

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 10, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs,
F M Wilcox, F W Paap, also E R Palmer, N Z Town, W A
Spicer, Miss E M Graham, J L Shaw, B F Machlan.

Prayer by F Griggs.

CAMP-MEETING HELP:

The following recommendations for help to supply
the fall camp-meetings were passed:

Atlantic Union: W T Knox, W W Prescott, G. I. Butler.
 Central Union: J T Boettcher, F W Paap, J P

Anderson.

Columbia Union: A G Daniells, F M Wilcox,

B F Machlan.

Lake Union: Meade MacGuire, G B Thompson, N Z

Town, Dr. Riley Russell.

North Pacific Union: I H Evans, E E Andross.

Pacific Union: I H Evans.

Southern Union, Charles Thompson, F Griggs,

M E Kern.

Southwestern Union: J L Shaw, C Sorensen.

OGDEN - WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP-MEETING:

Elder A R Ogden having expressed his willingness to attend the Western Washington camp-meeting, providing he could be of assistance, it was,

VOTED, That we request the Northern Union Executive Committee to release Elder Ogden for such time as may be necessary to attend this meeting, with the understanding that there will be no expense to the North American Division Conference.

APPROPRIATION COLORED CHURCH - SAVANNAH:

A request was placed before the committee from Elder C. B. Stephenson asking that the Division Conference appropriate one thousand dollars to help provide a suitable church in Savannah, Georgia. The secretary of the Negro Department thought that this should be done, owing to the fact that the apostasy of the colored believers in that city had taken under their control the excellent colored church, and had left those who were loyal to the truth no place in which to worship.

VOTED, That this request be referred to the Fall Council.

TRANSFER - GERMAN BIBLE WORKER:

A request was considered from B E Miller, secretary of the German Department, asking that the Division Conference bear the expense of the transfer of a Bible Worker from Nebraska to the Chesapeake conference.

VOTED, That the North American Division Conference pay one-half of this expense, and suggest that the Columbia Union Conference pay the other half.

SALARY - A G ROTH - JOINT ACTION:

VOTED, That we join the General Conference in employing A G Roth in the French work for the summer, until his departure for Haiti, in September, asking the Atlantic Union to arrange for his work.

EMPLOYMENT - FOREIGN WORKERS - CHICAGO:

A letter was placed before the committee from Brother L H Christian, dated July 4, 1916, writing concerning a former action regarding the employment of foreign workers in Chicago. He says, "Our Union Committee have accepted the proposition made by the Division Committee." Another letter also from Elders W A Westworth, and J H Schilling was considered in reference to the employment of Brethren Hermann, Dominski, and Kuchera, to open up work among the Poles, Roumanians, and Bohemians in Chicago. They propose that if the North American Division Committee would appropriate one thousand dollars straight to the Northern Illinois conference for the year 1916, and that they would carry out the remainder of the proposition made by the Division Committee in a previous meeting.

VOTED, That we appropriate one thousand dollars to the Northern Illinois Conference for the year 1916 to be used in the support of the above named workers, with the understanding that the remainder of the proposition made by the committee in a meeting on April 10, 1916 will be carried out, which is as follows:

"For 1917 the Division Conference to pay two parts, the Lake Union two parts, and the Northern Illinois conference two parts.

"For 1918 the Division Conference one part, Lake Union two parts, and the Northern Illinois Conference three parts.

"For 1919 the Lake Union Conference two parts and the Northern Illinois four parts.

"It being understood that the expense in any year shall not exceed two thousand dollars. In case any additional expense beyond this amount is incurred, it is to be borne by the Lake Union and the Northern Illinois Conference as they may arrange."

SALARY - MISS BARRETT:

VOTED, That the salary of Miss Mary Barrett, office stenographer, be increased from seven dollars to eight dollars per week beginning July 1, 1916.

REQUEST SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL BOARD:

Prof. F. Griggs, secretary of the Educational Department, placed before the committee some requests which had been submitted by the Southern Training School Board in reference to future plans for the school. Prof. Griggs supplemented these requests with a brief statement covering the recent visit of W T Knox, G B Thompson, and himself to Ooltewah to meet with the members of the Southern Training School Board, and give counsel with reference to the removal of the school from Graysville to the proposed site near Ooltewah, Tennessee. In view of the need of some one of experience in establishing the Southern Training School in a new location, it was,

VOTED, That we request the Lake Union Conference to release Prof. Otto J. Graf, and that we invite him to take the presidency of the Southern Training School, and that we suggest to the Lake Union the names of Prof. Gordon Andrews, or H. J. Sheldon to take Prof. Graf's work in case he accepts this invitation.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 11, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs, F W Paap, F M Wilcox, H W Miller, also W A Spicer, J L Shaw, J T Boettcher, Miss E M Graham, N Z Town, E R Palmer, and J O Miller.

Prayer by J T Boettcher.

NEGRO SCHOOL - BALTIMORE:

Elder O O Miller, president of the Chesapeake conference, met with the committee and presented a very courteous letter from Brother Gustavus P. Rodgers, who is in charge of the work among the colored people in the city of Baltimore, in which the urgent need of some educational work being established in the North among the large number of colored believers who are accepting the truth. After giving consideration to the matter it was,

VOTED, That a council be called in Takoma Park, D.C. July 17, 10 A M. to which workers in the Columbia and Atlantic Unions together with the secretary of the Negro Department, who were especially interested in this question, be invited to meet with the members of the General and Division Conference Executive Committee to give careful study to the question and get counsel in reference to what should be done along educational lines for the Negro people in the North.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY- NINTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 12, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F M Wilcox, F Griggs, C S Longacre, F W Paap, H W Miller, also W A Spicer, J L Shaw, Miss E M Graham, N Z Town, J T Boettcher, W E Howell, T E Bowen, E R Palmer.

Prayer by E M Wilcox.

INGATHERING CAMPAIGN:

F W Paap asked approval of the committee concerning some devices which he felt would be helpful in raising funds in the next Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

VOTED, That we approve of the Harvest Ingathering thermometer, a sketch of which was presented, and authorize that it be gotten out and sent into the field.

FINANCIAL HELP - CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE:

A request for help for the Chesapeake conference was placed before the committee from R T Dowsett, the secretary of the Columbia Union Conference. In view of their extreme need along financial lines, it was,

VOTED, That we authorize the treasurer to appropriate one thousand dollars to the Columbia Union to be passed on to the Chesapeake conference. And further,

VOTED, That in view of the fact that it was necessary to bring Elder A S Booth from the Pacific Coast to fill the vacancy made by Elder L E Froom being called to connect with the Pacific Press that we ask the Pacific Press to pay the transportation of Elder Booth and family from California to Baltimore.

TRAINING SCHOOL SECRETARY - MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

The secretary of the Medical Department placed before the committee an action taken at the recent medical convention, asking that a lady secretary be appointed to assist in the medical department, her work being to give instruction to our training schools, by visiting these schools and working with the secretaries of our medical training schools.

VOTED, That we approve of this recommendation, and invite Miss Helen Rice of St. Helena to take the position of General training school secretary.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 14, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, F Griggs, F W Paap, G B Thompson, also W A Spicer, T E Bowen, J L Shaw, N Z Town.

EDUCATIONAL SABBATH:

VOTED, That August 19 be selected as one of the educational Sabbaths.

LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL;

VOTED, That on Sabbath October 14 a collection be taken in all the churches in the Division Conference for the Los Angeles Hospital.

COLLECTION - COLORED WORK:

VOTED, That the Annual Collection for the colored work be taken in all the churches in the Division Conference Sabbath, November 18, 1916.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 16, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, F Griggs, G B Thompson, F M Wilcox, H W Miller, Steen Rasmussen, F W Paap, C S Longacre, also W A Spicer, J L Shaw, J T Bøttcher, T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham, L A Hansen, N Z Town, E R Palmer, C C Lewis.

Prayer by F Griggs.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

Steen Rasmussen, secretary of the Foreign Department, gave a report to the committee covering the details of the Department since his connection with it, April 17, 1916. His report was of an encouraging nature, showing the work is making progress among the various nationalities. He spoke especially of the work among the Italians, Bohemians, Polish, French, Servians, Jews, and Hungarians. Following his report the following actions were taken:

VOTED, That we increase the appropriation to the foreign department one hundred dollars, in order that the wages of Brother Joseph Sansonetti, our Italian Bible Worker in Chicago, may be increased from seven to ten dollars per week, beginning July 1.

VOTED, That Miss Rosa Vas of Chicago be asked to connect with the Hungarian work in New York City, and that in case she accepts, the North American Division Conference pay the salary of Miss Vas at seven dollars per week, and her transportation from Chicago to New York.

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Press Publishing Association to take over the publication of the French Quarterly Magazine, and also the publication of such other literature as may be found necessary to meet the demands and needs of the French work.

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Press Publishing Association to take over the publication of the Yiddish magazine now being published by Elder Gilbert, and also such other Yiddish literature as may be found necessary to meet the demands of the Jewish work.

VOTED, That as there is a growing demand for Sabbath school lessons in various foreign tongues, and on account of the present war we cannot receive these lessons from Europe, we ask the Pacific Press Publishing Association to bring out Sabbath school quarterlies in such languages as may be found necessary; and that the North American Division Conference make such appropriation as may be necessary to justly subsidize the Pacific Press in the loss they may sustain, owing to the small constituency in these various languages, not to exceed one hundred dollars per quarter.

WORK - J T BOETTCHER:

Elder J T Boettcher, being in this country and under existing circumstances in Europe he does not think it wise to return to his field until the close of the war, it was,

VOTED, That we request the General Conference to release Elder J T Boettcher to work in the North American Division conference in the interest of the Foreign Department after the camp-meeting season closes.

GENERAL CONFERENCE - REQUEST WORKERS:

VOTED, That we concur in the requests of the General Conference Committee for the following laborers, and ask that they be released to work in the following fields:

1. C T Cole, of South Dakota, to go to Venezuela.
2. H C Kephert of the Western Washington Conference, to the appointment of secretary and treasurer in the West Caribbean conference!

3. Prof. E. C. Blue of Nebraska, to go to Brazil to take charge of the school being established there.

REQUEST - M F KNOX:

VOTED, That we suggest to the Southern Publishing Association that they release to the brethren in the South M F Knox to assist in raising funds for the Ooltewah school, and the Southern Publishing Association pay his salary and travelling expenses.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 17, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, G B Thompson, F Griggs, F W Paap, C S Longacre, R D Quinn, Steen Rasmussen, B G Wilkinson, F M Wilcox, C B Stephenson, also W A Spicer, W W Prescott, N Z Town, J T Boettcher, J L Shaw, Miss E M Graham, J O Miller, T E Bowen, R E Harter, F H Robbins, A R Sandborn, W C Moffett, J E Jayne, I A Ford, H M J Richards, J W Norwood, C C Lewis, Stewart Kime, J K Humphrey; J M Campbell, G P Rodgers, W E Howell, L A Hansen, R T Dowsett.

Prayer by W W. Prescott, and J T Boettcher.

COUNCIL - NEGRO WORK:

The chairman stated that this council had been called to consider the best manner to forward the work among the colored believers, especially here in the North. In view of the perplexities and disaffection that has existed and is existing, it was thought better to have some counsel over the matter, and a number of our brethren in the conferences here in the East, where a number of colored churches have been developed, had been asked to attend and give counsel. Some also, of our leading colored workers had been asked to meet with us.

The chair further outlined briefly the examples of disaffection among colored churches that have appeared, and asked counsel how best to handle the situation, and what should be done for the colored people to hold them in the truth. The question was spoken to by a number of brethren. Elder Rodgers spoke of the need of some educational work being established among the colored people for the training of their children, that they might be held in the truth. Elder J. M. Campbell, J K Humphrey, C B Stephenson, R T Dowsett, A R Sandborn, and others spoke to the question.

After giving consideration to the question, it was,

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to consider the question, and bring in some recommendations. The chair announced as this committee, C B Stephenson, (Chairman), A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, the presidents of the local and union conferences present, J M Campbell, G P Rodgers, and J K Humphrey.

Recess.

4 P. M.

Further consideration was given to the question under discussion in the forenoon. The committee appointed to bring in some recommendations reported, and after some amendments the following was adopted:-

WHEREAS, There is a growing constituency in our church membership among the colored people in the North, and,

WHEREAS, There is need of a good substantial working basis in our conferences and churches that the colored people who come to us may partake of the spirit of the message we represent, therefore,

RESOLVED,

(1) That we encourage our colored people to establish and maintain church schools, wherever practicable.

(2) That we encourage the charge of a reasonable tuition, and that the support of these schools be by tuition, donations, and appropriations.

(3) That if any church school cannot finance itself, before proceeding and creating debt the proposition shall be submitted to the conference committee for council before action is taken.

(4) That we request the North American Division Conference in its Fall session to consider the propriety of setting apart a definite sum to assist worthy colored young people who give promise of becoming efficient workers to attend some of our regular training schools. That this fund be made available to worthy students in council with local and union conference committees.

(5) That for the current year the North American Negro Department investigate the call for help at Baltimore and give counsel to the Division Conference regarding what it should do during 1916-1917, and that we authorize the treasurer to appropriate a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars in establishing a school, it being understood that the Columbia Union and Chesapeake conferences will each appropriate an equal sum.

(6) That all church property, whether white or colored, be held by conference associations.

LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL SITE:

A letter was read by the Chairman from Elder E E Andross, stating that certain person or persons offered to purchase the remaining half of the block on which it is proposed to erect the hospital in Los Angeles, and give it outright to the work for which the hospital stands, Elder Andross asked if the committee were willing to accept this gift.

VOTED, That we accept with pleasure this magnificent gift to the medical school being established in our midst, and request the chairman of the medical school to convey to the donor, or donors, our appreciation of this liberal gift to the work.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 18, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs, B G Wilkinson, C B Stephenson, R D Quinn, F M Wilcox, H W Miller, also -A G Daniells, J L Shaw, W W Prescott, E R Palmer, J O Miller, T E Bowen, J W Hirlinger, L A Hansen, D H Kress, A R Sandborn, B F Machlan, W C Moffett, Miss E M Graham, N Z Town, R E Harter, J T Boettcher, M E Olsen, W E Howell, R T Dowsett, H M J Richards, F H Robbins.

Prayer by W W Prescott.

FALL COUNCIL - JOINT ACTION:

Consideration was given to the time and place of holding the next Fall Council by both the General and Division Executive Committees.

VOTED, That the next Fall Council be held at Takoma Park, D.C. October 17-31, 1916.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 18, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, G B Thompson, R D Quinn, F M Wilcox, F Griggs; also A G Daniells, J L Shaw, W W Prescott, T E Bowen, J T Boettcher, Miss E M Graham, L A Hansen, W E Howell.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REQUEST - FOREIGN LABORERS:

The following actions were taken to release laborers in harmony with the request received from the General Conference Committee:

(1) That we ask the Northern Union and North Dakota Conferences to release Andrew Roedel to act as Home Missionary Secretary of the Austral Union Conference in South America.

(2) That we endeavor to select an ordained minister of thirty or thirty-five years of age to go to the Rio Grande do Sul Conference to labor.

(3) That we secure a stenographer for the South American Division office.

FALL COUNCIL - JOINT ACTION:

The following joint action of the General and Division Conference Committees was taken concerning the attendance at the Fall Council.

As most of the absent members of the committee have written favoring the attendance at the council being limited to members of the two committees, and further in view of the fact that the previous council was largely attended, and that it is detrimental to the work to remove so many responsible workers from the field at this season of the year,

VOTED, That the attendance at the council be confined to members of the North American Division Committee and members of the General Conference Committee in North America.

CAMP-MEETING HELP:

VOTED, That in view of the fact that Elder N.Z. Town has been asked to go to the Asiatic Division Conference on an extended trip in the near future, that he be released from attending the camp-meetings in the Lake Union, and that we ask Prof. W. W. Prescott to attend as many of these meetings as he may be able, also the Ohio and Maine meetings.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING
 NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 July 21, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs, C S Longacre,
 F W Paap; also W W Prescott, N Z Town, L A Hansen, W E Howell.

Prayer by W E Howell.

RASMUSSEN - LICENSE:

VOTED, That Steen Rasmussen, secretary of the Foreign
 Department be given Ministerial License.

GRAF - SOUTHERN SCHOOL:

VOTED, That inasmuch as the Berrien Springs board is
 not willing to release Prof. Graf, and Prof. Graf himself sees
 no light in taking the principalship of the Southern Training
 School, that the action taken July 10 be rescinded.

W T Knox, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING
 NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 July 25, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

G B Thompson, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, C S Longacre,
 F Griggs; also A G Daniells, E R Palmer, N Z Town, L A Hansen,
 E L Richmond, R Hook, Jr., I A Ford.

VOHT - NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE:

The secretary stated that a telegram had been received
 from Elder J W Christian, president of the Southwestern Union
 Conference, stating that Brother David Voth had been elected
 president of the North Texas Conference and requested that we
 secure his release.

VOTED, That we approve of this action electing Brother David Voth as president of the North Texas conference, and ask the president of the Central Union Conference to secure his release at once, so that he can reach the North Texas meeting before its close if possible.

A G Daniells, Chairman pro tem.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 27, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W T Knox, W W Prescott, F W Paap, G B Thompson, F M Wilcox, C S Longacre; also N Z Town, Miss E M Graham.

Prayer by N Z Town.

APPROPRIATION - GEORGIA CONFERENCE:

A request from W H Branson for five hundred dollars appropriation to the Georgia conference to assist in developing the work in Atlanta, Ga. was considered. The funds of the Georgia conference being in such a condition that the conference is unable to properly develop a large interest being created by the meetings conducted by Elder Haynes in the city of Atlanta, it was,

VOTED, That we authorize the treasurer to appropriate five hundred dollars to the Georgia conference with the understanding that it be used in developing the work in the city of Atlanta, Ga.

GAZETTE - EXTRA COPIES:

VOTED, That we authorize the Home Missionary Department to have printed sufficient copies of the September issue of the CHURCH OFFICERS GAZETTE, containing the Harvest Ingathering program so that all elders not taking the Gazette can be supplied with a copy of the program.

MORTENSON - STENOGRAPHER:

Elder S Mortenson, having asked for some stenographic help for the Swedish department, it was,

VOTED, That we allow him three dollars per week for stenographic help during the time in which he is engaged in carrying forward a tent effort.

W. T. Knox, Chairman pro tem.

G. B. Thompson, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 28, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.T Knox, F Griggs, F M Wilcox, F W Paap, C S Longacre, G B Thompson, W W Prescott; also L L Caviness, C P Bollman, W L Burgan, W E Howell, Miss E M Graham, Claude Holmes.

Prayer by G B Thompson.

VIDETO - MADISON SCHOOL:

VOTED, That we request the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of W E Videto to take the place as Bible teacher in the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute of Madison, Tenn., in harmony with the action taken at the last Fall Council that the Division Conference supply a Bible teacher for this school.

W T Knox, Chairman pro tem.

G B Thompson, Secretary.