

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, LebanonApril 9, 195310:00 A.M.PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, Geo. D. Keough, S. Nogeimie, M. J. McCulloch, Wadie Farag, T. S. Geraty, R. H. Hartwell, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by M. J. McCulloch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the Minutes of meeting held March 25 be approved as read.

VOICE OF PROPHECY
CALL FOR N. OUZOUNIAN
726

VOTED, That the call from the Voice of Prophecy for the services of Brother Nourhan Ouzounian for the summer months be passed on to the Middle East College Board.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE
REPORT ON SPIRIT OF
PROPHECY PUBLICATIONS
727

At a previous meeting a committee was appointed to give study to the matter of publications from the Spirit of Prophecy. This committee rendered a report through Professor Krick, its secretary, and it was

VOTED, To accept the report as amended:

"We recommend that the following selections from the Conflict Series be published in Arabic:

1. The Impending Conflict and The Story of Redemption
2. Patriarchs and Prophets, first five sections.
3. Desire of Ages, all
4. Great Controversy, beginning with Chapter 20 to the end, omitting those chapters which are a repetition.

(That is beginning with the origin of history and continuing to the death of Moses, then giving a full account of Christ. The narrative would then be taken up again with the rise of the Advent Movement and continue to the end.)

"That these portions be published in small volumes of about 160 pages each.

"That the following be the order of publication:

"That portions of Patriarchs and Prophets and Desire of Ages be prepared simultaneously, then the remaining portion of Desire of Ages and the selection of Great Controversy be prepared in the same manner.

"That the question of binding the small volumes into large ones be left for future decision."

"THE IMPENDING CON-
FLICT" IN ARMENIAN
728

VOTED, To authorize the Middle East Press to publish The Impending Conflict in an edition of three thousand copies in Armenian.

The Committee recessed until 2:00 P.M., and upon assembling were led in prayer by T. S. Geraty.

PICTURES FOR GENERAL
CONFERENCE SESSION
729

VOTED, That in preparing illustrated material for the Middle East Division report at the coming General Conference Session and as may be otherwise used during the session, a combination of 16 mm. silent motion pictures and 35 mm. still pictures on various phases of work in the Middle East Division be prepared.

EAST MED. UNION
BAGHDAD CHURCH
730

The proposed church building for the Baghdad congregation has been considered. However, the amount of money involved requires General Conference approval.

VOTED, To request the General Conference for their approval of the Baghdad church project which will cost in the neighborhood of I.D. 13,000. Eighty per cent of the necessary funds are now in hand.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
CALL FOR WORKERS
731

VOTED, To pass on to the East Mediterranean Union the request from the Middle East College for the services of Michael Nebti, Mary Haddad, and Najwa Nebti.

PASTOR NASHED
OLD ACCOUNT
732

The treasurer presented the matter of Pastor Nashed's account with the Egypt Mission. This is an item that has been considered during the past two years and especially at the time of the annual audits. Careful study has been given to the matter, and Brother Nashed feels that certain commitments were made to him prior to 1950 regarding his children's accounts at Middle East College and the allowances that would be made to them. However, the charges that were routed to his account, he claims, have been in excess of the agreed-upon amounts, thus resulting in a debt on his account with the Egypt Mission.

In reviewing this matter in connection with the 1952 audit at Heliopolis, a request was made to the president of the Nile Union to prepare a statement of the facts of the case as reported by Brother Nashed and as understood by himself. Brother Wilson's statement was read to the committee, indicating that in 1949 the Middle East Union officers and the president of Middle East College joined other members of the committee and expressed the opinion that Brother Nashed's indebtedness at that time of E.Eg. 170.000 should be written off. However, nothing was ever done about it. The present administration in the Middle East Division has

inherited this situation, and the brethren feel that past commitments should be carried out. After a lengthy and careful discussion and consideration of this matter, it was

VOTED, That the Middle East Division appropriate EEg. 170.000 to the Nile Union and the Egypt Mission to be credited to the account of Elder Nashed, thus fulfilling what we feel to be a commitment which was made to him prior to 1950.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon April 30, 1953 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, S. Nogeimie, R. H. Hartwell, G. D. Keough, M. J. McCulloch, Wadie Farag, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by G. J. Appel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the Minutes of meeting held April 9 be approved as read.

HOPE MAGAZINE
MANAGING DIRECTOR

733

VOTED, To appoint Brother S. Nogeimie to serve as managing director of the HOPE magazine.

PAKISTAN COLPORTEURS
IRAN

734

VOTED, To approve of the request from the Southern Asia Division for a number of colporteurs from Pakistan to work in Iran this summer.

NIGHT WATCHMAN
VACATION

735

VOTED, To grant the Division night watchman a two weeks' vacation per year, on pay, with the understanding that he provides a satisfactory substitute for the time he is away, at Division expense, not to exceed his own rate of wage.

PLANS FOR
REZALEH CHURCH

736

VOTED, That the building plans submitted for the Rezaieh church be approved as amended, providing the cost of construction will not exceed funds on hand for the same.

MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

737

VOTED, (1) That the Ministerial Institute be held at Beirut, August 12 to 26, 1953.

(2) That the standing committees for the Institute be as follows:

Entertainment: C. L. Gemmell, Miss Ruby Williams, M. J. McCulloch, A. W. Fund, C. C. Morris.

Platform: R. C. Darnell, Towfic Issa, Farris Basta, Y. O. Sangerloo.

Music: A. R. Mazat, Fred Veltman, Manoug Nazirian, Dola Hasso.

Steering Committee: Division officers and the General Conference vice president in attendance.

(3) That the following be invited to attend as Division delegates: M. V. Jacobson, Dr. W. Lesovsky, Y. E. Berbawy, Wadie Farag, G. J. Appel, C. C. Morris, A. R. Mazat, T. S. Geraty, Arthur Keough, A. V. Olson, Ruby Williams, Hilal Dose, C. L. Gemmell, M. J. McCulloch, G. D. Keough, Naim Awais, D. V. Kubrock, A. E. Ashod, C. C. Crider.

A. R. MAZAT
TURKEY INSTITUTE
738

VOTED, That A. R. Mazat be invited to conduct a laymen's institute in Istanbul during May or June, as requested by the East Mediterranean Union.

DR. J. NUSSBAUM
SERVICES
739

VOTED, To request the General Conference for the services of Dr. J. Nussbaum during May or June, to follow up contacts which he recently made in Syria and Turkey.

IRAN MISSION
MEETING
740

VOTED, That the Iran Mission be encouraged to hold its annual meeting June 12 to 20, 1953, and that Brethren Rice, Appel, and Geraty or Gemmell be authorized to attend.

COLPORTEUR POLICY
741

VOTED, To recommend to the Union and Local missions a revised colporteur policy as follows:

That a student, or prospective student, of Middle East College, recommended by his Local and Union Mission, be granted as student aid the sum of L.E. 400.00 to be applied on his college expenses for the ensuing year, providing he spends 400 hours in the canvassing work in the territory assigned him by the Publishing Department Secretary in consultation with the controlling committees.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary