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## THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 2, 1929

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## P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, H. H. Cobban, C. A. Russell,  
H. H. Hall, Claude Conard, E. R. Palmer, F. D. Nichol, L. A.  
Hansen, D. A. Parsons, M. C. Taft.

Prayer by Claude Conard.

## R. P. MORRIS--EXTRA ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That in view of extraordinary family conditions, the treasurer be authorized to make an extra allowance of \$7.00 a week in addition to the regular furlough allowance to R. P. Morris, on furlough from India, this extra allowance to begin July 1 and to be charged to the Southern Asia Division.

## G. F. REBELL--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the medical expense of G. F. Rebell, returned from Mexico, be referred to the Adjustment Committee.

## MRS. E. E. ANDROSS:

On information received from Elder D. A. Parsons concerning the health of Mrs. E. E. Andross, it was

VOTED, That a cable be sent to Elder and Mrs. E. E. Andross, urging that Mrs. Andross accompany her husband as he comes to the Autumn Council, planning to remain in the States until the time of the General Conference, carrying on her work here by correspondence, thus assuring health for another term of service; the Inter-American Division to meet the traveling expense involved.

## QUESTION OF EDITORS' COUNCIL:

In view of the fact that it has been decided not to call publishing house representatives for a publishing convention in connection with the Autumn Council, it was agreed that no call would be made for an Editors' Council in connection with the Autumn Council at Columbus.

## G. W. WELLS--CAMPMEETING:

VOTED, That G. W. Wells respond to the request for help at the Louisiana-Mississippi camp meeting.

## J. O. WILSON:

J. O. Wilson, on furlough from the Southern Asia Division, asked counsel relative to taking some school work

during his furlough. The Division had tentatively consented to this plan.

VOTED, That we approve of J. O. Wilson's plan to spend the remainder of his furlough time in taking school work.

ADOLPH BERNHARD RELEASED:

VOTED, That on information received that Adolph Bernhard does not see his way clear to accept, we release him from the appointment to the secretary-treasurership of the Philippine Union Mission.

AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That W. L. Burgan of the Press Bureau be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

VOTED, That Miss Jensen of the Medical Department be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

STENOGRAPHIC HELP--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Misses Stella Fleisher and Elizabeth Zeidler be asked to go to Columbus to assist in the Treasury and Secretarial Department work during the Autumn Council; that Miss Katie Farney, Miss Mary Paul and Chester Rogers go for reporting and general stenographic work, and Miss Ava Covington to assist in the Press Bureau and general stenographic work.

MISS RUTH TYRRELL RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Ruth Tyrrell be released from the appointment to go to Carolina for special work in Home Missionary Department lines.

MISS NASH--SHANGHAI SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Union and the Glendale Sanitarium to release Miss Nash, to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service in the Shanghai Sanitarium.

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

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THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 3, 1929

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• P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, B. E. Beddoe, W. E. Howell,



H. H. Hall, L. A. Hansen, C. L. Bond, J. C. Thompson, Claude Conard, M. N. Campbell.

Prayer by C. A. Russell.

F. A. WILLIAMS--CHINA:

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Union, The California Conference, and the St. Helena Sanitarium to release F. A. Williams, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, for special work in the manufacturing department of the China Theological Seminary.

W. A. SPICER, Chairman  
B. E. BEDDOE, Secretary  
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 5, 1929

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P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, H. H. Cobban, E. R. Palmer, L. A. Hansen, C. L. Bond, H. H. Hall, H. H. Votaw, C. A. Russell, Claude Conard, W. E. Howell, F. D. Nichol, M. C. Taft, H. E. Rogers, C. S. Longacre.

Prayer by M. N. Campbell.

MARY FARLEY RELEASED:

VOTED, That on account of unfavorable medical report we release Miss Farley from the appointment to China.

ELVIRA PETERSEN--SHANGHAI:

VOTED, That we invite Miss Elvira Petersen, of North Dakota, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, for stenographic work in the Division office at Shanghai.

J. C. TURNER--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Favorable report was received by wire concerning the medical examination of Brother and Sister J. C. Turner, and this was accepted as clearing the way for them to proceed to Venezuela.

U. WISSNER--MEDICAL ATTENTION:

VOTED, That U. Wissner be advised to bring Sister Wissner to the Washington Sanitarium for the medical attention

which has been recommended, referring to the Adjustment Committee the question of medical expense.

W. H. BERGHERM--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports were presented and accepted for W. H. Bergherm and wife on furlough from the Philippines.

W. E. PHILLIPS--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to employ W. E. Phillips temporarily for work in the Treasury Department, Brother Phillips being compelled to return from South America on account of the ill health of Sister Phillips.

M. N. CAMPBELL--BROADVIEW:

VOTED, That we authorize M. N. Campbell to make a trip to La Grange, for counsel in connection with Broadview College matters.

W. A. Spicer, Chairman  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary

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### THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 9, 1929

#### P R E S E N T:

W. A. SPICER, O. Montgomery, J. L. Shaw, C. K. Meyers, W. E. Howell, C. A. Russell, C. L. Bond, Dr. P. M. Keller, E. R. Palmer, W. W. Eastman, H. H. Hall, L. A. Hansen, Claude Conard, H. T. Elliott, F. D. Nichol, Miss K. Jensen, F. H. Robbins, M. C. Taft, J. C. Thompson, H. H. Votaw, Dr. A. W. Truman, C. C. Pulver, H. H. Cobban, J. A. Leland.

Prayer by Dr. P. M. Keller.

C. K. MEYERS--MARION, OHIO:

VOTED, That C. K. Meyers respond to the request of the Columbia Union, going to Mt. Vernon and Marion, Ohio, over the coming week end, to participate especially in the dedication of a church building at Marion.

#### MEDICAL EXTENSION:

The treasurer presented to the Committee the question of medical extension, and some consideration was given to the relationship of our sanitariums in the homeland to our medical missionary program in the regions beyond. Figures were presented indicating that the medical requests for assistance from the Extension Fund for 1930 are \$50,760.81, and with



salaries and expenses of medical workers in mission fields totaling \$138,758.43, a total of \$189,519.24 is called for in the medical budget of the mission fields for 1930. It was felt that if a plan could be devised whereby the help of our sanitariums could be enlisted in a larger and more definite way in the medical extension program, it would mean not only extension of the medical work in the mission fields, but great blessing to the sanitariums themselves. After considerable discussion it was

VOTED, That the treasurer, the secretaries of the Medical Department and H. H. Hall be a committee to give further study to this question, and to formulate a definite plan for medical extension, to bring to the Autumn Council for consideration.

#### INVITED TO COUNCIL:

In view of the possibility of a serious discussion of a definite plan for medical extension at the coming Autumn Council, it was

VOTED, That we invite the following Sanitarium representatives to attend the Council:

Dr. A. W. Truman, C. C. Pulver, Dr. W. A. Ruble, E. L. Place, Dr. L.L. Andrews, C. A. Rottmiller, Dr. P. M. Keller, James Howarth, Dr. H. W. Vollmer, Dr. W. B. Holden or R. W. Nelson, W. E. Abernathy, Dr. W. R. Simmons, Dr. R. J. Brown, J. A. Burden, Dr. R. J. Brines.

#### DR. C. A. HAYSMER--MELROSE:

VOTED, To pass on without recommendation to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Melrose Sanitarium for Dr. C. A. Haysmer, of the Iowa Sanitarium, to connect with the Melrose Sanitarium.

#### ITALIAN CHURCH--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

Request was presented from East Pennsylvania for help for the Italian church in Philadelphia in purchasing a church building. In view of the heavy financial burden which would be placed upon the small company of Italian believers in Philadelphia if they should go ahead with the proposition before them, it was

VOTED, That we counsel the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference to canvass the situation thoroughly as regards the purchase of a church building for the Italian believers in Philadelphia, calling their attention to the policy that a church is expected to have 75% of the cost in hand before buying or erecting a church building.

#### WAGGONER PROPERTY:

On a favorable report by the treasurer concerning the Waggoner Property in Florida, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the General Conference Corporation to draw up a contract securing us, and to invest if they think wise, \$5,000 in a first mortgage on this property provided satisfactory arrangements regarding the deed can be effected.

A. ARASON RELEASED:

VOTED, That on account of unfavorable medical report, we release Mr. and Mrs. A. Arason from the appointment to South Africa.

ELVIRA PETERSEN RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Elvira Petersen be released from the call to connect with the Shanghai office.

GLADYS KNOX--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That we request the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference to release Miss Gladys Knox, to connect with the Inter-American Division, for office work in the Division office at Balboa.

DR. DOUGLAS SEMMENS--INDIA:

VOTED, That we invite Dr. Douglas Semmens, of California, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, for medical missionary work in the Malayalam district of South India.

INVITED TO ATTEND COUNCIL:

VOTED, That L. F. Passebois and H. D. Casebeer of the Bureau of Home Missions be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

CHESTER ROGERS--PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Chester Rogers be requested to go to Columbus in time for the Presidents' Council, for reporting work in connection with that meeting.

ADDITIONS TO NEGRO COMMISSION:

VOTED, That N. S. Ashton and M. B. Van Kirk be appointed members of the Negro Commission.

P. G. RODGERS--NEGRO COMMISSION:

VOTED, That P. G. Rodgers be appointed a member of the Negro Commission

NEGRO COMMISSION--SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVES:

VOTED, That the Southeastern Union and the Southern Union each be requested to nominate a colored representative to serve on the Negro Commission.



## ASSISTANT SECRETARIES NOT INVITED TO COUNCIL:

VOTED, That in view of the nearness of the coming General Conference session, we do not invite the assistants in the General Conference departments who are not members of the General Conference Committee to attend the Autumn Council.

## A. W. SPALDING AND DR. M. E. OLSEN--COUNCIL:

VOTED, That A. W. Spalding and Dr. M. E. Olsen be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

## DR. J. VINCENT SCOTT--SHANGHAI:

VOTED, That we invite Dr. J. Vincent Scott of Seattle to respond to the call from the Far Eastern Division for a dentist to connect with the medical work in Shanghai.

## B. E. BEDDOE--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, That we advise B. E. Beddoe to follow the doctor's counsel, going to Southern California for the winter, leaving Washington about the last of October; the treasurer being authorized to meet the traveling expenses of Elder and Mrs. Beddoe, and Brother Beddoe's salary to be continued during this time.

## COLORED CHURCH IN WILMINGTON:

Elders Robbins and Leland asked counsel concerning the desire of the colored church in Wilmington to purchase a church building, which is very much needed. However, in view of the heavy financial obligation which they would be assuming, it was

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Chesapeake Conference be advised to call the attention of the colored believers in Wilmington to the policy which has been adopted, that 75% of the cost is expected to be in hand before a church undertakes the purchase or erection of a church building.

## W. W. EASTMAN--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, That W. W. Eastman respond to the invitation from the East Pennsylvania Conference to assist in Publishing Department lines in that field from September 13 to 21.

W. A. SPICER  
O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman  
C. K. MEYERS, Secretary  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary

## THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 12, 1929

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## P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, O. Montgomery, J. L. McElhany, J. L. Shaw, C. K. Meyers, H. H. Cobban, F. M. Wilcox, E. R. Palmer, N. Z. Town, H. T. Elliott, S. A. Wellman, C. L. Bond, J. A. Stevens, F. D. Nichol, G. W. Wells, H. H. Hall, W. E. Howell, L. A. Hansen, W. W. Prescott, Claude Conard, J. C. Thompson, W. W. Eastman, L. E. Froom, H. H. Votaw, M. C. Taft, C. S. Longacre, M. Lukens, W. L. Burgan, A. W. Spalding, C. A. Russell, H. E. Rogers, F. H. Robbins.

Prayer by H. T. Elliott.

## C. A. ANDERSON--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the medical expense of C. A. Anderson and family, returned from South America, be referred to the Adjustment Committee.

## SONG BOOKS FOR AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to purchase 200 copies of "The Gospel in Song," for use at the Autumn Council.

## DISBURSEMENT OF RURAL SCHOOL FUNDS:

VOTED, That the Southern and Southeastern Unions be requested to send the treasurer a statement of specific requests for help for the rural schools in their unions, and that when such statement is received, the disbursement of the Rural School funds be left to the Minority Committee, if it is impossible to arrange for such disbursement at the Autumn Council.

## SCHOOL BUILDING--OKLAHOMA CITY:

Request was presented from the Southwestern Union for approval of their proceeding with the erection of a church school building in Oklahoma City. It appeared, however, from the information submitted that there was likelihood of the church being more heavily involved than would be wise or safe, and it was

VOTED, That we reply to the Southwestern Union that we must hold to the regular policy of a church having 75% of the money in hand before proceeding with the erection of church or church school building, and since the facts submitted seem to indicate that they are not able to meet this policy, this Committee cannot take the responsibility of giving its approval at this time, and would suggest that full facts be brought to the Autumn Council.



## E. M. DAVIS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That medical expense in the case of Mrs. E. M. Davis, on furlough from South America, be referred to the Adjustment Committee.

## EDUCATIONAL WEEK OF SACRIFICE--GOAL:

VOTED, That the goal for the Educational Week of Sacrifice in 1929 be \$24,000.

## MARCUS ODEGAARD--UPPER COLUMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Marcus Odegaard to connect with the Upper Columbia Conference as field missionary secretary.

## LEGAL ASPECTS OF COLPORTEUR WORK:

VOTED, That the secretaries of the Publishing and Religious Liberty Departments and E. R. Palmer be a committee to give study to certain conditions threatening the colporteur work, with a view to bringing some recommendation to the Autumn Council for consideration, C. S. Longacre to act as chairman of said committee.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

W. A. Spicer, Chairman  
C. K. Meyers, Secretary  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary

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## THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 12, 1929, 1:30 P.M.

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## P R E S E N T:

J. L. McElhany, W. A. Spicer, O. Montgomery, J. L. Shaw, H. H. Cobban, F. M. Wilcox, H. T. Elliott, C. L. Bond, E. R. Palmer, A. W. Spalding, S. A. Wellman, M. E. Olsen, G. W. Wells, J. A. Stevens, N. Z. Town, C. A. Russell, W. E. Howell, W. W. Prescott, F. D. Nichol, H. H. Votaw, Claude Conard, M. C. Taft, W. L. Burgan, L. A. Hansen.

Prayer by A. W. Spalding.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION PROGRAM:

A tentative program for the coming General Conference session was presented, and it was

VOTED, That this tentative program be submitted to the Autumn Council for consideration.

G. C. COMMITTEE MEETING--SAN FRANCISCO:

It was agreed to submit to the Autumn Council the suggestion that the General Conference Committee be called to meet in San Francisco, May 29, 1930, at 2:30 P. M.

J. L. McELHANY, Chairman  
C. K. MEYERS, Secretary  
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 16, 1929

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P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, C. K. Meyers, H. H. Cobban, A. G. Daniells, F. M. Wilcox, H. T. Elliott, L. A. Hansen, C. A. Russell, C. L. Bond, H. H. Votaw, L. E. Christman, S. A. Wellman, G. W. Wells, J. A. Stevens, H. H. Hall, F. D. Nichol, J. C. Thompson, N. Z. Town, E. R. Palmer, W. W. Prescott, M. C. Taft, M. N. Campbell, L. E. Froom, H. E. Rogers.

Prayer by C. L. Bond.

ELDERS DANIELLS, WELLS, and FROM TO  
PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

VOTED, That A. G. Daniells, G. W. Wells, and L. E. Froom be invited to attend the Presidents' Council, in Columbus, Ohio, beginning September 20.

H. S. HANSON RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of unfavorable medical reports we regretfully release Professor and Mrs. H. S. Hanson from the appointment to India.

V. G. ANDERSON RELEASED:

VOTED, That V. G. Anderson be released from the call to the Home Missionary Secretaryship of the Missouri Conference.

H. GRUNDSET--WISCONSIN:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to make provision for meeting the salary of H. Grundset for a period of three months, with the understanding that the Wisconsin Conference will employ him as a regular worker.



## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SOLICITATION:

In response to an inquiry from the field as to the solicitation of funds for religious liberty work, it was

VOTED, That the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist disavows any connection or relationship of any kind whatsoever with the American Liberty Association and the American Religious Liberty Association, or kindred organizations which solicit the public for funds to support a campaign against certain legislation in cities or states; the Religious Liberty Association, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., being the only denominational channel for the circulation of literature designed to educate the public concerning the inherent constitutional rights of every citizen of the United States. This Association has but the one object, namely, the preservation to every man, regardless of creed, of those inalienable rights which the founders of the Republic declared had been given by the Creator. The Association receives associate members, the annual membership fee being \$1.00, and the members receive the official Association magazine, "Liberty" and certain tracts, pamphlets, etc. which may be issued from time to time.

## EASTERN EFFICIENCY COMMISSION--MEETING:

VOTED, That the date for the Eastern Efficiency Commission meeting be October 5, 6, and 7, the first meeting to be on the evening after the Sabbath, October 5.

## ELDER AND MRS. L. J. BURGESS--INDIA:

VOTED, That we invite Elder and Mrs. L. J. Burgess to return to India, it being understood that if in the future an emergency arises and it seems necessary for them to return to the homeland again, the General Conference treasury will meet their return transportation through an emergency appropriation.

## CALENDAR REFORM:

W. W. Prescott read clippings from various newspapers showing that the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington had passed a resolution and sent it to all the Chambers of Commerce in the United States, calling for a referendum of their members on the question of Calendar Reform. It was felt that this action on their part had opened the way for popular propaganda which we should take advantage of, and suggestion was made that a small document be published for immediate wide circulation, dealing with the question of Calendar Reform. It was--

VOTED, That C. S. Longacre, H. H. Votaw, M. C. Taft, W. W. Prescott and F. D. Nichol be a committee to prepare matter on the Calendar question for such a document, the same to be submitted to the Autumn Council for approval.

W. A. SPICER, Chairman  
C. K. MEYERS, Secretary  
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

## THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

General Conference Committee

September 17, 1929

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## P R E S E N T:

W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, H. H. Cobban, C. K. Meyers, H. T. Elliott, L. A. Hansen, J. C. Thompson, C. L. Bond, S. A. Wellman, J. A. Stevens, H. H. Hall, N. Z. Town, L. E. Froom, M. N. Campbell, L. E. Christman, G. W. Wells, C. A. Russell.

Prayer by L. E. Christman.

## DR. R. C. LINDHOLM--INDIA:

VOTED, That we invite Dr. R. C. Lindholm, of Southern California, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, for medical missionary work in India.

## DR. JOSEPH JOHANNES--AFRICA:

VOTED, That we invite Dr. Joseph Johannes, of Southern California, to connect with the African Division for medical missionary work.

## J. N. KRUM--SENTINEL PUBLISHING HOUSE:

VOTED, That we request the Columbia Union and the Washington Missionary College to release J. N. Krum, of the College Press, to connect with the African Division as foreman in the Sentinel Publishing House.

## T. E. BIERTNESS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the medical expense of T. E. Biertness be referred to the Adjustment Committee.

W. A. SPICER, Chairman  
C. K. MEYERS, Secretary