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THREE HUNDRED TWELFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 1, 1929

P R E S E N T:

W A Spicer, W W Prescott, G W Wells, H T Elliott,
H H Hall, C L Bond, L A Hansen, Mrs L F Plummer, J A Stevens,
W E Howell, A W Spalding, H H Cobban, H H Votaw, C S Longacre,
C W Irwin.

W.A.Spicer in the chair. Prayer by H.H.Hall.

MISS L. BARTZ--NORTHEAST INDIA UNION:

VOTED, That we request the Central European Division to secure the release of Miss L. Bartz, of the Netherland Conference, to respond to the call from the Southern Asia Division, for work in the Northeast India Union Mission.

ADOLPH BLOMSTEDT--SWEDEN:

VOTED, That we request the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference to release Adolph Blomstedt, to respond to the call from the Northern European Division to connect with the school in Sweden as Bible teacher.

S. DEMCHUK--POLAND:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference to release S.Demchuk, to connect with the Northern European Division, for evangelistic work in Poland.

RALEIGH BURCHFIELD--INCA UNION:

VOTED, That we invite Raleigh Burchfield and his fiancée, Miss Edith Mae Truitt, of Emmanuel Missionary College, to go to South America, to connect with the work in the Inca Union Mission office at Lima, Peru.

DR. V.L.MANN--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were presented for Dr. and Mrs. V.L.Mann, under appointment to India, and were accepted as satisfactory.

E.R.THIELE--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were presented and accepted for Prof. and Mrs. E.R.Thiele, under appointment to return to China.

JANICE McCORMACK--OAK PARK ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Inter-Mountain Conference the call from the Northern Union for Miss Janice McCormack to connect with Oak Park Academy as preceptress.

MURDENNA McCONNELL--ONTARIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Eastern Canadian Union for Miss Murdenna McConnell to connect with the Ontario Conference for church school work.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That J.A.Stevens respond to the invitation to attend a workers' meeting in Philadelphia, April 17.

VOTED, That G.W.Wells respond to the request from the Atlantic Union, to attend a meeting of the Union Committee on Wednesday, April 3.

PAUL HENNIG--SALARY:

VOTED, That in consideration of his twenty years of service in the cause, the treasurer be authorized to allow salary for four months to Paul Hennig, returned from Europe, the rate to be \$30 a week, and the same to be charged to furlough account.

D.P.HARDER--ADJUSTMENT:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to make good the loss sustained by D.P.Harder of Angola, Africa, in disposing of a shipment of goods that was intended for his brother in South America, but which through mistake of our office in New York was sent to him, the amount being \$34.67.

JUNIOR SONG BOOK:

A committee which was appointed in a previous meeting to study the advisability of preparing and publishing a Junior Song Book, made the following report which was adopted:

Whereas, There is a demand in the field for special songs for our church schools, Junior societies, primary and kindergarten Sabbath school departments,

We recommend, That a collection of songs to meet these needs be published and that the following committee

be appointed to give consideration to the contents of the book and to make suggestions to the General Conference Committee concerning its publication: H.T.Elliott, S.A.Wellman, C.L. Bond, C.A.Russell, J.W.Mace, Mrs. Walter Mead, Miss Rosamond D.Ginther, A.W.Spalding, H.H.Cobban.

W.W.EASTMAN--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION COUNCIL:

VOTED, That while regretting to thus delay Elder W.W.Eastman's return home from the South American trip, in view of the fact that he will be arriving in Panama so near the time of the Inter-American Division Council, it is felt that if at all possible he ought to attend that meeting.

M.F.KNOX--SYMPATHY:

It was reported to the Committee that M.F.Knox, of the Southern Publishing Association, is in the hospital at Murray, Kentucky, having sustained a broken hip through an automobile accident.

VOTED, That we express our sympathy with Brother M.F.Knox in the accident which has befallen him.

H.H.VOTAW--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That H.H.Votaw of the Religious Liberty Department be granted leave of absence for two or three weeks, it being understood that he will serve departmental interests as much as may be possible in connection with his trip West.

W.A.SPICER, Chairman.
E. ZEIDLER, Acting Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 8, 1929

P R E S E N T:

O Montgomery, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, H H Hall
J A Stevens, H H Cobban, Mrs L F Plummer, C L Bond, A W Spalding
L A Hansen, C Conard, M C Taft, C W Irwin, J C Thompson, E F
Hackman, C S Longacre.

O. Montgomery in the chair.

Elder W. W. Prescott led in prayer; Elders Wilcox and Montgomery followed, special petition being made for God's blessing and healing power to be upon Elders Spicer and Beddoe, and Brother M. F. Knox, of the Southern Publishing Association.

R. L. JONES--CONGO:

VOTED, That we pass on to the Southern European Division the request for the release of R. L. Jones, of the Cameroon Mission, in order that Brother Jones may connect with the African Division for work in the Congo.

OTTO SCHUBERTH--SWISS UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central European Division and the South German Union the call from the Southern European Division for Otto Schuberth, of the Marienhoehe Seminary, to connect with the Swiss Union Conference for departmental work.

O. W. TUCKER--WEST INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Union and the California Conference to release O. W. Tucker, recently invited to the Golden Gate Academy, and that we invite Brother Tucker to take the principalship of the West Indian Training School in Jamaica.

MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were accepted as satisfactory for the following workers:

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Gillis, appointed to Korea,
 Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ayala, under appointment to
 Mexico,
 Mrs. J. E. Saunders, returning to India.

JOHN D. HAYNES RELEASED:

Medical reports were presented for Elder and Mrs. J. D. Haynes, and being somewhat questionable for themselves and their little girl, it was

VOTED, That we release Brother and Sister Haynes from the appointment to Montevideo, Uruguay.

MISS SADIE JOHNSON--MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and Colorado Conference the call from the Northern Union for Miss Sadie Johnson of Campion Academy to connect with Maplewood Academy as matron.

L.W.KURZ--CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Columbia Union for L.W.Kurz, to take the field missionary secretaryship of the Chesapeake Conference.

R.E.HOEN--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, That we pass on to the Northern Union and Minnesota Conference the call from the Lake Union for R.E.Hoen, of Maplewood Academy, to head the department of Science and Mathematics in Emmanuel Missionary College.

MRS. LULU M. YORK--PLAINVIEW ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass to the Central Union and the Kansas Conference the call from the Northern Union for Mrs. Lulu M. York, of the Enterprise Academy, to serve as matron of the Plainview Academy in South Dakota.

H.T.ELLIOTT--M.V.CONVENTION:

VOTED, That H.T.Elliott respond to the invitation to attend a Missionary Volunteer Convention at Richmond, May 10-12.

M.N.CAMPBELL--ITINERARY:

VOTED, That we approve of an itinerary for M.N.Campbell including Toronto, Broadview, Brookfield, and Ontario on the way back to Washington.

W.E.HOWELL--UNION COLLEGE BOARD MEETING:

VOTED, That W.E.Howell attend the Board meeting of Union College, April 9 and 10.

CLAUDE CONARD--MT VERNON:

VOTED, That Claude Conard attend the Board meeting of Mt. Vernon Academy, April 9.

H.H.HALL--MT. VERNON:

VOTED, That H.H.Hall attend a colporteurs' institute at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on his way to Oshawa, where he is to attend the constituency meeting, April 23.

H.H.VOTAW--COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES:

VOTED, That H.H.Votaw be invited to deliver the Commencement Address at Emmanuel Missionary College, Broadview College, and Union College.

A.W.SPALDING:

VOTED, That A.W.Spalding respond to the invitation to deliver the address to the graduating class of the Washington Sanitarium Nurses' Training School, on June 24.

J.C.THOMPSON--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That J.C.Thompson be authorized to make a week-end trip to Richmond and one to East Pennsylvania.

H.A.HANSEN--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the medical expense of Mrs. H.A. Hansen, amounting to \$44.15, be referred to the Adjustment Committee, with the suggestion that one half the amount be allowed.

GEORGE REBELL--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That medical expense in the case of George Rebell, returned from Mexico, be referred to the Adjustment Committee, with the suggestion that we meet one half the expense of medical treatment which he is to receive.

The remainder of the Committee hour was taken by Elder Montgomery in making a report of his visit to the Southern Asia Division. He reported a good Division council, with new plans and policies outlined which gave the leaders new courage as they returned to their union and local fields. The medical work especially is breaking down the barriers, and enabling the workers to reach the people. It was felt that a new day is dawning for our work in India, and that we may soon expect to see a larger ingathering of souls in that great field.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E.ZEIDLER, Acting Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 11, 1929

P R E S E N T:

O Montgomery, W W Prescott, H H Cobban, G W Wells
J A Stevens, H H Hall, C Conard, Mrs L F Plummer, H T Elliott,
L A Hansen, C L Bond, A W Spalding, C S Longacre, C W Irwin,
E F Hackman, M C Taft, F M Wilcox.

Prayer by G.W.Wells.

J.E.SAUNDERS--RETURN TO INDIA:

J.E.Saunders having asked counsel as to extension of his furlough for two months, to allow him to take advantage of an opportunity to get some evangelistic experience in Southern California, it was--

VOTED, That in view of the exceptional need in the field at the present time, quite a number of workers leaving for furlough, we advise J.E.Saunders to hold to his original plan to sail in June in order to be back in India at the expiration of his furlough.

F.E.THOMPSON:

VOTED, That F.E.Thompson be authorized to go to the Orlando Sanitarium for a final medical examination, to determine whether it will be wise for him to return to Africa at the present time.

ANNE CATON--MEDICAL REPORT:

Medical report was presented and accepted for Miss Anne Caton, under appointment to Colombia.

L.R.ANDERSON--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference, the call from the Atlantic Union for L.R.Anderson to connect with Atlantic Union College as teacher of history.

A.W.SPALDING--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That A.W.Spalding respond to the request from the Atlantic Union to help in connection with a summer camp for young people in the Southern New England Conference, during the month of August.

VOTED, That A.W.Spalding respond to the invitation from the Chicago Conference, to hold a Home Commission Institute in Chicago May 3 - 6; and further, that we approve of an itinerary for Brother Spalding which will take him into the Central Union for institute work during the month of May.

E.F.HACKMAN--NEW YORK:

VOTED, That we approve of E.F.Hackman's attending a workers' meeting in Greater New York, April 23, in response to the invitation from the Atlantic Union.

FRED HUTCHINSON--SALARY:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to extend salary for an additional three months to Fred Hutchinson, returned from the Inter-American Division, charging the same to furlough account.

J.L.McELHANY:

VOTED, That in view of matters which are accumulating, demanding some attention before the beginning of the Spring Meeting, we wire J.L.McElhany, requesting that he reach Washington not later than April 18.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E.ZEIDLER, Acting Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1929

P R E S E N T:

O Montgomery, W W Prescott, F M Wilcox, G W Wells
H T Elliott, H H Hall, C Conard, H H Cobban, J A Stevens, E F
Hackman, H E Rogers, W L Burgan, L E Froom, C S Longacre, M C
Taft, A W Spalding, J C Thompson, L A Hansen, F H Robbins, C W
Irwin.

Prayer by E.F.Hackman.

GEO. E.CRAWFORD--CENTRAL AMERICA:

VOTED, That we request the Lake Union and the West Michigan Conference to release Geo. E.Crawford, of Cedar Lake Academy, to respond to the invitation from the Inter-American Division for self-supporting work in the Central American Union Mission.

A.T.KING--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were presented and accepted for Mr. and Mrs. A.T.King, appointed to Guiana.

O.W.TUCKER--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were accepted as satisfactory for Mr. and Mrs. O.W.Tucker, invited to the Jamaica school.

RALEIGH BURCHFIELD AND MISS TRUITT:

Medical reports were presented for Raleigh Burchfield and his fiancée, Miss Edith Mae Truitt, who are under appointment to the Inca Union. The doctor pronounced Brother Burchfield a good risk, and his report was accepted without question. In the case of Miss Truitt, on the basis of the findings the doctor had advised a thyroidectomy. It was therefore,--

VOTED, That if on further examination a thyroidectomy is found to be necessary, the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the expense involved in the operation.

R.P.ABEL--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

Medical reports were presented for Elder and Mrs. R.P.Abel, on furlough from Siam. The reports indicated that Brother Abel is in vigorous health, but that Sister Abel has not made the improvement in health that would warrant their return to the field at the present time, and on the advice of the doctor that there should be opportunity for further medical observation, and recheck on her report, it was--

VOTED, That we extend the furlough of Elder and Mrs. R.P.Abel for a period of three or four months, allowing Sister Abel time for further recuperation of health before their return to Siam.

I.V.COUNSELL--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were accepted as satisfactory for Mr. and Mrs. I.V.Counsell, on furlough from India.

C.C.KELLAR--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports for Mr. and Mrs. C.C.Kellar, and Miss Helen Kellar, were accepted, thus clearing the way for their return to India on the expiration of their furlough.

S.DEMCHUK:

Medical reports were presented for Elder and Mrs. S.Demchuk, under appointment to Poland. They were accepted with the understanding that Mrs. Demchuk be asked to submit a report from the doctor after her recovery from the operation which has been advised.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E.ZEIDLER, Acting Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 18, 1929

P R E S E N T:

O Montgomery, J L Shaw, J L McElhany, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, G W Wells, J A Stevens, C Conard, A W Spalding, L A Hansen, H H Hall, L E Froom, W E Howell, J C Thompson, C W Irwin, T E Bowen, M C Taft, C L Bond, H T Elliott, H H Cobban, E F Hackman, C S Longacre, H E Rogers.

Prayer by J.C.Thompson.

SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES OF H.K.SMITH:

The chairman reported to the Committee word which had been received from China, of the killing of Brother Herbert K. Smith, our missionary at Kweiyang, in the province of Kweichow West China. According to the information received, Brother Smith was itinerating in the southwestern part of the province, and met his death at the hands of bandits.

VOTED, That the secretary be asked to convey to the relatives and friends of Herbert K. Smith, and especially to his wife, the sympathy of this Committee with them in this sad tragedy which has occurred.

J.J.REISWIG--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Letter was read from J.J.Reiswig, of the Bureau of Home Missions, stating that the doctors had advised him to take his wife from Walla Walla to Southern California, in view of her serious condition of health.

VOTED, To refer to the Adjustment Committee, with power to act, the expense incident to J.J.Reiswig's locating in Southern California, in case it becomes necessary on account of Sister Reiswig's health for them to leave the Northwest.

L.B.MERSON--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to allow the transportation expense of Mr. and Mrs. L.B.Merston, on furlough from Malaysia, from Portland, Oregon, to Washington, D.C., and return to Portland.

R.P.ABEL:

Some further consideration was given to the case of Elder and Mrs. R.P.Abel and their family, on furlough from Siam. An extension of furlough had been granted to this family because Mrs. Abel and the children are not in condition healthwise to return to the field, and the question was raised

as to whether they ought not to be located in some place where they could receive good medical attention.

VOTED, That we recommend to Elder R.P. Abel that he take his family to California for the remaining months of their furlough, locating in the vicinity of San Francisco, where they may be in touch with Dr. C.C. Landis for medical attention, the treasurer being authorized to meet one half the expense of such medical care.

M.E.KERN--SOUTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, That we pass on to M.E. Kern the invitation from the Southern European Division for him to stop in Southern Europe on his return trip from Africa. In doing so that we express to Brother Kern our desire to have him present at the Autumn Council in the interests of his departmental work in view of the coming General Conference. However, in our judgment he should not cut short his trip in Africa. If consistent with the fulfilment of his mission in Africa, and also with the condition of his health, he is able to stop in Europe on the way back from Africa, and desires to do so, this Committee will concur in such arrangement, leaving it to his judgment as to whether to make the stop in Europe or come on to the Autumn Council.

V.P.HULSE--COLORADO:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Western Washington Conference the call from the Central Union for V.P. Hulse to connect with the work in the Colorado Conference.

A.E.LICKEY--WESTERN WASHINGTON:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for A.E. Lickey to connect with the Western Washington Conference.

A.E.HALL--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Prof. A.E. Hall, of Maplewood Academy, to connect with Southwestern Junior College as teacher of history.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E. ZEIDLER, Acting Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 18, 1929, 2 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, O Montgomery, J. L. Shaw, W E Howell,
L A Hansen, L E Froom, H T Elliott, C L Bond, F M Wilcox, J A
Stevens, C W Irwin, W W Prescott, T E Bowen, G W Wells, J.C.
Thompson, C Conard, M C Taft, A W Spalding, H E Rogers.

J.L.McElhany in the chair.

STANDARDS IN SCHOOLS:

The secretary of the Educational Department called attention to certain standards in the educational work which it is desired to have our various schools follow. He suggested the desirability of calling a convention when those in charge of the schools, as well as members of school boards, and the General Conference Committee could come together for the purpose of counsel and consideration of various phases of educational work, and the adoption of certain standards in carrying on that work.

VOTED, That the officers and the secretaries of the Educational Department be requested to take this question under further consideration, and to recommend to the Spring Meeting a time when such a meeting as is proposed can be held.

INVITATION TO SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That the members of the Review and Herald Board, the editors, and the members of the faculties of the Washington Sanitarium and Washington Missionary College, be invited to attend the meetings of the Spring Meeting of the Committee.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.E.ROGERS, Secretary pro tem.

THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 22, 1929

P R E S E N T:

O Montgomery, J L McElhany, J L Shaw, F M Wilcox,
H H Cobban, A W Spalding, G W Wells, C L Bond, J A Stevens, J C
Thompson, M N Campbell, H T Elliott, W W Prescott, L A Hansen,
L E Froom, C Conard, E F Hackman, M C Taft, W E Howell, C W Irwin.

Prayer by C.L.Bond.

C.M.SORENSEN--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That we pass on to the Lake Union and
Emmanuel Missionary College, without recommendation, the call from
the Central Union for C.M.Sorenson, to head the Bible Department
of Union College.

DR. J.H.REITH--RETHAVEN SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That we pass on to Dr. J.H.Reith, with our
hearty endorsement, the call from the Western Canadian Union to
him to take the medical superintendency of the Resthaven Sanitarium.

ELIJAH BELICH--WEST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, That we request the Lake Union and the
East Michigan Conference to release Elijah Belich, to connect
with the work in the West Pennsylvania Conference.

O. MONTGOMERY--KINGSTON, NEW YORK:

VOTED, That O.Montgomery respond to the request
from the Greater New York Conference to attend a general meet-
ing in Kingston, New York, May 4.

B.E.BEDDOE--BAHAMA ISLANDS:

VOTED, That we advise B.E.Beddoe to accept the
counsel of the doctors, and in order to make this possible he
be granted leave of absence for two or three months; further,
that his transportation at clergy rate from Washington to Nassau,
Bahama Islands, and return, be allowed.

N.Z.TOWN--VACATION:

VOTED, That in order to enable him to secure
needed rest and recuperation, N.Z.Town be granted a month's
vacation.

J.L.McELHANY--SHELTON AND FORT WORTH:

VOTED, That J.L.McElhany be requested to meet with the Shelton Academy, in Nebraska, on the occasion of their Jubilee celebration, and that in connection with this trip he arrange to meet an appointment which has been requested in Fort Worth, Texas.

M.N.CAMPBELL--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell be authorized to make a trip to Philadelphia, New York and South Lancaster in connection with interests of the Bureau of Home Missions.

MEDICAL EXPENSES:

VOTED, That medical expense in the case of the wife and baby of O.J.Lawrence, returned from Inter-America, amounting to \$33.76, be referred to the Adjustment Committee, with the suggestion that one half the amount be allowed.

VOTED, That the medical expense of Mr. and Mrs. E.J.Kraft, of the Far Eastern Division, amounting to \$30.85, be referred to the Adjustment Committee, suggesting that one half the amount be allowed.

VOTED, That medical expense amounting to \$103.50 in the case of F.E.Thompson, of Africa, be referred to the Adjustment Committee, with the suggestion that one half the amount be allowed.

H. SKADSHEIM:

VOTED, To refer to the Adjustment Committee the question of meeting one half the medical expense of H. Skadsheim at the Washington Sanitarium.

VOTED, That salary be continued to H. Skadsheim for a period of three months, if necessary, beginning June 1.

ANNA KNIGHT--COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the Southeastern Union be invited to send Miss Anna Knight to the council for colored workers, which is called for April 24.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
E. ZEIDLER, Acting Secretary.

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THREE HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D. C., April 26, 1929, 7:30 P. M.

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The Spring Meeting of the Committee began on Sabbath evening, April 26, with a Bible study given by Elder O. Montgomery. With great earnestness he dwelt upon the present conditions that prevail in the world and in the church, and appealed for a new spirit of evangelism to take hold of our workers for the winning of souls.

Sabbath morning at ten o'clock Elder J. L. Shaw led out in a Bible study on the ministry, introducing some proposals for increasing the ministry. His suggestions were heartily received, and it was decided to ask the Council to consider these suggestions with a view to formulating a plan. In the afternoon service Elder J. L. McElhany led in a study on the need of a spiritual ministry, dwelling upon the conditions that prevail at the present time which call for a great spiritual infilling.

The first business session was called at 7 P. M., April 27, in the church, with Elder O. Montgomery in the chair.

P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, O. Montgomery, J. L. McElhany, J. L. Shaw, F. M. Wilcox, J. E. Fulton, E. K. Slade, M. B. Van Kirk, S. A. Ruskjer, M. Lukens, J. J. Nethery, F. H. Robbins, M. N. Campbell, F. C. Gilbert, S. A. Wellman, Dr. P. T. Magan, H. H. Hall, G. W. Wells, H. E. Rogers, T. E. Bowen, Dr. Adrian Clark (of India), B. M. Emerson, M. L. Andreasen, H. P. Bloum, W. L. Adams, L. E. Mershon (of Borneo), L. E. Froom, M. C. Taft, H. O. Olson, G. F. Wolfkill, C. E. Rice, W. H. Holden, J. W. MacNeil, H. T. Elliott, W. E. Howell, D. J. C. Barrett, N. R. Nelson, C. Conard, L. W. Graham, W. H. Heckman, E. F. Hackman, C. L. Bond, P. L. Thompson, Chas. Thompson, J. C. Thompson, F. D. Nichol, J. A. Stevens, N. S. Ashton, W. C. Moffett, W. E. Nelson, H. H. Cobban, C. A. Russell, H. H. Votaw, W. F. Martin, J. A. Tucker, E. R. Palmer, C. S. Longacre, Mrs. L. F. Plummer, R. L. Bradford, M. G. Strachan, J. M. Campbell, B. W. Abney, J. G. Dasent, H. D. Greene, A. N. Durant, E. C. Allison, G. E. Peters, F. L. Peterson, L. A. Hansen, E. L. Richmond, J. F. Huenergardt, W. M. Landeen (from Europe).

All united in singing "Nearer Thee, and ever nearer, O Thou constant mighty Friend", and prayer was offered by Elder J. E. Fulton.

The chairman voiced the pleasure of all present in having Elder Spicer able to meet with us in this first session of the Spring Meeting. Elder Spicer spoke a few words, especially with reference to the growth of the work in South America in the twenty-six years since he had last visited that field.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following daily program was read and adopted:

8:30	-	9:30	A. M.	--	Devotional
9:30	-	12:15		--	Business session
2:00	-	5:00	P. M.	--	Business session
7:00	-	8:30		--	Business session

CABLE TO W. H. BRANSON:

The secretary read a letter from W. H. Branson, of the African Division, setting forth conditions in his family which led him to feel that he should ask for a change of field and of work following the coming General Conference session. Elder Branson requested that in case the Committee were agreeable to his suggestions he might receive such word by cable in order that he might know how to plan his work between now and the time of the session.

VOTED, That in response to W. H. Branson's request, on account of personal and family situations, we cable him, agreeing to his proposition to return to the General Conference session, prepared to remain in America.

MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM RUSSIA:

A message was read from the Committee of the United Unions of Seventh-day Adventists in Soviet Russia, expressing the joy of the brethren and sisters in that land that they belong to a people that the Lord is gathering from many languages all over the world, and sending their greetings through the General Conference Committee to all the believers in the whole world who are preparing to meet the Lord when He comes.

VOTED, That it is with pleasure and appreciation that we receive this message from our brethren and sisters in Soviet Russia, and in return we bid them Godspeed and much of God's blessing in their work.

COMMITTEES:

The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: J. L. Shaw, the officers, the union presidents, E. R. Palmer, H. H. Hall, H. H. Cobban, Claude Conard, C. W. Irwin, B. M. Emerson, E. J. Stipeck, H. P. Bloum, Dr. P. T. Magan, C. E. Rice, W. E. Nelson, J. W. Christian, E. L. Place.

Committee on Week of Prayer Readings: F. M. Wilcox, J. E. Fulton, E. K. Slade, L. E. Froom, M. N. Campbell, J. G. Dasent.

Committee on Nominations: J. L. McElhany, the union conference presidents, T. H. Allison, H. D. Greene.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Statistical Report for North America for the year 1928 was presented by H. E. Rogers. This report showed that at the close of 1928 the membership of the 2,229 churches in the United States and Canada was 113,737, an increase during the year of 1,461. The total contributions for all lines of evangelistic work were greater during 1928 than ever before recorded, aggregating \$8,590,550.08, a per capita of \$75.53. The total funds contributed in North America for all lines of evangelistic work during the eight years from 1921 to 1928 were \$61,315,862.04, as compared with \$53,039,986.08 for the preceding 58 years, or from the time the work was organized in 1863 to the close of 1920. The report showed that the growth in members does not keep pace with the growth in funds.

In the course of the report Brother Rogers called attention to certain discrepancies in the dropping and receiving of church members by letter, the number being greatly increased in the fourth quarter of each year over any other quarter of the year. This called forth considerable discussion, and led to the conviction that some action should be taken by the Committee, admonishing and instructing conferences and churches on this question.

VOTED, That we thank the Statistical Secretary for his report, and that it be referred to the Committee on Plans and Recommendations, to bring in helpful recommendations covering the special items under discussion.

Adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McELHANY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secy.

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1929, 9:30 A. M.

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The second business session of the Spring Meeting convened at 9:30 A. M., Sunday, April 28, following the 8:30 devotional service.

O. Montgomery in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEES:

Additional committees were appointed by the chair as follows:

On Distribution of Labor: J. L. McElhany, chairman; the union conference presidents, the departmental secretaries and associate secretaries.

On Plans and Recommendations: G. W. Wells, chairman; W. W. Prescott, F. C. Gilbert, the departmental secretaries, F. A. Wright, D. J. C. Barrett, W. F. Martin, G. E. Peters, J. H. Humphrey, P. G. Rodgers, G. F. Wolfkill, H. J. Klooster, P. L. Thompson, M. L. Andreasen, O. M. John, the editors present, W. L. Adams, L. E. Froom, H. H. Hamilton, F. D. Wells, T. W. Steen.

It was agreed that the question of readings for the Negro Offering be referred to the Committee on Week of Prayer Readings.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

Various items on the Agenda were referred to the different committees.

S. DEMCHUK:

At this point a final medical statement for Mrs. S. Demchuk, who with her husband is under appointment to Poland, was presented and being satisfactory was accepted as clearing the way for Elder and Mrs. Demchuk to go forward to the field.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS:

The Board of Regents, which was appointed at the 1928 Autumn Council to deal with the question of school accrediting, had met in Kansas City in February to survey the situation, and to formulate some program of procedure for getting into working relationship with the state authorities. W. E. Howell, the chairman, gave a brief report of what the Board had endeavored to do, the situation as they viewed it, and presented the following recommendation from the Board:

Whereas, The problems confronting our schools relative to the standardizing and accrediting of Normal, Premedical and Prenursing education demand immediate concerted action,

We recommend, That the Spring Council of 1929 be requested to authorize the formation of an Association to be known as The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Colleges and Secondary Schools, whose membership shall consist of the Board of Regents and such institutions as shall qualify for membership

in the Association.

In connection with this recommendation a Constitution and By-laws, and Standards for Accrediting Colleges, Junior Colleges and Secondary Schools were read.

Some discussion was entered into on various technical points, and pending further discussion on the recommendation and suggested Constitution, adjournment was taken at 12:20.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McELHANY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1929, 2:00 P. M.

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The third meeting was called in the church at 2 P.M.

After singing, prayer was offered by W. M. Landeen, from Europe.

ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A. COLLEGES
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

After further discussion of the Recommendation from the Board of Regents, calling for the formation of an Association of Seventh-day Adventist Colleges and Secondary Schools, the recommendation was by vote adopted, thus authorizing the creation of such an Association.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND STANDARDS:

VOTED, That we adopt the Constitution and By-Laws for this Association, and the Standards for Accrediting, as far as have been presented, with the understanding that they will be perfected and completed and submitted to the Minority Committee for final approval.

(These will appear in later Minutes.)

(See following pages)

BOARD OF REGENTS:

VOTED, That C. W. Irwin be appointed to serve as permanent secretary of the Board of Regents.

VOTED, That the present personnel of the Board of Regents continue until the Autumn Council of 1930.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

This Association shall be called THE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTY COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Article II

Objectives

The objectives of this Association shall be:

I. To establish closer relationships between such secondary schools and institutions of higher education as membership in this Association within the territory of the Canada.

II. To assure the efficiency of all schools holding Association by maintaining high standards in:

- 1. Character training
- 2. Scholarship
- 3. Teaching
- 4. Library, laboratory, and other equipment
- 5. Housing
- 6. Health
- 7. Financial management

Article III

Membership

Section I. The membership of this Association shall consist of three classes:

- I. Members of the Board of Regents as hereinafter provided for.
- II. One representative of each member institution.
- III. Honorary members not to exceed five in number.

Section II. Any institution of higher learning, or secondary school, coming within the scope of this Association and fully meeting all its standards shall, when approved by the Association, be admitted to membership on the payment of annual dues. The character of its work and the general tone of an institution are important factors in determining eligibility.

The classes of schools eligible for membership may be listed as follows:

- 1. College
- 2. Junior College
- 3. Secondary School
- 4. College of Medicine
- 5. School of Nursing

Such membership shall cease if at any time or for any reason the institution of higher education or secondary school is dropped from the approved list of the Association.

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Summary

Section III. The Board of Regents referred to in Article III, Section I, shall consist of eleven members, and shall be chosen by the constituent members of this Association subject to confirmation of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in quadrennial session or at the annual session of the Autumn Council for such period or periods of time as is provided for in the by-laws. Any vacancies shall be filled by nomination by the Board of Regents, subject to confirmation and appointment by the General Conference Committee.

The board is to be constituted as follows: The Secretary of the Department of Education, the Executive-secretary of the Association, three college presidents, one junior college president, one secondary school principal, the President of the College of Medicine, the Dean of Loma Linda Division of the College of Medicine, one union educational secretary, and the secretary of nursing education of the Medical Department.

Section IV. Five honorary members to be chosen by the General Conference Committee.

Section V. Officers of the Association, members of the Board of Regents (if not otherwise eligible), and honorary members shall be entitled to one vote each. Also a secondary school or institution of higher education holding membership shall have one vote on any question before the Association, such vote to be cast by the executive head of the secondary school or institution of higher education, or by some person designated by him in credentials sent to the Executive Secretary. Any person engaging in the work of teaching or administration in a secondary school or institution of higher education which holds membership in the Association shall have the right to attend meetings and participate in the discussions of the Association, but shall not be entitled to vote except as represented in the vote by the executive head of the institution.

Article IV.

Officers and Committees.

Section I. The officers of this Association shall be a Chairman and an Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary of the Department of Education of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination shall be Chairman of this Association.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of this Association shall be nominated by the Board of Regents, which nomination shall be subject to the confirmation of the General Conference Committee, and when so confirmed and appointed the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall act as Secretary of the Board of Regents, and shall devote his time to the interests of the Association, his salary and expenses to be paid by the General Conference.

Section II. The Executive Committee of this Association shall be the officers of this Association and the Board of Regents. Such other committees shall be appointed by the Board of Regents as may be deemed necessary properly to administer all the functions of the Association.

Article V.

Duties of the Officers.

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to the several offices. The Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Association and act as Chairman of the Board of Regents.

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The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall record and publish the proceedings of the Association and render a statement of the funds received and disbursed by the Association, in harmony with such rules as may be provided in the By-Laws for the proceedings and the financial administration of the Association.

The Board of Regents shall formulate the general standards and policies for the Association, which upon ratification by the General Conference Committee shall become the operating policy for all member institutions, shall prepare the business for the Association by the inspection of schools and otherwise, fix the time and place of annual meetings, fix the amount of annual dues as approved by the Association, call special meetings, and in general act for the Association while it is not in session.

Article VI.

Meetings

There shall be a regular annual meeting at the call of the Executive Secretary after counsel with the Chairman and other members of the Board of Regents on the time and place. Any special session of the Board of Regents shall be called by the Executive Secretary on approval of the members of the Board and the General Conference Committee.

Article VII.

Fees.

To meet the expenses of the Association an annual fee shall be paid by each institutional member, the amount to be determined by the Association on the recommendation of the Board of Regents.

Article VIII.

Quorum

At any meeting duly appointed by the Board of Regents, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Association.

Article IX.

Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote at any regular meeting. Notice of a proposed amendment must be made in writing to all members present at a regular meeting before action is taken.

BY LAWSI. Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

This Association shall maintain a standing committee known as the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. It shall be the duty of this Commission to provide for such inspection and investigation as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of colleges making application for accrediting in this Association, and to submit to this Association for its approval or rejection a list of colleges and junior colleges so inspected, to present a written report of inspection including suggestions and recommendations concerning the institution under consideration, and concerning general policies within the sphere of the commission's activity.

II. Commission on Secondary Schools.

This Association shall maintain a standing committee known as the Commission on Secondary Schools. It shall be the duty of this Commission to provide for such inspection and investigation as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of secondary schools making application for accrediting in this Association, and to submit to this Association for its approval or rejection a list of secondary schools so inspected, to present a written report of inspection including suggestions and recommendations concerning the institution under consideration, and concerning general policies within the sphere of the commission's activity.

III. Commission on Premedical Education.

This Association shall maintain a standing committee known as the Commission on Premedical Education. It shall be the duty of this Commission to provide for the inspection of colleges offering premedical work, to determine the efficiency of the teaching staff and the adequacy of the laboratory equipment for premedical instruction. The report of this Commission will be a factor in determining the eligibility of such colleges for membership in the Association.

IV. Commission on Teacher Training.

This Association shall maintain a standing committee known as the Commission on Teacher Training. It shall be the duty of this commission to provide for inspection of institutions offering teacher training, to determine the efficiency of the teaching staff and the adequacy of the facilities, such as the practice school, equipment, and the like. The report of this Commission will be a factor in determining the eligibility of such colleges for membership in this Association.

V. Commission on Nurses' Education.

This Association shall maintain a standing committee known as the Commission on Nurses' Education. It shall be the duty of this Commission to provide for the inspection of the nurses' training departments of sanitariums and hospitals offering nurses' training courses, to determine the efficiency of the teaching staff and the facilities for giving nurses' training under the most approved plans for such instruction. A report of this Commission will be an important factor in determining the eligibility of such nurses' training schools for membership in this Association.

VI. Financial Survey Commission.

This Association will make use of the findings of the Financial Survey Commission appointed by the General Conference to inspect and set up the standards for the financial management of secondary schools and institutions of higher education. The report of this Commission will be accepted by the Association as having a bearing on the eligibility of institutions applying for membership in this Association.

VII. Duties of the Board of Regents.

The members of the various commissions shall be appointed by the Board of Regents. The Commissions shall report and be responsible to the Board of Regents. It shall pass on all applications of institutions seeking membership in the Association, requiring for all institutions the recommendation of the commissions concerned. It shall report the failure of any member institution to conform to the standards set by the Association, and by vote of the Association such institution may be dropped from the list of members. The Board of Regents shall report to the Association at its regular session all work done during the interim between sessions. The Board of Regents of this Association shall hear and determine the appeals, if any, against the findings or recommendations of these Commissions.

VIII. Finances.

The Board of Regents shall have authority through its Treasurer to collect an annual fee from institutions accredited by this Association for meeting the general expenses of the Association. The fees shall be as follows:

For a College - - - - -	\$25.00
For a Junior College, or Nurses' Training School-	20.00
For Secondary Schools - - - - -	15.00

The Treasurer shall render to the Association an annual report covering all receipts and expenditures.

IX. The Executive-Secretary shall be ex-officio member of all the commissions. He shall publish such proceedings or other documents as may be authorized by the Board of Regents.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COLLEGES
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Standards for Accrediting Colleges

1. Definition. A standard college for the purposes of this Association is understood to designate an institution--
 - (a) legally authorized to grant Bachelor's degrees.
 - (b) based on the satisfactory completion of a four-year course in an accredited secondary school.
2. Admission. The college shall require for admission the satisfactory completion of a four-year course in an accredited secondary school. The major portion of the units offered for entrance should be definitely correlated with the college curriculum.
3. Faculty. The college shall maintain at least eight distinct departments, each in charge of a teacher giving full time to college work.
4. Faculty Preparation. The heads of college departments shall be teachers with the following qualifications:
 - (a) Persons with high ideals of Christian education in harmony with the objectives of this Association.
 - (b) The minimum scholastic preparation of heads of departments shall be two years of graduate work, presumably including the Master's degree.
 - (c) Teachers of outstanding ability in the teaching profession.
 - (d) Teachers who will be an inspiration to their students to attain the highest type of culture and refinement.
 - (e) Teachers who in their capacity as members of the faculty will be leaders of thought, and cooperative.
5. Teacher's Schedule. The number of hours of classroom work given by each teacher will vary in different departments. To determine this, the amount of preparation required for the class, the amount of time needed for study to keep abreast of the subject, together with the number of students must be taken into account. Under average conditions the teacher schedule should average sixteen recitation hours or their equivalent per week. Two laboratory hours will be counted as equivalent to one recitation hour.
6. Size of Class. Two extremes should be avoided in the size of classes. It is difficult for an instructor to give careful personal supervision to students in very large classes. On the other hand, very small classes are not conducive to inspirational teaching. The formation of small classes should be avoided as far as possible by the alternation of subjects from year to year. It is recognized that classes above thirty endanger efficiency.
7. Graduation. A minimum of 128 semester hours shall be required for graduation, with further qualitative requirements in scholarship adapted by each institution to its conditions.

8. Income. There shall be a minimum annual operating income of \$50,000, derived from the following sources:
- (a) Income from students.
 - (b) Income from the church subsidy.
 - (c) Income based on missionary faculty wage.
9. Registration. No college shall be admitted to the accredited list or continued more than one year on such list unless it has a regular college registration of at least one hundred students.
10. Buildings and material equipment. The location and construction of buildings, lighting, heating and ventilation of rooms, the nature of the lavatories, corridors, closets, water supply, school furniture, apparatus, and methods of cleaning shall be such as to insure hygienic conditions for both students and teachers.
11. Libraries. The College shall have a live, well-distributed, professionally administered library of at least 8,000 volumes (exclusive of public documents) bearing specifically upon the subjects taught, and with a definite annual appropriation for the purchase of new books and current periodicals.
12. Laboratories. The laboratory equipment shall be adequate for all the experiments called for by the courses offered in the sciences, and these facilities shall be kept up by means of an annual appropriation in keeping with the curriculum.
13. Separation of College and Preparatory School. A college shall not maintain a secondary school as part of its college organization.
14. Professional and Technical Departments. When the institution has in addition to the College of Arts and Sciences, Professional or Technical Schools or Departments, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences shall not be accepted for the approved list of the Association unless the Professional or Technical Departments are of an accepted grade.
15. General Standards. The character of the curriculum, the efficiency of the instruction, and the scientific spirit, the standard of regular degrees, conservatism in granting honorary degrees, and the tone of the institution shall be factors in determining eligibility for accrediting.
16. Special Standards. The colleges accredited in this Association shall be expected to include in their curricula, in addition to the usual instruction in the arts and sciences, thorough courses in the following:
1. In Bible instruction.
 2. In health principles, which shall include instruction and practice in simple treatment of disease, and Red Cross work.
 3. In vocational or manual training.

All colleges in this Association will be expected to give thorough instruction in health and physical education. Manual labor and participation in the daily duties required by the institution are encouraged in lieu of athletics.

17. Discipline. The colleges qualifying for membership in this Association will be expected to maintain high standards of discipline and to have complete control of all extra-curricular activities so that the tone of the college and the grade of its scholarship shall not suffer because of the lack of faculty control in such matters.
18. Housing and Boarding. It shall be required that the students' homes and the boarding departments shall be conducted on a high plane of Christian culture and refinement.
19. Financial Management. All schools in this Association will be required to operate on the budget control plan, with monthly statements for all departments, and in harmony with standards set up by the Financial Survey Commission.
20. Inspection. No college will be accredited until it has been personally inspected and reported upon by a Commission regularly appointed by the Board of Regents.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COLLEGES
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Standards for Junior Colleges

1. Definition. The junior college is an institution of higher education which gives two years of work equivalent in prerequisites, scope, and thoroughness to the work done in the first two years of a college as defined under the standards for accredited colleges.
2. Admission. The junior college shall require for admission the satisfactory completion of a four-year course in an accredited secondary school, or the equivalent. These units must represent work done in an academy or secondary school approved by this Association or other accrediting agencies, or by the result of examination.
3. Degrees. Junior colleges shall not grant degrees.
4. Requirements for Graduation. The minimum requirement for graduation shall be sixty-four semester hours of credit. A semester hour is defined as one period of classroom work in lecture or recitation extending through not less than fifty minutes net, or its equivalent, per week, for a period of eighteen weeks. In addition to the above quantitative requirements, each institution shall adopt qualitative standards suited to its individual conditions.
5. Registration. No junior college shall be accredited unless it has at least sixty students regularly registered in accordance with these standards.
6. Faculty. The minimum scholarship requirement of all teachers of classes in the junior college shall be graduation from an accredited college, or an equivalent, and in addition graduate work amounting to not less than one year. In all cases, efficiency in teaching as well as the amount of graduate work should be taken into account.
7. Finances. The minimum annual operating income for the educational program of the junior college shall be at least \$20,000, which will be derived from the following sources:
 - (a) Income from students
 - (b) Income from church subsidy
 - (c) Income based on the missionary faculty wage
8. Teachers' Schedules. The teaching schedule of instructors shall not exceed eighteen hours a week, exclusive of lectures.
9. Buildings and Material Equipment. The location and construction of the buildings, the lighting, heating, and ventilation of the rooms, the nature of the lavatories, corridors, closets, water supply, school furniture, apparatus, and methods of cleaning shall be such as to insure hygienic conditions for both students and teachers.
10. Libraries. The junior college shall have a live, well-distributed, professionally administered library of at least 3,000 volumes (exclusive of public documents) bearing specifically upon the subjects taught, and with a definite annual appropriation for the purchase of new books and current periodicals.

- 11. Laboratories. The laboratory equipment shall be adequate for all the experiments called for by the courses offered, and these facilities shall be kept up by means of an annual appropriation in keeping with the curriculum.
- 12. Separation of College and Preparatory School. A junior college shall not maintain a secondary school as part of its college organization.
- 13. General Standards. The character of the curriculum, the efficiency of the instruction, the scientific spirit, and the tone of the institution shall be factors in determining eligibility for accrediting.
- 14. Special Standards. The junior colleges accredited in this Association shall be expected to include in their curricula, in addition to the usual instruction in the arts and sciences, thorough courses in the following.
 - 1. In Bible instruction.
 - 2. In health principles, which shall include instruction and practice in simple treatment of disease, and Red Cross work.
 - 3. In vocational or manual training.

All junior colleges in this Association will be expected to give thorough instruction in health and physical education. Manual labor and participation in the daily duties required by the institution are encouraged in lieu of athletics.

- 15. Discipline. The junior colleges qualifying for membership in this Association will be expected to maintain high standards of discipline and to have complete control of all extra-curricular activities so that the tone of the college and the grade of its scholarship shall not suffer because of the lack of faculty control in such matters.
- 16. Housing and Boarding. It shall be required that the students' homes and the boarding departments shall be conducted on a high plane of Christian culture and refinement.
- 17. Financial Management. All schools in this Association will be required to operate on the budget control plan, with monthly statements for all departments, and in harmony with standards set up by the Financial Survey Commission.
- 18. Inspection. No junior college will be accredited until it has been personally inspected and reported upon by a Commission regularly appointed by the Board of Regents.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COLLEGES
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Standards for Secondary Schools

1. Policies

Policies are rules governing the procedure of the Commission on Secondary Schools.

1. No school that has been continuously accredited for five years will be dropped without a year's warning. Schools not continuously accredited for five years may be dropped without warning.
2. Any school warned shall be dropped the following year if the school persists in violating the same standard.
3. The time for which schools are accredited shall be limited to one year dating from the time of the accrediting of the school by this Association.
4. Credits gained by extension courses, correspondence courses, or by examination will not be considered by the Commission on Secondary Schools unless such credits are accepted by one or more colleges accredited in this Association.
5. The agent of communication between the accredited schools and this Association for the purpose of distributing, collecting, and filing annual reports of such schools, and for such other purposes as the Association may direct, is as follows:
 - (a) The Executive-Secretary of this Association.
 - (b) Such inspectors of schools as may be appointed by the Board of Regents.
6. The interim authority for interpreting standards will be the Executive Secretary of this Association.

II. Regulations

1. It shall be the duty of the Board of Regents to agree upon a uniform blank for inspection, and one for the annual reports of secondary school principals relative to organization, teaching force, attendance, library, laboratories, and other equipment.
2. The Board of Regents shall also prepare a uniform blank certifying membership of the secondary school in this Association as evidence that its students are eligible to college entrance, such blank to be used by all members.
3. No school can be considered unless the regular annual blank furnished for the purpose shall have been properly and completely filled out and placed on file with the Executive Secretary. Schools in good standing will make a complete report on teachers once in three years, but full data relative to changes must be presented annually.
4. Schools seeking accrediting shall submit evidence showing an approval of the standards of the Association and of the application for membership by the secondary school board.

5. No school will be accredited when more than twenty-five per cent of the teachers of academic subjects fail to meet the requirements for the preparation of teachers, or when any teacher of academic subjects who has been in the school less than two years fails to meet the same requirements. No school will be accredited which employs less than five full-time teachers, or the equivalent, four of whom, or the equivalent, must be full-time teachers of academic subjects.

III. Standards.

Standards are rules for the government of secondary schools which may be violated only upon the penalty of warning.

1. Buildings. The location and construction of the buildings, the lighting, heating, and ventilation of rooms, the nature of the lavatories, corridors, closets, water supply, school furniture, apparatus, and methods of cleaning shall be such as to insure hygienic conditions for both students and teachers.

2. Libraries and Laboratories. The library and laboratory facilities must be adequate to meet the needs of instruction in all courses offered. The library should have at least 1500 volumes and shall be classified and catalogue and an annual inventory should be made of laboratory and shop equipment.

3. Records. Accurate and complete records of attendance and scholarship and finance must be kept in such form as to be conveniently used and safely preserved.

4. Requirements for Graduation.

(a) Secondary schools must require a minimum of sixteen units for graduation,

(b) The minimum length of a recitation period shall be not less than forty minutes exclusive of all time used in changing classes or teachers.

(c) A unit course of study in an academy is defined as a course covering an academic year. The academic unit shall be based upon class recitation work through thirty-eight weeks, or its equivalent of one hundred twenty sixty-minute hours, exclusive of passing time, and two hours of shop or laboratory work shall be equivalent to one hour of prepared classroom work.

5. Instruction and Spirit. The efficiency of instruction, the loyalty to the principles of Christian education, the acquired habits of thought and study, the general intellectual and spiritual tone of the school, and the cooperative attitude of the community are paramount factors, and, therefore, only schools that rank well in these particulars as evidenced by rigid, thorough-going, sympathetic inspection, shall be considered eligible for approval.

6. Preparation of Teachers. All secondary schools accredited by this Association shall maintain the following standards respecting teachers:

(a) The minimum attainments of the teachers of any academic subjects, of the supervisors of teachers of such subjects, and of the principal, shall be college work equivalent to graduation from a college belonging to this Association, or from a college of equal rank.

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(b) The minimum professional training of a teacher of any academic subject, of the supervisors of teachers of such subjects, and of the principal, shall be fifteen semester hours in Education. In these fifteen hours it is recommended that there be included courses in Philosophy of Education, Educational Psychology, Secondary Education, Classroom Management, Practice and Methods in the Major Studies.

(Requirements a and b shall not be construed as retroactive within the Association).

(c) It is expected that the teachers shall teach classes in the field of their own major or minor studies in college, and it is expected that the instructors shall have an acceptable record morally and spiritually. It is recommended that each instructor shall have at least one year of college vocational.

(d) Due consideration shall be given to teachers with other than this preparation who have demonstrated their ability through successful experience, provided at least three-fourths of the teachers of academic subjects meet the standards of preparation. Teachers should have had professional training or should have had successful teaching experience. A school to be accredited shall have a salary schedule in harmony with the General Conference salary scale.

(e) In all emergency appointments during the school year, in which teachers do not fully meet the standards for the preparation of teachers, the Board of Regents will insist that these be temporary, and for the remainder of the school year only. Such cases must be certified to this Association by the principal, including a statement concerning the training, experience, salary, and efficiency of such teachers.

7. Curriculum. The Association recommends that every accredited secondary school require the following twelve units of work for those expecting to pursue college or professional courses:

- 1 unit of Bible for each year of attendance up to 3 units
- 3 units of English
- 2 units of Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Science
- 1 unit of Mathematics
- 1 unit of History
- 1 unit of Vocational

8. Teaching Load. No instructor shall be required to teach more than six recitations a day and a maximum of five recitations a day is recommended. The maximum teaching load of any teacher shall be 750 pupil periods per week. In interpreting this standard a double period in laboratory or shop, or two periods of study room supervision, shall be counted as the equivalent of one recitation period.

9. The Pupil Load. Four unit courses, or the equivalent in vocational unit courses, shall be considered the normal amount of work carried for credit toward graduation by the average or medium student. Only such students as rank in ability in the upper twenty-five per cent of the student body may be allowed to take more than four units of credit by vote of the faculty. A different practice in the secondary school must be explained to the Board of Regents.

10. Discipline. The secondary schools qualifying for membership in this Association will be expected to maintain high standards of discipline and to have complete control of all extra-curricular activities so that the tone of the secondary school and the grade of its scholarship shall not suffer because of the lack of faculty control in such matters.

11. Housing and Boarding. It shall be required that students' homes and the boarding departments shall be conducted on a high plane of discipline and of Christian culture and refinement.

12. Financial Management. All secondary schools in this Association will be required to operate on the budget control plan, with monthly statements for all departments, and in harmony with standards set up by the Financial Survey Commission appointed by the General Conference Committee.

13. Inspection. No secondary school will be accredited until it has been personally inspected and reported upon by a Commission regularly appointed by the Board of Regents.

VOTED, That the eleventh member of the Board, provided for in the Constitution and By-laws, be John Z. Hottel.

Adjourned at 7 P. M., Prof. H. H. Hamilton offering the closing prayer.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McElhany, Secretary
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1929, 7:00 P. M.

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The fourth meeting began promptly at 7 P. M., April 28, in the General Conference chapel. After an opening song, Elder J. G. Dasent led in prayer.

RALEIGH BURCHFIELD RELEASED:

The secretary read a statement from the doctor advising against sending Miss Truitt, the fiancée of Raleigh Burchfield, to a foreign field at the present time, and it was

VOTED, That we release Raleigh Burchfield and his fiancée from the appointment to the Inca Union Mission.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 1927, being the twenty-third annual report, was presented by H. E. Rogers, the Statistical Secretary. The report showed an aggregate value of the 4,557 denominational organizations of \$49,293,887.27. One very encouraging feature of the report was the decided improvement in the matter of the reduction of denominational liabilities.

VOTED, That we express to Brother Rogers our appreciation of the painstaking labor involved in the compilation of these Statistical and Financial Reports.

AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The chairman introduced the question of the time and place of holding the next Autumn Council. Invitations had been received from Spokane, Denver, Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago and Memphis. F. H. Robbins extended an invitation to Cleveland or Columbus; W. C. Moffett, to Toronto; and W. H. Holden, to Detroit or Chicago.

After some discussion as to the best time for holding the Council it was

VOTED, That the Autumn Council begin on Tuesday evening, September 24.

VOTED, That the local conference presidents be invited to attend the coming Autumn Council.

VOTED, That the question of the place for holding the Council be referred to the Minority Committee.

Adjourned, Prof. W. E. Nelson offering the closing prayer.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McELHANY, SECRETARY
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1929, 9:45 A. M.

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Following an inspiring devotional service led by Elder F. M. Wilcox, the fifth business session of the Spring Meeting was called at 9:45 Monday morning, April 29, in the church.

J. L. McElhany in the chair.

The minutes of the meetings of the preceding day were read and approved.

PROMOTION OF MISSION FUNDS AND THE PLEDGE CARD:

The treasurer, J. L. Shaw, presented a comparative statement of mission offerings for the years 1927 and 1928, which showed quite decided gains in almost every offering in 1928 over 1927. On the Sixty-cent-a-week Fund as a whole there was a gain in 1928 over 1927 of \$127,583.41, the per capita giving for 1928 being \$.491.

The treasurer then made an earnest appeal in behalf of the use of the pledge card as one of the best means for promoting mission funds. Union conference presidents responded with assurances that endeavor is being made to educate workers and people in the use of the card, and great satisfaction was expressed as to results in those places where it has been used.

CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING AT LOMA LINDA:

J. E. Fulton presented a request from the Pacific

Union that they be permitted to go forward with the erection of a much needed church school building at Loma Linda. It is estimated that the building will cost not more than \$11,000. They already have about \$5,000 in hand, and promise not to go ahead until 75% of the amount is in hand in cash or unquestioned pledges.

VOTED, That we approve of the Pacific Union's putting up a church school building at Loma Linda to cost approximately \$11,000, it being understood that they will adhere to the General Conference policy of having 75% of the funds in hand before building operations are begun.

DR. JOHN McKIBBEN--NORTHWEST INDIA: .

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Union and the Loma Linda Sanitarium to release Dr. John McKibben, and that we invite Dr. McKibben to respond to the call from the Southern Asia Division for medical work in Northwest India.

ORDINATION OF DR. E. H. RISLEY:

VOTED, That we recommend the ordination to the gospel ministry of Dr. E. H. Risley, dean of the College of Medical Evangelists, and that we request the Pacific Union Conference to arrange for the ordination service.

E. R. THIELE--ORDINATION:

VOTED, That we recommend the ordination of E. R. Thiele, who is under appointment to return to China, and that we request the Columbia Union to arrange for the ordination service.

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A short recess was taken. As the members were taking their places following the recess, Brother F. L. Peterson sang "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me."

SANITARIUM SURVEY COMMISSION:

C. E. Rice, reporting for the Sanitarium Survey Commission, stated that during the year 1928 the sanitariums in North America showed an actual reduction in their notes payable to the amount of \$177,917.51. The Glendale Sanitarium during 1928 reduced its note indebtedness to the amount of \$45,228.31; the Washington Sanitarium had a reduction in notes payable of \$32,500. Other sanitariums also showed encouraging progress in the matter of debt reduction.

Adjourned at 12:15.

J. L. McELHANY, Chairman
O. MONTGOMERY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1929, 2:00 P. M.

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The sixth meeting, at 2 P. M., April 29, was opened with prayer by Elder F. A. Wright.

THE PORTER SANITARIUM:

C. E. Rice gave a brief report of the progress being made in the building of the sanitarium in Denver, Colorado, made possible by the generous gift of Mr. Henry M. Porter. The corner stone of the building was laid on April 7. The sanitarium is to be known as the Porter Sanitarium.

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES:

A comparative statement on the Book and Bible Houses in North America, covering the past six years, was presented by H. H. Hall. Brother Hall was able to state that so far as debts are concerned they are practically gone. He felt, however, that more should be done to strengthen the promotion end of the Book and Bible Houses.

CAMP MEETING HEALTH WORK:

L. A. Hansen of the Medical Department spoke of the importance of health talks in connection with our camp meetings. He also called attention to the necessity of providing good sanitary conditions in and about the camp, and of making sure that the health principles we advocate are not violated by foods and drinks offered in dining tent and store.

It was suggested that the Plans Committee bring in a recommendation looking toward the strengthening of the health program in connection with the camp meetings.

W. F. MILLER--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were presented and accepted as satisfactory for Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller, under appointment to Punta Arenas, South America, and it was agreed that Brother and Sister Miller be allowed to spend two weeks at the White Memorial en route to the field.

W. I. MONTANYE--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports for Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Montanye, under appointment to the Philippines, were accepted as satisfactory.

CONFERENCE SURVEYS:

The chairman called for an expression from the union presidents as to the working out of the recommendation of the last Autumn Council, that a commission be appointed in each union to make careful survey of its local organizations. Quite a number of the unions had adopted the plan and reported themselves as well pleased with its operation.

Adjourned at 4 P. M. for sub-committee work.

J. L. McELHANY, Chairman
O. MONTGOMERY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1929, 7:00 P. M.

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The seventh meeting opened at 7 P. M., April 29, with a quartette by Brethren Peterson, Allison, Bradford and Dasent, which was followed by prayer by J. F. Huenergardt.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCIL WITH COLORED WORKERS:

During the two or three days preceding the opening of this Spring Meeting a number of colored workers from different parts of the country had been in council with members of the General Conference Committee over some of their problems. The following recommendation from that council was submitted and adopted:

Whereas, In a council with leading colored workers from various sections of the United States a request having been presented by these colored brethren reading as follows:

"That the General Conference in Spring Council, at Washington, D. C., consider the organization of Negro conferences in the following unions: Atlantic, Columbia, Lake, Central and Pacific, that will function in all of their departments exactly as the white conferences now function, and be united to the entire body in the usual organized way,"

And whereas, We recognize that such a fundamental change in our plan of operation is of far-reaching and fundamental importance; and,

Whereas, Such a change does not come within the scope of the actions of Spring Councils; and,

Whereas, Careful study needs to be given to the numerical, financial and territorial factors in such a proposal

in order to work the matter out for the best interests of all involved,

We recommend, That the Spring Council be asked to appoint a well-selected commission, with colored representatives, to gather information and to give study to definite plans for the future of the colored work, such commission to report to the Autumn Council.

VOTED, That the three officers present nominate the commission called for in the above recommendation, of which commission they shall be members, the nominations to be submitted to this council.

REFERRING UNEMPLOYED WORKERS:

Elder McElhany made an earnest appeal to union and local leaders to be more conservative about referring unemployed workers and individuals to the General Conference. This practice is causing considerable embarrassment to the General Conference in view of their limited opportunity to place such workers, and therefore results only in disappointment to the workers thus referred.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee presented a partial report on Ministerial Internships. After considerable discussion and the adoption of an amendment, adjournment was taken at 8:45 with a motion pending on the adoption of the report.

J. L. McELHANY, Chairman
O. MONTGOMERY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1929, 9:30 A. M.

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With a song and prayer to close the devotional service, which had been conducted by Elder W. W. Prescott, the eighth business session was called at 9:30 A. M., Tuesday, April 30.

O. Montgomery in the chair.

Minutes of the previous day's meetings were read, and with slight correction approved.

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

The report from the Finance Committee, on Ministerial

Internships, which was presented in the previous meeting, was discussed further, and on motion, was adopted as follows:

Whereas, (1) The supreme purpose and privilege of the church of God on earth is to preach the everlasting gospel to every creature; and

(2) Since the hour is pressing upon us for that mighty expansion which will bring the threefold message insistently to the attention of the whole world; and

(3) As the gospel ministry is the primary agency appointed of God to lead in direct evangelism and to foster every auxiliary soul-saving agency; and

(4) Since through the years the North American base has gladly given of the flower of its youth in answer to the mission call until its evangelistic forces are seriously depleted; and

(5) As an adequate coordinating plan for recruiting, training, and placing in the field the full ministerial young-man power of North America is manifestly needed; and

(6) Believing that a comprehensive provision for achieving this high objective will result in the strengthening of the home base of our world endeavor through --

- (a) A marked spiritual stimulus in both conferences and schools and other institutions,
- (b) Bringing encouragement to all our churches,
- (c) Providing stabilizing assurance and recognition of our ministerial training:

Therefore, The General Conference Committee in 1929 Spring Council assembled hereby sounds a rally call to our young men and women of consecration, vision, and adaptability, to enter the gospel ministry and the Bible work--the highest human privilege which God has proffered to men and women;

This rally call is also extended to our entire force of workers to join earnestly and prayerfully in such a program of evangelism as will hasten the finishing of our task.

To make this rally call effective, the General Conference Committee hereby authorizes a plan of Ministerial Internships to coordinate the work of General, Union, and Local Conferences in selecting, training, and placing recruits for the gospel ministry and the Bible work, on the following basis:

I.--THE SCOPE OF THE PLAN

(a) The Term "Ministerial Internship" Defined.
 "Ministerial Internship" as here used designates a period of service spent in practical ministerial training, to be entered upon after the preparatory theological course; this training period to be served under supervision in a local conference, at

a limited wage, for the purpose of proving the divine call to the ministry or to the Bible work.

(b) Length of the Internships. These Internships shall each be for and limited to twelve months of continuous, full-time service. Continued employment thereafter in the conferences shall be arranged in each individual case as developments may indicate.

(c) Number of Internships. The number of Ministerial Internships shall be limited to one hundred for 1929, fifteen preferably for women Bible workers. The number of Internships for subsequent years shall be fixed at the annual General Conference Spring Council meeting, according to mutual agreement between the General and Union Conferences; the number allotted to each Union likewise being arranged then.

(d) Classes and Wages of Interns. In harmony with the Internship principle, the salary shall be on the basis of a limited wage.

1. Married men -- shall receive \$15 to \$18 per week.
2. Unmarried men -- shall receive \$13 to \$15.
3. Bible workers -- shall receive \$10 to \$13.

(e) Rent Subsidies. When these Ministerial Interns are placed in cities where rents and other expenses are high, the principles of rent subsidy operative in the General Conference working policy shall apply.

(f) Division of Financial Responsibility. The plan is designed primarily to assist the local conferences in such ministerial training by providing the salary and expenses on the following basis:

1. The General Conference shall furnish two-thirds of the salary only,
2. The Union and Local Conferences shall furnish the remaining one-third of the salary and provide for travel and current expenses as may be mutually arranged.

(g) Supplementary Internships. It shall be mutually understood that stronger local conferences which are financially able shall completely provide for as many of their own Ministerial Internships as their funds will permit, without drawing upon outside Internship funds.

(h) Credential Papers. Ministerial and Bible worker Interns shall receive either a ministerial or missionary license, as their experience and other factors shall indicate; these to be granted by the Local Conferences supervising their labor.

II.--QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Eligibility to these Internships shall include --

- (a) A living Christian experience.
- (b) The completion, in one of our training schools, of a Ministerial Course or its equivalent and, in the case of women, of a Bible Workers' Course or its equivalent.
- (c) Reasonable practical experience, including, wherever possible, some colporteur work, medical training, or useful trade.
- (d) Adaptability and willingness to work.
- (e) Aptitude for public speaking and labor.
- (f) Reasonable health and freedom from serious physical handicaps or impediments of speech.
- (g) Recommendations from the school faculty and the Union Conference Committee for acceptance by the General Conference as later specified under No. III.
- (h) This plan shall not be interpreted, however, as excluding others without the training of the schools, who may give evidence of a special call from any of the various walks of life.

III.--METHOD OF PROCEDURE

- (a) Young men and women in our training schools desiring to make application for Ministerial Internships shall fill out completely the Application Blank provided, and pass it on to the school faculty for indorsement; to be accepted, in turn, by the Union and Local Conferences in which the applicant is to labor; the Union Conference to transmit the same, if indorsed by its Committee, to the General Conference for final approval.
- (b) Applicants laboring in other denominational institutions or in other lines of conference endeavor, together with those unemployed in some phase of denominational work (See II, h), shall secure recommendation from the institution or conference committee which will in turn transmit the application through the usual channel. *See p. 980.*

IV.--CONFERENCE RESPONSIBILITY

- (a) Local Conferences benefiting by this plan shall give the Interns under their direction opportunity for actual development in speaking and bearing responsibilities, possibly by sending them out two and two, or through association with experienced ministers possessing ability and willingness to give the proper training to young ministers.
- (b) Local Conferences accepting the provisions of this plan shall thereby assume obligation for direct super-

vision in such training, as has been repeatedly admonished in the instruction by the spirit of prophecy. For example:

"Experienced laborers do a noble work when, instead of trying to carry all the burdens themselves, they train younger men, and place burdens on their shoulders. It is God's desire that those who have gained an experience in His cause shall train young men for His service."--"Gospel Workers," p. 102.

"Brethren of experience . . . should feel a responsibility upon them to take charge of these young preachers, to instruct, advise, and lead them, to have a fatherly care for them."--"Test." Vol. I, p. 443.

A further recommendation from the Finance Committee in connection with this report was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That for the year 1929 the General Conference provide for its portion of Ministerial Internships from funds accrued from that section of the Come-back set aside for disbursement by the General Conference.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

The Committee on Week of Prayer Readings presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

Suggested Week of Prayer Readings - For 1929

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| 1. The Time, the Message and the Messenger | O. Montgomery |
| 2. The Witness of Holy Living--Christ in You | A. G. Daniells |
| 3. The Unsaved World--Our Call to Service at Home and Abroad | W. K. Ising |
| 4. Conserving Our Gains and Reclaiming Backsliders | J.L.McElhany |
| 5. The Gospel Commission in Practice | C.K.Meyers |
| 6. Buying the Pearl of Great Price--The Christ Spirit in Sacrifice | J.L.Shaw |
| 7. The Heroic Advance--Christ's Call to Our Youth | L.E.Froom |
| 8. The King in His Glory--Preparation of Heart | C.H.Watson |

We also recommend, That the writers confine their articles to a maximum of eight pages of double spaced type-written manuscript, thus giving more time for prayer and testimony. We further suggest that the readers be urged to minimize their comments, that this purpose may be achieved.

We further recommend, That the Sabbath School Department be requested to furnish the material for the children's section of the Week of Prayer.

OFFERING FOR THE NEGRO WORK:

The following recommendation from this committee was also adopted:

We recommend, That G. E. Peters, H. D. Greene,

and J. A. Tucker be asked to prepare the readings for the offering for the Negro work, it being understood that J. L. Shaw will make announcement regarding the collection.

Adjourned at 11 A. M. in order to give sub-committees opportunity to work.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McELHANY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1929, 3 P. M.

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The ninth meeting convened at three o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, April 30.

After the opening song and prayer, medical reports for Elder and Mrs. Adolph Blomstedt were presented and accepted, thus clearing the way for these workers to go forward to Sweden, to which field they have been appointed.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee presented a further partial report, which was adopted as follows:

WESTERN WASHINGTON ACADEMY:

We recommend, 1. That the Western Washington Academy be authorized to build a boys' dormitory costing \$12,500, on the following conditions:

- a. That all the funds be in hand before construction work is started.
- b. That the indebtedness of the school will not be increased.
- c. That plans and specifications be submitted to and approved by the General Conference Minority Committee.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL BUILDING--ATLANTA:

We recommend, 2. That the Georgia Conference be authorized to build a church and church school building at Atlanta, Georgia, to cost approximately \$15,000, the money being already in hand; this authorization being on condition that the plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the General Conference Minority Committee.

LAKE GROVE MISSION:

We recommend, 3. That an appropriation of \$1500 be made from the Emergency Fund to provide a well at the Lake Grove Indian Mission.

HELP FOR UNION COLLEGE:

We recommend, 4. That the General Conference during the next two years join with the Central Union, the Northern Union and the Southwestern Union Conferences in raising funds for much-needed repairs and improvements, and for debt reduction at Union College, on a basis of one dollar from the General Conference for each two dollars raised in the field to the amount of \$17,000 from the General Conference. Assistance from the General Conference under this plan will be on condition that the liabilities of the college shall not be increased, and that the school operate within its own earned income plus the regular college subsidy. Payments from the General Conference may be available at the end of each school year provided the auditor's statement shows that the college has qualified for the same.

Further, That the amount remaining in the \$100,000 Debt Relief Appropriation made several years ago be applied on the amount to be paid by the General Conference, and that any additional sum that may be required be taken from the Emergency Fund.

CHICAGO HUNGARIAN CHURCH

We recommend, 5. That the treasurer be authorized to adjust an error made by the Chicago Conference several years ago in remitting to the General Conference as mission funds \$1400 which belonged to the Hungarian Church of Chicago, it being understood that in making the refund the come-back will be deducted.

COMMITTEE ON WAGE SCALE:

We recommend, 6. That a committee of seven, of whom the General Conference Treasurer shall be one, be appointed to give study to the Wage Scale, rent allowances, bonuses, etc., this committee to bring a report to the Autumn Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The following partial report from the Committee on Plans was adopted:

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS, OFFERINGS, AND CAMPAIGNS IN 1930:

We recommend, 1. That the church calendar of special appointments, offerings, and campaigns for 1930 be as follows:

Missionary Volunteer Day	March 8
Educational and Missionary Volunteer	
Week of Prayer	March 8 - 15
Big Week Rally Day	April 26

General Conference Session	May 29 - June 16
Educational Day	July 12
Week of Sacrifice	November 22 - 29
Annual Week of Prayer	December 13 - 20

The Twelve First Sabbath Services, including such special appointments as "Christian Home Day," Feb. 1; "Religious Liberty Day," March 1; "Medical Missionary Day," April 5; "Home Foreign Day," August 2; "Harvest Ingathering Rally Day," Sept. 6; etc.

Offerings

January 25	Elementary Schools
February 15	Foreign Missions Rally Day
March 1	Religious Liberty
April 12	Rural Schools
May 3	Missions Extension "Big Week"
May 17	Foreign Missions Rally Day
May 31	Elementary Schools
July 12	Elementary Schools
July 19	Midsummer Offering
August 2	Foreign Translation Fund
October 18	Foreign Missions Rally Day
October 25	Offering for Negro Work
November 8	Elementary Schools
December 20	Annual Offering

Campaigns

January 18 - 25	Foreign Periodical Week
February 9 - 22	"Signs of the Times"
March 22 - Apr. 5	Review and Herald Forward Movement
April 26 - May 3	Missions Extension Fund "Big Week"
Sept. 6 - Oct. 18	Official Harvest Ingathering Campaign Period

We recommend, 2. That a meeting of the church board be held at least once each month, preferably near the middle of the month, for the consideration of the missionary activities and various interests of the church.

COMMISSION ON NEGRO WORK:

The committee appointed in a previous meeting to nominate members of a commission which is to give study to plans for the future of the colored work, and to report to the Autumn Council, submitted the following names, which were by vote accepted:

J. L. McElhany, J. L. Shaw, O. Montgomery, C. W. Irwin, J. J. Nethery, F. H. Robbins, W. H. Holden, E. K. Slade, W. H. Heckman, G. E. Peters, J. G. Dasent, J. K. Humphrey, J. M. Campbell, W. F. Martin, J. W. Christian, C. Conard, T. H. Allison.

Adjourned to 7 P. M.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McElhany, Secretary
E. Zeidler, Recording Secy.

THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1929, 7 P. M.

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The tenth meeting was called promptly at 7 P. M., April 30, with J. L. McElhany in the chair. Prayer by L. K. Dickson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans submitted a further partial report, dealing with the transfer of church membership.

In the midst of the discussion of this report, and with a motion to adopt pending, the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

J. L. McELHANY, Chairman
O. MONTGOMERY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 1, 1929, 9:30 A.M.

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The 8:30 devotional service on Wednesday morning, May 1, closed with an earnest season of prayer, and following an impressive song by Elder F. L. Peterson, the eleventh business session was called to order at 9:30, with Elder J. L. McElhany in the chair.

Minutes of meetings of the preceding day were read and approved.

Before proceeding with a further discussion of the report of the Plans Committee on Transfer of Church Membership, a graphic chart was exhibited, showing the deplorable trend toward the dropping of large numbers of church members in the fourth quarter of each year.

After an extended and animated discussion of the report, it was

VOTED, To adopt recommendations 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and to refer back to the committee numbers 2, 3 and 4.

Suggestions as to several additional recommendations were also referred to the committee.

MEMBERSHIP BASIS FOR GOALS:

A further recommendation from the committee, on the Membership Basis for Mission Goal Quotas, was referred to the coming General Conference session.

Adjourned at 11 A. M.

J. L. McELHANY, Chairman
O. MONTGOMERY, Secretary
E. ZEIDIER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 1, 1929, 3:00 P.M.

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The twelfth meeting convened at 3 P. M., May 1. "The Lord Is My Light" was sung to open, followed by prayer by W. H. Holden.

The Committee on Plans being ready with their revision of the recommendations which had been referred back to them in the forenoon session, these with a number of additional recommendations were read and adopted.

The complete series on Transfer of Church Membership, as adopted, is as follows:

TRANSFER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

Certain errors having crept into the operation of our churches in their practices regarding the transfer of members by letter, and also certain abuses in connection with the dropping of members from church rolls, as well as in dealing with those who are in error (in their relationship to the church), we desire herewith to reaffirm the attitude of this denomination concerning these matters which affect the relationship of souls to the work of God and to their own eternal welfare, in the words given by the Master in Matt. 18:15-18, where He instructs:

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

We are told by the spirit of prophecy that in dealing with erring church members, God's people are to follow carefully the instruction given by the Saviour in the foregoing quotation. "Human beings are Christ's property, purchased by Him at an infinite price, bound to Him by the love that He and His Father have manifested for them. . . . Church members have no right to follow their own impulses and inclinations in dealing with fellow members who have erred. They should not even express their prejudice regarding the error; for thus they place in other minds the leaven of evil. . . . Do not suffer sin upon your brother; but do not expose him, and thus increase the difficulty, making the reproof seem like a revenge. Correct him in the way outlined in the Word of God." -- "Test.," Vol. VII, pp. 260, 261.

"No church officer should advise, no committee should recommend, nor should any church vote, that the name of a wrong-doer shall be removed from the church books, until the instruction given by Christ has been faithfully followed. When this has been done, the church has cleared herself before God." "Gospel Workers," p. 501. (See also "Test.," Vol. VII, pp. 262, 3.)

Yet we are told that in its organized capacity, Christ places upon the church a "responsibility for the individual members. Toward those who fall into sin the church has a duty,-- to warn, to instruct, and, if possible, to restore." We are instructed that the church should "deal faithfully with wrongdoing. Warn every soul that is in danger. Leave none to deceive themselves. Call sin by its right name. Declare what God has said in regard to lying, Sabbath-breaking, stealing, idolatry, and every other evil. . . . The church must show that she does not sanction these deeds, or she herself dishonors her Lord."-- D. A., 805, 806.

"But there is a brighter side to the picture. 'Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted.' Let this thought be kept uppermost. . . . Let them encourage the sinner to repent, and believe in Him who can pardon. . . . Let the repentance of the sinner be accepted with grateful hearts. . . . Let his trembling hand be placed in the loving hand of Jesus."-- D. A., 806. "If the erring one repents and submits to Christ's discipline, he is to be given another trial, and even if he does not repent, even if he stands outside the church, God's servants still have a work to do for him. They are to seek earnestly to win him to repentance. And, however aggravated may have been his offense, if he yields to the striving of the Holy Spirit, and, by confessing and forsaking his sin, gives evidence of his repentance, he is to be forgiven and welcomed to the fold again. His brethren are to encourage him in the right way, treating him as they would wish to be treated were they in his place, considering themselves, lest they also be tempted."-- T. VII, 263. "The Lord desires His followers to exercise great care in dealing with one another. They are to lift up, to restore, to heal, but there is to be in the church no neglect of proper discipline."-- T. VII, 264.

To correct certain abuses which have crept into our practice as a people, we recommend the following for the guidance

of our workers and church officers:

1. That under no circumstances shall the maintenance of a retired list of church members be permitted in our denominational practice.

2. That we encourage all our members to continued faithfulness in tithes and offerings, but under no circumstances shall a member be dropped from the church roll simply because of his inability to bear his proportionate share of the financial obligations of the church.

3. That we recognize the value of financial goals as an encouragement to larger giving, and we recommend that they be presented to the churches on a spiritual basis and that the mere financial aspects be not so unduly emphasized as to cause (parents to retard the baptism of their children, or to bring) humiliation or embarrassment to any in their attendance at Sabbath school, church, or other services.

4. That letters of transfer shall be issued for an individual only with his consent and on application through the church clerk of the church to which transfer is being made.

5. That the member's name shall not be removed from the church roll on the issuance of a letter of transfer until after the receipt by the clerk of the church which grants the letter of the acceptance blank duly signed by the clerk of the church which receives the member.

6. Under no circumstances shall a church officer or church board take it upon themselves to transfer membership by letter or to drop names from the church roll without it being recognized that this may be done only by a vote of the church upon each name.

7. That under no circumstances shall church letters be granted except for members in good and regular standing in the church from which they wish to be transferred. No unfavorable notations in the margins of letters shall be permissible.

8. That a blank be prepared for use throughout our churches, to be known as an "Application for Transfer of Church Membership," which shall be signed by the individual whose membership is to be transferred, and by the clerk of the church to which the member is to be transferred, requesting such transfer of membership from the church in which the individual is a member; and also in the interests of uniformity and better cooperation, we recommend that study be given by the General Conference Minority Committee to preparation of a new blank for the transfer of church membership.

9. That the utmost care be taken in receiving members into the church to see that they are fully established in the Truth and prepared to be representatives of the church --

(a) By requiring each individual before his acceptance as a member to be examined on spiritual experience, doctrine and loyalty to church practice before the church as

a whole, or by the church board or representatives appointed by the board, who shall report the result of their examination to the church.

(b) By giving ample time and opportunity before acceptance for any objections to be presented.

(c) By requiring a vote of the church on the acceptance of every one presented for membership.

(d) By exercising special care in the case of those who present themselves for re-admittance "on profession of faith."

10. That we discourage the dropping of a member upon his own request until he has been given time for sober reflection and reconsideration, and every possible effort has been made for his restoration.

11. We recommend, That all our church clerks in North America submit, in connection with each quarterly report, a list giving the names of those who, because of apostasy, have been disfellowshipped by vote of the church during the preceding quarter; and that only the total of names thus reported form the basis for the conference secretary in reporting to the union conference the number of apostasies in each local conference.

12. We recommend, That the General Conference Committee give consideration to the revision of the blanks which give the reasons for dismissal from the church so as to classify properly those who are dismissed or dropped from the church for reasons other than the three given on the present blanks.

A further report from the Committee on Plans was presented and adopted as follows:

ON TITHE-PAYING:

We reaffirm the denominational policy based on the instruction of the Bible and the Testimonies, that the tithe be held sacredly for the support of the ministry, and that all our workers be urged by example and instruction to encourage the people to this proper use of the tithe.

Further, that though there is no support in the Bible or the Testimonies of the idea that tithe-paying is a test of fellowship, yet we do recognize it to be a Scriptural obligation which every believer owes to God, and its payment cheerfully and willingly brings the one who is faithful in this respect under the special blessing of heaven.

That we urge our workers in taking persons into the fellowship of the church to place before them the instruction on tithe-paying, and urge new believers to faithfulness in this respect.

That conference workers, elders and officers of the church should recognize it as a principle of leadership

in God's cause to set a good example in the matter of tithe-paying, and that no one should be continued as either a church officer or conference worker who does not measure up to this standard of leadership.

MISSIONS BOOKLET:

Whereas, Definite steps should be taken to carefully and systematically follow up the interest of business men and others who contribute large donations in our Harvest Ingathering, and believing that the Lord would move upon the hearts of people of wealth to give of their abundance to this cause if they were fully acquainted with the foreign mission program of Seventh-day Adventists; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we earnestly request the General Conference to publish illustrated missions material to be sent twice a year to all those who contribute five dollars or more to the Harvest Ingathering fund.

BIBLE READINGS:

We recommend, 1. That wherever possible in the churches our ministers or church elders organize a Lay Bible Workers' training class in order that the members may become more familiar with Bible doctrines, denominational history, and more proficient in the art of giving soul-winning Bible readings to their friends and neighbors.

2. That the text books for this instruction be "How to Give Bible Readings," and "The Story of the Advent Message."

3. That a certificate be granted to each one satisfactorily completing the course as outlined and having given at least five Bible readings to those not of our faith.

COMMISSION ON CITIZENSHIP:

Whereas, There is need, especially among the youth of the church, of a clear understanding of the Christian's duty to the government,--

We recommend, That a commission of nine be appointed by the General Conference Minority Committee to study the duties of true citizenship and bring a report to the next Autumn Council and General Conference for further consideration.

CAMP MEETING HEALTH PROVISIONS:

We recommend, That careful study be given by our conference committees to making as full and adequate provision as possible for the health protection of those attending camp meetings, by:

- a. The appointment of a competent committee on

camp sanitation to look after the water supply, toilet arrangements, garbage and refuse disposal and such other matters as may affect health conditions.

b. By supervising the operation of the dining tent, grocery and refreshment stands and other commissary facilities to see that all food service shall meet the requirements of wholesome eating and be consistent with our principles of healthful living. We recognize the camp meeting as giving opportunity for presenting to our people by example as well as by precept instruction in right living.

c. By providing a sanitarium tent, prepared to give first aid and simple sick care as may be needed and to serve as headquarters for health workers.

d. By planning the program in counsel with the conference officers of meetings and instruction so as to include the presentation of health principles. We advise that studies or talks be of the most practical character and, when consistent, be accompanied by suitable demonstrations.

CHANGE IN THE CALENDAR:

Whereas, There is a well-organized plan being promoted in the United States and other countries to change the calendar in such a way as to interfere with the continuity of the weekly cycle, and consequently to establish a wandering Sabbath; and,

Whereas, This proposal has awakened wide-spread interest and discussion; therefore,-

BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage our people to take advantage of the opportunity that this situation presents to proclaim more fully the Sabbath, both in the distribution of appropriate literature on the question and in the obtaining of signatures to the petition found in the Calendar Extra of the Liberty Magazine.

GREETING^s TO PRESIDENT HOOVER:

To His Excellency President Hoover:

We, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the United States, through its delegates assembled in Annual Council in Washington, D. C., April 26 to May 4, 1929, desire to extend to you our cordial greeting and to pledge our hearty support and cooperation to the end that yours may be an eminently successful administration.

We take this means of expressing our appreciation of the courageous way in which Your Excellency has upheld and magnified the constitutional guaranties of civil and religious liberty and the great ideals of true Americanism as conceived by the founders of the American Republic, -- the principle of the total separation of Church and State.

We greatly appreciate the lucid and splendid declaration you set forth in your speech of acceptance at Palo Alto, when you said: "By blood and conviction I stand for religious tolerance both in act and in spirit. The glory of our American ideals is the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience."

We are in full agreement with your ideals that the civil government should seek to regulate only civil affairs pertaining to man's relationship with his fellow man, and that the individual should enjoy the free exercise of the conscience in religious concerns, as long as he respects the equal rights of others and fundamental moralities.

We are zealously disposed, in civil matters, to support the government of our country, and to maintain a due submission and loyalty to the lawful exercise of its authority in human affairs, praying always that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe will uphold you, guide and strengthen you for the arduous duties and responsibilities of your high office.

The Finance Committee presented the following further report, which was adopted:

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO INDIANA CONFERENCE:

Whereas, The Indiana Conference has a debt which has accumulated over a period of years which is now beyond the ability of the constituency to handle and consequently brings discouragement to them,-

We recommend, That the General Conference join the Lake Union Conference in bringing relief to the Indiana Conference, the General Conference to appropriate from the Emergency Fund \$15,000 and the Lake Union Conference to raise \$40,000, all of which is to be applied on the note indebtedness of the Indiana field, the General Conference appropriation being conditional upon the Indiana Conference and academy operating within their income and the Lake Union Conference carrying out its part of this arrangement.

NEW BUILDING AT NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

In order to fill a long-standing need for housing space for physicians and helpers, -

We recommend, That the New England Sanitarium and Hospital be authorized to erect a two-story building containing two apartments on the first floor for physicians and eight rooms for helpers on the second floor at a cost of approximately \$14,000, providing that no debt will be incurred in the erection of said building and that 75% of the amount needed to complete the building shall be in hand before the building is started.

APPROPRIATION TO ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE:

Whereas, the uniting of the old Southern New England

Conference and the Massachusetts Conference into what is now known as the Southern New England Conference has resulted in greatly increasing the per cent of tithe paid to the General Conference and leaving the field seriously handicapped in prosecuting the work in its populous territory,

We recommend, That we appropriate to the Atlantic Union Conference for Southern New England a sum equal to the increase in the percentage of tithe to the General Conference brought about by the Southern New England and Massachusetts Conferences being united, this appropriation to cover the increase for the years 1927 and 1928 only.

SUSTENTATION REGULATIONS:

We recommend, That the provision adopted at the Autumn Council of 1926, providing that women entering the work after having reached the age of thirty-five and men who have entered the work after reaching the age of forty shall not be considered eligible for sustentation support except after having served the cause fifteen consecutive years, apply to workers who were already employed prior to 1926 and who were past the ages specified when entering the work as well as to those who might be employed after taking the action, but that it not be applied to those who were already on the Sustentation Fund.

FOREIGN LITERATURE:

We recommend, That union and local conferences giving aid to churches for home missionary work, render this help without respect to the language in which the work is being carried on.

COMMITTEE ON WAGE SCALE:

VOTED, That the chair appoint the committee called for in a recommendation from the Finance Committee, to give study to the wage scale, rent allowances, bonuses, etc., this committee to bring a report to the Autumn Council.

Named: J. L. Shaw, O. Montgomery, J. L. McElhany, E. R. Palmer, F. H. Robbins, J. W. Christian, E. K. Slade, Chas. Rice, W. F. Martin, C. W. Irwin.

Adjourned. Closing prayer by W. M. Landeen.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman
J. L. McELHANY, Secretary
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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