

THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

The thirty-first meeting was called at 10 A.M., May 29, the earlier hour being given to Association meetings.

H.W.Cottrell was in the chair.

A partial report from the Committee on the Distribution of Labor was presented, and as amended, adopted as follows:--

Distribution of Labor

Your Committee on Distribution of Labor would respectfully submit the following partial report:--

We recommend,--

1. That Elder L.A.Hoopes make Australia his field of labor.
2. That D.C.Babcock and wife, of British Guiana, make the Gold Coast, West Africa, their field of labor.
3. That Elder F.H.Conway and wife, of Oklahoma, labor in the Canadian Northwest, the Oklahoma Conference to continue his present salary for one year.
4. That Elder J.J.Westrup and wife, of Oregon, make Inland China their field of labor.
5. That Dr. Law Keem and wife, of California, make China their field of labor.
6. That Elder W.A.Colcord hold himself in readiness to assist in the religious liberty work in England as occasion may demand.
7. That Elder C. McReynolds take the presidency of the Wisconsin Conference, made vacant by the action of the Lake Union Conference Committee in calling Elder Covert to take the presidency of the Northern Illinois Conference.
8. That Elder A.J.Haysmer make Alabama his field of labor.
9. That Iowa send two Bible workers to England, and provide their support while in that field.
10. That Elder Clarence Santee take the presidency of the Texas Conference.
11. That Elder F.M.Burg, of Western Oregon, make Great Britain his field of labor, under the support of his home conference while there, or until the Mission Board or the local field shall assume such support.
12. That Dr. Emma Perrine labor in Japan, under pay of the Iowa Conference.

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13. That Elder W.W. Steward, of the Upper Columbia Conference, labor in Georgia, under pay of his home conference until recalled, or other arrangements shall be made.

14. That Elder S.G. Huntington spend some time in Southern California, doing manual labor with a view of regaining his health.

15. That Brother J.S. James, of West Virginia, take the position of general Field Missionary Secretary, under the direction of the executive committee of the Northern Union Conference.

16. That the Oklahoma Conference send Brother Bernard Voth to labor in Greater New York, under the direction of the executive committee of that conference, and that Oklahoma support him there.

17. That Elder W.A. Westworth make the Southern New England Conference his field of labor.

18. That Amanda Van Scoy labor in China, under pay of the Nebraska Conference while there, or until other arrangements shall be made by the Mission Board.

19. That Brother A.J. Kennedy, of Ohio, join Dr. Miller in China and labor there under pay of the Ohio Conference.

20. That George Casebeer labor in South America, under pay of the Upper Columbia Conference, the Mission Board paying transportation of himself and wife.

21. That Brother John Isaac make the Northern Illinois Conference his field of labor.

22. That Brother C.J. Herrmann, of Wisconsin, labor in New Jersey under pay of the Wisconsin Conference until other satisfactory arrangements shall be made for his support, or until he shall be transferred to some other field.

23. That Elder Wm. Cubley, of Texas, take the presidency of the Mississippi Conference.

24. That Elder H.J. Farnen make North Carolina his field of labor.

25. That Elder G.E. Langdon make Northern California his field of labor.

26. That Elder John Holbrook make Great Britain his field of labor.

27. That Sister A.L. Prescott be accepted as a self-supporting worker in India.

28. That Jacob Hofstra, of West Michigan, make Holland his field of labor, the West Michigan Conference to provide \$600 to apply on expenses and salary.

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L. A. Hoopes: Suggested that fifteen years ago a report like this was much talked to, and there was considerable romance about it. Now these transfers to distant ~~hanna~~ fields are more common. For his own part, he felt it a responsibility for the Conference to send him and his family to Australasia for such service as he could render. But while he had no desire to leave his home field, as he thought of the growing work in Australia and the vast field of fifty millions in darkness to be reached from Australasia, he felt a deep burden to help where he might do something for them.

W.J.Stone: Stated that Indiana had hoped to send a man to ~~join Brother W.H.Anderson (who was from Indiana) in~~ Africa, and they invited the Mission Board to look over their workers, or to select some other worker and let Indiana help to sustain him in Africa.

The report was voted upon and adopted.

A.G.Daniells: Stated that Indiana had made a splendid offer, and he--

Moved, That this General Conference gratefully accept the offer of the Indiana Conference to support a laborer ~~to join Brother Anderson~~ in South Africa, and that the Mission Board take immediate steps to secure the laborer.

At this juncture the following letter from the Central Union Conference Committee was presented:--

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.,
May 28, 1905.

At a recent meeting of the Central Union Conference Committee the question of rendering assistance to some of the home field work was considered. While the members of the Committee felt to appreciate the needs of these fields, yet they felt that the appeals that come from the many millions in far away lands where there are so few laborers with scarcely no foothold at all, were appealing more loudly for the assistance that our Conference could render than some of these home fields where there are many laborers and a large constituency.

The Central Union Conference having some few hundred dollars of tithe funds on hand, voted to appropriate \$500 for the Japan mission field, and \$500 for the Chinese mission. It was further voted to support

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a proper missionary worker in the Philippines.

After this vote was taken, there was a general expression by all members of the Committee present that the right step had been taken. The blessing of God rested upon the move. All felt glad that we were so situated that we could render this kind of assistance. The Committee has in mind a person that they would like to recommend for your favorable consideration for the work in the Philippines. That, of course, would be a matter for your consideration, as we do not wish to bind the Foreign Mission Board to any iron clad rule. Our sincere desire is that the blessing of God may continue to attend this movement. The support of this worker in the Philippines is one of indefinite duration, realizing as we do that this is an important step and that large amounts will yet be expended before the mission is put on anything like a paying basis. The Committee therefore made the recommendation that they did.

We feel that in taking this step we have linked with the institutional work in our Union Conference; namely, the College, the intermediate schools, the sanitariums, and the publishing work a new tie, a new inspiration for all connected with these institutions to rally to the support of the work in the needy fields in the regions beyond.

Yours for the Committee,

(Signed) L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary, C.U.C.

A.G. Daniells: He did not wish to make all the motions, but he felt he must again submit a motion in recognition of the liberal spirit toward the great fields manifested by the conferences. He thanked God for this--the resources are flowing out toward the needy fields, state lines are vanishing, and there is a determination to put our strength where it is most needed. He therefore--

Moved, That this General Conference express its gratitude for this spirit of co-operation and liberality manifested by local and union conferences, of which this expression from the Central Union is another evidence, to reach out into the great fields where millions are perishing without a knowledge of Christ and this truth.

E.T. Russell: Spoke of the great pleasure the Central Union Committee had felt in this action. After they decided to turn these funds into dark fields, a feeling came over all that could hardly be described. The influence of the Spirit of God filled the tent, and all

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realized that God had accepted the gift, and approved of the offering. They felt for the ten millions of the Philippines, and desired this offer to be a permanent blessing to this field.

The motion was put, and adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was reported from the Committee on Plans, and adopted:--

Whereas, There is a pressing need for carefully kept vital statistics of the denomination; therefore,--

69. Resolved, That we approve of the plan of the Medical Missionary Council, for the collection of such statistics, and earnestly recommend that our ministering brethren co-operate with this plan by filling out and returning the required blanks when they send in obituary notices.

A further resolution on "Christ's Object Lessons" was presented and action deferred to a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

H.W.Cottrell, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.

THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

The thirty-second meeting was called at 4:15 P.M., May 29, H.W. Cottrell in the chair.

Prayer was offered by C.C.Lewis.

Minutes of previous meeting were read .

The Nominating Committee presented a further partial report, as follows:--

Members of General Conference Committee: G.F.Haffner, N.P.Nelson.

Transportation Agents: I.H.Evans, Washington; C.L.Kilgore, Graysville; I.A.Ford, Nashville; H.A.Morrison, College View; C.C.M.Everest, Minneapolis; Jas. Cochran, Kansas City; C.N.Woodward, Keene, Texas; C.H. Jones, Mountain View; A. Bacon, London; George Fischer, Sydney; H.W. Decker, Mt. Tabor, Oregon; W.Ising, Hamburg; J.M.Calvert, New York City; Wm. Covert, Chicago; Mead MacGuire, Denver; O.O.Fortner, Capetown; N.Z. Town, Buenos Ayres.

For Trustees of Emmanuel Missionary College: A. Moon, L.H. Christian, S.E.Wight, W.J.Stone, A.T.Jones, J.M.Rees, all for four years.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed.

G.F.Haffner: He took it that in accordance with the resolution on the North American foreign department, this report nominating him as a member of the General Conference Committee meant that new responsibilities were to come to him in the German work. He felt his insufficiency and need of special help in these duties. He asked that he might have the very earnest counsel and help from conference presidents and union officers in the way of information about the needs of the fields, and the means of reaching the German peoples. He would desire to work in harmony with all the conferences in the interests of this work.

A.G.Daniells: He stated that the brethren had been giving much consideration to what could be done among the multitudes of foreign-speaking peoples in this country. As to the German work, it was evident our German brethren desired an aggressive field policy, and as so large a per cent of ^{the} German people resided in the eastern States and the great cities

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it was desirable to form close connection between the German believers in the Middle West and the unoccupied fields in the East. It is understood that Brother Haffner will have to leave his conference, in order to give himself to general work. We expect all conference officers will heartily join our German brethren in an aggressive policy in behalf of the German peoples in our midst. Elder Shultz ^{who} has been the leader in the German work, is now living on the Pacific Coast, which is a long way from these eastern cities that are calling for German laborers. The brethren felt that during the camp-meeting season and the summer Brother Shultz could go through the Central West, laboring for the German brethren and stirring up the churches, and then that Brother Haffner might continue the campaign especially here in the East, endeavoring to develop work in ~~unoccupied~~ new fields. In addition to the German and Scandinavian members on the foreign department committee, he believed there should be representatives also of the French and Spanish speaking peoples in this country to endeavor to supply literature. We must reach out to help the millions of foreign-speaking peoples in this land.

Action was taken on the report, which was unanimously adopted.

M.C. Wilcox: Stated that he believed a further representation of the educational, publishing, and medical work should be provided on the General Conference Committee, and made the motion,--

That article 4, section 2, of the Constitution be so amended as to read, "Fifteen other persons," instead of "twelve other persons."

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was further,--

Voted, That we request the Emmanuel Missionary College and the Lake Union Conference to so amend the Articles of Association of the College that its business in this matter of the appointment of constituency and Board of Trustees shall be wholly within the Lake Union Conference.

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The Committee on Plans presented the following further report:--

70. We recommend, That the regular term of departmental committees, so far as appointed by the General Conference Committee, be understood to be two years.

71. We recommend, --

~~That section 2, article IV, be amended by striking out the word "and" in the last line, and adding after the words "religious liberty" the words "and North American" inserting the words, "North American foreign~~

That section 2, article IV, be amended by striking out the word "And" in the last line, and inserting after the words, "religious liberty" the words, "and North American foreign."

That article VII, section 1, of the Constitution be amended by substituting the word "three" for the word "two" in specifying the number of months' notice to be given before the date of a conference session.

The Chair called on the secretary to present an item of business from the General Conference Committee, as follows:--

The General Conference Committee recommends, that Elder O.A. Olsen make Australasia his field of labor, taking the Union Conference presidency in the place of Elder G.A. Irwin, detained in this country.

On motion to adopt, this recommendation was unanimously accepted.

The Committee on Plans presented a further ~~recommendation~~ report as follows:--

"Ministry of Healing"

Whereas, We have many sanitariums that are burdened with indebtedness, and are needing better facilities, which if aided by the benevolence of our people would be able to do more efficient work; and,--

Whereas, "The Ministry of Healing," an illustrated book of about ~~five~~ five hundred and forty pages, has been offered by Mrs. E.G. White as a gift to our people, to be used by them for the help of our medical work, as the book "Christ's Object Lessons" was used to assist our educational work; therefore,--

72. Resolved, That we express appreciation for the gift, and proceed at once to organize a strong and continuous effort for its circulation, and for the reduction by every legitimate means of the debts resting upon our sanitariums.

Whereas, The economical and effective prosecution of this work for our sanitariums, and the continuous sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in behalf of our schools, and of the "Story of Joseph" in behalf of our colored mission schools, and the prosecution of other relief efforts which may be instituted, should go hand in hand; therefore,--

73. We recommend, That the General Conference Committee organize a relief bureau for the promotion and supervision of this work.

74. Resolved, That we suggest to the bureau the following plans:--

(a) Let the book be handled through our regular channels for the handling of publications, the publishing houses to be the custodians of the funds.

(b) Let the General Conference bear the initial expense,-- the expense of illustrating, typesetting, and plate-making, and translation into foreign languages.

(c) Let our conferences and sanitariums unite in training workers to go forth and teach the principles contained in the book, and encourage our people to engage in its circulation.

(d) It is estimated that the book can be placed in the hands of conferences at a cost not to exceed seventy-five cents per copy. This expense to be made up as follows:--

Initial expense, including illustration, translation, typesetting, and plates; printing and binding; also freight and handling.	\$.55
To the General Conference, to be used in liquidating obligations in medical lines as the General Conference Committee may deem it advisable.20
For medical institutions.75
	\$1 .50

(e) It should be understood that these estimates apply to the sale of the book in the United States, and that the bureau and the General Conference Committee be advised to make such adaptation of the plan and estimates as may be advisable to adjust them to local conditions in foreign fields.

other

W.C.White: He explained the general plan of the book as adapted to the needs of our own and other people. It deals with the life of the Master medical missionary and shows that the worker to-day may have the same grace for daily service. Several sections are devoted to Christian help work, care of the sick, principles of hygiene, the home, the essential knowledge, the workers need, It is just the kind of helpful instruction that all need. As to appearance, the book will be a companion to "Object Lessons." It is hoped it will be ready in ten weeks.

Brethren E.R.P. Palmer and H.H.Hall spoke of the book from the book-men's point of view. Its method of illustration is unique and al-

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together it would seem that it must sell as well or better than any book we have put out. They felt it would make a grand subscription book, but at the same time heartily agreed to the plan on which the book was to be handled.

It was stated that the book was being set up in German at Hamburg, and it is hoped it will soon follow in Danish and Swedish.

W.C.White: Believed conferences and sanitariums should earnestly take hold of this plan. Nurses could help churches to work with the book. Believed such a work would lead to a revival of interest in health principles. And work with this book must bring patients for the sanitariums.

F.M.Wilcox: As a sanitarium man he wished to express the gratitude he felt at the proposal regarding this book. He had read a portion of the book in proofs and regarded the subject matter most highly, and looked for the book to be not only a financial aid and a means of bringing increased patronage, but a spiritual blessing to sanitarium workers.

W.C.White: Stated further that the author did not place the book fully out of her hands as to just how it should be used, having light that some reservation as to this. It was not to be used in such a way or for such purposes as to stultify the testimonies given regarding medical and institutional work and organization. Yet no doubt the bureau in charge of the general campaign would gladly receive counsel and light which may be given in the matter. He hoped conferences would be liberal in planning for this work for the good it will do the churches, and that our denominational sanitariums will be broad-minded in the training of workers to help in the campaign for the sake of the good that will come to our sanitarium work. It was, of course, understood that the use of the book would not be available for private enterprises. As to just how territory should be divided where possibly state or union enterprises are

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in the same territory , the union conference should make a study of the matter and the burden of counsel ~~and~~ and decision should rest with them in counsel with the bureau. It would be necessary for the bureau to develop details as to plans of working, as it would be impossible to state these here. We can trust this matter with the bureau to work out , in counsel with the author who has made the gift.

It was unanigously voted to accept the report, and the meeting adjourned.

H.W.Cottrell, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.

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37. That Elder C.N.Sanders, of East Michigan, make the Cumberland Conference his field of labor, the support to be provided by the East Michigan Conference.

38. That Edward Collier, of West Michigan, labor in Ontario.

39. That Elder W.R.Andrews, of the Maritime Conference, go to the New York Conference, and that the New York Conference send a man to the Maritime Conference, with support.

E.R.Palmer, in behalf of the special committee appointed earlier in the session, presented a memorial and appeal, which was unanimously adopted by the Conference as follows:--

(Copy at R.& H.)

At this point, Sister E.G.White came into the Conference and read and spoke with reference to dangers abroad to-day in the specious deceptions and sophistries of spiritualistic philosophy. Cheering words were also spoken. Our people were urged to put on the whole armor of God, and having done all to stand.

Following this talk, the Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented their report, which, as amended, was adopted as follows:--

Credentials and Licenses

Your committee on credentials and licenses would respectfully submit the following report:--

For credentials: J.N.Anderson, H.Armstrong, G.I.Butler, D.T. Bourdeau, A.C.Bourdeau, Geo. M.Brown, G.W.Caviness, W.A.Colcord, B.E. Connerly, A.G.Daniells, I.H.Evans, F.W.Field, H.C.Goodrich, S.N.Haskell, G.A.Irwin, A.T.Jones, H.F.Ketring, I.G.Knight, J.N. Loughborough, H.W.Miller, W.W.Miller, J.A.Morrow, G.K.Owen, C.E.Peckover, E.Pilquist, W.W.Prescott, K.C.Russell, A.C.Selmon, J.L.Shaw, L.C.Sheafe, W.A.Spicer, Geo. B. Thompson, E.W.Thomann, H.H.Votaw, Luther Warren, J.W.Westphal, F.H.Westphal, Mrs. E.G.White, W.C.White, J.S.Washburn, G.B.Wilkinson.

For ministerial license: A.J.Bristol, W.D.Burden, W.C.Hankins, S. H.H.Haskell, J.M.Hyatt, Carlos Krieghoff, J.W.Lawhead, J.C.Little, H.B.Meyers, E.R.Palmer, Wm. Steele, Damaso Soto, G.A.Stevens.

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For missionary license: A.N.Allen, Mrs. Emma Anderson, W.A. Barlow, F.E.Braucht, Mrs. Mina Braucht, Mrs. W.D.Burden, L.J.Burgess, Mrs. Georgia B.Burgess, Della Burroway, Mrs. G.W.Waviness, Della Coates, Mrs. B.E.Connerly, C.C.Crisler, T.H.Davis, Carrie Erickson, J.W.Erkenbeck, Julio Nerio Espinoza, Mrs. F.W.Field, Mrs. A.M.Fischer, Mrs. A.M.Fleming, Mrs. W.C.Hankins, L.F.Hansen, Mrs. L.F.Hansen, Maggie Hare, Maude Harvey, John Harzman, A.J.Hetherington, R.S.Ingersoll, Mrs. Olive Ingersoll, Daisy Jewett, F.C.Kelley, Mrs. F.C.Kelley, Law Keem, M.D., Mrs. Edith M. Keem, Annie Knight, Mrs. I.G.Knight, Mrs. J.C.Little, S.A.Lockwood, Mrs. Myrtle Lockwood, Thelka Black-Mackey, Sara MacEnterfer, Mrs. Ruth M. Miller, A.C.Mookerjie, Grace Kellogg-Mookerjie, Mong Mong, I.E.Moore, Mrs. Laura Moore, Mrs. J.A.Morrow, Mrs. J.S.Olney, Anna Orr, H.A.Owen, Emma Perrine, M.D., Ida Pilquist, May Quantock, H.E.Rogers, Mrs. A.C. Sheafe, Mrs. Bertha Selmon, James G.Smalley, Ella D. Smith, Charlotte simpson, Mrs. J.L.Shaw, Miss L.M.Slocum, Victor Thomann, Ida Thompson, Mrs. H.H.Votaw, Samantha E.Whiteis, E.H.Wilbur, Mrs. Susan H.Wilbur, Helen A.Wilcox, Effie Willson.

That George Casebeer, H. Kuniya, and T.H.Okohira be ordained and receive credentials.

That the name of P.T.Magan be referred to the Southern Union Conference for credentials.

All other cases are referred to the General Conference Committee.

We recommend, That in case of laborers supported by their home conferences, the credentials or licenses be issued by the field in which they are laboring, or by the General Conference in unorganized mission territory.

Respectfully submitted,

E.H.Gates,
A.J.Breed,
O.A.Olsen,
J.W.Westphal,
W.A.Spicer,

Committee.

The following report from Brother L.N.Muck, in charge of our paper for the blind, was presented to the Conference and ordered printed in the minutes:--

(Insert copy at R.& H.)

O.A.Olsen, in behalf of delegates from abroad stated that he desired to move a vote of thanks to the General Conference and the Lake,

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Central, and Pacific Union Conferences for the free entertainment furnished delegates from abroad. They had received great blessings, would carry away with them happy memories of the grand meeting, and would return ~~from~~ to their fields ~~from the battle~~ with fresh courage for the battle.

It was heartily voted, Brethren Andross, Hyatt, Conradi, and Brown, ~~briefly~~ speaking to the question.

The meeting adjourned.

A.G.Daniells, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.