

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

JOINT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEES?

TOGETHER WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE.

Held at the Tabernacle, Battle Creek, Mich. March 10, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A G Daniells; I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, R A Underwood, Chas. Thompson, M.E. Kern, G F Haffner, L H Christian, P E Broderson, C F McVagh, B E Miller, also J B Blosser, P A Hanson, A J Clark, W A Westworth, O J Graf, J J Irwin, J W Mace, E A Bristol, C A Russell, G E Nord, A N Anderson, J H Morrison, Wm. Guthrie.

Prayer by J H Morrison.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND.

Elder I H Evans stated that the question to be considered was the action passed at the recent fall council concerning the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. The brethren in the Lake Union Conference feel that this action, as it now stands, will greatly embarrass them in the work of paying their debt and raising the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, and that it will necessitate their inaugurating some other plan for creating a fund to liquidate their indebtedness. Fears were expressed that if the action of the Loma Linda council prevails, it will result in destroying the Twenty-cent-a-week Plan.

Elder Evans further stated that the question had been raised whether it would not be advisable to let the plan of 1915 prevail until the time of the next General Conference when some other plan can be inaugurated to provide for the growth of the work abroad. The question was discussed at considerable length, and it was--

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to give the question study and report. The following persons were appointed as said committee: A G Daniells, I H Evans, W T Knox, Chas. Thompson, L H Christian.

Recess.

4:30 P. M.

Prayer by W. T. Knox,

The Committee appointed at the previous meeting to make recommendation with reference to the future plan of the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund presented their report as follows:

> Whereas, The recommendations concerning the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, adopted at Loma Linda seem to be difficult to carry out, and indications seem to point out that the mission funds will not be increased by the plan while some of the Union conferences feel they will have to raise a special fund to apply on their indebtedness, and --

Whereas, The General Conference needs additional funds for its extended work in the needy mission field, therefore,--

RESOLVED,

- (1) That we rescind the Loma Linda action concerning the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.
- (2) That during 1916 we work on the plan of 1915.
- (3) That beginning with 1917 we send to the General Conference seventeen cents instead of fifteen cents. All above this to be returned to the Union on the same basis as 1915.
- (4) That we increase the donations to the General Conference one cent a year thereafter till the General Conference is receiving twenty-cents a week for missions, and the remainder of the offerings from any union to be returned as in plan of 1915.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.
G.B. Thompson, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, W T Knox, H W Miller, F W Paap, W W Eastman, also L A Hansen, A G Daniell, J L Shaw.

Prayer by H W Miller.

CAMP-MEETING BABORERS:

Consideration was given to providing help for the earlier camp-meetings, The following recommendations were made:

Central Union, R C Porter to attend the Colorado camp-meeting.

Northern Union, A G Daniells, B E Miller.

Southeastern Union, F W Paap, H W Miller.

Columbia Union, G F Enoch, W T Knox, F M Wilcox.

Lake Union, I H Evans, Meade MacGuire, L A Hansen.

North Pacific Union, F Griggs, W W Eastman.

Pacific Union, earlier meetings, G B Thompson, later meetings, I H Evans.

East Canadian Union, M E Kern.

Atlantic Union, J L Shaw.

GRADUATING ADDRESSES:

VOTED, That we advise Elder I H Evans to respond to the invitations received to attend the graduating exercises at the Berrien Springs and Union Colleges.

VOTED; That we counsel A G Daniells in harmony with the request received to attend the graduating exercises at South Lancaster Academy.

MRS. MERRELL:

VOTED, That we appropriate four hundred dollars to the Missouri Conference with the understanding that they put Mrs. E A Merrell to work in that conference.

OAKWOOD SCHOOL:

VOTED, That we grant the request of the Oakwood School board to appropriate \$934.74 to complete the ladies' dormitory.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE PRESIDENT:

Counsel was asked by the Washington Missionary College with reference to securing a president for the college to fill the vacancy made by Prof. J L Shaw being taken by the General Conference for Assistant Foreign Mission Secretary. It was --

VOTED, That in response to this request from the Washington Missionary College we advise that they endeavor to secure Prof. B. F. Machlan to take the presidency of the college. In case the South Lancaster Academy board releases Prof. Machlan for this work it was further --

VOTED, That we recommend to the board of South Lancaster Academy the name of Prof. Gordon Andrews as principal.

MAINE CONFERENCE - FINANCIAL HELP;

Elder A.C. Daniells spoke of the great interest that has been awakened in Portland, Maine, and other places throughout the state, and laid before the committee a memorial from the Maine Conference Executive Committee concerning plans for carrying on the work in Portland, and the need of funds to further develop the interest awakened in the city, and follow up what is evidently the leading of the Lord at these places. After giving the matter consideration it was --

VOTED, That we appropriate to the Atlantic Union Conference for the work in Maine what funds may be necessary for the proper development of the work there up to \$1,000.00.

SESSIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION AND GENERAL CONFERENCES:

Study was given to the holding of the next sessions of the North American Division and General Conferences. As time is quickly passing it was felt that it was not too early to give some consideration to this important gathering. After some careful study the following action was taken.

Whereas, World conditions are such at the present time that we do not know what a day will bring forth, and--

Whereas, Our work in Europe and Mexico is involved to such an extent that it seems improbable at this time that we could secure a proper delegation from countries outside the North American Division Conference if the conference sessions are held as early as the spring of 1917, and --

Whereas, It seems to us that it would be better if the first meeting in the Asiatic Division conference could be postponed till the spring of 1917 than to hold it in the autumn of 1916 as now planned, and --

Whereas, The winter seems to be more favorable for holding the General and Division Conferences than in the spring or fall because of the strong evangelistic work always unfinished or to be entered upon at these seasons of the year, therefore,--

We suggest to the members of the committees that the sessions of the General and Division Conferences be held in the winter of 1917-18, and that this suggestion be submitted to all members of the General and Division Committees for their prayerful consideration, and request that they report their decision of the question to their respective secretaries at as early a date as possible.

I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH MEETING

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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 2, 1916.

At an informal meeting of some members of the committee, the following action was taken:

VOTED, That we release Prof. H. H. Howard, and recommend H. G. Patchett, of Beechwood Academy, for preceptor at Claremont Union College, South Africa.

W. T. Knox, Chairman.

W. E. Howell, Secretary pro tem.

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at Nashville, Tenn. March 26, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, F Griggs, S.E. Wight, W H Branson, W W Eastman, W T Knox, M E Kern.

Prayer by I H Evans.

GRIGGS - OKLAHOMA MEETING:

A request having been received from Elder R A Underwood that Prof. Griggs come to the Oklahoma Union Conference meeting, it was,

VOTED, That in view of the need of some important changes being made in the faculties of the Keene and Clinton schools, that Prof. Griggs attend the meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference at Oklahoma City.

LUTHER WARREN:

Requests having been received for the services of Elder Luther Warren both at Winnipeg and Minneapolis, it was,

VOTED, That Elder Warren be invited to make Winnipeg his field of labor, but in case he does not feel free to do so that he make Minneapolis his field of labor.

AUDITOR PACIFIC UNION:

Elder E E Andross having asked that someone be recommended to their Union for Auditor, it was,

VOTED, That we recommend to the Pacific Union the name of Brother W E Perrin as auditor.

DOCTOR DUNSCOMBE:

A request having been received from L H Christian for the transfer of Doctor Dunscombe from South Africa to labor in the Lake Union, it was,

Voted, That we request the General Conference Committee to secure the release of Doctor W C Dunscombe that he may return to this country and take up work in the Lake Union Conference.

FLOYD BRALLIER - DEBT:

There being on the books of the Hillcrest School, a debt of \$350.00 against Prof. Bralliar which he claims should not be properly charged against him, it was,

VOTED, That this debt of \$350.00 on the books of the Hillcrest School against Prof. Bralliar be referred to the Auditor of the North American Division Conference for investigation and that he report where this debt properly belongs.

HELP- MISSISSIPPI:

In view of the heavy loss sustained by the Mississippi Conference by fire in which their entire tent equipment and other fixtures were lost, it was,

VOTED, That we appropriate \$500.00 to the Mississippi Conference to help them to secure further equipment and that we ask the Northern Union Conference to consider the blessing of giving with us in giving \$500.00 also.

PITTSBURGH - HELP:

In view of the large interest which has been created by meetings held in one of the large theaters by Elder Daniells, during the recent Union Conference, and the need of properly following up this interest, it was,

VOTED, That we authorize the Treasurer to render financial help to the Columbia Union Conference for the work in Pittsburgh up to the amount of \$500.00.

I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.