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TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 1, 1931

P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, W H Branson, J L McElhany, C K Meyers, E Kotz, W A Spicer, Claude Conard, W H Williams, H H Cobban, F H Robbins, F M Wilcox, J A Stevens, C E Weeks, J A P Green, L E Froom, H T Elliott, C A Russell, L A Hansen, Miss Jensen, H H Votaw, Mrs Plummer, S A Wellman, W E Howell, C L Bond, C W Irwin, C B Haynes, L E Christman.

Prayer by S.A. Wellman. Minutes of the meeting of May 28 were approved.

APPEAL FOR INCREASED OFFERINGS:

The chairman read an appeal in behalf of sustained and increased giving for missions, which he had written in harmony with the recommendation of the Spring Council, and it was--

VOTED, That this appeal be sent to all our church elders and leaders in the North American Division, to be read in the churches, and that it be also printed in the Review.

THE "VERSIONS" CONTROVERSY:

In a meeting of the Committee held May 7, immediately following the Spring Council, the North American union presidents being present, a statement was made concerning the steps which had been taken by the Minority Committee in dealing with an agitation regarding Bible versions. A suggestive statement was submitted, giving an outline of what it was felt should be recorded in the minutes as the Committee's attitude toward the controversy; and also a suggestive letter of personal counsel to Elder B.G. Wilkinson was read.

In that meeting it was voted to approve of this course of procedure, and to authorize the chairman to associate with himself such other brethren as he should select, to edit the statement and the letter, and to prepare a further statement defining the attitude of the Committee toward the book, 'Our Authorized Bible Vindicated.'

The document which Elder Wilkinson read at the hearing before the General Conference Minority Committee having been received late last week, the chairman stated that the sub-committee had since been at work and now had its report ready to submit, consisting of a statement for record, regarding the controversy; a further statement defining the Committee's attitude toward the book; and a personal letter of counsel to Elder Wilkinson, for approval.

After the reading of the report, it was--

VOTED, That we approve of the letter as containing the counsel which should go from this Committee to Elder B.G. Wilkinson. And,

VOTED, That we adopt for record the statements regarding the versions controversy, and the book, "Our Authorized Bible Vindicated," as follows:

THE CONTROVERSY:

"The General Conference Minority Executive Committee some time since had its attention called to divergence of views being advocated by certain brethren regarding the relative values of the Authorized and American Revised versions of the Bible. As time has passed it has become evident that those who advocate positions on either side of the question hold very decided views. Sermons have been preached, articles have appeared in some of our papers, and a book has been published and circulated. Thus the controversy is being extended beyond the very few persons with whom it began.

"Action of the General Conference Committee taken more than a year ago and recorded in the minutes of March 20, 1930, defines the General Conference attitude toward these versions as being without discrimination.

"Some of the claims put forward in the course of this controversy being widely divergent from the attitude of the General Conference as expressed in its minutes, consideration has been given to both the circumstance of the controversy and to the tenableness of the position previously taken by the Committee relative to these two versions.

"In this consideration we have tried to discover the status of this matter at the following points:

"1. The origin of controversy relative to the Authorized and Revised versions.

"2. Its effect upon those who have participated in it.

"3. The need for any such controversy at this time.

"4. Any desire of our own people as to which version they should use.

"5. Whether such a controversy can be profitable to our people.

"6. Whether those of our workers who have engaged in it have acted in harmony with the instruction given through the Spirit of prophecy relating to controversies.

"7. Whether this controversy has demonstrated the action of the General Conference relating to these versions to be unreasonable, unsound, or unnecessary.

"Regarding these queries we find that:

"1. The origin of controversy relative to the Authorized and Revised versions.

"It is a matter of simple historical knowledge that this controversy is as old as the versions. It divided the textual scholarship of the last century into two classes, those who strenuously supported the revision, and those who just as strenuously opposed the revision. Much was written by the advocates of both views, and a great deal of evidence is available for both contentions. However, notwithstanding the great volume of textual literature, and the mass of utterance expended upon the matter, nothing has been said or written that has brought a final settlement of the controversy. Nor does it appear likely that the matter ever will be settled by means of argument. It should be remembered, however, that this controversy has always been a battle of scholars, which has not anywhere or at any time seriously stirred the interest of the mass of Christian believers. Indeed it is significant that this controversy between the scholars has utterly failed to impress the great body of Christian believers with its importance.

"2. Its effect upon those who have participated in it.

"The effect upon those who have participated in the controversy always has been one of sharp division. It is much to be regretted that this, too, is the obvious consequence to our own brethren who have taken positions on either side of this question. We observe, too, that the division of views of our brethren occurs precisely where the arguments of textual scholars divide.

"3. The need for any such controversy at this time.

"It is the solemn conviction of this Committee that this division of scholarly thought on this matter should never have been brought into our work. No movement, or sentiment, or condition, or agitation had developed anywhere among us that would justify the introduction of such a controversy into our work.

"4 and 5. Any desire of our own people as to which version they should use. Whether such a controversy can be profitable to our people.

"There has been no tendency on the part of our people in North America or in any other English-speaking country to discard the use of the 'Authorized Version.' There has arisen

no need within our work to urge upon us a common usage of the 'American' or 'English' revised versions instead of the 'Authorized.' From neither angle of the question has there arisen any need for controversy, and we are without excuse for its continuance. It has been introduced by the clash of convictions of only a few men. Its continuance will cause unnecessary and harmful division among us. It should cease.

"6. Whether those of our workers who have engaged in it have acted in harmony with the instruction given through the Spirit of prophecy relating to controversies.

"The teachings of the Spirit of prophecy on the question of controversies within the church are very clear. 'Paul knew that the laborer for God must be wise enough to see the design of the enemy, and refuse to be misled or diverted. The conversion of souls must be the burden of his work; he must preach the word of God, but avoid controversy.' -- 'Gospel Workers,' p. 312.

"While Christians are not to sacrifice one principle of truth, they should avoid controversy wherever possible to do so.' -- 'Desire of Ages,' p. 434.

"Wishing to avoid all occasion for misunderstanding or dissension, He [Jesus] quietly ceased His labors, and withdrew to Galilee. We also, while loyal to the truth, should try to avoid all that may lead to discord and misapprehension. For whenever these arise, they result in the loss of souls. Whatever circumstances occur that threaten to cause division, we should follow the example of Jesus and of John the Baptist.' -- 'Desire of Ages,' p. 181.

"7. Whether this controversy has demonstrated the action of the General Conference relating to these versions to be unreasonable, unsound, or unnecessary.

"The reasonableness and soundness of the General Conference Committee's action to the effect that these two versions shall serve us without discrimination, are amply seen in the situation which has developed from this controversy within our ranks, and the counsel which this action of the General Conference conveys, though originally called for by request of one of its departments, finds close application to this question of versions in this controversy, and should be respected and loyally observed by all workers in the cause.

Conclusion

"In view of this we record our conviction that the action before referred to expresses the judgment of our world leadership on this question, and counsels our workers and people wisely relative to it. And it should stand as a controlling decision for us all in this matter. It reads as follows:

"The Sabbath School Department requested counsel concerning the publication of a lesson help on the book of Romans to be brought out by one of our publishing houses, since it had been stated that this help would be based exclusively upon the American Revised Version of the Bible. It was--

"Voted, That while we recognize the equal value of the Authorized Version and the American Revised Version, and often quote from the American Revised in our Sabbath school and other literature, the policy of the Sabbath School Department for years has been to use the Authorized Version, since that is the version in the hands of the majority of the people; and inasmuch as these lessons on Romans are based on the Authorized Version, we cannot approve of the publication of the proposed pamphlet as a help to the Sabbath school lessons on Romans unless it be based on the Authorized Version."

"We further record our conviction that all our workers, ministers, teachers, authors, editors, and leaders should rigidly refrain from further participation in this controversy, leaving all free to use the version of their choice.

"We also appeal for the sincere cooperation of all our workers in endeavoring to preserve the unity of our people. We most earnestly plead that attention be given by our workers to the many messages which have come to us through the Spirit of prophecy entreating us in this time of peril and crisis for the church to put away all differences from among us, and to 'press together,' remembering that that which destroys unity among us is an enemy to us and to the church that we have been called to guard and to serve."

GENERAL CONFERENCE RELATIONSHIP TO
THE BOOK, "OUR AUTHORIZED BIBLE VINDICATED":

"Whereas, A book entitled, 'Our Authorized Bible Vindicated,' was published several months ago; and,

"Whereas, The official position of the author, who is one of our workers, appears on the title page; and,

"Whereas, This publication of the author's connection with our work cannot but give us identification with the book; and,

"Whereas, The contents of the book are controversial in character, and its claims drastic and widesweeping; and

"Whereas, The manuscript was not submitted to any of our authorized committees for approval, though it presents teaching on the question of Bible production very different from that held by the denomination; and,

"Whereas, Neither approval of its contents nor authorization for its publication and circulation was given by any of our authorized committees:

"We recommend, That it hereby be made known that the denomination is in no way identified with the teachings of this book and is in no way responsible for or associated with its production and circulation."

C.B.HAYNES--WEST MICHIGAN:

VOTED, That we concur in the request of the Lake Union and assign C.B.Haynes to work for the summer months in the West Michigan Conference.

Recess was taken to 1:30 P.M.

On reassembling at 1:30, W.H.Branson took the chair, and prayer was offered by F.M.Wilcox.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

Writers for the Week of Prayer Readings having been appointed, it was--

VOTED, That the following be the topics for the Readings:

Sabbath: "Watching Unto Prayer,"--C.H.Watson.

Sunday: "Soul Winning,"-- I.H Evans.

Monday: " Second Coming of Christ,"--F.Griggs.

Tuesday: "Advancing Under Difficulties,"--A.V.Olson.

Wednesday: "Sacrificing to Meet a World Need,"

--W.H.Branson.

Thursday: "Compelling Providences,"--C.K.Meyers.

Friday: "Walking as He Walked,"--F.M Wilcox.

Sabbath: "Surety of the Triumph,"--W.A.Spicer.

VOTED, That the Sabbath School Department be requested to prepare the Children's Lessons for the Week of Prayer.

R. S. GREAVES--CYPRUS:

Elder R.S.Greaves, a former missionary in Greece, now working in Western Canada as a sustentation beneficiary, has expressed a desire to give his service in some strictly mission field, and has suggested the island of Cyprus, where the Greek language is spoken. He and his wife propose to meet their own transportation. Brother Greaves' desire was communicated to the Central European Division, and on the basis of their reply, it was--

VOTED, That R.S.Greaves be informed that the Central European Division will welcome him as the first Seventh-day Adventist self-supporting missionary upon Cyprus, if he can carry out his plan with the help which he will continue to receive from the General Conference Sustentation Fund, and provided that his

transportation and his stay in Cyprus will not mean any expense either to the Arabic Union Mission or the Central European Division.

E. B. HARE--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That in view of the health condition of their little girl, E. B. Hare and family, of Burma, be granted a three months extension of their furlough.

DR. ELTON MOREL:

VOTED, That in case Dr. Elton Morel can carry out his plan to secure passage from San Francisco as a ship's surgeon, thereby greatly reducing the expense of his transportation to Africa, to which field he is appointed, he be allowed two round trip fares to Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Sacramento, in order to visit relatives.

CHINA'S REQUEST RE CANTON HOSPITAL:

Request was received from the China Division for permission to go forward with plans for the establishment of a hospital in Canton, and it was--

VOTED, That we advise the China Division not to proceed with any plans for the establishment of a hospital in Canton until we are better informed as to ability to handle the present institutions that are in operation or in process of construction, especially in view of the anticipated further cut in budgets.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following named persons be a committee to give study to the question of the contents and service of the General Conference library: W. E. Howell, chairman; C. W. Irwin, W. W. Prescott, L. E. Froom, J. L. McElhany.

DISBURSEMENTS FROM RUSSIAN FUND:

VOTED, That we approve of the disbursements which have been made by the Central European Division from the Russian trust fund in their treasury, as per their statement of April 19, 1931, and that we authorize further disbursements from this fund as follows:

1. The continuance until May, 1932, of the financial assistance formerly voted for Brother and Sister A. P. Chawrenko, fugitives from Russia, at present attending the college in Friedensau.

2. That Brethren Goosen and Oss, Russian fugitives be granted \$50.00 each as special help toward the purchase of household goods to aid them in settling on the land which the German government has allotted to them.

3. That Brother Görtz and family, also fugitives from Russia, be granted some financial assistance for a few weeks, the amount to be determined by the Central European Division officers.

4. That the final school bill of Brother W. Swiridow, amounting to about \$128, be met from the same fund.

A.R.SHERMAN:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue salary to A.R.Sherman, returned from South America, to the end of the year.

SUSTENTATION:

The secretary of the Sustentation Committee reported actions of that committee in a meeting held May 29.

Adjourned.

C.H.WATSON,
W.H.BRANSON, Chairmen.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 8, 1931

P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, J L McElhany, W H Branson, C K Meyers, E Kotz, H H Cobban, W W Prescott, Claude Conard, W H Williams, J A Stevens, E F Hackman, L E Froom, C A Russell, L A Hansen, Mrs Plummer, Miss Jensen, S A Wellman, E L Richmond, C E Weaks, C L Bond, W E Howell, H H Votaw, C W Irwin, F M Wilcox, J A P Green, H T Elliott.

Prayer by S.A. Wellman. Minutes of the meeting of June 1 were approved.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE IN CHINA AND THE FAR EAST:

Cable was received from W.A. Scharffenberg, the principal of the Far Eastern Branch of the Home Study Institute, inquiring as to whether the Institute is to be continued as one organization or divided into two, in order to serve the China Division and the Far Eastern Division. It was--

VOTED, That we advise that the Far Eastern Branch of the Home Study Institute be continued as one organization to serve both the China and the Far Eastern Division, until the time of the General Conference Biennial Council, in 1932, when the question can be given further consideration.

FOREIGN VISITS:

The officers having given consideration to the requests received from the foreign divisions for General Conference help in councils and conventions, presented suggestions, which were adopted as follows:

C.H. Watson to Europe, December, 1931, until early February, 1932.

E. Kotz to Europe in December, 1931, length of visit to be arranged.

Meade MacGuire, Southern African Division, 1932, for six or seven months.

W.A. Spicer, Inter-American Division, 1931, to arrive in time for the Division Council, beginning November 22.

W.H.Branson, Europe, 1932.

Dr. A.W.Truman, Europe, 1931

C.K.Meyers to South America, winter of 1931-32.

H.T.Elliott, South America and Central European Division, winter of 1931-32.

O. Montgomery to China, to arrive in time for the officers' and division council beginning January 13, 1932.

H.H.Hall to China and the Far Eastern Division, winter of 1931-32.

C.E.Weaks to Africa and India, time to be arranged with the Publishing Department and the divisions concerned.

J.L.McElhany, Australasia, 1932, for about eight months.

EASTERN EFFICIENCY COMMISSION:

VOTED, That the Eastern Efficiency Commission be authorized to call a meeting to be held at the Washington Sanitarium, October 5 to 8.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the General Conference Building Committee which has been appointed be authorized to secure plans and specifications and estimated costs to submit to this Committee for approval, and that when plans and specifications have been so approved the Building Committee be empowered to proceed with all further arrangements for the construction of the new addition.

L.E.CHRISTMAN--OHIO:

VOTED, That L.E.Christman be authorized to respond to the invitation to spend two weeks in the Ohio Conference.

AUGUST ANDERSON--MINNESOTA CAMP MEETING:

VOTED, That August Anderson be asked to attend the Minnesota camp meeting, in addition to his attendance at the meetings in the Western Canadian Union and North Dakota.

L.H.CHRISTIAN--RUSSIA:

VOTED, That we ask L.H.Christian to keep in mind the possibility of making a trip into Russia, and that he be authorized to make such a visit if he should find the time opportune.

SUSTENTATION:

The secretary of the Sustentation Committee reported actions of that committee in a meeting held June 5.

BARTLE SCHOOL--\$5000:

VOTED, That we accede to the request of the Inter-American Division that they be allowed to transfer to the school in Bartle, Cuba,--the Spanish training school for the Antillian Union, \$5000 which was appropriated for the school in Porto Rico, the latter school having been discontinued.

S.L.FROST--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of S.L.Frost and family, on furlough from China.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 8, 1931, 1:30 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, W H Branson, J L McElhany, E Kotz, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Claude Conard, W W Prescott, J A P Green, J A Stevens, E F Hackman, L E Froom, H T Elliott, S A Wellman, Mrs Plummer, W E Howell, L A Hansen, M C Taft, H H Votaw, M N Campbell, C A Russell, C W Irwin.

Prayer by C.W.Irwin.

ADVICE TO AUSTRALASIA:

The Australasian Division had asked counsel with reference to the inclusion of a certain manuscript in a book which they are intending to publish to be used as a subscription book in the field. On receipt of the manuscript it was referred to a special committee of five for careful reading. This committee now submitted a report relative to their examination of the manuscript, and it was--

VOTED, That a copy of this report be sent to the Australasian Division, and that in view of the report we recommend to the Australasian Division that they do not include the aforesaid manuscript in the new book which they are publishing.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 11, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, C H Watson, E Kotz, H H Cobban, W W Prescott, M N Campbell, W E Howell, H T Elliott, L E Froom, H H Votaw, Mrs Plummer, S A Wellman, J A Stevens, C E Weaks, C W Irwin, Miss Jensen, C B Haynes, L A Hansen, E F Hackman, F M Wilcox, E L Richmond, J A P Green, C L Bond, M C Taft; also J.D.Livingston (on his way to South America), and F.G. Clifford (on furlough from Africa).

Prayer by C.B.Haynes. Minutes of the forenoon meeting of June 8 were approved.

J.C.SHULL--SHANGHAI SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That we request the Washington Sanitarium to release J.C.Shull to connect with the China Division as manager-treasurer of the Shanghai Sanitarium.

HAROLD C.BROWN--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

Cable was received from the South American Division, calling for the return of Harold C.Brown, whose furlough ends July 5, to act as Bible teacher in the Chillan school. Since coming home Brother Brown has had to submit to some heavy surgical operations, and the doctors have advised that he should not return to South America before the end of the year. It was therefore,

VOTED, That we extend the furlough of Harold C. Brown three months, and that South America be asked to grant an extension of another three months, when Brother Brown hopes to be able to take the work to which he is called in the Chillan school.

W.H.ATHERLY--FRENCH WEST INDIES:

Word received from W.H.Atherly reports that the Lord has wonderfully blessed in the speedy recovery of Mrs. Atherly. On information from the doctors confirming this statement, and in view of the doctors' recommendation that she can safely be sent to the mission field, it was--

VOTED, That, accepting the medical reports for Mr. and Mrs. W.H.Atherly as satisfactory, we renew the invitation to them to connect with the Inter-American Division for evangelistic work in the French West Indies, and that we request the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference to release them for this purpose.

COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE OF HANDLING MANUSCRIPTS:

Elder Watson called attention to the fact that frequently manuscripts are sent to the General Conference for examination and for counsel as to their publication. He felt that some method of dealing with such items should be developed so that authoritative decisions might be rendered. It was--

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to give study to this question and to make recommendation to this Committee.

Named: M.N.Campbell, W.E.Howell, F.M.Wilcox, H.H. Votaw, E.L.Richmond.

BOOKS FOR LIBRARY:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Library Committee, that the treasurer be authorized to purchase for the library a set of the latest edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica; also a copy of Young's Analytical Concordance, and the latest revision of the Century Dictionary.

JOSEPHINE HAGBERG--OSHAWA MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College the call from the Eastern Canadian Union for Miss Josephine Hagberg to connect with the French Department of Oshawa Missionary College.

M.N.CAMPBELL--BROADVIEW BOARD MEETING:

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell be authorized to attend the Broadview College Board meeting, June 22.

T.ROSE CURTIS--JUNIOR CAMP WORK:

VOTED, That we accede to the request of the Columbia Union and allow Miss T.Rose Curtis to assist in the junior training camp to be held this summer in the Potomac Conference.

C.L.WOODS--SALARY:

VOTED, That the China Division be requested to begin the salary of C.L.Woods June 10, on the termination of his connection with Washington Missionary College.

CHURCH PROPERTY IN FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA:

The Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference asked approval of a proposition to purchase a church property in Fullerton, California.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the church property in Fullerton, California, it being understood that the membership has in hand the amount of the purchase price in cash, and in property which has been given to be applied in this way.

UNION COLLEGE--\$15,000:

At the Spring Council of 1929 action was taken in which the General Conference agreed to join the Central, Northern and Southwestern Union Conferences in a two-year effort to raise funds for repairs and improvements and debt reduction at Union College, on the 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. Inasmuch as the Central Union and the Northern Union have raised \$20,000 and \$10,000 respectively, it was--

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to make available to Union College, \$15,000, in harmony with the original agreement.

TENT EFFORT IN ONTARIO--\$350;

VOTED, That the Bureau of Home Missions be authorized to appropriate from its funds \$350 for the tent effort which Elder M.N.Campbell, the secretary of the Bureau, is to conduct this summer in Sudbury, Ontario.

VASILLA TKCHUK--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Bureau of Home Missions be authorized to appropriate \$50 from Bureau funds, to apply on medical expense in the family of Vasilla Tkchuk, one of the Bureau's Polish workers.

Adjourned.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 15, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, E Kotz, H H Cobban, J A Stevens, W E Howell, H T Elliott, Mrs Plummer, C L Bond, Miss Jensen, C E Weaks, L A Hansen, L E Froom, F M Wilcox, C W Irwin, E L Richmond, C B Haynes, M C Taft, C A Russell.

Prayer by C.E.Weaks. Minutes of the afternoon meeting of June 8 and the meeting of June 11 were approved.

MISS JENSEN--BOOK ON MASSAGE:

For several years the Macmillan Company of New York has urged that our Medical Department prepare a book covering the subject of hydrotherapy and massage. Since it has not been possible until now to comply with this request, and since the firm has renewed negotiations, urging Miss Jensen to write a book on massage, it was--

VOTED, That in order to make it possible for Miss Jensen to comply with this request, she be granted partial leave of absence from the Medical Department for three months, being paid for whatever time she must of necessity give to her regular work in the department, she to assume full responsibility for writing the book and signing the contract with the Macmillan Company if the manuscript is accepted. Further, that record be kept of the time spent by her assistant in work on the manuscript, in order that financial adjustment may be made.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The Library Committee presented a report, making recommendation with reference to the arrangement and equipment of the rooms allotted to the library, service and content, and suggestions for financing.

VOTED, That we accept the report of the Library Committee, passing on to the Building Committee the recommendations relative to the necessary alterations in the rooms; and to the Treasury the recommendations with reference to the expense involved in building up the library, for inclusion in the budget which will be submitted to the next Autumn Council.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE--FOREIGN BRANCHES:

The committee which had been appointed to study the question of the foreign branches of the Home Study Institute, presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

"Your committee appointed to consider the policies that should govern the establishment of branches of the Home Study Institute, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

"1. That in general each division work toward having its own branch of the Home Study Institute.

"2. That the branch be under the management of a board of directors appointed by the division; this board to include the principal of the school, the educational secretary of the division, and such heads of training schools and field leaders as may seem best.

"3. That a local board be appointed by the main board from its own members, who will cooperate with the principal in carrying on the work between the sessions of the main board.

"4. That where conditions of the work make it advisable for two or more divisions to unite temporarily in the operation of a branch, the control of that branch be vested in a joint board made up from the divisions concerned, with such representation from each as may be agreed upon by them.

"5. That the members of this combined board be nominated by their own respective divisions, and the nominations be confirmed by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

"6. That where large language areas pass over from one division to another, it is recommended in the interests of economy that a cooperative arrangement be entered into between the divisions concerned, by which students doing work in a given language be enrolled in the branch school that is basic for that language, regardless of the division territory in which he may reside."

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE BOARD:

The same committee had been asked to make recommendation with reference to representation on the board of the Home Study Institute, and their recommendation was adopted as follows:

"We recommend, That the board of the Home Study Institute be enlarged so as to include representative heads of schools and field workers, and further, that the following members be nominated for membership on this board: J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, H.J.Klooster, J.P.Neff."

I.A.STEINEL RELEASED:

Word having been received from I.A.Steinell that in view of the special studies he has taken up in order to prepare himself for larger service, he does not see his way clear to accept the call to South America at the present time, it was

VOTED, That we release I.A.Steinell from the appointment as music director in the River Plate Junior College.

COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGE AS RELATED TO
FOREIGN WORKERS' SALARIES:

At the Spring Council a recommendation was adopted calling for a study of the question of the basis of the payment of foreign workers' salaries, in view of the exchange situation in certain divisions.

VOTED, That the following be a committee to give study to this question, and to report: W.H.Williams, chairman; W.H.Branson, E.Kotz, H.H.Cobban, C.E.Weaks, H.H.Votaw, L.A. Hansen.

THANKS TO SECRETARY OF STATE:

A number of communications have been received from the Department of State relative to the murder of Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller, in China. These communications have contained full information concerning the whole sad affair.

We have also been informed of the faithful attention given to all details following the tragedy by Mr. Stevens, the American Consul at Yunnanfu.

VOTED, That we express our sincere thanks to the Secretary of State for his kindness in supplying us with full information relative to the murder of Mrs. Vera Mosebar White and Mrs. Victoria Marion Miller at Yunnanfu, China; and,

VOTED, That we express our deep appreciation to the American Consul at Yunnanfu, Mr. H.E.Stevens, and through him to the members of the European colony in Yunnanfu for their help and sympathetic kindness manifested on the sad occasion of the death of Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller.

CHINA DIVISION--TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

In the 1930 Extension Budget, \$3000 was allotted to China to provide a home for a doctor at Chengchow, Central China. The Division now asks permission to use this \$3000 in paying for an addition to the Yengcheng hospital, rather than in starting a new medical center at Chengchow.

VOTED, That we authorize the China Division to use in paying for the addition to the Yengcheng hospital the \$3000 which was appropriated for a doctor's home at Chengchow.

MRS. W.L.BURGAN--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That W.L.Burgan be allowed \$60 on the medical expense of Mrs. Burgan.

SUSTENTATION:

The secretary of the Sustentation Committee reported actions of that committee in a meeting held June 12.

J.A.STEVENS--NEW YORK CITY:

VOTED, That J.A.Stevens be authorized to meet appointments in New York City June 18.

R.G.CAMPBELL--MISSOURI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Central Union for R.G.Campbell to connect with the Missouri Conference as field missionary secretary.

PROF. AND MRS. C.M.SORENSEN--

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Prof. and Mrs. C.M.Sorenson to connect with Southern California Junior College, Professor Sorenson as Bible teacher and Mrs. Sorenson as matron.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by C.B.Haynes, especially remembering Dr. Donald Griggs, who is very ill in China.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 22, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, E Kotz, H H Cobban, F M Wilcox, W E Howell, C E Weeks, H H Hall, J A Stevens, Mrs Plummer, Miss Jensen, L A Hansen, C W Irwin, E L Richmond, E F Hackman, E E Franklin, M C Taft, L E Froom.

Prayer by E.E. Franklin. Minutes of the meeting of June 15 were approved.

H.D. ISAAC--ANTILLIAN UNION:

Inasmuch as H.D. Isaac has expressed a preference for departmental work, and inasmuch as there is an opening for him in this line of work in the Inter-American Division, it was--

VOTED, That we release H.D. Isaac from the call to the principalship of the Chillan school in South America, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Antillian Union Mission.

CLAIRE WININGAR RELEASED:

VOTED, That inasmuch as she does not see her way clear to accept, we release Miss Claire Winingar from the call to the Far Eastern Division.

MARGUERITE PORTER RELEASED:

Word was received from Miss Marguerite Porter, stating that because of responsibility toward aged parents, she felt she must decline the call to Japan.

VOTED, That we release Miss Marguerite Porter from the appointment to church school work in Japan.

POLICY FOR HANDLING MANUSCRIPTS:

The report of the committee on the handling of manuscripts that come to the General Conference was unanimously adopted as follows:

"Inasmuch as the General Conference is not directly in the publishing work, we recommend the following procedure in the case of manuscripts or books that are sent in to this office for examination:

"1. That any manuscript sent in to us voluntarily by individuals be courteously passed back to the writer with the suggestion that he present it to leading local brethren of his acquaintance, and if approved by them and the writer desires to publish it, that he pass it on to one of our denominational publishing houses for ^{their} examination.

"2. That manuscripts sent in to us by an organization leader or committee for counsel or review be referred by the officers to such committee as they shall appoint for the purpose and that the same procedure be followed in the case of such books or manuscripts as are in circulation that disturb and perplex our believers and are sent in to the General Conference by our leaders for counsel.

"3. That owing to the varied character of manuscripts and books sent in to us, and owing to the different fields of thought with which they deal, a suitable committee be appointed by the officers for the review of each one as it comes in.

"4. That the report of such a committee be final, and be communicated by the secretary of the reporting committee to the sender of the manuscript."

"HOME AND SCHOOL":

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$250 to Washington Missionary College, to apply on the cost of production of the magazine, "Home and School," for the past year and that consideration of a fixed subsidy, and the field to be covered by the magazine, be deferred until a later time, when representatives from the field can be present.

H.P.EVENS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of Mrs. H.P.Evens, on furlough from the Far Eastern Division.

MRS. W.E.HANCOCK--ALLOWANCE CONTINUED:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue to the end of August the allowance of \$10 a week which is being paid to Mrs. W.E.Hancock.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we accede to the request of the Atlantic Union, authorizing F.L.Peterson to spend a little time with the colored church in Boston, and also attend a portion of the Southern New England camp meeting.

VOTED, That H.T.Elliott be asked to attend the Colorado camp meeting.

VOTED, That E. Kotz be authorized to respond to invitations to spend the week end with foreign churches in nearby conferences, as he may find this possible in connection with his official duties.

ALVIN W. JOHNSON--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Lake Union for Alvin W. Johnson of Maplewood Academy, to connect with the History Department of Emmanuel Missionary College.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 24, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, C H Watson, E Kotz, H H Cobban, W E Howell, C W Irwin, J A Stevens, Mrs Plummer, Miss Jensen, M C Taft, L A Hansen, E L Richmond, H H Hall, F M Wilcox, E E Franklin.

Prayer by F.M.Wilcox.

OKLAHOMA--\$3500:

The chairman read a telegram addressed to M.B.VanKirk reporting the outcome of the discussion in the Committee meeting of June 22 relative to the special request sent by him in behalf of the Oklahoma Conference in view of the critical financial situation in that conference. Elder Van Kirk's reply to this telegram was also read. After careful consideration of the whole situation, it was--

VOTED, That the sum of \$3500 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to the Oklahoma Conference; and that Elders Watson and Branson be asked to make careful inquiry into the situation prevailing in the Southwestern Union when they are in that field in August.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 25, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, C H Watson, E Kotz, H H Cobban, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, C E Weeks, H H Hall, E E Franklin, C W Irwin, L E Froom, L A Hansen, H H Votaw, E L Richmond, Mrs Plummer, W E Howell, J A Stevens, Miss Jensen, W H Williams.

Prayer was offered by F.M.Wilcox and C.W.Irwin. God's special blessing was invoked upon the little army of student colporteurs, about one thousand of whom, so Elder Franklin of the Publishing Department reported, are in the field this summer.

Minutes of meetings held June 22 and 24 were approved.

WILFRID TARR--SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to Wilfrid Tarr, formerly of Africa, now at the Battleford Academy, the invitation from the South African Division for him to connect with the work in that division.

ROLLIN NESMITH--JULIACA SCHOOL:

VOTED, That we request the Central Union Conference and Union College to release Rollin Nesmith, to connect with the South American Division for the principalship of the Juliaca school in Peru.

PEARL COOPER--JAPAN:

VOTED, That we request the North Pacific Union and the Southern Oregon Conference to release Miss Pearl Cooper, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as church school teacher in the Japan Union Mission.

CALENDAR ISSUE:

Letter was read from A.S.Maxwell, reporting the hearing on the Calendar issue before the Preparatory Committee in Geneva, and offering some suggestions as to what might be done to set our position more fully before the Communications and Transit Section of the League of Nations, which is to meet in October, in case opportunity is afforded for a hearing before that body. It was--

VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the chair to give study to the question and to report, as to what should be done in preparation for another possible hearing on the Calendar question in Geneva.

Named: E.Kotz, J.L.McElhany, C.S.Longacre, H.H. Votaw, F.M.Wilcox, W.E.Howell.

VICTOR DIETEL--\$150:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$150 to Victor Dietel, returned from Spain, and who through exceptional circumstances in connection with his return and the fact that he has not been placed, finds himself in financial embarrassment; this amount to be charged to the fur-lough fund.

GEORGE HUSE--\$100:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$100 to George Huse, to reimburse him in part for losses sustained through the cancelation of his appointment to China.

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM--DONATION OF LAND:

In the meeting of April 24 a committee was appointed on the question of the donation of land by the Washington Sanitarium for the construction of a roadway. To take the place of members who are absent and others unable to serve it was--

VOTED, That the following be substituted: J.L. McElhany, H.H.Hall, M.C.Taft, E.L.Richmond; and that the name of Dr. A.W.Truman be added.

The committee as now constituted is as follows: J.L.McElhany, chairman; H.H.Hall, M.C.Taft, E.L.Richmond, C.C. Pulver, Dr. A.W.Truman, H.H.Votaw, F.M.Wilcox.

ADDITION TO BUILDING--PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

W.H.Williams, the chairman of the Building Committee, presented plans and specifications for the addition to the General Conference office building.

VOTED, That we accept the plans and specifications, and estimated costs, as presented by the Building Committee, for the addition to the General Conference office building.

ELEVATOR DEFERRED:

VOTED, That we accept the recommendation of the Building Committee that the installation of an elevator be deferred for the present.

Adjourned.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 29, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, E Kotz, H H Cobban, F M Wilcox, J A Stevens, H H Hall, E E Franklin, L E Froom, E L Richmond, W I Smith, C W Irwin, F L Peterson, L A Hansen, C S Longacre, Mrs Plummer, H H Votaw, M C Taft.

Prayer by F.M.Wilcox. Minutes of the meeting of June 25 were approved.

W.E.HOWELL--PACIFIC COAST:

VOTED, That W.E.Howell be authorized to make a trip to the Pacific Coast to carry on some investigation and fact-finding work for the School Survey Commission.

MRS. L.E.ALLEN--MEDICAL EXAMINATION:

VOTED, That in view of the fact that Elder and Mrs. L.E.Allen, on furlough from India, have some question in their own minds relative to Sister Allen's health, she be authorized to have a second physical examination when they reach the Pacific Coast.

W.E.PHILLIPS--MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That missionary credentials be granted to W.E.Phillips, assistant auditor.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING:

VOTED, That since Elder C.K.Meyers cannot return from California in time to meet his appointment at the Southern New England camp meeting, E KOTZ and C.S.Longacre be asked to attend that meeting, Elder Kotz to be present at least over the week end.

EASTERN EFFICIENCY COMMISSION:

Whereas, Correspondence with workers connected with our Eastern medical institutions reveals a willingness on the part of all to postpone the meeting of the Eastern Efficiency Commission, due to the present financial conditions; therefore,

VOTED, That this meeting be postponed until next year, or until a more favorable time.

C.L.STONE--MEDICAL EXPENSE;

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of C.L.Stone, returned from the Inter-American Division.

J.C.SHULL--TO VISIT SANITARIUMS:

Request was presented from J.C.Shull that he be permitted to visit some of our sanitariums in North America for the help this may be to him as he take up his work as manager of the Shanghai Sanitarium in China.

VOTED, That J.C.Shull be authorized to visit some of our sanitariums on his way to the Pacific Coast to sail for China.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 30, 1931

P R E S E N T:

J L McElhany, E Kotz, F M Wilcox, L E Froom, E L Richmond, Mrs Plummer, J A Stevens, H H Hall, E E Franklin, C E Weaks, C S Longacre, C W Irwin.

Prayer by E.L.Richmond.

CALENDAR ISSUE:

The committee which was appointed to give study as to what should be done in preparation for a further possible hearing on the Calendar question in Geneva, made a report, which was adopted as follows:

(Pages 374 and 375)

Recognizing that this Calendar issue offers an unparalleled opportunity to proclaim the testing truth of God's unchangeable Sabbath brought down to us from creation by an unbroken weekly cycle, and recognizing that the present consideration of the revision of the Calendar by the League of Nations has created a world interest and lays upon us a renewed obligation; therefore,

We recommend, That our Division Conference Committees immediately plan a vigorous campaign of education and public enlightenment to be carried on in harmony with the following suggestions:

1. That the General Conference Petition on the Revision of the Calendar forwarded to the League of Nations be translated into the languages of the various countries where the Revision of the Calendar is being agitated, and published in our denominational papers for the information of our own members, and for the general public.

2. That special literature dealing with this issue be prepared and circulated in each language area.

3. That special articles dealing with this issue also be published in our denominational papers, that our people may be fully informed.

4. That efforts be made to place the facts of this question in the public press as far as possible.

We further recommend, That a General Conference deputation be appointed to attend the International Conference to be held in Geneva in October, 1931, and that this deputation be composed of the following persons:

Chairman: C.S. Longacre.

From the Northern European Division: L.H. Christian and A.S. Maxwell.

Central European Division: H.F. Schuberth, A. Vollmer and W. Müller.

Southern European Division: A.V. Olson and Dr. J. Nussbaum.

We recommend, That the expense of the literature promotion be borne by the Divisions, and the expense of sending the deputation to Geneva be borne by the General Conference.

In the event that public hearings are granted,

We recommend, That A.S.Maxwell be the spokesman in the English language and Dr. J. Nussbaum be the spokesman in the French language.

It is further recommended, That the International Religious Liberty Association prepare and furnish to conference leaders everywhere suggestive outlines for petitions protesting the adoption of a calendar which would destroy the historic and Biblical weekly cycle, and bring great confusion and hardship upon all who conscientiously follow their convictions in observing fixed religious days.

Adjourned.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.KOTZ, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.