.

2. That where it is not possible to handle the Basic Library on a self-supporting basis, financial assistance shall be made available to facilitate its production and distribution.

3. That subsidies, drawn from the Basic Library Fund shall be voted by the General Conference Committee to aid in the following expenses of production and distribution:

a. Initial Expense -- To make possible the production of the books at a price within the practical buying reach of the constituency.

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b. Manufacturing and Distribution Expense -- In exceptional cases where constituencies are small and incomes very limited, arrangements may be made for subsidy on the manufacturing and distribution expense, thus making possible their sale to the rank and file of our people.

c. Translation Expense -- As a general policy the translation expense shall be met by the field, but in exceptional cases funds may be appropriated to aid in producing the translation of Basic Volumes.

4. That requests for financial assistance having been approved by the Division Committee shall be filed with the Basic Library Promotion Committee, presenting the necessary information for determining the subsidies to be granted. These requests will be made on a blank form furnished by the General Conference.

2. Setting Plans in Operation:

WHEREAS, The Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library was initiated in response to a conviction of the denominational leadership that the enlightenment and stability of the church in all lands will be increased by their access to and study of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy,

We recommend, 1. That all world divisions with constituencies which may be benefited by this program, proceed without delay in setting in operation their plans to take advantage of the program here set up.

2. That we encourage fields concerned to arrange for the immediate translation of the first two volumes of the Basic Library: namely, Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White and Early Writings on the Conflict of the Ages.

3. That while the work of translation is in process, if the field is unable to finance the entire project, before proceeding with the work of publication, negotiations shall be taken up with the Promotion Committee for such assistance as may be needed to effect the publication of these volumes.

4. That a brochure be prepared setting forth the objectives of the Basic Library plan with information as to its content, procedure in determining when financial aid is justified and the steps to be taken in securing that help. This also to contain counsel as to translation and other points of information which will make it a complete manual of instruction on the Basic Library.

5. That a request blank be prepared to be used by Division fields in reporting on plans for the publication of the units of the Basic Library and placing requests for financial assistance.

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6. That the whole project be set forth very fully at the forthcoming General Conference session, giving full information as to the standing of the work and the methods of procedure in facilitating the enterprise.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

The Secretary read a cable from H.W.Lowe, President of the British Union Conference, conveying greetings from the brethren in Great Britain. Brother Lowe had hoped to attend the Council, but was unable to secure transportation.

A message was also read from the national leaders of our work in Japan, telling of some of their experiences, and of their courage and hopes, and sending greetings to the Council.

VOTED, That greetings from the Council be sent to H.W. Lowe and the believers in the British Union; to our faithful leaders and believers in Japan and Korea; and to Brethren A.V. Olson, W.R.Beach and F.Brennwald, of the Southern European Division, who also have been disappointed in their efforts to secure transportation in time to be with us.

Adjourned to 9:45 Monday morning, with the closing prayer by W.K.Ising.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.

E.D.Dick,
A.W.Cormack,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 1945, 9:45 A.M.

The subject of the devotional service Monday morning, November 19, led by Dr. H. M. Walton, was "Religion and Health." We give in Dr. Walton's own words a few of the points emphasized, as follows:

That there is a close and intimate connection between religion and health is an established, well-proven fact. The basis for this relationship rests upon the premise and creation fact that man is a well integrated whole, consisting of body, mind and soul. We must avoid the mistaken position taken by some that man may be divided into watertight compartments and his natures segregated so that the physician may solely treat man's physical need and the gospel minister concern himself solely with man's spiritual nature. Let us not fall into the error of reckoning that it is ~~the minister who prays and the doctor who heals.~~ ^{that} ~~It is rather~~ the minister and the doctor hand in hand summon the healing power of God, and marshal the healing influences in behalf of the broken bodies and spirits of mankind. I hold that all our medical program should be spiritualized, and our evangelical program medicalized.

I personally believe that the prayer of faith can produce definite physiological and therapeutic effects upon the human organism. I believe the praise and self-giving of true worship; the peace and tranquility resulting from true worship; the assurance and grace that comes into the heart truly uplifted to God is capable of energizing and vitalizing cells of the human body and is life giving and health promoting. Worship opens both the body and the soul to the healing power of God.

While the Christian is admonished to practice temperance and moderation in all phases of daily living, and the exhortation to unnatural appetite is "Beware; restrain, deny," yet God has with a bountiful and lavish hand provided for man's necessities and his enjoyment. God only requires consecration of body, mind and soul, and sanctification and control of appetite. Indulgence and lack of self-restraint is the very foundation of all sin. The failure or inability to gain the mastery in the habits of physical life has a demoralizing effect upon spiritual life and character development.

The health message to which the attention of the church has been so emphatically called, which is ordained for our good, is not to be followed through fear, apprehension, or compulsion as a means of penance or self-denial. Unless sound, balanced, fadless healthful living can be actuated and integrated in the daily life from an altogether different point of view, the health program will be a heavy yoke and a distasteful burden.

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Here again, health and religion are inextricably linked as a matter of body and spirit.

Living in harmony with health principles pays large dividends, especially when followed from early childhood,--dividends in health, efficiency, and increased happiness. Hygienic living decreases the incidence of disease and lengthens the life span. But healthful living does more. It tends to make the mind more clear and energetic and better able to appreciate the character of truth, the value of the atonement, and to place the proper estimate upon eternal things.

Healthful living for health's sake is good and virtuous and pays large dividends. But healthful living to glorify God in our body and spirit which are His is the high calling and privilege and responsibility of the Christian. It is in such a program and way of life that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service.

Following the opening song for the eighth business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Monday, November 19, prayer was offered by C.B. Haynes.

A report from the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

BOARD OF REGENTS:

We recommend, As members of the Board of Regents, for a term of three years: D. Lois Burnett, A.C. Nelson; for a term of two years: W.C. Hannah; for a term of one year: A.D. Holmes.

ELECTIVE MEMBERS GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

We recommend, To fill vacancies in the list of Elective Members of the General Conference Committee: J.R. Ferren, W.E. Read.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

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

We recommend, 1. That the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference be requested to release W.H. Grotheer, to connect with the Atlantic Union to labor in the Northern New England Conference in district work.

2. That the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference be requested to release Richard A. Mitchell, to connect with the Atlantic Union for work in the Northern New England Conference.

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3. That the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference be requested to release K.C.Beem, to connect with the Atlantic Union to serve as union cashier and assistant auditor.

4. That the Southern Union and the Florida Conference be requested to release E.W.Bradley, to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as manager of the East Pennsylvania Book and Bible House.

5. That the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference be requested to release Margaret Fuller to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as Bible Instructor in the West Virginia Conference.

6. That the Southern Union and the Florida Conference be requested to release A.L.Kirk to connect with the Northern Union to labor in the Minnesota Conference as pastor of the Beacon Light Church.

7. That C.E.Westphal, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to make the Idaho Conference his field of labor.

8. That the Canadian Union and the British Columbia Conference be requested to release Leland Hesseltine to connect with the North Pacific Union to engage in district work in the Upper Columbia Conference.

9. That C.E.Townsend, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union to serve as publishing department secretary of the Hawaiian Mission.

10. That the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference be requested to release Ray Archuleta to connect with the Pacific Union to labor in the Arizona Conference as pastor of the Phoenix Spanish Church.

11. That the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference be requested to release L.E.Abelson to connect with the Northern Union to serve as publishing department secretary of the Minnesota Conference.

12. That H.J.Westphal, returned missionary from South America, be invited to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as district pastor-evangelist in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

13. That the Columbia Union be requested to release S.L.Clark to connect with the Atlantic Union to serve as publishing department secretary.

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14. That the Atlantic Union be requested to release J.F.Kent to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as publishing department secretary.

15. That W.H.Bergherm be invited to connect with the Southern Union for service at the Florida Sanitarium as Extension Secretary.

16. That J.Berger Johnson, returned from South America, be invited to connect with the Voice of Prophecy office in Glendale, to serve as business manager.

17. That the Southwestern Union be requested to release T.H.Coopwood to connect with the Lake Union, to labor in the Lake Region Conference as pastor-evangelist.

18. That the Columbia Union be requested to release J.D. Haynes to connect with the Lake Union for district work in the Michigan Conference.

WELCOME FROM MAYOR WELSH OF GRAND RAPIDS:

At this point the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Mr. George W. Welsh, and Mr. Frank Whitwam, manager of the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau, entered and were introduced by Elder J.L.McElhany. The Mayor welcomed us to the city, and said he was pleased to learn that we had decided to come again next year. Mr. Whitwam also spoke a few words of welcome.

Elder McElhany responded, thanking the Mayor and Mr. Whitwam for their kind words, and for what they had done toward contributing to the success of our meeting.

Resuming the work of the Council, a resolution of gratitude to God coming from the Plans Committee was adopted by a standing vote, as follows:

WHEREAS, The good hand of our God has been graciously over His people since last we met in Autumn Council, bringing surcease from war to an anguished world, with protection and release from internment for most of our imprisoned missionaries, and the re-opening of doors of access and opportunity in those lands ravaged by war in Europe, the Near East, and the Far East; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout the global conflict God has graciously protected His cause, preserving the lives of our workers and believers, using them to His name's honor and glory, and bringing the principles and mission of the remnant church before untold millions through the loyalty of our people to the principles of present truth; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we herewith reverently acknowledge the goodness of God to usward, and recognize in the holding of the winds of strife for a little season a supreme challenge to arise and finish our commissioned task. We therefore solemnly pledge anew to God our lives, our service, and our all; praying for enabling grace, wisdom, and power clearly to discern the pathway marked out for us through these still troubled times. We entreat the guidance of the Holy Spirit rightly to lead the people of God forward in the completion of our appointed mission to mankind. To this end we humble our hearts, we confess our sins, we acknowledge our need, and recognize our Source of all strength. And unitedly we pledge our all to the finishing of the work God has given us to do in time's last hour.

The following recommendations from the Plans Committee were also adopted:

CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That in the Ministerial Internship Policy, in the General Conference Working Policy, edition July, 1945, page 104, paragraph 3, the first sentence be revised by striking out the line "But only by special action of the General Conference Committee," thus making it read:

"Inasmuch as this plan is designed primarily to open the way for graduates from our schools to enter the ministry and the Bible work, the aim is to secure young people under thirty years of age to benefit by the plan, though in exceptional cases they may be accepted up to thirty-five years of age."

1946 INGATHERING GOAL FOR NORTH AMERICA:

We recommend, That we adopt as the North American Ingathering Goal for 1946 the sum of \$2,000,000.

MISSIONS EXTENSION GOAL FOR 1946:

We recommend, That the Missions Extension Goal for North America for 1946, be \$225,000.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE:

WHEREAS, There is a growing demand on the part of the field that conferences be furnished with Bible Correspondence Lessons for foreign language groups,

We recommend, That the General Conference provide through the Bureau of Home Missions suitable Bible lessons in Spanish, Polish, German, and Italian for use by our foreign language churches in North America in Bible Correspondence Courses.

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FUND FOR THE POOR:

WHEREAS, It is the gospel duty of the whole church to care for the sick, the aged, the needy poor, the orphans of its membership, and as far as possible to relieve needs in the community about it; and,

WHEREAS, Funds are required to relieve these human needs,

We recommend, That the following source of welfare funds be provided:

1. That a regular offering for the needy poor be taken in our churches at least once a quarter, if possible at the time of the quarterly service.

2. That a thank offering box be provided in the church in harmony with the instruction given in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. V. pp. 150, 151, which reads:

"In every church there should be established a treasury for the poor. Then let each member present a thank-offering to God once a week, or once a month, as is most convenient. This offering will express our gratitude for the gifts of health, of food, and of comfortable clothing. And according as God has blessed us with these comforts will we lay by for the poor, the suffering, and the distressed. I would call the attention of our brethren specially to this point. Remember the poor. Forego some of your luxuries, yea, even comforts, and help those who can obtain only the most meager food and clothing. In doing for them, you are doing for Jesus in the person of His saints."

3. That appropriations from this special fund be made from time to time to meet emergencies.

4. That this Fund for the Poor be disbursed by the church board.

DORCAS LEADER A MEMBER OF CHURCH BOARD:

Inasmuch as the leader of the Dorcas organization is elected by the church and occupies an important place in the missionary activities of the church,

We recommend, That the leader of the church Dorcas organization be a member of the church board.

DORCAS SOCIETY--CHANGE IN NAME:

We recommend, That the name of the Dorcas Society be changed to Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists.

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TEMPERANCE:

WHEREAS, In this country crime, accidents, divorce, and arrests for drunkenness have increased in proportion to the amount of liquor that has been consumed during the past few years and,

WHEREAS, Last year more than \$75,000,000 was expended in a nation-wide advertising campaign, largely over the radio, by the liquor trade to make liquor attractive as having nutritive value as a food for adults and children; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference in annual council assembled at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 13 to 20, respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to enact legislation similar to the Johnson Bill S. 623, which aims to prevent the youth in our homes from being exploited and enticed by the fallacious liquor broadcasts which invade our homes; and further,

We recommend, 1. That Seventh-day Adventist church members everywhere endeavor to arouse the public conscience against the evil effects of the liquor traffic by carrying on a vigorous campaign of temperance education by the following methods:

- a. By means of the circulation of temperance literature.
- b. By temperance lectures in public schools based on scientific and health principles.
- c. By giving temperance programs in our churches, colleges, and academies in cooperation with other temperance organizations.

2. That our publishing houses prepare temperance literature in the form of books, pamphlets, periodicals, and leaflets to be supplied at a minimum cost for general circulation.

3. That the American Temperance Society be asked to arrange, in cooperation with the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments, for the preparation of film strips on Temperance for use among the schools.

4. That wherever opportunity is given in local/election option to outlaw the liquor traffic, or to minimize the evil effects of liquor upon society, that Seventh-day Adventists be urged to assist the cause of temperance "by voice, pen and vote," in order that we may help to make this a happier, safer, and better part of the world in which to live.

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OAKWOOD COLLEGE AND RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM
AND CHRISTIAN RECORD CONSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, That the By-Laws of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Inc., be changed so that the legal meetings of the Association be held biennially instead of annually as at present.

We recommend, That the By-Laws of Oakwood College and of the Riverside Sanitarium be changed so that the legal meetings of these institutions be held biennially instead of annually as at present.

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS:

This being the hour appointed for certain legal meetings the Council recessed, and these meetings were called in their order as follows:

A meeting of the constituency of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Incorporated, was called by N.C. Wilson, the chairman. The financial statement for the year 1944 was presented by W.B. Mohr, in the absence of S.J. Lashier, the treasurer, and D.D. Rees, the manager, gave a brief report of the activities of the Association. The following persons were elected the board of trustees: W.E. Nelson, L.K. Dickson, H.T. Elliott, D.D. Rees, S.J. Lashier, J.J. Nethery, M.V. Campbell, J.W. Turner, M.L. Rice, W.B. Mohr, N.C. Wilson. Action was taken changing the By-Laws so that the legal meetings of the Association be held biennially instead of annually as at present. The meeting adjourned sine die.

Meetings of the constituencies of Oakwood College and the Riverside Sanitarium were called by E.F. Hackman, the chairman of both boards. A report of the work of Oakwood College was rendered by F.L. Peterson, the president of the College, and the financial statement was submitted by L.E. Ford. Report of the work of the Riverside Sanitarium was made by J.E. Cox, M.D., the medical director, and H.D. Dobbins, the business manager, rendered the financial report. Actions were taken amending the By-Laws of both institutions, so that the legal meetings may be held biennially instead of annually as at present.

The constituency meetings of Oakwood College and the Riverside Sanitarium adjourned sine die, and the Council resumed.

Following announcement of committee appointments for the afternoon, adjournment was taken to 7:15 P.M. The closing prayer was by Paul Wickman.

L.K. Dickson,
J.L. McElhany, Chairmen.
H.T. Elliott, Secretaries.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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SIX HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 1945, 7:15 P.M.

The ninth session of the Council convened at 7:15 P.M. Monday, November 19. After an opening song, prayer was offered by L.E. Froom.

REHABILITATION OF CHURCHES IN NORWAY:

The Treasurer read a letter from L.H. Christian, reporting on conditions as regards our work in Norway. A number of our churches were destroyed and others were badly damaged during the war. A conservative estimate of the cost of repairing and rebuilding these churches is \$75,000. Suggestion was made that an appropriation of \$30,000 be made with which to begin this work.

VOTED, To appropriate \$30,000 from the Rehabilitation Fund, to help in repairing and rebuilding churches damaged by the war in Norway.

GIFTS TO REHABILITATION FUND:

The Treasurer referred to the generous response made a year ago when the Rehabilitation Fund program was launched. Appropriations have already been made from this fund to start the work of rehabilitation in various places, but there still remains much to be done. In fact, the greatest cost, he said, in reestablishing our work throughout the world will not be in restoring buildings that were destroyed or damaged, but in restaffing the fields. Many, many workers must be recruited, outfitted and sent out. Others must be returned and reestablished in their homes in the field. The Treasurer felt that the way should be opened for our conferences and institutions as organizations to have a further part in this rehabilitation program by sharing some of their funds for this purpose.

The union conference presidents, each speaking for his union and the conferences and institutions in the union, and representatives of general institutions present responded, and when their gifts were totaled it was found that they amounted to the sum of \$376,750.00.

The Chairman and the Treasurer expressed appreciation of this demonstration of liberality toward and interest in the work in the great fields beyond, and the delegates arose and sang with deep feeling, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

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MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD:

A committee appointed by a group of representatives that met in Takoma Park in July to give study to Medical and Sanitarium problems, submitted recommendations on the formation of a Medical Advisory Board, which were amended and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, A need exists for a further means of fostering and encouraging the endeavors of Seventh-day Adventist medical workers to meet fully the denomination's purposes and objectives; and,

WHEREAS, A group of experienced counsellors would assist in developing to the fullest extent the educational facilities of the denominational medical institutions, particularly community health education, internships, residencies, and the professional aspects of nursing service, and afford counsel relative to sanitarium and hospital organization and administration, medical staff organization, and professional standards,

We recommend, 1. That a group of counsellors be elected who shall serve as a committee of the Medical Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to give counsel regarding the conduct of the medical work of Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world.

2. That the name of this committee be the Medical Advisory Board.

3. That the Secretary and Associate Secretaries of the Medical Department of the General Conference be members ex officio of the Medical Advisory Board.

4. That in addition to the Secretaries of the Medical Department of the General Conference the Medical Advisory Board consist of sixteen elected members, four of whom shall be physicians selected from outside the North American Division.

5. That the following be nominated to constitute the elected membership of the initial Medical Advisory Board:

W.E. Macpherson, M.D.	Irene Robson, R.N.
Harold Shryock, M.D.	R.A. Hare, M.D.
O.B. Pratt, M.D.	E.L. Place
John E. Peterson, M.D.	John Shull
H.A. Morrison	George T. Harding, M.D.
Metta Hudson, R.N.	Ralph Waddell, M.D.
D.H. Abbott, M.D.	C.E. Parrish, M.D.
Herbert Liu, M.D.	T.R. Flaiz, M.D.

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6. That the Secretary of the General Conference Medical Department be chairman of the Medical Advisory Board.

7. That elective members of the Medical Advisory Board be elected for a term of four years by the General Conference ^{Committee} in Autumn Council session. The terms of the members of the Board first elected shall expire as follows:

Four at Autumn Council session, 1946.
Four at Autumn Council session, 1947.
Four at Autumn Council session, 1948.
Four at Autumn Council session, 1949.

8. We recommend, That the terms of office for the members of the first Board be as follows:

- a. Four-year term -- expires 1949:
W.E. Macpherson, M.D.
E.L. Place
H.A. Morrison
Ralph Waddell, M.D.
- b. Three-year term -- expires 1948:
R.A. Hare, M.D.
John C. Shull
Irene Robson, R.N.
T.R. Flaiz, M.D.
- c. Two-year term -- expires 1947:
O.B. Pratt, M.D.
C.E. Parrish, M.D.
George T. Harding, M.D.
D.H. Abbott, M.D.
- d. One-year term -- expires 1946:
John E. Peterson, M.D.
Metta Hudson, R.N.
Harold Shryock, M.D.
Herbert Liu, M.D.

9. That vacancies on the Medical Advisory Board be filled for the unexpired term by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council session.

10. That the Board formulate the criteria and standards for the conduct of its work, submitting the same to the General Conference Committee for approval.

11. That the following constitution and by-laws be adopted for the Medical Advisory Board:

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

ARTICLE I --NAME

This body of counsellors shall be called the Medical Advisory Board.

ARTICLE II -OBJECT

This Board is formed to provide a group of counsellors who shall aid the Medical Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in giving counsel regarding the conduct of the medical work of Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATION

The membership of this Board shall consist of

a. The Secretary and Associate Secretaries of the Medical Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

b. Sixteen elective members chosen from the medical and allied fields of denominational work whose education and experience qualify them to serve in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a chairman, and a secretary. The Secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall serve as chairman. The secretary shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members in session.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended in the following manner:

1. Submission of the proposed amendment to the members at the time of call for session.

2. Approval by a two-thirds vote of the members present in session.

3. Approval of proposed amendment by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council session.

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ARTICLE I - MEMBERS

1. The elective members of the Medical Advisory Board shall be elected for a term of four years by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council session.

2. The personnel of the Board shall be as follows:

- a. Four physicians from overseas divisions.
- b. Seven physicians from North American Division.
- c. Two business managers.
- d. Two nurses.
- e. One representative from the Educational Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

3. The terms of the members of the first Board elected shall expire as follows:

Four at Autumn Council session, 1946.
Four at Autumn Council session, 1947.
Four at Autumn Council session, 1948.
Four at Autumn Council session, 1949.

ARTICLE II - VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council session.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

The Board shall meet annually. Meetings may be held at any time and place upon written notice from the secretary thirty days in advance of the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE IV - QUORUM

Eight members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

ARTICLE V -- FUNCTIONS

It shall be the function of the Board to counsel in the development of plans and policies to aid in the full realization of the purposes for which Seventh-day Adventist medical work was established -- "To relieve the afflicted, to disseminate light, to awaken the spirit of inquiry, and to advance reform."

The Board shall formulate the criteria and standards for the conduct of its work, submitting the same to the General Conference Committee for approval.

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These criteria and standards shall serve as the basis for the appraisal of the various lines of medical work which shall come under the purview of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern in all cases in which they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Board.

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

YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR PROMOTION:

WHEREAS, The plans which call for an enlargement of the Youth's Instructor beginning March 1, 1946, make it possible greatly to improve our youth's journal, we desire to bring this enlarged, better Youth's Instructor to all the youth of the church and to the societies for use of young people as an evangelistic agency in their missionary activities; therefore,

We recommend, That the month of March, 1946, be "Youth's Instructor Month," and that special effort be made during this month by all churches and Missionary Volunteer societies greatly to increase the circulation of our youth's journal and that special emphasis be placed upon this endeavor in the societies during Missionary Volunteer Week; and further,

We recommend, That the Youth's Instructor circulation goal of 60,000 subscriptions be adopted and that this goal be pro-rated to the conferences on the basis of church membership and that the union conference Missionary Volunteer departments be responsible for the promotion of this campaign.

FOREIGN MISSION BANDS:

WHEREAS, The opening doors in mission lands demand a great advance; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference faces a man-power shortage in finding workers to answer the urgent calls to foreign mission service; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That Foreign Mission Bands be organized in all our Missionary Volunteer Societies, academies and colleges.

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2. That the meetings of these bands be so conducted that the youth of the church will be inspired and encouraged to prepare themselves to answer God's call to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

3. That the book, An Outline of Mission Fields, be revised, and that this volume be used as a study guide by Foreign Mission Bands; and further,

We recommend, That in our colleges and academies earnest effort be made by faculty members and guest speakers to exalt God's work in all its branches and that all our youth be encouraged to dedicate themselves to the task of giving the advent message to all the world in this generation.

NORT. AMERICAN DIVISION YOUTH'S CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, During recent war years it has been impossible to hold any large youth gatherings; and,

WHEREAS, In this hour of opportunity our young people need a deepening conviction of their high destiny; and,

WHEREAS, The youth of America are being rallied by other religious movements today,

We recommend, 1. That a North American Division Missionary Volunteer Conference be held not later than the summer of 1947, and that this conference be dedicated to the following objectives:

a. Earnest seeking after God for power for effectual witnessing.

b. The focusing of the attention of our youth on foreign missions, emphasizing our great need of recruits to enter open doors in foreign service.

c. The exalting of Christian living and Christian service as the supreme consideration in these days of opportunity and the establishment in the lives of our young people of attitudes and habit patterns that will stand the test of eternity.

2. That we refer to the General Conference Committee the question of determining the basis of youths' delegations to such a gathering; the time and the place where it shall be held, and the plan for sharing the expense.

SERVICEMEN:

WHEREAS, Thousands of Seventh-day Adventist servicemen and women have returned and are returning from the war zones; and

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WHEREAS, Many of these persons have endured great dangers, hardships, trials, privations and loneliness; therefore,

We recommend, That each church in cooperation with the Missionary Volunteer society take special notice of these returning veterans and welcome and honor them in some appropriate manner by arranging for a suitable commemorative program, social gathering, or outing, and further, that earnest effort be made to enlist in the life and activities of the church and its several departments the talents and service of these returning members; and further,

We recommend, That we invite our union conference committees to give study to a plan of providing missionary literature for servicemen and women not of our faith who are returning to their homes, suggesting that these veterans be supplied through the Missionary Volunteer societies with the Servicemen's Morning Watch Calendar and the booklet Search for Certainty, to be accompanied by a letter expressing appreciation for the service they have rendered their country.

YOUTH NIGHT:

We recommend, To our evangelists that they capitalize on the wave of evangelism for youth that is sweeping the country by having one night a week in their public evangelistic meetings to be known and advertised as "Young People's Night," suggesting Friday or Saturday night as preferable, and that on this night the young people of the church be invited to participate in the service.

YOUTH LEAFLETS:

WHEREAS, Youth can do a work for their fellow youth that cannot be done by those older in years; and,

WHEREAS, There is a great need for specially prepared leaflets presenting in a concise way the doctrines of the Bible for consecrated youth to use in their work for young people not of our faith; therefore,

We recommend, That a series of twelve colorful "Truth for Youth" leaflets be prepared under the direction of the Missionary Volunteer Department and made available as soon as possible through regular denominational channels.

BIBLE READING CAMPAIGN:

WHEREAS, The promotion of the Bible reading campaign, in cooperation with the American Bible Society, has been very helpful to our churches and a blessing to thousands who have been visited; therefore,

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We recommend, That the General Conference arrange for the continuation of the plan of a Bible reading campaign each year in the North American Division, in cooperation with the American Bible Society, in the United States, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, in Canada, if these societies continue this effort; otherwise that the plan be continued on our own initiative.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN ITALY:

WHEREAS, It is reported from reliable sources that the exercise of complete religious liberty in Italy is guaranteed only so long as the armies of occupation remain; and,

WHEREAS, The rights and privileges contemplated by the "Four Freedoms" and provided for in the Charter of the United Nations Organization will be endangered in Italy when Allied military occupation ends; therefore,

Resolved, That this 1945 Autumn Council of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination hereby requests the United States Government to include in the peace terms with Italy a provision that all religions in Italy be given equal status before the law, with discrimination against none and full liberty for all.

PRESS RELATIONS:

WHEREAS, Our denominational program for building cooperation with the public press is bearing fruit, with the result that newspapers generally are giving an increasing amount of space to the publication of church news and information concerning home activities, world work, and teachings of Seventh-day Adventists; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a united effort be continued in behalf of the appointment of a church press secretary in every church where there is opportunity for local publicity; or in cities where several churches are located, pastors and leaders work together in arranging for the correlation of press activity so that some one capable and active be made responsible for contact with the newspapers to serve the interests of the Seventh-day Adventist churches; and

2. That in each of our larger institutions -- colleges, sanitariums, conference office headquarters, and other centers -- leaders make provision for the appointment of a local press representative; and

3. That we encourage our ministers to give more thought and study to press relations, to gain experience in writing, and use the newspapers in relation to churches under their care, and their evangelistic efforts; and

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4. That we make such plans as will open the way for the giving of short training courses in religious reporting for senior ministerial students, ministerial interns, and our younger ministers.

DIRECTORS OF COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES:

WHEREAS, The efficiency of a worker is materially influenced by the degree of health the individual and his family possess; and,

WHEREAS, The preparation given young men and women as well as the health status during youth contribute largely to the health during adult life; and,

WHEREAS, Students of Seventh-day Adventist secondary schools and colleges may best be taught principles of personal and community hygiene through an organized program of classroom instruction, the school environment, the school cafeteria, and school health service; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That professional nurses selected as directors of college health services have education and experience comparable to that of other faculty members of the school, and that these qualifications include public health certification and that our secondary schools endeavor to secure only such professionally trained nurses as directors of their health service.

2. That recommendation be made to the Board of Regents of the Association of S.D.A. Institutions of Higher Education and Secondary Schools, that they include as a part of their appraisal techniques, criteria and standards for evaluating the school environment, the health service, and the health instruction program of the school.

HOME AND SCHOOL DIRECTOR:

In view of the fact that the parents' work underlies that of every other and that the needs of this hour call for stronger and better homes,

We recommend, That in churches where there is no Home and School organization a sponsor for the Parent and Home Education work be appointed to foster and promote this important work under the direction of the educational superintendent of the conference.

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The following recommendations from the Publishing Department Convention were adopted:

SCHOLARSHIP TIME REQUIREMENTS:

We recommend, That Section 3 of the Scholarship Plan be amended to include the words "or is otherwise employed by the conference." These words to be inserted after the words "summer vacation" in line 8 of this Section, so that the sentence will read: "It being understood that when a student is appointed by the conference to assist in field leadership during part of his summer vacation (or is otherwise employed by the conference), the time thus spent may apply on his time requirement."

"DANIEL AND REVELATION" CIRCULATION:

WHEREAS, The book "Daniel and the Revelation," since its appearance in the early days of this movement as our first subscription book, has been the means of bringing to thousands a knowledge of the third angel's message, and believing that a book which will turn souls to this truth will also keep the certainty and hope of the message burning brightly in their hearts; and,

WHEREAS, This volume has recently been revised and re-illustrated and should have the widest possible circulation at this time; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the union conferences of the North American Division plan for a campaign through their churches, urging the members to procure one or more copies of "The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation."

2. That the publishing houses make the regular subscription edition of this book available for a period of 90 days to the Book and Bible Houses on a special basis to be supplied to the churches at a price not to exceed \$1.95 per copy, post-paid, the books purchased at this special price being for home use and missionary evangelism, and are not for resale.

3. That the General Conference arrange with the Review and Herald office to present a series of outline studies on the book "Daniel and the Revelation" through the columns of the Review and Herald, and that the whole church be invited to enter upon this course of study.

4. That the union conference papers support this campaign by giving it generous publicity through special articles by leading workers, urging church members to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

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CHURCH SCHOOL COMEBACK:

A committee that had been appointed on the Distribution of the Church School Comeback, submitted its report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, The following plan for the distribution of the 5% comeback for elementary church schools:

1. One-half of this five percent fund, or two and one-half percent, be distributed to the union conferences on the basis of the number of approved elementary teachers in the respective unions, and the other two and one-half percent of this fund be distributed on the basis of the amount of the mission offerings given by the respective union conferences.

2. That this plan go into effect as from July 1, 1946.

Adjourned to 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 20.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
W.P.Bradley, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 20, 1945, 11 A.M.

The devotional service at 8:30 Tuesday morning, November 20, was conducted by Milton Robison, of the Southern African Division. Elder Robison's challenge to the workers of this denomination was to beware of professionalism. Basing his remarks upon the text, John 17:3, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent," he warned of the danger of becoming merely workers, of dealing in the craft of the ministry, but not ministering. Referring to Eli's sons, he pointed out that while they knew all the forms of worship, it was said of them that they knew not God. This is a danger that faces the ministry today. To know about God is not enough, we must know God. It is not enough to serve as leaders, to carry on the work of God; it is necessary to practice what is preached.

The way being opened following the study for the bearing of testimonies, a goodly number took part, testifying to God's goodness, and reconsecrating themselves to His service.

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"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," was sung to open the tenth business session of the Council, at eleven o'clock, Tuesday, November 20.

The first business to come before the session was a further report from the Plans Committee, which was presented and adopted as follows:

ATTENDANCE OF NON-ADVENTIST CHILDREN IN S.D.A. SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, Our church schools have been established primarily for the purpose of safeguarding and training the children of Seventh-day Adventist parents; and,

WHEREAS, There is a tendency in some places to accept in our church schools a disproportionately large number of pupils from non-Adventist homes, which adversely affects the ideals, standards, objectives, and spirit of the schools;

We recommend, 1. That boards of elementary and intermediate church schools exercise caution in admitting children from non-Adventist homes into the schools, considering each of the following factors:

a. Adequacy of available school facilities and teaching personnel.

b. Character and home background of applicants.
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c. Ratio of non-Adventist/children in the school.

2. That a ratio of not more than one non-Adventist child to six Adventist children be maintained except where permission to exceed this ratio is secured from the local conference educational committee.

CHURCH COLPORTEUR AUXILIARIES:

WHEREAS, We have been admonished: "Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. . . . Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed. When the church takes up her appointed work, she will go forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'" --"Christian Service, p. 147). And,

WHEREAS, Unused potentialities in colporteur evangelism reside within our churches where many members who are unable to engage in full-time colporteur work would gladly devote some time to the sale of our subscription literature if given an opportunity to do so; and,

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WHEREAS, Changed conditions emphasize the need to revive the single copy sale of our monthly and quarterly magazines; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we offer to our church members the opportunity to join our great program of colporteur evangelism by the formation of Colporteur Auxiliaries in all our churches, the members of these auxiliaries to be regarded as a new type of part-time colporteurs and to undertake to work a regular number of hours each month in the sale of magazines and small subscription books.

2. That we set as a goal at least one auxiliary member for each 20 members in the church.

3. That individuals be chosen by the Publishing Department Committee in counsel with the local pastors and church elders, to be known as Colporteur Auxiliary Captains to act as leaders of these groups, these captains to be in charge of the work of organizing the groups and also to be responsible for ordering their literature and remitting funds to the Book and Bible House.

4. That the auxiliary captains deal with members of the group on a strictly cash with order basis, and in the settlement of Book and Bible House accounts the auxiliary leader will operate with the Book and Bible House on the same basis as a colporteur, settling accounts within 30 days. And further, under no circumstances shall the church be held responsible for the settlement of these accounts.

5. That the Publishing Department secretaries of the conferences shall be responsible for the training and supervision of these auxiliaries.

6. That the work of these auxiliary colporteurs shall be reported in each conference by the publishing department secretary in the department news letter which is issued each week, so that their sales will become a part of the permanent colporteur records.

7. That any promotion contacts by publishing house representatives with these auxiliary groups or group captains shall be made only through the conference publishing department secretary.

8. That in no case shall literature be given free by any publishing house or at a reduced rate, or provided by any means, or through any channel to these colporteur auxiliary workers in such a way as to constitute or have the effect of a "tie-in" sale, such as a gift of free literature for a certain amount of literature sold.

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PLACEMENT OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONAL WORKERS:

WHEREAS, There is a need to facilitate the distribution of available medical institutional workers,

We recommend, That the leaders in our medical institutions be invited to forward to the Medical Department of the General Conference pertinent data regarding qualifications of available institutional workers, and that the information thus compiled be made available to employing medical institutions.

PLACEMENT OF GRADUATES OF S.D.A. SCHOOLS OR NURSING:

WHEREAS, There is a desire to have each Seventh-day Adventist nurse feel that there is a need for her services in the various lines of denominational medical work; and,

WHEREAS, Staff nursing in our sanitariums and hospitals serves as a good foundation for future educational and clinical nursing experience;

We recommend, 1. That each Seventh-day Adventist school of nursing cooperate in endeavoring to place the graduates of the school in some type of nursing connected with the activities of the denomination; and further,

2. That to implement the above recommendation, and to facilitate employment of graduating nurses who are not otherwise placed, the Medical Department of the General Conference provide all groups employing Seventh-day Adventist nurses with pertinent information about these nurses.

3. That the initial negotiations between the employing organization and the nurse be made through the Medical Department of the General Conference, and that the Medical Department be apprised of the end result of the negotiations.

VELLORE MEDICAL COLLEGE:

The Treasurer reported on negotiations that have been carried on looking toward a plan for affiliation with the Vellore Medical College in India, which would provide a way for some of our workers in India to secure a medical education. It now seems possible for such affiliation to be effected, if the organization responsible for operating the college can be assured of an annual appropriation of \$2,500 to apply on the payment of salaries and other recurring expenses, and a special appropriation of \$5,000 for their expansion program. It was

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VOTED, That we enter into the proposed affiliation with the Vellore Christian Medical College in India; and further, that we appropriate 2,500 for recurring expenses in the year 1946, and that we make a special appropriation of \$5,000 toward their expansion program.

VOICE OF PROPHECY--ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE:

In harmony with a request from the North American Radio Commission, it was

VOTED, That an offering be taken in all our churches in North America, on March 2, 1946, in the hope of receiving \$33,500 to assist in a building program proposed by the North American Radio Commission, that will provide the additional office space required by the Voice of Prophecy in Glendale.

THE BUDGET FOR 1946:

The report of the Budget Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1946 to the world field be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

Regular General Conference income	7 453 171 93
General Conference operating reserves and trust funds	2 191 100 00
Church Extension Funds	<u>200 000 00</u>
Total estimated income and available funds for 1946	9 844 271 93

We recommend, That the regular base appropriations for 1946 be as follows:

Overseas:

Australasian Union	66 000 00
China	656 150 00
General Conference Missions	451 060 00
Inter-America	500 620 00
Northern Europe	16 850 00
South America	532 760 00
Southern Africa	682 620 00
Southern Asia	645 620 00
Far East	524 920 00
Southern Europe	310 080 00
Restoration of Prewar Base	<u>200 000 00</u>

Total overseas

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North America:		
Canada	56 750 00	
Southern Union:		
Rural Schools	3 000 00	
Colored	35 000 00	
Southwestern Union:		
White	10 800 00	
Colored	13 640 00	
Spanish American Seminary	5 600 00	
Oakwood College	21 500 00	
Riverside Sanitarium	14 900 00	
Bureau of Home Missions	115 700 00	
Atlanta Dental Home	5 000 00	
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Total North America		281 890 00
General:		
Vellore Medical School	2 500 00	
S.D.A Theological Seminary	53 570 00	
E.G.White Publications	10 610 00	
College of Medical Evangelists	59 000 00	
Appointee Language Study	95 000 00	
Radio, International	200 000 00	
Miscellaneous and Fixed	657 415 29	
Administration	563 506 64	
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Total General		1 641 601 93
Restoration of Prewar Base (South Pacific, Orient and Europe)		
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		943 000 00
Total Base for 1946		7 453 171 93
2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:		
Overseas:		
China Division,		
Food and Rice Bonuses	250 000 00	
Appointee Language Study	30 000 00	
Southern Asia, Vellore Med. School	5 000 00	
Australasian Union	70 000 00	
China	20 000 00	
Far East	50 000 00	
Northern Europe	20 000 00	
Southern Europe	50 000 00	
General Conference Missions(Prov.)	150 000 00	
Inter-America	150 000 00	
South America	150 000 00	
Southern Africa	150 000 00	
Southern Asia	150 000 00	
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Total Specials, Overseas		1 245 000 00

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North America:

Atlantic Union-Atlantic Union Col.	15 000 00
Atlantic Union-Gr. New York, Evan.	20 000 00
Southern Union-Colored Conferences	15 000 00
Southwestern Union-Spanish School	3 600 00
Bureau - Italian Institute	15 000 00
Bureau - Japanese Relocation	2 500 00
Radio - North America	110 000 00
War Service	30 000 00
Funds for Smaller Conferences	60 000 00
Ministerial Internships, emergencies	50 000 00
Publishing Department, interns	7 500 00
Spanish-American Seminary	31 500 00
Sanitariums, North America	50 000 00
Washington Missionary College	15 000 00
Southern Missionary College	15 000 00
Union College	15 000 00
Southwestern Junior College	10 000 00
Walla Walla College	15 000 00
Emmanuel Missionary College	15 000 00
Oakwood College	90 000 00
Canadian Missionary College	50 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium	111 000 00
Radio Building, Glendale	35 000 00
C.M.E. Building Program	90 000 00
Colored School in North	15 000 00
Southern Union, headquarters for colored conferences	15 000 00
✓Takoma Park Church	25 000 00
Oakland, California, Church	<u>20 000 00</u>

Total Specials, North America	<u>946 100 00</u>
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Total Special Appropriations	2 191 100 00
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3. That the following appropriations for 1946 be made from the Church Extension Fund to the overseas and North American Divisions:

Overseas:

Far East, Manila	20 000 00
General Conference Missions (Prov.)	15 000 00
Inter-America	15 000 00
Northern Europe	20 000 00
South America	15 000 00
Southern Africa	10 000 00
Southern Asia	10 000 00
Southern Europe	<u>15 000 00</u>

Total overseas	120 000 00
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North America:

Atlantic Union:

Colored Church	15 000 00	
Amesbury, Mass.	650 00	
Pittsfield, Mass.	900 00	
Gloversville, N.Y.	650 00	
Hempstead, N.Y.	2 000 00	
Bennington, Vt.	500 00	
New Haven, Conn.	<u>300 000</u>	20 000 00

Canadian Union:

Rosebud, Alta.	3 500 00	
Peoria, Alta.	1 000 00	
Simcoe, Ont.	1 000 00	
Vernon, Br. Col.	<u>500 00</u>	6 000 00

Central Union:

Boulder, Colo.	3 125 00	
St. Joseph, Mo.	3 125 00	
Torrington, Wyo.	<u>750 00</u>	7 000 00

Columbia Union:

Newport News, Va. col.	500 00	
Sharon, Pa.	500 00	
Lancaster, Pa.	500 00	
Bluefield, W.Va.	700 00	
Washington S.E., D.C.	1 000 00	
Toledo, O.	2 000 00	
Trenton, N.J.	1 000 00	
Salisbury, Md.	<u>800 00</u>	7 000 00

Lake Union:

Hinsdale, Ill.	6 000 00	
La Porte, Ind.	<u>1 000 00</u>	7 000 00

Northern Union:

Boone, Iowa	1 200 00	
Duluth, Minn.	1 000 00	
Winona, Minn.	500 00	
Minneapolis, Minn. Swedish	1 000 00	
Benedict, N.D.	400 00	
New Rockford, N.D.	600 00	
Kenmare, N.D.	400 00	
Lisoon, N.D.	400 00	
Yankton, S.D.	<u>500 00</u>	6 000 00

North Pacific Union:

Blackfoot, Ida.	1 000 00	
Leadwglade, Ore.	<u>6 000 00</u>	7 000 00

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Pacific Union:

La Sierra, Calif.	<u>7 000 00</u>	7 000 00
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Southern Union:

Sheffield, Ala.	500 00	
Mobile, Ala.	1 000 00	
Florence, S.C.	500 00	
Wilson, N.C.	500 00	
Fort Pierce, Fla.	750 00	
Brayton, Tenn.	500 00	
Baxley, Ga.	250 00	
Ashland, Ky.	500 00	
Dyersburg, Tenn.	500 00	
Birmingham, Ala., colored	500 00	
Valdosta, Ga.	<u>500 00</u>	7 000 00

Southwestern Union:

Albuquerque, N.Mex.	1 500 00	
Monroe, La.	500 00	
Fort Smith, Ark.	1 300 00	
Lawton, Okla.	900 00	
Seminole, Okla.	900 00	
Plainview, Tex.	<u>900 00</u>	<u>6 000 00</u>

Total North America

80 000 00

Total overseas

120 000 00Total appropriation from
Church Extension Fund

200 000 00

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, all divisions		7 453 171 93
Specials:		
Overseas divisions	1 245 000 00	
North America and General	<u>946 100 00</u>	2 191 100 00
Church Extension:		
Overseas divisions	120 000 00	
North America	<u>80 000 00</u>	200 000 00
Estimated revertible funds:		
Overseas, basis 1944	1 074 295 95	
North America, basis 1944	<u>1 489 620 31</u>	<u>2 563 916 26</u>
Total appropriations for 1946		
including reversions, 1944 basis		\$12 408 188 19

We recommend, That each division in the revision of its budgets for 1946, provide for all repeating items including bonuses in the Class I-A Budget base.

We recommend, That $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 10% of the special appropriations to overseas divisions be allocated to evangelistic work.

We recommend, That the colored constituency of the North American Division be asked to raise \$50,000 for furnishing and equipping the Riverside Sanitarium.

We recommend, That in harmony with the report of the Sanitarium Survey Commission appointed at the August, 1945, meeting of the General Conference Committee, we assign the institutional relief fund held in the General Conference, of 1.3% of the debt-paying comeback which will amount to approximately \$50,000 for 1946, together with an additional \$50,000 provided by special appropriations making a total of \$100,000, to the following institutions:

Melrose Sanitarium	20 000 00
Florida "	20 000 00
Hinsdale "	20 000 00
Paradise Valley Sanitarium	20 000 00
St. Helena "	20 000 00

We recommend, That the distribution of the funds to be allocated to the smaller conferences for 1946, be referred to the General Conference Committee in Washington, D.C.

We recommend, That any unused portion of the rehabilitation base budget for 1946, be assigned to the rehabilitation fund.

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In view of the unusually heavy expansion program being undertaken by some of our organizations in the union conferences of North America,

We recommend, That great caution be exercised, and that no commitments be made beyond available funds in the development of their respective building programs. It is further

Recommended, That a commission be appointed whose duty it shall be to study the proposed expansion programs and make such recommendations as may be deemed necessary in order to avoid repeating experiences of past years when many organizations became deeply involved in debt.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOICE OF PROPHECY

We recommend, 1. That the union conferences in the United States be invited to contribute to the Voice of Prophecy budget for 1946 the same amounts as given in 1945, as follows:

Atlantic Union	7 535 27	
Central	4 715 72	
Columbia	11 833 54	
Lake	10 488 13	
Northern	3 638 80	
North Pacific	8 380 93	
Pacific	20 447 08	
Southern	6 983 82	
Southwestern	3 476 71	
	<u>Total</u>	77 500 00

2. That we invite the following organizations to contribute the amounts stated to the Voice of Prophecy budget for 1946:

Pacific Press	2 000 00	
Review and Herald	2 000 00	
Southern Publishing Assn.	1 000 00	
Christian Record	<u>1 500 00</u>	6 500 00

The following partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO BIBLE SOCIETIES:

We recommend, That \$5,000 be provided by the union and local conferences in North America as a contribution to the War Emergency Funds of the American Bible Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, this amount to be pro-rated to the conferences on the basis of their 1945 tithe income.

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MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL:

We recommend, That beginning with January 1, 1946, the average weekly missions offering goal for our churches and conferences be increased from fifty to sixty cents a member.

ALLOTMENT OF MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That provision be made for ninety-seven ministerial internships for 1946, the allotment to be as follows:

1. That seventy-five internships be assigned to the several union conferences as follows:

Atlantic	7	Northern	6
Canadian	6	North Pacific	7
Central	6	Pacific	13
Columbia	10	Southern	6
Lake	8	Southwestern	6

2. That eleven internships for colored workers be distributed by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the several union conferences.

3. That eleven internships be assigned to the Bureau of Home Missions for distribution by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the several union conferences.

SECOND SABBATH OFFERING: ✓

WHEREAS, The plan of receiving an offering for foreign missions in all our churches on the second Sabbath of each month has not been stressed and promoted as in former years; and,

WHEREAS, During recent times there has been a substantial decline in mission offerings in relation to our tithe income and,

WHEREAS, A missions offering received at the time of the church service encourages every worshiper to lift up his eyes and look on the fields; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the Second Sabbath Offering for Missions be received regularly in all our churches.

2. That the Second Sabbath Offering be added to the list of General offerings and listed in our financial reports, together with the Sabbath School, Ingathering, Midsummer, Week of Sacrifice, and Missions Extension offerings.

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3. That the leading responsibility for the promotion of this offering rest with the Treasury Department of the General Conference.

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1946

We recommend, 1. That the fixed rates of exchange for the interchange of business among our organizations during the year 1946, be as listed below.

2. That the rates of exchange for the countries starred be given consideration by the Minority Committee as soon as the currencies find their level, or at such time as the various organizations concerned are clear to recommend a fixed rate.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Australasia	Australian £	3.30
Central Europe:		
*Germany	reichsmark	.24
Holland	florin	.55
China:		
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$.25
*China	dollar	.002
*Manchuria		.002
Far East:		
*British No. Borneo	B.N.B. \$.51
*Sarawak	Sarawak \$.51
*Fr. Indo China	piaster	.02
Japan	yen	.06-2/3
Chosen	yen	.06-2/3
*Netherlands Indies	florin	.55
Philippine Islands	peso	.50
*Siam	tical	.35
*Straits Settlements	Singapore \$.51
General Confer. Missions:		
*Bulgaria	lev	.01204
Egypt	Egyptian £	4.20
*Iran	rial	.04
Iraq	dinar	4.10
Palestine	Palestine £	4.10
*Syria	Syrian £	.40
Turkey	Turkish £	.77
Ethiopia	thaler	.41

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Inter-America:

Bahamas	pound	4.10
Barbaños	dollar	.85
British Guiana	dollar	.85
Colombia	peso	.58
Costa Rica	colon	.18
Curacao	florin	.55
Cuba	peso	1.00
*French West Indies	French franc	.02
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00
Haiti	gourde	.20
Jamaica	pound	4.10
Mexico	peso	.21
Nicaragua	cordoba	.20
Panama	balboa	1.00
Porto Rico	peso	1.00
Santo Domingo	peso	1.00
Salvador	colon	.40
Spanish Honduras	lempira	.50
Trinidad	dollar	.85
Venezuela	bolivar	.31

Northern Europe:

British Isles	pound	4.10
Gold Coast	pound	4.10
Liberia	dollar	1.00
Nigeria	pound	4.10
Sierra Leone	pound	4.10
Denmark	kroner	.21
*Estonia	kroner	.26
*Finland	markka	.02
*French Cameroon	French franc	.02
*Fr. Equatorial Africa	French franc	.02
*Iceland	kroner	.1872
*Latvia	lat	.1855
*Lithuania	lit	.161
Norway	kroner	.21
Sweden	kroner	.24
*Poland	zloty	.1873

South America:

Argentina	peso	.25
Bolivia	boliviano	.025
Brazil	cruzeiro	.055
Chile	peso	.0375
Ecuador	sucre	.075
Paraguay	guarani	.35
Peru	sol	.16
Uruguay	peso	.565

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Southern Africa:		
Angola	angolare	.04
*Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.02
Kenya	pound	4.10
No. & So. Rhodesia	"	4.10
Nyasaland	"	4.10
South African Union	"	4.10
Tanganyika	shilling	.205
Uganda	pound	4.10
Southern Asia:		
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.31
Southern Europe:		
*Belgium	Belgian franc	.02
*France	French franc	.02
Greece	drachma	.0085
*Hungary	pengo	.20
Italy	lira	.02
Portugal	escudo	.0425
*Rumania	lei	.0075
*Spain	peseta	.11
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.235
*Yugoslavia	dinar	.0215
Mauritius	rupee	.31

MEDICAL COLLEGE BUILDING EXTENSION:

To finance the building program which has been agreed upon by the board and approved by the General Conference Committee,

We recommend, 1. That \$1,300,000 be made available to the Medical College over a period of five years from the following sources:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount Yearly</u>
General Conference	450 000	90 000
Union and local conferences of the Pacific Union	300 000	60 000
Union and local conferences of the other nine unions	350 000	70 000
Sanitariums, excluding Loma Linda and White Memorial	50 000	10 000
The four publishing houses	150 000	30 000
	<u>1 300 000</u>	<u>260 000</u>
To be raised by the College	<u>1 700 000</u>	<u>340 000</u>
	<u>3 000 000</u>	<u>600 000</u>

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2. That the amount from the nine other unions and local conferences within these unions be pro-rated on the basis of tithe income for the year 1944.

3. That the amount from the sanitariums be pro-rated on the basis of gross patient income of the sanitarium for the year 1944.

4. That the amount from the four publishing houses be divided on the following basis:

Pacific Press	40%
Review and Herald	40%
Southern Publishing	15%
Canadian Watchman	5%

5. That this arrangement shall become effective as of January 1, 1946.

6. That all funds shall be remitted through the regular channels.

Adjourned to 1:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by E.L. Longway.

W.H. Branson, Chairman.
E.D. Dick,
A.W. Cormack, Secretaries.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 20, 1945, 1:30 P.M.

The eleventh session of the Council, at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 20, was opened with song, followed by prayer by C.B.Haynes.

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

THE HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

Medical Missionary Course

WHEREAS, Health-destroying habits are shortening the lives of millions of our fellow men all over the world, and not much is being done in a practical way to help these peoples; therefore,

We recommend, That the new course in medical missionary work, prepared jointly by the General Conference Medical Department and the Home Study Institute, be brought to the attention of all our churches through the faithful efforts of district leaders and other conference workers, to the end that our people, by prayerful study of these excellent lessons, may become able, not only to present to their neighbors in an attractive and intelligent way the life-giving principles of healthful living which have been entrusted to us, but also to visit sick and suffering persons in their homes, and minister skillfully to their needs, thus following the example of the Saviour, who "went about doing good and healing," and gave definite instructions to the effect that His true disciples should follow in His steps.

Course in Lay Preaching

WHEREAS, Our lay preachers, who are already doing valuable work, could labor far more effectively if given the advantage of systematic study under guidance of skilled teachers; therefore,

We recommend, That they be encouraged by the Home Missionary Secretaries and district leaders who have general oversight of their work, to enroll for the course in Lay Preaching prepared especially for their benefit by the Home Missionary Department and the Home Study Institute.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM:

Realizing that we have entered upon the day of God's power and of unprecedented opportunity in saving lost souls, and believing that the minister of today is called upon to make known the saving knowledge of God as never before, and recognizing that the work of soul-winning is being sadly neglected among us now when we should be gathering in the largest harvest of souls in our history; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a call be sent forth to all of our workers and members to renew their dedication without reservation to the work of God and earnestly seek that spiritual revival necessary before the Pentecostal outpouring of God's Spirit can be experienced.

2. That immediate steps be taken in all of our conferences and churches to enlist the active participation of the church membership in all possible forms of soul-winning endeavor.

3. That we appeal to those church members who have settled in or are planning to settle in, already over-populated Seventh-day Adventist centers to give heed to the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy and go into needy areas where we have no, or but few, believers, and assist in raising up new churches wherever possible.

4. That the conferences give special study to the organization and utilization of their evangelistic forces with the view of distributing the work of the ministers in such a manner that the workers who are best fitted for aggressive evangelism be allowed to devote the major portion of their time to that particular line of work, while others less gifted along evangelistic lines be called upon to look after lines of endeavor where their abilities can be utilized to good advantage.

5. That new evangelistic recruits be carefully selected making sure that only such individuals be employed who give evidence that they have been called of God for the work of the ministry and are successful in winning men and women to Christ. That in planning the evangelistic work with their workers, conference leaders seek to encourage the younger ministers to help them wherever possible to become more successful as soul winners.

6. That ministerial interns devote their time to evangelism and not to work among churches, as district leaders or church pastors. That the first year interns be directed first of all to learn the art of soul-winning personally and directly by combining personal house-to-house visitation with their public ministry.

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7. That committees exercise greater care at the time of the conference sessions and annual audits in checking over the soul-winning accomplishments of individual workers in connection with the renewal of licenses or credentials for an additional period of service.

8. That in selecting conference leaders special care be exercised by nominating committees to make sure, as far as possible, that such men be chosen who have had a sufficient background of evangelistic and pastoral experience to give them the necessary understanding of, and interest in, evangelism to cause them to lead their fellow workers, as well as the churches, into strong, aggressive, soul-winning endeavor.

9. That the General Conference arrange for a meeting of the union and local conference presidents, together with such General Conference representatives as may be available, to give special study to a program of evangelism commensurate with the urgency and need of our day.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING:

We recommend, 1. That the Minority Committee of the General Conference follow carefully the proceedings in Congress regarding any proposed legislation for compulsory military training, and endeavor to have inserted in such bills a provision similar in content to Section 5 (g) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 exempting conscientious noncombatants from all training in combat lines.

We recommend, 2. That a committee be appointed to prepare a course of instruction in the fields of health, physical education, and medical cadet training to become a part of our educational curricula, and which may also be used in special training schools for those young people who are not in our regular denominational schools; that this course shall be sufficiently comprehensive and complete to justify us in seeking permission from the government to offer it as a training for the young men of the church who, because of religious training and belief, may desire to elect this training in the place of that which may be required by the government for the preparation of medical soldiers.

AN APPEAL TO DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS, CHURCH OFFICERS, AND LAITY:

WHEREAS, We have come to a time unparalleled in the history of mankind, and we are face to face with the close of probation and the coming of Christ; and,

WHEREAS, We have been admonished that those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work; therefore

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We recommend, 1. That we earnestly appeal to our conference leaders, pastors, and church officers to take immediate steps in laying plans whereby every member of the church will be adequately trained for soul-winning work and be assigned such type of work as may be best suited to him.

2. That we call upon all our lay members for a reconsecration of themselves to unselfish soul-winning ministry in whatever line of activity their talents are best suited; and

3. That every member be encouraged to win as many souls as possible during 1946, by engaging in one or more of the following suggestive lines of activity:

- a. Systematic literature distribution,
 - b. Colporteur evangelism,
 - c. Lay preaching,
 - d. Cottage meetings,
 - e. Lay Bible work,
 - f. Dorcas ministry,
 - g. Branch Sabbath school work,
 - h. Medical missionary work,
- or any other form of soul-winning endeavor.

HOME-FOREIGN WORK:

Foreign Language Literature:

WHEREAS, There are at present many opportunities to carry the light of the message to the unwarned millions of the foreign speaking peoples in North America through our truth-filled literature,

We recommend, 1. That all our foreign language workers and believers in North America increase their soul-winning activities among the people of their own nationalities by utilizing a greatly increased circulation of literature.

2. By asking our English workers and churches to lay definite plans for a systematic literature distribution among the foreign speaking people in their communities.

3. That diligent effort be put forth to enlist suitable talent to engage in full and part time colporteur work with our subscription books and magazines in foreign languages, and that we solicit the cooperation of our publishing department secretaries to help train and encourage such colporteur evangelists.

4. That during the "Signs Campaign" special attention be given to an increased circulation of our foreign missionary papers,

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a. By urging our believers to give these periodicals a wider circulation.

b. By having the home missionary secretaries in the union and local conferences continue the same active interest in promoting the circulation of our foreign periodicals as they do the English papers.

Lay Evangelism:

WHEREAS, These days of crisis are also days of opportunity for the carrying forward of successful efforts in lay evangelism;

We recommend, That well planned home missionary institutes be conducted in our home-foreign churches to help train the members in soul-winning service.

The following further report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

REHABILITATION OFFERING:

We recommend, 1. That an earnest endeavor be made to raise one million dollars for rehabilitation in an offering to be taken on July 27, 1946, and that for this year the Midsummer Offering be combined with the Rehabilitation Fund Offering.

2. That the goal be apportioned to our conferences on the basis of membership.

MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL

FOR COLORED CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES:

We recommend, That the weekly goal for missions for our colored conferences and churches be fifty cents a member in the Southern and Southwestern Union Conferences, and sixty cents a member in the northern conferences.

MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL

FOR MEXICAN CHURCHES IN SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

We recommend, That the weekly missions offering goal for our Mexican churches in the Southwestern Union be fifty cents a member.

WAGE SCALE:

We recommend, That the Wage Scale be revised to provide a 10% increase in the minimum and maximum rates of all salaried workers, effective as of January 1, 1946, and that the rates of

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workers paid by the hour be set by their respective employing organizations.

INCREASE IN SUSTENTATION ALLOWANCES:

We recommend, 1. That in order to give beneficiaries of the Sustentation Fund an increase in allowances of approximately 10% beginning with January, 1946, the Sustentation Policy be amended so that the maximum family rate of workers eligible for assistance shall be \$38.00 a calendar month, plus 1.50 a month for each year of service up to thirty-five years, and \$5.00 a month for each year of service from thirty-five to forty years, making a maximum of \$103.50 a month for forty or more years of service.

2. That in the case of former employees of the Hinsdale Sanitarium the above increases apply, except that for the years of their service prior to January, 1932, they shall be given 60 cents a month for each year of service, and \$1.50 a month for each year of service since January 1, 1932, up to thirty-five years, and from thirty-five to forty years there shall be added \$1.20 a month for each year of service in Hinsdale prior to January 1, 1932, and \$3.00 a month for each year since January 1, 1932.

3. That the minimum that may be paid to a widow with dependent children be increased from \$46.75 to 51.50, not including child allowance.

4. That the rates of beneficiaries now on the Sustentation Fund who are not eligible under present regulations be adjusted by increasing them approximately 10%.

RENT SUBSIDY:

We recommend, That paragraph 1, page 220, of the General Conference Working Policy be amended to read:

A denominational worker is ordinarily not obliged to pay as rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light and water, more than 14% of his salary on the Wage Scale adopted at the 1945 Autumn Council of the General Conference' Committee.

POSTGRADUATE ALLOWANCES FOR PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, 1. That the postgraduate provision for physicians of the various districts of the United States be increased by \$100 a year, plus one week additional time allowance per year, which will make a total in the district east of the Mississippi of \$225 a year and up to four weeks' time, between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains of \$250 a year and up to four weeks' time, and the district west of the Rocky Mountains

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of \$275 a year and up to four weeks' time per year. We recommend that these provisions for postgraduate work be made retro-active to July 1, 1945.

2. That in cases where special postgraduate work is given a physician to prepare him for board specialities, the funds so advanced for this postgraduate work be written off at the rate of one and a half times the regular postgraduate set-up in both time and money with the understanding that the entire cost of such postgraduate work shall be written off in a maximum of ^{time} six years of service.

3. That where physicians are asked to take special postgraduate work where the tuition expense is unusually excessive, either in special postgraduate work or in regular postgraduate work, special consideration be given by the institutional boards to allowing additional postgraduate funds for tuition above the regular provisions.

4. That the General Conference Minority Committee be authorized to bring the Working Policy as it relates to postgraduate allowances for physicians in mission service into harmony with the above provisions.

SUSTENTATION SERVICE CREDIT FOR PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, That the question of service credit for physicians as it relates to the Sustentation Fund be referred to the special committee previously appointed by the General Conference Committee to give consideration to special sustentation problems.

ASSISTANCE TO PHYSICIANS ON INDEBTEDNESS:

We recommend, That assistance be given to physicians who desire to give themselves to institutional work and who are permanently employed by medical institutions in North America on the following basis:

The institution shall give assistance to physicians having indebtedness, apart from medical school tuition notes, of more than \$500, the maximum assistance that may be given to any physician thus employed being \$1,000. Allowances shall be made by the institution on the indebtedness at the rate of \$200 each year of service for a maximum of five years.

MEETING OF SANITARIUM ADMINISTRATORS:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee be authorized to call a meeting at an appropriate time and place of sanitarium superintendents, business managers, chairmen of boards directors of nursing schools and such other persons as may be

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determined by the Committee for the purpose of studying the problems facing our medical institutions.

GREATER NEW YORK TITHE PERCENTAGE:

We recommend, 1. That the action of the General Conference Committee which provided for an adjustment of the percent of tithes of the Greater New York Conference be rescinded, thus placing that conference on the same basis as all other local conferences in North America.

2. That we recommend to the Budget Committee an appropriation of \$20,000 to the Atlantic Union for evangelism in the Greater New York Conference.

MEDICAL EXPENSE OF SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES:

We recommend, That the following paragraph be added to the Sustentation Policy:

A beneficiary having heavy medical and/or dental expense may receive assistance on such expense in an amount equivalent to one half of such expense up to \$200, two thirds of any balance above \$200 and not exceeding \$300, and three fourths of any balance that is above \$300.

CHRISTIAN RECORD FIELD

REPRESENTATIVES SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That paragraph 53 of the Sustentation Plan be amended to read as follows:

In the application of the fifteen-year minimum service provision for sustentation assistance, field representatives of the Christian Record Benevolent Association may be considered eligible to receive sustentation benefits provided their record shows a minimum of 1200 hours per year and a minimum gross income of \$3,000 per year.

REVISION OF SUSTENTATION POLICY--PAR. 18:

We recommend, That the first two sentences of paragraph 18 of the Sustentation Plan be amended to read as follows:

Academies and Junior and Senior Colleges shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of their pay rolls, these pay rolls to include all employees of the school, whether temporary or otherwise, except students and persons temporarily employed for construction or repair of buildings. Salaries of teachers paid through subsidies or through direct appropriations, and also of church school teachers connected with colleges and

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academies operating normal departments, should be included in the pay rolls of these institutions when computing the amount to be paid to the Sustentation Fund.

SOLICITING FUNDS BY INGATHERING METHODS:

We recommend, That the provision of the Working Policy relating to the solicitation of funds, page 208, paragraph 3, be revised to read:

No campaign other than the Ingathering shall be conducted for the solicitation of money by Ingathering methods, using our Ingathering literature, for either home or foreign missions, and local conferences shall take such steps as may be necessary to prevent violations of this regulation.

REVISION OF POLICY RELATING TO POST WORK FOR NURSES:

We recommend, That the recommendations from the Medical Department with reference to increasing the postgraduate allowance for nurses, dietitians, and others, be referred to the meeting of Sanitarium Administrators which this Council is authorizing the General Conference Committee to call.

REVISION OF SUSTENTATION POLICY:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to study the question of revising the Sustentation Policy with a view to its giving recognition to the responsibilities which workers have carried as well as to their years of service.

ASSISTING MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee be authorized to set up a fund to assist ministers of other denominations who accept our faith and who need to get a training for work in our cause, and that the Committee work out a definite plan on which such assistance may be given.

FUND TO ASSIST SMALLER CONFERENCES:

We recommend, That the plan for providing a fund for the assistance of smaller conferences be amended to provide that local conferences shall contribute to the fund one per cent of their annual tithe receipts in excess of \$225,000, and that only local conferences with an annual tithe of less than \$150,000 shall benefit from the fund.

SALARY RATES OF PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, That a committee be appointed to give

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study to the question of the salaries of physicians, this committee to report to the meeting of Sanitarium Administrators, with the hope that this latter group may be able to propose some plan for solving the problem and report to the General Conference session or the Autumn Council of 1946.

UNIFIED PLAN FOR ASSISTING SEMINARY STUDENTS:

WHEREAS, There is quite a wide diversity on the part of organizations sending students to the Theological Seminary in the manner in which assistance is given on the matter of travel expense, etc.,

We recommend, That a committee be appointed to study the problem of unifying the plan for giving such assistance, this committee to report to the General Conference session.

1946 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the date of the Autumn Council for 1946 be changed from October 14 to 21, to October 14 to 24, inclusive.

APPRECIATION:

The following resolutions of appreciation were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Secretary be asked to convey to the Grand Rapids Convention and Visitors' Bureau, through Mr. Frank Whitwam, the Manager, our appreciation for their kindness and courtesy shown in connection with the arrangements for the holding of our Autumn Council in Grand Rapids, and especially would we express to Mr. Victor C. Tutrelle appreciation for the use of the Civic Auditorium for our services.

2. That the Secretary be asked to pass on to the management of the Pantlind Hotel our appreciation for courtesies received while we were their guests.

3. That we express appreciation to the Grand Rapids newspapers for their very splendid cooperation in giving reports of the Council.

4. That we express to the workers of the Michigan Conference and the members of the local churches our appreciation for many helpful services they rendered during our stay in Grand Rapids.

The Council adjourned sine die, the benediction being pronounced by G.A. Roberts.

W.F. Branson,
J.L. McElhany, Chairmen.

E.D. Dick, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.