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Twenty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 5, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, B. E. Seton, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, L. L. Bock, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, Mazie Herin, D. W. Holbrook, E. W. Howse, Gordon M. Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, N. W. Litchfield, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, Garland J. Millet, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, Ray L. Pelton, H. F. Rampton, M. H. Reader, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, F. A. Soper, Michael Stevenson, E. W. Tarr, F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis, A. L. White, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, C. D. Forshee, D. F. Neufeld, H. L. Reiner

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, read for our meditation 1 Kings 19: 19-21, in which Inspiration introduces Elisha as a prophet of the Lord. We desire to speak about Elisha. Usually we are inclined to think and speak more about Elijah. Elijah was a tremendous prophet and reformer, the greatest since the days of Moses. He is the precursor of John the Baptist, and of the Advent Movement. Our Church is that modern religious segment with the spirit of Elijah. We are committed today to do the gigantic work that Elijah did in his day: A work of reformation, a work of condemnation of sin, a work of restoration of God's law, and the work of preparing a people to meet the Lord.

Very few of us can be an Elijah today and do great exploits for God; but all can be like Elisha and humbly and quietly do faithfully the simple and routine daily work God asks us to do. As leaders of the remnant Church of God we can learn many lessons from the life of Elisha. In Prophets and Kings, Sister White points out many aspects of the life of Elisha and calls our attention to them. On page 219 she states that success depends not so much on talent as on energy and willingness, and emphasizes the conscientious performance of daily duties. On page 221 it is stated "It is the consecration of the life and all its interests that is necessary." Let us be humble and consecrated, "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2: 13, RSV.)

Opening prayer by L. L. Bock.

INTRODUCTION:

Arthur L. White stated that the White Trustees requested F. D. Nichol to prepare a biography of Ellen G. White. Elder Nichol died in 1966, and in turn he, Arthur White, was requested to prepare such a work. Because of the pressure of other duties, he has been unable to give adequate attention to such an assignment. The General Conference Officers, therefore, agreed to arrange for

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Ronald Graybill, a graduate of the SDA Theological Seminary, with a B.D. degree, to assist in the preparation of the biography. Ronald Graybill has been working for the past two years in the Northern California Conference. Elder White requested Ronald Graybill to stand, and introduced him to the Committee. He is to assist in the research and preparation of the biography.

REPORTS:

M. E. Kemmerer, Undertreasurer, just returned from Beirut, Lebanon, told of the inspirational meetings in the Afro-Mideast Division. It was interesting as we met together to sense a new spirit of courage and advance. We were especially encouraged to have brethren from the African fields with us. This brought a new quality into the discussions. They organized a Middle East Union, and elected R. C. Darnell as President; Manoug Nazirian as Secretary; and Rafic Issa as Treasurer. It is felt the new Division is off to a very good beginning.

E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary in the Ministerial Association, reported news from Jamaica that the first half of the year they had 3,312 baptisms. 1,212 of these were baptized in the second quarter alone. Ten men baptized over a hundred souls. The objective is 500 a week from the middle of the year to the end.

In the Bahamas Conference campaign, 50 people were out for the first Sabbath, and they baptized 36 of them.

V. W. Schoen, Secretary of the Lay Activities Department, brought greetings from the Seventh-day Adventist workers and believers in Germany, and spoke of the privilege he had in visiting the Central European Division, where three great congresses and four leadership training courses were held. The new leadership in the Division is heading for great things in the cause of God. The members are responding to our challenge to greater soul winning and personal work and dedication. The folk in Germany are not different from those in the Inter-American Division. They are about to go and do greater exploits for God. The leadership, dedication, and planning indicate our people in Germany are ready for mighty things for God.

MINUTES of the meetings held October 22 and 29, 1970, were approved.

FRENCH PUBLICATIONS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE--
ADDITIONAL MEMBER:

VOTED, That the name of Andre Garsin, Manager of the French Publishing House, be added to the French Publications Co-ordinating Committee.

MILTON McCULLOCH--ASSOCIATE AUDITOR:

Milton McCulloch has served the denomination for over thirty years. He is at present an Assistant Auditor in the Pacific Union Conference. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

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VOTED, That Milton McCulloch be elected as an Associate Auditor of the General Conference, and that the call for his services be passed to him through the Pacific Union Conference.

WILLIAM HINTON McVAY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That William Hinton McVay be released from appointment to the China Mainland Training Program, at his request, since at present he is unable to proceed.

ERNEST EDWARD ZINKE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Ernest Edward Zinke be released from appointment to the China Mainland Training Program, at his request, since he is not clear in accepting the call.

LESLIE MARTIN PEARSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Leslie Martin Pearson be released from appointment as Science Teacher in the Raymond Memorial Training School, Falakata, India, at his request.

EDWARD SKORETZ--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Edward Skoretz be released from appointment as Teacher of Applied Theology in the Middle East College, inasmuch as the Afro-Mideast Division is compelled, for budgetary reasons, to withdraw the call.

IRENE WAKEHAM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Irene Wakeham from the Philippines, effective November 1, 1970, at her request; and that we record our appreciation for her twenty-four years of service in the Far Eastern Division.

GEORGE SHOLTO GLASS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of George Sholto Glass from the East African Union (now in the Afro-Mideast Division), to South Africa (in the Trans-Africa Division), in September, 1970, returning to his homeland; in accordance with the action taken by the East African Union January 9, 1969.

GEORGE WILLIAM MAYWALD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of George William Maywald from the Southern Asia Division to Australia, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

LAWRENCE D. HANSEN--TOKYO, JAPAN:

VOTED, That Lawrence D. Hansen, dental student placed under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to Tokyo, Japan.

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MALTON BRAFF--TRANS-MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for Malton Braff, of the Rio de Janeiro Voice of Prophecy group, for evangelistic work in the French-Swiss Conference, in the Spring of 1971; with the request that the South American Division process the call.

PETER KHOO--MALAYA MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to Peter Khoo, of Alberta, Canada, an invitation from the Far Eastern Division for him to serve as Publishing Secretary for the Malaya Mission; on the basis of a national returning.

CHARLES MACK--EAST CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Charles Mack, a former student at Andrews University, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a Teacher in the East Caribbean Conference, Virgin Islands; on the basis of a national returning.

GEORGE N. BENSON, M.D.--FURLOUGH RESIDENCY:

VOTED, To grant a furlough residency to George N. Benson, M.D., returned from Benghazi, Libya, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Afro-Mideast Division. He plans to take a four-year residency in radiology.

SALLY KENT, M.D.--PENANG HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Far Eastern Division for Dr. Sally Kent, for three-months' relief service in the Penang Hospital (December, 1970, to February, 1971).

JEANE D. JAQUA--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Miss Jeane D. Jaqua, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as a Clerk in the Bible School Mailing Department.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

Carson Adams--Louisville, Kentucky, work with Book and Bible House, December 4-6;

W. W. Fordham--Huntsville, Alabama, Executive Board Meeting, December 16;

Mazie Herin--Collegedale, Tennessee, speaking appointments at Southern Missionary College and Association of SDA Nurses' Meeting, December 7, 8;

W. A. Higgins--Miami, Florida, Sabbath appointment, October 31; Book and Bible House Managers and Publishing Council, November 2-6;

M. M. Carballal--California, synchronize accounting functions with new Director on West Coast, December 6-14 (date change);

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

J. Wayne McFarland, M.D.--Stoneham, Massachusetts, New England Memorial Hospital, combined Health-Spiritual Emphasis Week, November 6-12;

R. E. Osborn--Glendale, Los Angeles, Investment work, December 2; Loma Linda, Committee on Trust Rates, December 3; San Francisco, Investment work, December 4;

A. V. Pinkney--Mobile, New Orleans, Birmingham, Huntsville, speaking appointments, November 5-18 (rather than November 8-14);

M. Reeder--Mt. Vernon, Ohio, speaking appointment, November 23, 24;

Milo Sawvel--Bowdle, South Dakota, District Meeting, November 21 (on return from North Pacific); Florida, Workers' Meeting, December 8; North Carolina Workers' Meeting, December 10;

J. V. Scully--Southwestern Union, visit all academies, college, some churches, November 1-14;

L. A. Shipowick--High Springs, Florida, Church Elders/Deacons Meeting, November 20, 21;

R. F. Waddell, M.D.--Loma Linda University, Postgraduate Medical Education Seminar, November 9, 10 (extension of Las Vegas trip, November 8, previously voted).

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
B. E. Seton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Twenty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 12, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, B. E. Seton, Carson F. Adams, D. H. Baasch, L. L. Bock, W. P. Bradley, C. E. Bradford, W. J. Brown, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, C. D. Forshee, Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, Gordon M. Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, B. J. Kohler, Caris H. Lauda, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, W. E. Moseley, Jr., R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, W. J. Cannon, Thomas A. Davis, Wayne A. Martin

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Continuing the study of the Biblical record concerning Elisha, M. S. Nigri, as Chairman, presented another phase of his life. He read the conversation which took place, as given in 2 Kings 2, in which Elisha said he would not leave Elijah, and they went down to Bethel. This conversation was repeated on the way to Jericho and also to the Jordan. Guiding the plow on his father's farm, Elisha had learned not to fail or to become discouraged, and now he would not be diverted from his purpose. Elisha realized that he himself could receive a great blessing by walking close to Elijah.

If we were as strongly bound to Christ as Elisha was bound to Elijah, we would have more power in our lives, and we could see more marvelous things done for the cause of God. Let us note the results of this walking together. When they had crossed the Jordan River, Elisha asked for a double share of the spirit of Elijah. He asked not for a worldly honor or a high place, but for a large measure of the Spirit of God. Elisha's God is still here with us, His people and His leaders. Our need is faith in God. We cannot see Him, but we can feel, and have the assurance that He is with us as He stood with Elisha. Elder Nigri closed with a quotation from Prophets and Kings, page 228, paragraph 3, and this exhortation--Let us have a real walk daily with our Lord.

Opening prayer by Wayne A. Martin.

REPORT:

Clark Smith, Director of the National Service Organization, stated that the Army Chief of Chaplains' Office has finished processing one additional Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain for the U.S. Army--James Paul Monk, Jr., of the South Atlantic Conference. His orientation course will begin the first week of January, 1971.

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MINUTES of the meeting held November 5, 1970, with a correction, were approved.

EUGENE REMMERS-MICHIGAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call from the Lake Union Conference for Eugene Remmers, to connect with the Michigan Conference as an Accountant.

FREDA TEIS--

NAME RECOMMENDED FOR SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

A request for retirement at the year-end has been received from Miss Freda Teis, a worker in the General Conference Treasury office. She has rendered 41½ years of service, having worked in the Potomac and Columbia Union Conferences, and 10½ years in the General Conference. On recommendation of the Personnel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That the name of Miss Freda Teis be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration; at the same time expressing to her our appreciation for her faithful and outstanding work.

GRACE JOHNSON--

NAME RECOMMENDED FOR SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Miss Grace Johnson has requested retirement at the end of the year. She has served in the Wisconsin and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences, the Inter-American Division, and various offices in the General Conference, concluding her service in the Treasury Department; the total being 38 years. On recommendation of the Personnel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That the name of Miss Grace Johnson be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration; and that we also express appreciation for the efficient and faithful service which she has rendered.

VOICE OF PROPHECY BOARD:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following persons be asked to serve on the Voice of Prophecy Board as additional members: Shirley Burton, Paul Damazo, N. R. Dower, and Ken Mittleider.

(The action taken giving the membership of the Voice of Prophecy Board appears on page 4 of the minutes for June 21, 1970.)

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY:

In harmony with a recommendation from the Afro-Mideast Division, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That D. K. Bazarra be elected as Secretary for the Department of Stewardship and Development in the Afro-Mideast Division.

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AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--

ASSIGNMENT OF THIRTEENTH SABBATH OVERFLOW FUNDS:

On request of the Afro-Mideast Division, and with the recommendation of the General Conference Officers, following a statement from M. E. Kemmerer concerning proposed allocation of funds in the East African Union Mission, it was--

VOTED, That from the first quarter of 1969 Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow funds which were formerly assigned to the Kendu Hospital, the amount of Shs. 493,797.80 be assigned to the Nairobi Medical Center.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--

MALAWI KWACHA, RATE OF EXCHANGE:

The Trans-Africa Division has informed the Treasury that beginning in January, 1971, the Malawi Kwacha will become a decimal monetary unit. The exchange rate for the Malawi Kwacha should be established.

VOTED, That beginning January 1, 1971, the Malawi Kwacha be reckoned as follows: 1 Malawi Kwacha = US\$1.20 or .833333.

ANDREW DRESSLER, III--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Andrew Dressler, III, from appointment as Business Teacher for Indonesia Union College, inasmuch as he is not clear in accepting the call.

DR. PETR ZIDEK--DEBRE TABOR, ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Trans-Mediterranean Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for Dr. Petr Zidek, of Czechoslovakia, to serve as Physician and Medical Director of the Haile Selassie I Hospital, Debre Tabor, Ethiopia; with the request that the Trans-Mediterranean Division process the call.

PERCILIANA R. LESSA--ANGOLA:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for Perciliana R. Lessa, of Silvestre Hospital, East Brazil Union Mission, for nursing service at the Bongo Mission Hospital, Angola; with the request that the South American Division process the call.

MORRIS MORTIMER BOWEN--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That Morris Mortimer Bowen, of Clarkston, Washington, be invited to connect with the Afro-Mideast Division as Nurse and Anesthetist for the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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EMMANUEL GEORGE HARCOTBE--AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to Emmanuel George Harcombe, of Takoma Park, Maryland, a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for him to serve as an Accountant in the Division office.

EMMANUEL GEORGE HARCOTBE--HELDERBERG COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Emmanuel George Harcombe, of Takoma Park, Maryland, a call from the Trans-Africa Division for him to serve as Business Manager of Helderberg College; returning on the basis of a national.

JAMES IRVING McNEILL--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, That James Irving McNeill, junior student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Trans-Africa Division.

(JACK) JOHN BYRON HOEHN--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, That (Jack) John Byron Hoehn, junior student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Trans-Africa Division.

RAYMOND DAMAZO, D.D.S.--EAST BRAZIL UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That Raymond Damazo, D.D.S., of Frederick, Maryland, be invited to serve in the South American Division as relief Dentist for Bahia, in the East Brazil Union Mission.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

W. M. Adams--Worthington, Ohio, speaking appointments, November 13-15; San Diego, California, Association of Privately-Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries Meeting, November 25-28 (from Wyoming);

M. T. Battle--Charlotte, North Carolina, speaking appointment, December 11; Columbia, South Carolina, Officers' Convention, December 12; Atlanta, speaking appointment, December 13;

R. R. Bietz--Brigham Young University, observe methods of operation, December 7, 8; Walla Walla College Weekend Meetings, January 14-16; Portland, Workers' Meeting, January 17-20;

C. E. Bradford--Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Nashville, Tennessee, Lexington, Kentucky, Workers' Meeting and speaking appointments, January 9-17;

W. J. Brown--Kansas City area, speaking appointments and Special Educational Committee for Missouri/Kansas Conferences, November 20-22; Atlantic Union Conference, South Lancaster, special problems, November 13-17;

W. J. Cannon--Indianapolis, Indiana, Central Indiana Family Workshop, January 15-21;

T. Carcich--Overland Park, Kansas, weekend meetings, December 18-20; Southern Missionary College, Religious Liberty weekend, January 15, 16;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

E. E. Cleveland--Chicago, Lake Region Conference, Workers' Meeting, January 9-11; Kansas City Central States Workers' Meeting, January 11-13;
W. W. Fordham--Chicago, speak in churches, visit Workers' Meeting, January 9-12;

C. O. Frederick--Miami, Daytona, Florida, National Association of Independent Insurers, and Secondary Teachers' Council in Southern Union, November 15-20;

Paul Gordon--Indianapolis, Indiana, Testimony Countdown, January 21-23; Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, speaking appointments, January 26-30;

R. E. Green--Portland, Oregon, for Trust Agreement Meeting, November 11;

J. Hancock--Andrews University, teach MV Section of Church Organization and Administration class, November 22-25;

C. D. Martin--Carolina Camp, MV Officers' Institute, December 11-13;

D. A. McAdams--Lincoln, Nebraska, Central Union Literature Evangelists' Institute, December 28-January 2;

J. W. Peeke--Riverside, Insurance business West Coast office, January 22-29;

R. L. Pelton--St. Helena, Survey Study Committee, November 15, 16; Greater Boston Academy, Honors Convocation, December 10; New England Memorial Hospital Vesper Service, December 11; Amesbury Church, Sabbath service, December 12;

V. W. Schoen--Los Angeles, Union Lay Evangelism and Laymen's Year 1971 Planning Council, November 10-15;

Clark Smith--San Antonio, Texas, Whitecoat Selection, December 8-11;

Paul Smith--Phoenix, Pacific Union Stewardship and Development Workshop, December 15-17;

J. R. Spangler--Phoenix, Workers' Meeting and Ministerial Council, January 9-12;

I. V. Stonebrook--Southwestern Union, School evaluation, January 15-30;

Ella May Stoneburner--Mt. Ellis Academy, Health Week, November 27-December 2 (on return from Canada).

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
B. E. Seton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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Twenty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, B. E. Seton, D. H. Baasch, M. T. Battle, G. J. Bertochini, L. L. Bock, W. P. Bradley, C. E. Bradford, W. J. Brown, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, A. C. Fearing, Edwin Gibb, C. E. Guenther, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, Gordon M. Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, D. A. McAdams, J. W. McFarland, M.D., Garland J. Millet, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, L. B. Reynolds, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, L. A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, P. G. Smith, I. V. Stonebrook, F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, W. J. Cannon, J. O. Iversen, Wayne A. Martin, Maybelle Vandermark

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, referred to 2 Kings 4 where we find the people calling Elisha "the man of God." Cruden's Concordance quotes this expression 52 times in the Old Testament only, and of these 22 refer to Elisha. What does "man of God" mean? I think that it is an equivalent for the word "saint." Elisha was a "saint of God." Sister White wrote: "The world needs evidences of sincere Christianity. The poison of sin is at work at the heart of society. Cities and towns are steeped in sin and moral corruption." (Prophets and Kings, 232, 233.)

We hear that the United States is confronted with the biggest epidemic of venereal disease since the last war. Sister White continues--"Through sin, the whole human organism is deranged, the mind is perverted, the imagination corrupted; the faculties of the soul are degraded. There is an absence of pure religion, of heart holiness. ... The soul is weak and, for want of moral force to overcome, is polluted and debased." Those were the conditions during the days of Elisha, and still he could live as a "holy man of God." More and more each one of us needs to be that "holy man of God," to be a blessing to the Church and to the world. Personal influence is a power. Today the Lord needs other "men of God" who, like Elisha, can be salutary influences in leading sinners to Christ.

Opening prayer by M. Carol Hetzell.

REPORTS:

Edwin Gibb, Associate Secretary, read a cable received from O. W. Lange, President of the Pakistan Union, stating with reference to the recent cyclone and tidal wave, one church was affected, but that the workers and believers are

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safe. Throughout the coastal area there was devastation and a total loss of homes and crops. They requested the General Conference to send medical teams for inoculations, medical aid; and maximum financial help.

C. E. Guenther, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary, read a cable from C. B. Guild, Secretary of the Southern Asia Division, stating that due to the colossal East Pakistan disaster the Division were authorizing equivalent to five thousand dollars; and requesting the General Conference to make twenty thousand available.

An emergency meeting of the Relief Committee was called this morning. Among the actions taken it was voted to appropriate \$20,000 relief funds, \$10,000 to be made available to the Southern Asia Division, and another \$10,000 to be held in reserve, for purchase of supplies to be sent over to Pakistan; with the suggestion that some of this money might be used to purchase materials over there--clothing, metal roofing, food, etc. The General Conference Officers have authorized us to inform our members in North America who desire to help that they can do so by cash donation. There will be a notice in the Review and Herald, on the back page, regarding this, and letters will be sent from this office to the North American Division administrators.

C. C. Weis, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary, stated that thousands of our people are now going from door to door in connection with the Ingathering Crusade. He hopes we will remember them in our prayers, that they may have not only success in gathering in necessary dollars, but also souls.

\$2,005,801.02 was the total for the first week, a bit less than last year in the first week. Nevertheless, five unions raised more during the first week. The Alabama-Mississippi Conference has already reached the Silver Vanguard goal. Sixteen churches in the Potomac Conference have already reached and gone beyond the goal. We have made a very fine start. Our courage is good. We think this will be the greatest Ingathering Crusade in the history of the Church.

MINUTES of the meeting held November 12, 1970, were approved.

A. C. FEARING--

MEMBERSHIP SABBATH SCHOOL AND TEMPERANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

On suggestion of the Ministerial Association, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That A. C. Fearing be named to serve on the Sabbath School and the Temperance Advisory Committees in place of J. R. Spangler.

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ARTHUR S. MAXWELL--

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY; TRIBUTE:

The death of Arthur S. Maxwell occurred Friday afternoon, November 13, 1970, in Mountain View, California. Elder Maxwell was connected with the denominational work for 55 years; 35 of those years he was Editor of the Signs of the Times Magazine. He has written 110 books, 50 million copies of which have been distributed around the world. These books have been published in 17 different languages. It is felt he has made a tremendous contribution to the world, this Church, and to society.

VOTED, To record condolences to the family of Arthur S. Maxwell on the loss of their loved one, and our appreciation for the contribution he made to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the influence of which will continue through the literature he has written.

R. CURTIS BARGER--ITINERARY EXTENSION:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the itinerary of R. Curtis Barger in the Southern Asia Division be extended from April 15 to April 24, so that the time will now be February 1-April 24, 1971.

EXCHANGE RATES:

On request of the Far Eastern Division, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That effective January 1, 1971, fixed rates of exchange be set as follows:

The Korean Won, which was 300.00 to the US\$ 1.00 or .0033333, be 315.00 to the US\$ 1.00 or .0031746;

The Philippine Peso, which was 6.00 to the US\$ 1.00 or .166667, be 6.50 to the US\$ 1.00 or .15385.

On request of the South American Division and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That effective January 1, 1971, the fixed rate of exchange for the Brazilian Cruzeiro, which was 4.60 to the US\$ 1.00 or .217391, be set at 4.75 to the US\$ 1.00 or .210526.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--

EXPANSION HULTAFORS SANITARIUM:

In harmony with a request from the Northern European Division, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That we approve the financial plan of the Northern European Division for the expansion of the Hultafors Sanitarium in Sweden.

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IRENE WAKEHAM--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Irene Wakeham, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call to connect with the teaching staff of Oakwood College.

EMANUEL GEORGE HARCOTBE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Emanuel George Harcombe be released from the call to the Afro-Mideast Division office, since he has accepted a call to the Trans-Africa Division.

JOHN B. TRIM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of John B. Trim from the Western India Union to Australia, his homeland, at his request for family health and educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

MRS. RICHARD D. (IRIS) HAYDEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Mrs. Richard D. (Iris) Hayden from Central America, due to the death of Richard Hayden and their two sons in a plane accident, November 4, 1970; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division. The family were nearing the end of their furlough and expected to return within a few weeks to Nicaragua.

MARY VIRGINIA STEWART--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the permanent return voted October 29, 1970, for Miss Mary Virginia Stewart from Solusi College, Rhodesia, be changed to a three-month furlough; in harmony with the request of the Trans-Africa Division.

KONRAD F. MUELLER--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a three-week extension of furlough for Konrad F. Mueller, from the Adventist College of West Africa, Nigeria; for post-operative recovery.

RONALD C. GREGORY, M.D.--THAILAND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

VOTED, That Ronald C. Gregory, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to the Thailand Medical Institutions; effective in October, 1971.

ELVERT FRANKLYN NELSON--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Elvert Franklyn Nelson, sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Southern Asia Division.

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RAYMOND LLOYD LARSEN--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Raymond Lloyd Larsen, sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Southern Asia Division.

DONALD CHARLES OLIVER--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Donald Charles Oliver, sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

JAMES LOWELL EDWARDS--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That James Lowell Edwards, sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Trans-Africa Division.

G. MARQUES, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To request the South American Division to place G. Marques, M.D., now interning in Belem, Brazil, under deferred appointment to the Trans-Mediterranean Division for service in Angola.

RICHARD DUANE FISHER--EAST NIGERIAN MISSION:

VOTED, To record the relief appointment of Richard Duane Fisher, of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, to the East Nigerian Mission, for construction work, from three to six months, according to arrangements worked out.

ROBERT EDGAR HOPKINS, M.D.--

VELLORE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Robert Edgar Hopkins, M.D., of Stockton, California, Board certified in Ophthalmology, be appointed as Ophthalmologist for Vellore Christian Medical College, India, on a three-year basis.

RONALD FREDERICK HUMPHREYS--LOWRY MEMORIAL SCHOOL:

VOTED, That the Lake Union Conference and Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Ronald Frederick Humphreys, and that he be appointed as Industrial Education Teacher and Printer at the Lowry Memorial School, Bangalore, Southwest India.

ALVA VERNE HYLAND--CEYLON UNION:

VOTED, That the Northern Union and Minnesota Conferences be requested to release Alva Verne Hyland, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Pastor-Evangelist for the Ceylon Union.

PHILIP F. LEMON--CONGO UNION:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Pennsylvania Conferences be requested to release Philip F. Lemon, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as President of the Congo Union.

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AUSTIN E. SCARLETT--EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Austin E. Scarlett, a graduate of Andrews University, presently in New York City, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to return as District Pastor for the East Jamaica Conference; on the basis of a national returning.

JOHN EVANS, M.D.--PENANG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Far Eastern Division for Dr. John Evans, of Penrith, Australia, for three-months' relief service in the Penang Adventist Hospital, Malaysia.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

Carson Adams--Oshawa, Ontario, Literature Evangelists' Institute, January 5-9;

L. L. Bock, M. E. Kemmerer, W. J. Brown--Calgary, Lacombe, Canada--meet with Canadian Union Conference Committee and College Board, November 27-30;

E. E. Cleveland--Workers' Meetings: New Orleans, Dec. 6-8; Atlanta, January 19-21; Atlanta, Sectional Lay Activities Rallies, January 29-31, February 26-28; Illinois, Evangelism Rally and Workers' Meeting, February 5-10;

W. W. Fordham--speaking appointments, West Palm Beach, December 9; Ft. Lauderdale, December 11; Miami North Side, December 12;

C. O. Frederick--Kettering Hospital, November 23, 24; Chicago, Illinois, Wausau, Wisconsin, November 30-December 2; Atlanta, Georgia, December 6-11, Insurance business; Riverside, Annual Western Branch Board Meeting, January 24-29 (returning by way of Chicago, Illinois);

J. H. Hancock--Pacific Union, MV Leadership Institutes and Youth Rallies, January 15-February 13;

R. Hegstad--Kettering, Ohio, speaking appointment and Workers' Meeting, January 16-18;

R. H. Hill--Chicago, Insurance business, November 30-December 1;

J. O. Iversen--Ithaca, New York, Audio-Visual business, November 18;

M. E. Kemmerer--South Lancaster, Educational Meeting, November 24;

M. E. Loewen--Montreat, North Carolina, Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meeting, December 5-7;

D. A. McAdams--Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Leadership Workshop, November 21, 22; Springfield, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Literature Evangelists' Rally, November 27-30;

L. G. Noble--Kettering Hospital, Ohio Conference, Mt. Vernon Academy, Loma Linda Foods, Allegheny West Conference, Insurance business, November 20-30;

W. L. Pascoe--West Coast, Transportation business, December 4-21;

James Scully--Lake Union, Academy and church appointments, November 27-December 11;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Paul Smith--Montreat, North Carolina, Conference Workers' Meeting,
December 8, 9;

R. Spangler--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Ministerial Secretaries' Council,
December 1;

E. H. J. Steed--Montreat, North Carolina, Ministers, Teachers Meeting,
December 7;

George Vandeman--St. Petersburg, Florida, Metromedia speaker, December
7-11;

C. C. Weis--Madison, Kentucky-Tennessee Workers' Meeting, January 5, 6
(in place of V. W. Schoen);

N. C. Wilson--Kalamazoo, Michigan, church dedication, January 16.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
B. E. Seton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Twenty-Ninth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 25, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, B. E. Seton, D. H. Baasch, G. J. Bertochini, L. L. Bock, C. E. Bradford, W. J. Brown, E. E. Cleveland, Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, Gordon Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, B. J. Kohler, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, J. W. McFarland, M.D., R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis, A. L. White, Herbert White

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, D. A. Delafield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, said tomorrow will be Thanksgiving Day. Let us each in our hearts express thankfulness one to another and to our God for the precious gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. In Elisha's day also they had many reasons to thank the Lord. It is from the miracle of the widow's oil that we wish to draw a lesson for us in this Thanksgiving devotional. The oil only stayed when she said, "There is not a vessel more." More vessels could give her more oil. God does not stop. It is man who limits the Lord's blessings. God is anxious to bless us.

Let us look back to the day of December 21, 1620, when the Pilgrim Fathers arrived in this country. What did they possess? Not much. What did they see around them? A new and undiscovered country; an uncultivated, virgin land with big forests; hard work, perplexities and fears; a challenge to their capacity and faith. But they had the presence of God. God does not fail if we keep our confidence in Him, and act as He directs us. Elder Nigri read from Counsels to Teachers, page 409, concerning the usefulness of those who put self to one side, and make room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon their lives. To be in God's hands is our great need. Every day should be a day of thanksgiving for us because of the blessed salvation that God has brought to our lives.

Opening prayer by G. J. Bertochini.

REPORTS:

C. C. Weis, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary, reported \$2,483,162.26 for the two weeks of the Ingathering Crusade. He pointed out that this is \$55,516.28 less compared to the second week's report of last year.

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He read a very touching letter written by an eleven-year-old, non-Adventist boy to Elder Emmerson:

"... Recently a volunteer from your organization came to my house and asked for a contribution. I read the pamphlet she gave to my mother and was so deeply touched I made a personal contribution. Although my family has not been very well off since my father died, I had saved up \$10.00 from my paper route, which I gave to the volunteer.

"I was wondering if you could please send me a button like she she was wearing. It was like the one I'm enclosing a picture of. I have a small button collection, and when I saw that button, I fell in love with it. Your volunteer referred me to you and said you would send me one if I wrote to you. It was so big and beautiful. I would be deeply in debt to you if you could send me one."

Elder Weis concluded by saying that when a little non-Adventist boy is willing to sacrifice \$10.00 from his paper route earnings, he is certainly entitled to a button.

Clark Smith, Director of the National Service Organization, reported two pieces of news from the U.S. Air Force Chief Chaplains' Office which are firsts for Seventh-day Adventists. One of our Chaplains is now being assigned as a base Chaplain, and another Chaplain will soon be assigned to the faculty of the U.S. Air Force Chaplains' School.

MINUTES of the meeting held November 19, 1970, were approved.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTERS--

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO SUBCOMMITTEE:

On request of the Ministerial Association, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following be named as additional members of the Continuing Education for Ministers Subcommittee: Wilber Alexander, A. C. Fearing, D. W. Holbrook, and S. P. Vitrano.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS SUBCOMMITTEE--

NAME ADDED:

On request of the Sabbath School Department, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the name of Mrs. Fred Minner, of Decatur, Georgia, be added to the Sabbath School Lessons Subcommittee--Primary Lessons and Program Helps.

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CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC.--
FRANK W. NIEB DIRECTOR NORTHEAST DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Northern New England Conferences a call for Frank W. Nieb, to connect with the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., as Director of the Northeast Division.

KENNETH L. VINE--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Kenneth L. Vine, permanently returning from the Afro-Mideast Division, a call to connect with Loma Linda University as Professor of Biblical Studies.

H. O. LIERS--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences a call for H. O. Liers, to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association on the bindery staff.

WALTER TOEWS--LOMA LINDA FOODS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and Canadian Union College a call for Walter Toews, to connect with Loma Linda Foods as Systems Analyst.

DRS. J. M. and A. R. MINTALAR--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Drs. J. M. and A. R. Mintalar be released from the call to the Kendu Hospital, Kenya, East Africa, since they are not in a position to accept an appointment at this time.

K. F. WRIGHT--NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Northern European Division for K. F. Wright, to serve as Division Evangelist.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--
FRENCH-SPEAKING WORKER:

VOTED, To pass on to the Trans-Mediterranean Division a call from the Australasian Division for a French-speaking worker for ministerial service in the New Caledonia Mission, suggesting the name of A. Missud, of France.

G. F. CLIFFORD--AVONDALE COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Trans-Africa Division a call from the Australasian Division for G. F. Clifford, to serve as Academic Dean at Avondale College.

FINN OPSAHL--TANZANIA UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for Finn Opsahl, of the East Norway Conference, to be Treasurer of the Tanzania Union.

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DR. ABRAHAM DABELA--RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To record the invitation extended by the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, to Abraham Dabela, M.D., intern at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Afro-Mideast Division), to serve as an extern on their staff.

SYLVIA DAHL WINTERS--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, That Miss Sylvia Dahl Winters, a second-year student in Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Southern Asia Division.

ELDONNA CHRISTIE--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, That Miss Eldonna Christie, a sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Trans-Africa Division.

EDWARD BRUCE HOLM--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Edward Bruce Holm, a sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

MRS. DORIS IRENE WOOSTER--TAIWAN SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences be requested to release Mrs. Doris Irene Wooster, of the Portland Adventist Hospital, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Dietitian for the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital.

LOREN LELAND FENTON--CHINA MAINLAND TRAINING PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences be requested to release Loren Leland Fenton, and that he be invited to connect with the China Mainland Training Program as a Pastor-Evangelist.

BILL TOL--BOLIVIA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences be requested to release Bill Tol, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Pastor and Nurse for the Bolivia Mission.

HELMER S. HEGHESAN--CENTRAL PERU MISSION:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Missouri Conferences be requested to release Helmer S. Heghesan, Dean of Boys at Sunnysdale Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Secretary of the Central Peru Mission; effective at the close of the school year 1970-1971.

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NORMAN LEE TRUBEY--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, That Norman Lee Trubey, of Hialeah, Florida, be invited to serve as an Accountant for the South American Division office.

WILMA URSULA GOODING--SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Wilma Ursula Gooding, a graduate of Andrews University, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for her to serve as a Bible Instructor in the South Caribbean Conference; on the basis of a national returning.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Gallatin, Missouri, help on Green River Ordinance, November 30 (on way back from West Coast);
 M. T. Battle--Nashville, Special Literature for Inner Cities Committee, November 24;
 C. E. Bradford--New Haven, Connecticut, Oakwood College Weekend Emphasis, November 28-29;
 A. C. Fearing--Twin Falls, Idaho, Revival Meetings, February 6-13;
 W. W. Fordham--Nashville, Special Literature for Inner Cities Committee, November 24;
 Mazie Herin--Cincinnati, National League of Nursing Seminar, December 3, 4; Andrews University, Pre-Meetings for Nursing Education Curriculum Workshop, January 19, 20;
 W. A. Higgins--Pacific, North Pacific Unions, Annual Colporteur Institute, December 28-January 2;
 D. A. McAdams--Tulsa, Ardmore, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Publishing Rally, visit Book and Bible House, December 3-6;
 R. Pelton--Loma Linda, Loma Linda University Board Executive Committee, November 19 (from St. Helena); Jay, Oklahoma, Jay Hospital Board and new wing dedication, November 30;
 R. H. Pierson--St. Matthews, Louisville, Lexington, Kentucky, speaking appointments, December 18, 19;
 John Roth--Riverside, annual Western Branch Insurance Board Meetings, January 22-29;
 H. D. Singleton--Tuscaloosa, Nashville, Kentucky, Workers' Meeting and Officers' Meeting, January 9-17;
 I. V. Stonebrook--Lake Union territory, school evaluation in Michigan, Wisconsin, November 29-December 11 (dates changed from December 1-10);
 H. White--New Braintree, Massachusetts, Atlantic Union Publishing Department Institute, December 30-January 2.

E. H. J. STEED--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

In harmony with policy and a recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

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VOTED, That E. H. J. Steed be granted a leave of absence to his homeland, the Australasian Division, beginning in June, 1971.

RENE DEVINS--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Rene Devins, of the St. Lawrence Mission, is planning to retire. Prior to retirement he desires to have a leave of absence to his homeland, France. On request of the Canadian Union Conference, and in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Rene Devins be granted a leave of absence early in 1971 to France, with the understanding that after retirement he will not be entitled to leave-of-absence privileges or permanent return to his homeland, at denominational expense.

Adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
E. E. Seton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary