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FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

San Francisco, California, June 11, 1930

The first meeting of the General Conference Committee was held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California, June 11, 1930.

C.H. Watson in the chair.

P R E S E N T:

The full General Conference Committee, together with the local conference presidents of North America.

WORKERS TO PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, That E.E. Cossentine, returned from Australia, be invited to take the presidency of the Southern California Junior College.

That Leo Thiel, of Oakwood Junior College, connect with the Southern California Junior College.

That C.W. Flaiz, of Oak Park Academy, Iowa, connect with the Loma Linda Academy.

J.C. THOMPSON:

VOTED, That in view of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Thompson, Elder and Mrs. J.C. Thompson be released from the call to the Far East.

VOTED, That J.C. Thompson be invited to connect with the Sabbath School Department as associate secretary.

W.W. EASTMAN:

Study was given to the case of W.W. Eastman, retired from the Publishing Department. Brother Eastman has not quite reached the age for retirement, and while he is not well physically, he is capable of excellent service. On motion of E.R. Palmer, it was--

VOTED, That study be given to the case of W.W. Eastman by the Review and Herald Board and others in the Review and Herald territory, with the possibility in view of using such services as Brother Eastman can render in the publishing work in that territory.

AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, On recommendation of the officers, that the Autumn Council be held October 28 to November 3.

As to the place of holding the Council, requests were received from the Atlantic Union for Springfield or some other city in that union; the Southwestern Union for Oklahoma City; the Central Union for Omaha, Kansas City or Denver; East Canadian Union for Toronto; Northern European Division for London; Northern Union for Des Moines.

VOTED, That the question of the location of the Autumn Council be referred to the Minority Committee.

WORKERS TO INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That Roy E. Kinzer, of the Mason Memorial Hospital, be invited to make Panama his field of labor, to act as secretary-treasurer of the Panama Conference.

That Ruth Rittenhouse of the Southern Junior College connect with the Spanish training school in Cuba.

That Chester Westphal, of the Nevada Conference, connect with the Porto Rico Mission for evangelistic work.

That W. F. Hahn, of Union College, connect with the Central American Union, to act as principal of the West Caribbean Training School.

That George Kutches, of Nebraska, take the principalship of the West Indian Training School.

That Harold House, of the Southern California Conference, make Mexico his field of labor, to serve as Educational Secretary of the Mexican Union and principal of the Mexican training school.

That Dr. Glen Millard, of the Southeastern California Conference, be invited to the South Caribbean Conference for ministerial work.

WORKERS TO SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That William Goransson, of South Dakota, be invited to connect with the Inca Union as mission station director in the Lake Titicaca field.

That Robert E. Radke, of the Nevada Conference connect with the Inca Union for mission station work in the Lake Titicaca field.

That George E. Stacey, of Missouri, connect with the Inca Union as mission station director in Bolivia.

That J. D. Nelson, of Mexico, be released from the call to South America.

WORKERS TO SOUTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, That Carl Becker, of the East Pennsylvania Conference, be invited to connect with the Southern European Division for the presidency of the East France Conference.

That O. D. Hancock, of the Western Oregon Conference, be invited to the Iberian Union as Treasurer and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

That Emmanuel Nobrega, of the Southern New England Conference, be invited to Portugal, for evangelistic work in the Portuguese Mission.

TRANSFERS IN NORTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That Roy C. Baker, of Colorado, connect with the North Pacific Union and the Western Washington Conference, for the pastorate of the North Seattle church.

That J. G. White, of the Northern California Conference, connect with the work in the Atlantic Union.

That J. W. Timmeberg, of the Upper Columbia Conference, connect with the Illinois Conference.

That C. ^{W.} Degering, of Saskatchewan, be invited to the Eastern Canadian Union as president of the Oshawa Missionary College.

That Ruth Olson, of Southern Europe, be invited to the East Canadian Union, to connect with Oshawa Missionary College.

That Lottie Bell, of Southwestern Junior College, be invited to Broadview College as head of the Normal Department.

CAMP MEETINGS:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed on camp meeting assignments. Named: J. L. McElhany, C. E. Watson, I. H. Evans, W. R. Branson, O. Montgomery, H. W. Campbell, C. K. Meyers, E. Kotz, H. E. Kern, J. L. Shaw, C. W. Irwin, G. F. Wells.

C. H. WATSON, Chairman.
H. E. KERN, Secretary.

SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

San Francisco, California, June 12, 1930, 8:30 A.M.

P R E S E N T:

The full General Conference Committee, with the local conference presidents of North America.

Prayer by L.R.Conradi and J.C.Raft.

B. E. BEDDOE:

VOTED, That B.E.Beddoe be invited to work part time in the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and in such other departments as may be arranged by the Minority Committee, and that the question of his salary be referred to the Minority Committee.

J. G. DASENT AND F. L. PETERSON:

VOTED, That J.G.Dasent and F.L.Peterson be invited to sit with the Committee as representatives of the Negro work until a secretary for the North American Negro Department is elected.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

VOTED, That we invite Dr. James Kuninobu to connect with the Far Eastern Division for medical missionary work.

That we renew the invitation to L.H.Stump to connect with the Philippine Junior College.

That we request the Lake Union and the West Michigan Conference to release P.H.Augustine, to connect with the Far Eastern Division for evangelistic work in the South China Union.

That we request the Southeastern Union and the Carolina Conference to release J.G.MacIntyre, to take the principalship of the Canton intermediate school in the South China Union Mission.

That we renew the invitation to Miss Mary Kisz, of the St. Helena Sanitarium, to connect with the hospital in Japan as nurse and matron.

That we invite Joseph L. Cummins, of San Jose, California, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, as English teacher in the Philippine Junior College.

That we request the Eastern Canadian Union and the Canadian Watchman Press to release C.G. Maracle, to go to China to act as superintendent of the Shanghai Publishing House.

That we invite Mrs. M.E. Garnsey to connect with the Far Eastern Division, to serve as head of the nurses' training school in the Philippines.

That we invite Miss Helga Hanson, of British Columbia, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, for nursing work in Penang, Malayan Union Mission.

That we request the North Pacific Union and the Portland Sanitarium to release Miss Poh Juan Yang to connect with the Far Eastern Division for nursing work in the Malayan Union Mission.

That we renew the invitation to Miss Nell Ketterman, of East Michigan, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, as a Bible worker in the East China Union Mission.

That we request the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference to secure the release of W.T. Weaver, of Fox River Academy, to connect with the Far Eastern Division for teaching work in Amoy, South China.

That we request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release F.I. Lohr, to connect with the Inter-American Division for the secretary-treasurership of the Antillian Union.

That we request the Central Union and the Missouri Conference to release B.W. Abney, to connect with the African Division, for evangelistic work in the Cape Province.

MRS. A.E. NELSON--MEDICAL REPORT:

Medical statement was presented from Dr. G.K. Abbott, concerning Mrs. A.E. Nelson, and was accepted as clearing the way for Brother and Sister Nelson to return to Africa.

MRS. E.D. DICK--MEDICAL REPORT:

Dr. A.W. Truman made a statement concerning the physical condition of Mrs. E.D. Dick, which was accepted as clearing the way for the return of Brother and Sister Dick to Africa.

FOREIGN VISITS:

VOTED, That the question of foreign visits be referred to the officers, to report later to the full Committee.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

The arrangement made with the Central European Division for 25 per cent of their tithes and mission offerings to come to the General Conference was discussed by J.L. Shaw and L.R. Conradi. Inasmuch as the Central European Division desires a reduction in this percentage, it was--

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to give this matter study. Named: J.L. Shaw, C.H. Watson, O. Montgomery, J.L. McElhany, E.E. Andross, Dr. H.W. Miller, F. Griggs, I.E. Evans, A.V. Olson, A.W. Cormack, L.H. Christian, C.B. Haynes, E.R. Palmer, H.F. Schuberth, J.F. Wright.

C.H. WATSON--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the General Conference treasurer be authorized to meet the transportation expense of C.H. Watson, single fare, back to Australia, and then returning to America with his family.

GENERAL WORKERS--SALARY RATES:

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to set the salary rates of the following workers: C.H. Watson, I.E. Evans, W.H. Branson, W.I. Smith, H.G. Lucas, C.P. Crager, J.E. Weeks, J.A.P. Green, W.B. Ochs, W.H. Williams, J.F. Wright.

The committee was appointed as follows: J.L. Shaw, C.F. Irwin, H.E. Hall, H. Lukens, W.H. Holden.

RUMANIAN SCHOOL:

A.V. Olson of the Southern European Division made a statement concerning the situation confronting the Rumanian school, and it was--

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to study the Rumanian school situation.

Named: O. Montgomery, L.H. Christian, L.E. Kern, A.V. Olson, G.W. Schubert.

SOLALA MISSION:

The Inter-American Division made request to be allowed to use the one thousand dollars available from the Extension Fund for treatment rooms in Guatemala City, for medical work in the Solala Mission, Guatemala.

VOTED, That this request be granted.

CANADIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

S.A. Ruskjer stated the situation confronting them in their union in view of the fire that destroyed most of the buildings of the Canadian Junior College in LaCombe.

VOTED, That this question be referred to the same committee appointed to give study to the Central European Division percentage of funds.

MOVING EXPENSES:

VOTED, That the moving expenses of W.H. Williams, W.I. Smith, H.G. Lucas, J.A.P. Green, C.E. Teaks, C.P. Crager and J.F. Wright, and the entertainment of L.C. Metcalf while assisting with the music during the General Conference, be referred to the committee appointed to set salary rates of certain workers.

MRS. O.E. SCHNEPPER--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet the expense of medical examination, and one half the bill for medical treatment in the case of Mrs. O.E. Schnepfer, formerly of South America.

O.W. TUCKER'S SISTER--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the question of the return transportation of O.W. Tucker's sister-in-law from Jamaica be referred to the Minority Committee.

ABBIE DUNN:

VOTED, That the question of additional financial assistance for Miss Abbie Dunn, under appointment to China, be referred to the Minority Committee.

NEGRO DEPARTMENT:

During the General Conference session much time was spent by a large committee appointed for the purpose in considering the organization of the Negro work in North America. In response to a request from some of the Negro workers for the organization of Negro conferences, a statement was presented to the Negro representatives in attendance at the General Conference Session. This statement was then referred to the Executive Committee of the General Conference for their consideration, and was by them unanimously adopted as follows:

"Dear Brethren:

"Having given consideration to your request to organize Negro Associations or Conferences within the boundaries of conferences already organized, we now respectfully present to you the conclusions we have reached:

"We wish to assure you that we greatly appreciate the burden you have expressed to us for the more rapid and substantial progress of our cause among the Negro people. We join you in the desire to bring to our movement more of the progressive, substantial men and women of your race.

"But, brethren, we cannot think that the organization you propose is the means necessary for achieving such results.

"On the other hand we are led by our study of the proposal to the conclusion that the organization of racial conferences within the boundaries of conferences already organized would prove disastrous to both organizations.

"It is our conviction that the plan is fundamentally wrong:

"First, (a) In the very nature of things it would lead to confusion, conflict and discord.

"(b) It would duplicate machinery which would require the time and talents of men to operate, thus withdrawing them from the aggressive evangelism so greatly needed in this closing hour of time.

"(c) It would add very materially to financial expense in purely administrative affairs. This of course would turn thousands of dollars from missionary to administrative channels.

"(d) There is a growing, deepening conviction that the marvelous openings for evangelism in all directions, and the rapidly growing demands for means in mission field call for reducing instead of increasing administrative expense.

"Second, In reaching our conclusions regarding this matter we have been guided by the views and decisions of our predecessors, and by the counsel given through the spirit of prophecy.

"A quarter of a century ago the request you have brought to us was made by some of our foreign nationals. After careful discussion the plan was abandoned. In its place the departmental plan was adopted and is still adhered to.

"Of the plan to organize separate conferences, the spirit of prophecy gave definite counsel. Here are some of the statements:

"The instruction given was that should such separation take place, it would not tend to advance the interests of the work among the various nationalities. It would not lead to the highest spiritual development. Walls would be built up that would have to be removed in the near future.

"According to the light given me of God, separate organizations, instead of bringing about unity, will create discord.

"Christ has hedged in His people from the world, but those who would build up national separation, would do a work for which the Lord Jesus Christ has given no encouragement.

"Brethren, unify; draw close together, laying aside every human invention, and following closely in the footsteps of Jesus, your great Example." -- Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 195,198.

"It is our sincere conviction, brethren, that there is a better, surer way than more organization by which to reach the hearts of men and women of any race and any class. The great, true effective secret lies in the enduement with the divine power that Jesus directed His disciples to tarry for and seek before entering upon their work. This they did and when endued they went forth without means, influence or organization to achieve the most marvelous victories among hostile Jews and bitter pagans. Under that spiritual enduement those men were likened to a rider with crown and bow going forth on a white charger conquering and still to conquer!"

This same committee in considering the future conduct of the Negro work, reported as their recommendation that the plan adopted at the Columbus Autumn Council be re-adopted, with certain amendements. By unanimous action the Executive Committee adopted this amended plan as follows:

ORGANIZATION OF NEGRO DEPARTMENT:

1. a. That the General Conference Committee select one of our representative colored ministers to fill the office of secretary of the Negro Department.

b. That this secretary locate in Washington, having his headquarters at the General Conference office.

c. That in giving general supervision to the colored work throughout North America, he work under the counsel of the General Conference Committee, as do all other General Conference departmental secretaries. ✓

2. That the Negro work in the Southeastern, Southern and Southwestern Union Conferences be organized on the following basis:

a. That the Negro Committee of the union conference be composed as follows: The president of the union conference, the secretary-treasurer of the union, the president of each local conference, the Negro union secretary, the Negro Missionary Volunteer, Educational and Home Missionary secretary, where there is such a secretary, and the Negro evangelist of each local conference; said committee to have full administrative charge of the colored work.

b. That the Negro Committee of the local conference be composed as follows: The president of the conference, the secretary-treasurer of the conference, the colored evangelist of the conference, and two Negro members to be elected.

3. That the Negro work in the other union conferences of North America (aside from the Southeastern, Southern and Southwestern Unions) be organized as follows:

a. That in each union conference where there are as many as five hundred colored believers a Negro secretary be elected, this secretary to be a member of the union conference committee.

b. These Negro secretaries to work under the direction of the union conference committees. When laboring in a local conference, they will work under the counsel of the local conference president, just as all other union departmental secretaries do.

c. The primary responsibility of these secretaries shall be to build up the colored constituencies:

(1) By holding evangelistic efforts.

(2) By assisting other evangelists with their efforts when advisable.

(3) By helping to train young preachers and workers.

(4) By helping to foster real soul-winning work in each of the churches and conferences.

(5) By cooperating in all lines of departmental and church activities.

d. That in unions where this plan, because of the scattered churches and lack of populous cities, might seem impracticable, a representative of the department be appointed, to be ready at the invitation of the union, to help foster the colored work in such unions.

e. That where the colored constituency in a local conference is sufficiently strong and is represented by a colored minister of experience, we recommend that this minister be a member of the local conference committee.

4. The Negro secretaries of all unions in North America, and such other persons as the General Conference may appoint, to form the General Conference Negro Department advisory committee, to counsel over matters pertaining to the colored work.

5. That the Negro secretaries of all unions in North America be invited to attend such Autumn Councils as the local conference presidents may be called to attend. Thus they would receive the encouragement to be gained by contact with the leaders of our world-wide work, and would carry back to the colored churches in their fields the appeals on all our activities throughout the field the world around.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to nominate a secretary for the North American Negro Department.

Named: C.H. Watson, J.L. McElhany, J.G. Dasent, E.K. Slade, B.F. Kneeland.

E.E. CARMAN:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet the traveling expenses, board and room allowance, and two weeks time of E.E. Carman in attending the General Conference.

R.A. HAYDEN--AMAZON MISSION:

VOTED, That we request the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference to release Richard A. Hayden, to connect with the South American Division for work in the Amazon Mission of Peru.

C.H. WATSON, Chairman.
E. KOTZ, Secretary.

THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

San Francisco, California, June 12, 1930, 4 P.M.

C.H. Watson in the chair.

GEORGE HUTCHES RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of unfavorable medical report, we release George Hutches from the call to the West Indian Training School.

ROBERT SHAFER--WEST INDIAN TR. SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference to release Robert Shafer, to take the principalship of the West Indian Training School.

NEGRO DEPARTMENT--F.L.PETERSON:

The committee appointed to nominate a secretary for the Negro Department brought in the name of F.L. Peterson, and it was--

VOTED, To invite Prof. F.L. Peterson to serve as secretary of the North American Negro Department.

ASSISTANT AND OFFICE SECRETARIES:

The following assistant and office secretaries for the General Conference office were appointed.

Office secretary: T.E. Bowen.

Sabbath School Department: assistant secretary, Rosamond D. Ginther; office secretary, Margaret Weir.

Educational Department and Home Commission: office secretary, Mrs. Flora H. Williams.

Home Missionary Department: office secretary, Ruth Tyrrell.

Missionary Volunteer Department: office secretary, Emma Howell.

Medical Department: assistant secretary for Medical Education, Dr. P.T. Magan.

Assistant secretary for institutions in Western United States, Dr. G.K.Abbott.

Assistant secretary for institutions in Eastern United States, Dr. W.A.Ruble.

Press Bureau: secretary, W.L.Burgan.

C.E.RICE TO PORTER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To concur in the request for the services of C.E.Rice for the management of the Porter Sanitarium, for the time being.

NON-COMBATANCY:

The desire of our young people for definite instruction on the question of non-combatancy was presented, and it was--

VOTED, To appoint a committee of seven to give study to this question.

TUBERCULAR UNIT AT DENVER:

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of seven to study the suggestion of Mr. Porter concerning the erection of a tubercular unit in connection with the sanitarium in Denver.

Named: C.E.Rice, Dr. A.W.Truman, Dr. H.W.Miller, Dr. H.C.Menkel, J.L.Shaw, F.M.Wilcox, J.J.Nethery.

G.E.PETERS--GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That G.E.Peters be one of the elective members of the General Conference Committee.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

VOTED, That the following be the topics and the writers for the Week of Prayer Readings, December 13-20, 1930:

The Promise of the Spirit for the Finishing of the Work. -- C.H.Watson.

Christ -- The Answer to Every Need.--W.W.Prescot

Sounding the Note of Evangelism.--E.E.Andross.

The Work of the Great Healer.--Dr.H.W.Miller.

The Challenge of the Hour to Our Young People.
--H.T.Elliott.

The Blessing of Sacrifice.-- J.L.Shaw.

The Gathering of a People for the Lord--A World Survey.-- E. Kotz.

The Spirit in the Life and Experience of the Believer.-- I.H.Evans.

PERMANENTLY RETURNED MISSIONARIES:

The question of the premature permanent return of so many of our missionaries had been given study by the Minority Committee, and also by the Missions Round Table at this Conference session. These two bodies having agreed upon the following statement, it was adopted:

1. We believe that our home conference leaders and doctors, and the Executive Committee of the General Conference have cooperated in guarding against any one going to the mission fields whose medical examination papers have shown heavy physical liabilities or who was otherwise not qualified for mission service. We advise the continuance of the greatest caution along this line.
2. Further, we recommend that thorough study be given to the question of closer cooperation between the General Conference Committee and the respective missionary divisions in the matter of educating and influencing missionaries to remain in the field.
3. That if sudden illness does not require immediate action, the permanent release of a missionary from a field be first made a matter of consultation with the General Board or Division Committee that appointed him, a rule that was generally observed in former years; and that the decision concerning the permanent return be communicated to the missionary before he leaves the mission field.
4. That the General Conference Committee endeavor to make arrangements with our colleges whereby one of the secretaries, or a designated member of the Committee, will spend some definitely arranged time in each college in the North American Division during the year, giving instruction on foreign mission problems, not merely by general lectures to the whole school but in the form of seminar work with a special group. That in this lecture work and in private interviews a special effort be made to keep the high ideals of life-long service before the young people.
5. That the gospel idea of service (Matt.20: 25-28) be strongly emphasized in the daily instruction to the students and especially in these seminars, and in the new missionary manual which is to be prepared; that our young people, as well as the missionaries in the field, be encouraged to study the teachings and life of Jesus with the above text in mind, so that they may harbor no feeling of racial super-

iority which would militate against their usefulness in the field and their willingness to serve under all circumstances.

MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports for the following workers were presented and accepted as satisfactory:

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Eaton Smith, appointed to the Inter-American Division.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Christensen, appointed to Burma.

Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Tucker, on furlough from South America.

Mrs. J.F. Wright, on furlough from Africa.

UNIFORM FURLOUGH POLICY:

The question of a uniform furlough policy was referred to the officers for study.

H.M. DUKER--GEORGIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference to release H.M. Duker, to connect with the Georgia Conference for evangelistic work.

O.A. SUCCAR--SPAIN:

VOTED, That Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Succar be transferred from Cuba to Spain, and that the General Conference treasury be authorized to make a special appropriation for the transportation.

DIVORCE:

Advice was asked concerning the handling of the divorce question, and it was--

VOTED, To refer this question to the Minority Committee.

Adjourned to 10:30 A.M., June 13.

C.H. WATSON, Chairman.
M.E. KERN, Secretary.

FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

San Francisco, California, June 13, 1930, 10 A. M.

C.H.Watson in the chair. Prayer by F.Griggs.

UNIFORM FURLOUGH POLICY:

The officers, to whom had been referred the question of a uniform furlough policy, submitted a recommendation which was adopted as follows:

That all the division presidents study the furlough policy and make any suggestions they may have in writing; and that a committee of five be appointed to study the whole question carefully and submit their findings to the Autumn Council.

ALBERT MUNSON--FURLOUGH ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, That since the Central European Division has declared its readiness to be responsible for the transportation expense of Albert Munson to America by way of Australia, the General Conference treasurer be authorized to credit Albert Munson with the amount of such transportation expense.

E.B.HARE--FURLOUGH ARRANGEMENTS:

In regard to the furlough of E.B Hare, of Burma, whose home is in Australia, and whose wife's parents are in America, it was--

VOTED, That pending a definite regulation covering such cases we approve of the payment of the fares of E.B.Hare and family from Burma to Australia and California by the shortest route.

COLORED WORKER FOR WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That the call of the Northern European Division for a colored worker from North America, to do evangelistic work in Nigeria, West Africa, be received and listed for future appointment.

GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS TO FOREIGN DIVISIONS:

The officers, having consulted over the requests from foreign divisions for the help of General Conference men, reported the following arrangements, which were adopted:

That E. Kotz go to the Central European Division for the summer and on to India without returning for the Fall Council.

That C.K.Meyers attend meetings in the Northern European Division this summer, returning for the Autumn Council

That W.H.Branson attend union meetings in the Far East in 1931.

That O.Montgomery and S.A.Wellman go to Africa after the Autumn Council.

That M.E.Kern attend ^{union} meetings in the China Division, beginning March 5, 1931.

That C.E.Weaks remain in Europe until November, 1930, attending meetings in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions.

That G.W.Schubert attend meetings in the Northern European Division this summer, spend some time in the Central and Southern European Divisions, and if possible a short time in Soviet Russia.

That H.H.Hall visit China and the Far East in 1931 in the interests of the publishing work.

That G.W.Wells attend meetings this fall and winter in the Inter-American Division.

That W.W.Prescott attend meetings in the Central European Division this summer.

Adjourned to 3 P.M.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.
M.E.KERN, Secretary.

FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

San Francisco, California, June 13, 1930, 3 P.M.

C.H. Watson in the chair.

P R E S E N T:

The full Committee.

CENTRAL EUROPE: PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS:

The committee appointed to study the percentage of mission offerings and tithe to be given by the Central European Division to the General Conference, reported and their report was adopted as follows:

Whereas, The Central European Division has urgently requested that it be released from that provision of the Darmstadt agreement by which it has been giving 25 per cent of its tithe and mission funds to the General Conference, asking that this percentage be reduced to 10 per cent; and,

Whereas, The Central European Division in making this request expresses its willingness to undertake to fully support its own work at home and abroad, thus releasing the General Conference from making regular or special appropriations to this division,

We recommend, That, beginning January 1, 1931, the 25 per cent of tithe and mission offerings now being received from the Central European Division under the provisions of the Darmstadt agreement, be reduced to 10 per cent, in compliance with the request made, with the understanding that the Central European Division will undertake to fully provide for all of its own needs, both at home and in its mission territory.

Whereas, The reduction of the payments of the Central European Division to the General Conference from 25 per cent to 10 per cent reduces the funds of the General Conference by approximately \$38,000,

We recommend, That the amount of this reduction be deducted at the Autumn Council of 1930, on a pro rata basis from the base appropriations to other divisions now on appropriations, unless the inflow of funds to the General Conference be sufficiently increased to take care of this amount.

We recommend, That the Northern and Southern European Divisions be given the spring on the tithe and mission offerings coming to the General Conference from year to year on the same basis as other division fields.

WAGE RATES AND MOVING EXPENSES:

The committee which was appointed to suggest salary rates and allowances on moving expenses of certain general workers, reported, and their recommendations were adopted as follows:

Salary Rates

C.H.Watson, \$43; I.H.Evans, \$42; W.H.Branson, \$42; W.A.Spicer, \$42; J.F.Wright, \$41; W.I.Smith, \$40; H.G.Lucas, \$39; C.P.Crager, \$39; W.B.Ochs, \$39; C.E.Weaks, \$40; J.A.P.Green, \$39; W.H.Williams, \$40.

Moving Expenses

Including freight and crating

W.H.Williams, \$300; W.I.Smith, \$300; H.G.Lucas, \$300; C.P.Crager, \$200.

L.C.METCALF:

Also, that L.C.Metcalf be allowed \$1.75 per day for board and room while assisting with the music at the Conference.

RUMANIAN SCHOOL:

A committee consisting of O.Montgomery, L.H.Christian, M.E.Kern, A.V.Olson, and G.W.Schubert, which had been appointed to study the situation of the school in Rumania, submitted a report which was adopted as follows:

Whereas, The location and holdings of the Rumanian school are entirely unsuitable for the conduct of our educational work and for their rapidly growing constituency,-

We recommend, That plans be made for removing the school to a more suitable location, and that a new property be purchased, with funds in hand, as soon as a suitable site can be found at a reasonable price.

We recommend, further, That the question of supplying additional funds for this enterprise be referred to the coming Autumn Council.

CANADIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

The following report from the committee appointed to study the needs of the Canadian Junior College, was adopted:

\$20,000 We recommend, That an emergency appropriation of be made to the Western Canadian Union Conference in order to assist in replacing the buildings lost by fire, of the Canadian Junior College at Lacombe, Alberta, with the request that the brethren and sisters in the Western Canadian Union territory be urged not to allow such efforts as they may make to raise funds for the rebuilding of the school interfere with or weaken in any way the regular Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions, but that they throw themselves with their usual energy into this campaign, endeavoring to raise in the Harvest Ingathering campaign an amount equal to that raised in former years.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To appoint a committee of five to study the question of the division of work in the Educational Department. Named: C.H. Watson, J.L. Shaw, J.L. McElhany, C.W. Irwin, M. Lukens, J.E. Fulton, O. Montgomery.

ENLARGEMENT OF OAKWOOD BOARD:

VOTED, To refer to the Autumn Council the question of the enlargement of the Oakwood Junior College Board.

After thirty minutes' recess, the committee on the division of work in the Educational Department made a report which was adopted as follows:

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

Inasmuch as Prof. H.G. Lucas has tendered his resignation in order to permit the Educational Department to organize its work on the basis of four men in the department instead of five, and along the lines that the field seems to demand,

Resolved, That we accept the resignation of H.G. Lucas as associate secretary of the General Conference Department of Education. This is done with the distinct understanding that there is no question at all in regard to his ability or his qualifications for the work he was called to do.

VOTED, That we ask C.A. Russell to continue with the Educational Department until the time of the Autumn Council.

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES:

The appointment of all department committees was referred to the Minority Committee.

The meeting was adjourned sine die, at 5:50 P.M.

Before dismissal there were a number of testimonies of thanksgiving for the manifest blessing of God in the General Conference session, and a reconsecration to God for a greater work among the people of the advent movement, and for the finishing of the work in all the world.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.

E. KOTZ,
M.E.KERN, Secretaries.

SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D. C., June 25, 1930

P R E S E N T:

E Kotz, W W Prescott, N Z Town, H T Elliott,
J A P Green, H H Votaw, C W Irwin, J A Stevens, G W Schubert,
T E Bowen, C E Weaks, G W Wells, L A Hansen, G S Longacre,
F D Nichol.

Prayer by W.W.Prescott.

DEATH OF GEORGE B. THOMPSON:

VOTED, That we note with sorrow the death of our Brother George B. Thompson, since 1918 field secretary of the General Conference, and that the secretary be requested to convey to Sister Thompson the sincere sympathy of this Committee in her bereavement.

H.D.STREVER--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Medical reports for Mr. and Mrs. H.D.Strever, under appointment to Northwest India, were accepted.

DR. R.R.REED--PERU:

VOTED, That Dr. R.R.Reed, of Los Angeles, California, be invited to connect with the South American Division, to take the work laid down by Dr. Graybill at Juliaca, Peru.

DR. H.C.BARRON--BOLIVIA:

VOTED, That Dr. H.C.Barron, of Baldwin Park, California, be invited to connect with the South American Division for medical missionary work in Bolivia.

E. KOTZ, Chairman.
T. E. BOWEN, Secretary.

SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 30, 1930

P R E S E N T:

C K Meyers, M E Kern, H H Cobban, N Z Town, Mrs L Flora Plummer, B E Beddoe, E R Palmer, A W Spalding, F C Gilbert, E F Hackman, W W Prescott, F D Nichol, T E Bowen, C S Longacre, C W Irwin, J A Stevens, H T Elliott, M.N. Campbell.

C.K.Meyers in the chair. Prayer by M.N.Campbell

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

Inasmuch as E. Kotz is leaving immediately for Europe and India to be away from headquarters for an extended period of time, it was--

VOTED, That upon his request E Kotz be released from the assignment to prepare the Week of Prayer Reading on "The Gathering of a People for the Lord -- A World Survey," and that M.E.Kern be requested to prepare this reading.

DR. F.E.BATES--FAR EAST:

VOTED, That in harmony with the plans of the Far Eastern Division Committee, and of Dr. Bates himself, we invite Dr. and Mrs. F.E.Bates to return to the Far East for medical missionary service in China.

M.N.CAMPBELL--NEW YORK:

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell be authorized to spend the week end of July 5 to 7 in New York City in the interests of the Bureau work.

M.A.MALONEY--CENTRAL. CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Pacific Union for M.A. Maloney to connect with the Central California Conference.

W.B.OCHS--LOCATION AND MOVING EXPENSE:

VOTED, That we advise W.B.Ochs, associate secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions for the German Department, to locate in the Middle West, preferably near Chicago, and that he be allowed \$200 on moving expenses.

GWYNNE DALRYMPLE--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, That in response to the request of the Pacific Press, we pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call for Gwynne Dalrymple to connect with the editorial department of the Signs of the Times.

E.E.CARMAN--SALARY:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue salary to E.E.Carman, returned from China, for three months.

P.H.AUGUSTINE RELEASED:

VOTED, That inasmuch as on account of health and other conditions P.H.Augustine feels indisposed to accept the call to foreign service at the present time, he be released from the appointment to the South China Union Mission.

MEDICAL REPORTS ACCEPTED:

Medical reports were presented and accepted for the following workers:

Professor and Mrs. H.M.Johnson, under appointment to Denmark.

Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Millard and daughter Marjorie appointed to the South Caribbean Conference.

Elder and Mrs. Orley Ford, on furlough from the South American Division.

Elder and Mrs. O.A.Skau, on furlough from India.

Professor and Mrs. W.F.Hahn, appointed to the West Caribbean Training School.

Elder and Mrs. J.H.McEachern, under appointment to the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Lange, appointed to India.

Professor and Mrs. Joseph L. Cummins, appointed to the Philippines for school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kinzer, under appointment to Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hunter, appointed to India.

L.B. HALLIWELL--MEDICAL REPORTS AND EXPENSE:

Medical reports were presented for L.B. Halliwell and family, on furlough from Brazil. The doctor advises extended treatment before the family can be safely returned to the field. It was--

VOTED, That we advise L.B. Halliwell to follow the doctor's counsel in the matter of medical treatment for the family, the question of the expense involved being referred to the Adjustment Committee.

MRS. W.W. WHEELER--MEDICAL REPORT:

Medical report was presented for Mrs. W.W. Wheeler, on furlough from Chile, South America, and in view of one or two questions it was agreed to ask Sister Wheeler to have a physical recheck in five or six weeks, and submit a further statement from the doctor.

E.F. HACKMAN--LAKE UNION:

VOTED, That E.F. Hackman respond to the invitation from the Lake Union to attend workers' meetings and other meetings in the East Michigan Conference over the coming week end, in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work.

YIDDISH MONTHLY PAPER:

F.C. Gilbert spoke of the apparent need in the field for something in the way of an inexpensive periodical which could be circulated frequently, to enlighten the Jews on the fundamentals of the message. Suggestion was made of a monthly periodical, something like "Present Truth," to be printed in Yiddish and English.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the Pacific Press and the Jewish Department of the Bureau of Home Missions, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made, to issue a monthly four-page periodical, for circulation among the Jewish people.

F.C. GILBERT--PACIFIC AND NORTH PACIFIC UNIONS:

VOTED, That following his camp meeting work in the Western Canadian Union, F.C. Gilbert be authorized to spend some time in the North Pacific and Pacific Unions, in the interest of the Jewish work, as arrangements may be made with those unions.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS IN RUSSIAN:

VOTED, That we authorize the publication in the Russian language of a sufficient quantity of Week of Prayer Readings to meet the needs of the Russian people in the North American conferences.

AUDIT OF SOUTHWESTERN UNION BOOKS:

VOTED, That we authorize W.E. Phillips to audit the books of the Southwestern Union Conference while he is in the Southwest.

V. T. ARMSTRONG--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense in the case of Mrs. V.T. Armstrong, recently returned from furlough to Japan.

SONG BOOKS FOR PRIMARY AND JUNIOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

A committee which had been appointed to develop a song book covering church schools, junior societies, and primary and kindergarten Sabbath school divisions, reported their conviction that two song books would be better than one, in view of the difficulty of covering so wide a range in one book.

VOTED, That the committee appointed be authorized to develop a song book for the primary and kindergarten divisions of the Sabbath school, and a junior song book for use in the church schools and junior societies.

The committee as appointed consists of: H.T. Elliott, S.A. Wellman, C.L. Bond, C.A. Russell, J.W. Mace, Mrs. Walter Meade, Miss Rosamond D. Ginther, A.W. Spalding, and H.H. Cobban.

Adjourned.

C.K. MEYERS, Chairmen.

M.E. KERN, Secretary.

E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.