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## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 1932

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## P R E S E N T:

J L Shaw, E Kotz, W H Williams, G W Schubert, W E Howell, Claude Conard, C P Crager, J C Thompson, A W Spalding, Mrs Plummer, Miss Jensen, L E Froom, L A Hansen, D A Ochs, M C Taft, E L Richmond.

The meeting was called immediately following the morning chapel service.

## H.M. COLBURN--MEDICAL REPORT:

VOTED, That the medical report of H.M. Colburn be accepted, thus clearing the way for his return to South America

## MISS VIVIAN VOTH--MEDICAL REPORT:

VOTED, That we accept the medical report of Miss Vivian Voth, under appointment to Japan.

## T.G. BUNCH--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Lake Union for T.G. Bunch to connect with Emmanuel Missionary College as head of the Bible Department.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That D.A. Ochs be authorized to respond to the invitation from the Lake Union to assist in a special effort for the young people in Wisconsin, May 13 to 21.

VOTED, That we approve of D.A. Ochs meeting with the Baltimore No. 1 Church over the week end of April 15-16.

## MAYBEL JENSEN--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Maybel Jensen, of Southern California Junior College, to connect with Walla Walla College as Normal Director

## RUTH HAVSTAD--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Ruth Havstad, of Southern California Junior College, to connect with the Music Department of Walla Walla College.

## B.B.DAVIS--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

On further information from the Far Eastern Division, it was--

VOTED, To renew the invitation to B.B.Davis, of Michigan, to connect with the Philippine Union College as Normal Director.

J.L.SHAW, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 8, 1932

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## P R E S E N T:

O Montgomery, I H Evans, W H Branson, J L Shaw, E Kotz, W H Williams, G W Schubert, M N Campbell, E F Hackman, J A Stevens, M C Taft, C P Crager, H H Hall, D A Ochs, Miss Jensen, A W Spalding, C Conard, L A Hansen.

## REQUEST FROM EASTERN CANADA:

A telegram was read from W.C.Koffett, president of the Eastern Canadian Union, requesting that C.P.Crager be allowed to visit the Maritime Academy and the school in Newfoundland, to assist them in planning their work. After some discussion it was--

VOTED, That we inform the Eastern Canadian Union that since the future status of one or both of these schools may be involved, we consider it advisable to postpone a visit by a representative from the Educational Department until some time when fuller representation can be supplied to survey all phases of the school situation in the Maritime and Newfoundland fields.

## BEATRICE HOLQUIST--RELEASED:

VOTED, That inasmuch as she does not see her way clear to accept, we release Miss Beatrice Holquist from the call to connect with the Manila Sanitarium.

## MISS JENSEN--BALTIMORE:

VOTED, That Miss Kathryn Jensen be authorized to respond to the invitation to attend a special service in Baltimore, April 24.

## JENNIE STAGG--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the Loma Linda Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for Miss Jennie Stagg to connect with the Florida Sanitarium as dietitian.

## CARL BECKER--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Lake Union for Carl Becker to connect with the Illinois Conference.

## J.E.PATZKOWSKI--PHILADELPHIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call for J.E.Patzkowski to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference.

## D.C.BABCOCK:

Word was received of the death of Elder D.C.Babcock one of our veteran workers. It was--

VOTED, That we extend to Sister Babcock and the children and other relatives our deep sympathy with them in this hour of their sorrow, assuring them of our appreciation of the many years of faithful service which Elder Babcock gave to this cause in the mission fields of West Africa and the West Indies.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to assist in meeting the funeral expenses of D.C.Babcock to the extent of \$200 if necessary.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 11, 1932

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## P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, I H Evans, J L McElhany, O Montgomery,  
 W H Branson, J L Shaw, E Kotz, M E Kern, W H Williams,  
 G W Schubert, L A Hansen, E L Richmond, W E Howell, H H Hall, M N  
 Campbell, C P Crager, W I Smith, D A Ochs, J C Thompson,  
 Mrs. Plummer, Miss Jensen, H H Votaw, L E Froom, C S Longacre,  
 M C Taft, C Conard, F M Wilcox, J A Stevens, E F Hackman,  
 H T Elliott, H E Rogers.

J. L. McElhany in the chair. Prayer by M. N. Campbell.  
 Minutes of meetings held March 24, 25 and 28, and April 4 and  
 8 were approved.

## I. M. EVANS--NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the  
 Ohio Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for I. M. Evans  
 to connect with the New York Conference as field missionary  
 secretary.

## NEVA SANDBORN--LAURELWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the  
 Northern California Conference the call from the North Pacific  
 Union for Miss Neva Sandborn of Humboldt Academy to connect  
 with Laurelwood Academy as preceptress.

## E. H. SWANSON--ATLANTIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the  
 New Jersey Conference the call for E. H. Swanson to connect with  
 the work in the Atlantic Union.

## M. S. BANFIELD--ATLANTIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the  
 Chesapeake Conference the call for M. S. Banfield to connect with  
 the work in the Atlantic Union.

## ITINERARIES AND APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following itineraries  
 and appointments:

W. I. Smith to attend the Atlantic Union College Board  
 meeting, Wednesday, April 13.

O. Montgomery to the Oakwood Junior College Board meeting, Southern Junior College, and the Florida camp meeting.

F.L. Peterson to attend the colored camp meetings in the Southern Union.

J.L. McElhany to Ohio, May 7; Greater New York, May 10-12; College View, May 18; Canada, May 22-27.

J.L. Shaw to attend the Greater New York Conference session, May 10-12.

C.H. Watson to Canada, May 22-27.

C.S. Longacre, South Lancaster, April 19.

C.P. Crager, Oakwood Junior College Board meeting, and the Florida camp meeting.

W.H. Williams, the Oakwood Junior College Board meeting.

E.F. Hackman to attend a joint workers' meeting for the West Pennsylvania and West Virginia Conferences, at Pittsburgh, April 13.

#### REQUESTS FOR HELP REFERRED:

Several requests from schools were presented for commencement speakers, also a request from Kansas for some one to attend a church elders' meeting. After some discussion as to the inadvisability in these times of financial stringency of sending men long distances to fill only one appointment, it was-

VOTED, To refer these requests for consideration to a committee of five to be appointed by the chair.

Named: J.L. Shaw, M.N. Campbell, C.S. Longacre, H.H. Hall, W.I. Smith.

#### TRANSFER OF WORKERS AT UNION SESSIONS:

When the General Conference officers were assigned to attend the various union conference sessions, action was taken authorizing them to put through calls for workers between the unions as might be found necessary, the transfers to be confirmed by this Committee later. Elder O. Montgomery reported transfers which had been worked out, and it was--

VOTED, That we approve of these transfers as follows:

S.A.Ruskjer from the Western Canadian Union to the presidency of the Southern Union.

A.W.Peterson, returned from South America, to the Southern Union as Educational Secretary.

H.F.Kirk from the Atlantic Union to the field missionary secretaryship of the Southern Union.

V.G.Anderson from the Central Union to the Southern Union as Home Missionary Secretary.

G.R.Fattic from the Lake Union to the Southwestern Union as secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

E.A.von Pohle, from the Southwestern Union to the Atlantic Union as Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

I.G.Ortner from the Central Union to the Atlantic Union as secretary-treasurer and auditor of the union.

#### G.L.LIPPOLIS--PETITION TO MUSSOLINI:

The secretary called attention to a request which had come from the Southern European Division, that a representative from the General Conference might visit the Italian Embassy in Washington for the purpose of presenting our principles of religious liberty in an endeavor if possible to aid Elder G.L.Lippolis in Italy in appealing his case to Mussolini. Brother Lippolis has been condemned to imprisonment and the paper of which he is editor has been confiscated because of certain articles which appeared in the paper.

Elder Watson also spoke of conditions in many other parts of Europe, where our people are enduring persecution. He felt that the Committee and the Religious Liberty Department should give study to the question as to whether something can be done in their behalf.

VOTED, To refer to a committee to be appointed by the chair the question of the proper procedure to be followed in bringing the case of G.L.Lippolis to the attention of the Italian Embassy in Washington.

Named: O.Montgomery, W.E.Howell, H.H.Votaw, C.S. Longacre, J.L.Shaw.

#### KATIC FARNEY--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That we extend to Miss Katie Farney, of the Secretarial Department, an invitation to connect with the Far Eastern Division office as stenographer and book-keeper.

J.H.ROTH--CHILE:

VOTED, That we request the Western Canadian Union Conference to release J.H.Roth, to connect with the South American Division as president of the Chile Conference.

L.A.HANSEN--S.S.LESSON COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That L.A.Hansen be added to the Sabbath School Lesson Committee.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE:

Whereas, The Pacific Union Conference has requested that the Southern California Junior College be granted the privilege of providing a new science building, which they think necessary for carrying forward the regular junior college work; and,

Whereas, It is believed by the management that this additional science building will enable the college to increase its income; and,

Whereas, The Southern California Junior College is free from indebtedness;

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed building at a cost of \$15,000, with the understanding that the money is in hand for the building and that no indebtedness shall be incurred in providing these additional facilities.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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### THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 12, 1932

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### P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, I H Evans, O Montgomery, W H Branson, J L McElhany, J L Shaw, E Kotz, H E Kern, W H Williams, F M Wilcox, W E Howell, M N Campbell, H T Elliott, H H Cobban, L A Hansen, W I Smith, C P Crager, Mrs Plummer, L E Froom, D A Ochs, Miss Jensen, C S Longacre, E F Hackman, E L Richmond, C Conard, H E Rogers, M C Taft, J J Ireland, H H Votaw, T E Bowen, H W Barrows, W E Phillips, F D Nichol.

Prayer by C.S.Longacre.

## SHORT TIME LOANS:

Whereas, The treasurer of the General Conference is authorized by the By-Laws to carry a reserve fund equal to one fourth the regular annual appropriations, to tide over a possible financial depression, said reserve fund to be held in cash and readily convertible securities; and,

Whereas, Because of shrinkage of income during the present prolonged financial depression throughout the world it is necessary either to sell some securities in a depressed market or to secure a short-time loan,

VOTED, That the treasurer in counsel with the officers be authorized to secure such temporary loans, not to exceed an aggregate of \$250,000, as will tide over during the next few months, it being understood that securities may be used if necessary as collateral.

## FURTHER PROSPECTIVE CUT IN BUDGET:

The treasurer presented a comparative statement of the General Conference income, showing the estimate made at the Autumn Council, for 1932, the actual receipts for 1931, and the present estimate of income for 1932, based on the receipts of the first two months of the year. The present estimate will leave a shortage for 1932 of \$488,525.32. It therefore seems inevitable that a further cut in appropriations will be necessary.

VOTED, That we recommend to the coming Spring Meeting of the Committee that a further cut be made in the budget, the Spring Meeting to determine the percentage; and that in the meantime the treasurer be asked to notify the field that a further cut is inevitable.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 14, 1932

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## P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, I H Evans, O Montgomery, J L McElhany, W H Branson, J L Shaw, E Kotz, W H Williams, F M Wilcox, M N Campbell, L E Froom, C P Crager, A W Spalding, E L Richmond, J A Stevens, H H Hall, D A Ochs, Miss Jensen, C S Longacre, Mrs Plummer, W E Howell, H H Votaw, C Conard, E F Hackman, G W Schubert, H H Cobban, T E Bowen.

Prayer by A.W.Spalding.

C. T. BURROUGHS:

J.A.Stevens, of the Home Missionary Department, reported the death of C.T.Burroughs, who, during the recent union conference sessions was called from the Central Union to the Home Missionary secretaryship in the Lake Union. Brother Burroughs had moved to his new field and was just getting nicely started in his work.

RESOLVED, That the secretary be asked to convey to Mrs. C.T.Burroughs the deep sympathy of this Committee with her in her sorrow.

PREFACE TO CHURCH MANUAL:

The committee which was appointed to edit the manuscript prepared by J.L.McElhany for a Church Manual, reported their work completed and the manuscript now in the hands of the printers. They submitted a suggestive preface to the booklet, and it was--

VOTED, That the preface as read be adopted for inclusion in the Church Manual over the signature of the General Conference Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR GREAT BRITAIN:

Request was presented from the Northern European Division that they be allowed to print the Sabbath school lessons which are supplied for use in the British Isles, at the Stanborough Press. This request was made in the interests of a saving in expense, and also because of the advantage it was felt it would be to have on the lesson pamphlet the imprint of an English publishing house. It was--

VOTED, That we authorize the Northern European Division to arrange for the publication of the General Conference Sabbath school lessons for Great Britain, at the Stanborough Press, and that the Sabbath School Department be authorized to supply the lesson manuscript.

C.W.IRWIN--RELEASED FROM TRIP TO EUROPE:

Request was presented from C.W.Irwin that in view of his condition of health he be released from making the trip to Europe this summer.

VOTED, That we comply with the request of C.W.Irwin and release him from the trip to Europe.

# **H.T.ELLIOTT--RELEASED FROM TRIP TO EUROPE:**

The chairman reported that the European Divisions had found it necessary in view of present financial conditions to cancel not only the arrangements for the large young people's conference which it was planned to hold this summer, but to cancel other smaller conventions as well. It was especially to assist in these gatherings that H.T.Elliott had been assigned to Europe for this summer. It was therefore--

VOTED, That in view of the fact that the European Divisions are not able to finance a general youth's conference, and other local conventions for the young people this year, we release H.T.Elliott from making the trip to Europe this summer.

# **WABASH VALLEY SANITARIUM STUDENTS:**

A request to the Medical Department from the Wabash Valley Sanitarium Training School (which is being discontinued) asked help in transferring their students to other schools. Inasmuch as the department has experienced considerable difficulty in trying to place students from another discontinued school, the maximum capacity in other schools having already been reached, this request presents a serious problem on which the department sought counsel. While feeling every solicitude for the young people concerned, it was--

VOTED, That the Medical Department be advised to use caution in endeavoring to place these students, so as not to jeopardize the interests of other nurses' training schools in their endeavor to meet the requirements for clinical experience of their own students.

# **\$2000 FROM RUSSIAN FUND FOR WORK IN POLAND:**

VOTED, That we appropriate to the Northern European Division \$2000 from the Russian fund on deposit in Berlin, to be used for work among the Ukranian-Russians in Eastern Poland, with the understanding that this special appropriation will not increase the Northern European base appropriation.

# **W.H.EDWARDS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:**

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of W.H.Edwards for a period of one month, after Brother Edwards has applied the equivalent of one week's salary on the amount.

# C.W.IRWIN--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of C.W.Irwin for a period of one month, after Brother Irwin has applied the equivalent of one week's salary on the amount.

## TRANSFERS OF WORKERS:

J.L.McElhany reported further transfers of workers at the recent union conference sessions, and it was--

VOTED, That these transfers be approved as follows:

G.A.Campbell from the Central Union to the North Pacific Union as field missionary secretary.

S.J.Lashier from the North Pacific Union to the Central Union as secretary-treasurer.

R.T.Emery from the Central Union to the North Pacific Union as secretary-treasurer.

C.T.Burroughs (since deceased) from the Central Union to the Lake Union as Home Missionary secretary.

H.J.Sheldon from the Central Union to the Lake Union as Missionary Volunteer secretary.

M.Lukens from the North Pacific Union to the Pacific Union for the presidency of the Northern California Conference.

D.E.Collins from the Lake Union to the Central Union as Field Missionary Secretary.

S.T.Shadel from the Lake Union to the Central Union as Home Missionary secretary.

Gordon Smith, of the Lake Union to the Central Union as Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

E.H.Oswald from the Lake Union to the Central Union for the presidency of the North Dakota Conference.

T.B.Westbrook from the North Pacific Union to the Central Union for the presidency of the Nebraska Conference.

Dr. John Potts of the Pacific Union to the North Pacific Union as medical superintendent of Walla Walla Sanitarium.

E.C.Peifer of the Pacific Union to the North Pacific Union as field missionary secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference.

Walter Lind of the Pacific Union to North Pacific Union as field missionary secretary of the Washington Conference.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.  
E.KOTZ, Secretary.  
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Sec'y.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 18, 1932

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## P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, I H Evans, O Montgomery, J L McElhany,  
 J L Shaw, E Kotz, M E Kern, W H Williams, H H Cobban, C Conard,  
 G W Schubert, J A Stevens, H H Hall, W E Howell, F M Wilcox,  
 J C Thompson, L E Froom, Mrs Plummer, D A Ochs, W I Smith,  
 C P Crager, Miss Jensen, M N Campbell, E L Richmond, H H Votaw,  
 L A Hansen, H E Rogers, M C Taft.

Prayer by D.A.Ochs. Minutes of meetings of April 11,  
 12 and 14 were approved.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appoint-  
 ments and itineraries:

E.Kotz to attend a workers' and elders' meeting and  
 fill other appointments in Kansas.

J.L.McElhany to attend a conference committee meeting  
 in Pittsburgh.

M.N.Campbell to deliver the commencement address at  
 Broadview College.

W.I.Smith and C.P.Crager to Downingtown, Pennsylvania,  
 April 20, to investigate a possible site for the colored school

W.H.Williams to Huntsville, Alabama; Vicksburg,  
 Mississippi; Lacon, Illinois; and Hudson, Michigan.

## A.B.COLE--SALARY:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue  
 salary to A.B.Cole, returned from Japan, to June 30, if necessary

## MRS. D.C.BABCOCK--SALARY:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue  
 the salary of D.C.Babcock to his widow for a period of three  
 months.

## L.G.JORGENSEN--SALARY:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue  
 salary to L.G.Jorgensen to June 30.

## MRS. WERNER WILD--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet one  
 half the medical expense of Mrs. Werner Wild, incurred while  
 she was under appointment to Inter-America.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 31, 1932

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## P R E S E N T:

C H Watson, I H Evans, O Montgomery, W H Branson,  
 J L McElhany, E Kotz, M E Kern, W H Williams, H H Cobban,  
 G W Schubert, W E Howell, J A P Green, G W Wells, H N Campbell  
 D A Ochs, L E Froom, C Conard, L A Hansen, H T Elliott, C P  
 Crager, J A Stevens, W I Smith, Mrs Plummer, Miss Jensen,  
 F M Wilcox, E L Richmond.

The meeting was called immediately following the  
 chapel service.

## COMMITTEES:

A suggestive list of standing committees for the  
 Spring Council was read, and it was--

VOTED, To submit these suggestions as to the per-  
 sonnel of the standing committee to the Council for action.

## COMMITTEE ON HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINE:

VOTED, That the following named persons constitute  
 the Committee on the Harvest Ingathering Magazine for 1933:

M.E.Kern, J.A.Stevens, R.B.Thurber, F.D.Nichol,  
 J.L.McElhany, W.H.Branson, W.H.Williams.

## F.C.GILBERT--NEW YORK:

VOTED, That F.C.Gilbert be authorized to respond  
 to an invitation to conduct an evangelistic effort in the  
 Temple Church in New York, beginning April 29.

## M.V. SECRETARY TO ALLENTOWN:

VOTED, That the Missionary Volunteer Department  
 be authorized to arrange for one of the secretaries to attend  
 a young people's rally at Allentown, Pennsylvania, April 29  
 and 30.

C.H.WATSON, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

SPRING MEETING  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 22 - 28, 1932

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THE OPENING MEETINGS

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The first hours of the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee were spent in a very earnest consideration of our spiritual needs. Elder O. Montgomery spoke at the meeting on Friday evening in the Review and Herald chapel, emphasizing Truth, Doctrine, and Power.

In his sermon on Sabbath morning at the Takoma Park Church, on "Enduring as Seeing Him Who is Invisible," Elder I.H. Evans warned us against placing confidence in material things, against criticism, and the neglect of prayer. The Spirit of God bore witness to the earnest appeal for a life of complete consecration and fellowship with God, and the necessity of seeking the fulness of the Holy Spirit's power.

At three o'clock Sabbath afternoon Elder C.H. Watson spoke to the members of the Committee and other workers in the General Conference chapel, on the question of Leadership, basing his remarks on Psalms 80:17-19. God's planting of Israel and the broken hedge were compared to the remnant people. We must recognize that the hedges about the church are broken, though not utterly destroyed. He pointed out four things that tend to break down the barriers of the church,—doubt, criticism the encroachment of worldliness, and the spirit of discouragement. Special application was made to the leadership of the movement, and the suggestion was made that we must earnestly plead for a visitation from God at this time. It was a splendid Sabbath of spiritual preparation for the serious business of the Committee meetings before us.

M.E. KERN, Secretary.

## THREE HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 23, 1932, 7:30 P. M.

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The first business session of the Spring Meeting convened in the Takoma Park Church, evening after the Sabbath, April 23, 1932. The following were present:

Members of the General Conference Committee: C.H. Watson, I.H. Evans, O. Montgomery, W.H. Branson, J.L. McElhany, J.L. Shaw, E. Kotz, M.E. Kern, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.W. Prescott, F.M. Wilcox, G.W. Schubert, G.W. Wells, M.N. Campbell, S.A. Ruskjer, F.C. Gilbert, C.S. Longacre, E.F. Hackman, J.F. Piper, H.F. Elliott, J.K. Jones, L.E. Froom, C.P. Crager, E.L. Richmond, L.E. Christman, L.A. Hansen, Miss Kathryn Jensen, S.A. Wellman, H.J. Detwiler, W.C. Moffett, H.H. Hall, J.E. Fulton, W.H. Holden, C.L. Bond, D.A. Ochs, H.E. Rogers, W.I. Smith, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, J.A. Stevens, W.B. Ochs, Geo. Huse, M.C. Taft, J.A.P. Green, J.C. Thompson, H.H. Votaw, J.J. Ireland, W.E. Howell, R.L. Benton, J.E. Fulton. (Later): H.O. Olson, Dr. W.A. Ruble, G.E. Peters, Dr. A.W. Truman, P.E. Brodersen, F.L. Peterson.

Others present: A.O. Tait, F.H. Robbins, T. Ray Lukens, E.K. Slade, L.W. Graham, H.W. Barrows, W.E. Phillips, L.H. Wood, J.W. Cole, L.K. Dickson, Chas. Thompson, M.L. Andreasen, W.H. Heckman, W.P. Elliott, H.F. Kirk, H.B. Lundquist, O.R. Shreve, W.L. Burgan, and others from near-by institutions and conferences.

"Lord, Thy glory fills the heavens," was sung to open. Elder M.N. Campbell read the 91st Psalm, and prayer was offered by Elder A.O. Tait.

## DAILY PROGRAM:

The following daily program was adopted:

## A. M.

7:00 -- 7:30	Breakfast
9:00 -- 10:15	Devotional
10:30 -- 12:15	Council

## P. M.

12:15 -- 1:15	Dinner
1:30 -- 3:30	Committees
3:30 -- 5:30	Council
5:30 -- 6:30	Supper
7:30 -- 9:00	Evening Sessions

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

Lists of Standing Committees as suggested by the Minority Committee were presented, and after being supplemented by the addition of other names, were adopted as follows:

## COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

J.L. McElhany, Chairman	J.E. Fulton	S.A. Ruskjer
The Officers	W.H. Holden	Departmental Secretaries
R.L. Benton	J.K. Jones	
P.E. Brodersen	W.C. Moffett	T. Ray Lukens
H.J. Detwiler	J.F. Piper	W.E. Howell

## COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

W.H. Branson, Chairman	W.E. Phillips	F.H. Robbins
O. Montgomery	S.A. Wellman	L.K. Dickson
M.E. Kern	M.N. Campbell	J.W. Cole
F.G. Gilbert	L.A. Hansen	C.P. Bollman
W.W. Prescott	Kathryn Jensen	Dr. W.A. Ruble
A.O. Tait	H.O. Olson	G.E. Peters
J.E. Fulton	J.A.P. Green	M.E. Olsen
J.F. Piper	E.E. Franklin	J.G. Dasent
J.K. Jones	W.B. Ochs	F.A. Coffin
Dr. A.W. Truman	C.L. Bond	J.W. MacNeil
J.A. Stevens	H.T. Elliott	Dr. B.F. Bryan
C.S. Longacre	W.E. Howell	T.W. Steen
J.C. Thompson	Local conference	T.E. Bowen
L.E. Froom	Presidents	W.L. Burgan
L.E. Christman	H.H. Hamilton	F.D. Nichol
C.P. Grager	L.W. Graham	V.B. Watts
		H.B. Lundquist

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

J.L. Shaw, Chairman	J.P. Piper	F.M. Wilcox
C.H. Watson	S.A. Ruskier	W.I. Smith
I.H. Evans	G. Conard	E.L. Richmond
O. Montgomery	H.W. Barrows	E.F. Hackman
J.L. McElhany	J.J. Ireland	Mrs. Plummer
E. Kotz	H.H. Hall	F.L. Peterson
W.H. Williams	Dr. Magan	Chas. Thompson
H.H. Cobban	H.H. Votaw	E.K. Slade
R.L. Benton	T.R. Lukens	L.H. Wood
P.E. Brodersen	D.A. Ochs	W.H. Heckman
H.J. Detwiler	G.W. Schubert	M.L. Andreasen
J.E. Fulton	M.C. Taft	C.C. Pulver
W.H. Holden	G.W. Wells	B.G. Wilkinson
J.K. Jones	H.E. Rogers	W.C. Moffett
		George Huse

## DATE AND PLACE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The first item on the Agenda was the date and place of holding the next General Conference session. A committee

session. A committee consisting of J.L. McElhany, J.L. Shaw, C.K. Meyers, W.H. Williams and M.E. Kern, was appointed at the last Autumn Council to give study to a suitable place for holding the next session. This committee reported that they had investigated auditoriums in several cities, and in some cases found they could not be secured for the length of time desired, and in other cases the accommodations were not suitable for our needs. Invitations were presented from San Francisco, Toronto, Atlantic City, Omaha, Denver, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and mention was made of the fine auditorium in Detroit. It was--

VOTED, To request the committee which has been working on the matter to continue their investigations, and bring definite recommendation to the coming Autumn Council.

#### AUTUMN COUNCIL:

Some consideration was given to the date and place of the next Autumn Council. It was felt that the date of the Council should be placed at such a time as not to interfere with the Harvest Ingathering Campaign by taking conference presidents and leaders away from their fields at that particular time. Suggestion was also made with reference to holding the Council in some place where one of our own churches could be used and less expensive hotel accommodations secured, thereby greatly reducing the expense. Kansas City and Battle Creek were mentioned. Invitations that had come to headquarters by letter and telegram from a number of cities were read.

VOTED, To refer the question of the place of holding the Autumn Council to a committee to be appointed by the Chair.

Named: J.L. McElhany, J.L. Shaw, M.N. Campbell, E. Kotz, O. Montgomery.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

VOTED, To refer the question of topics and writers for the Week of Prayer Readings for 1932 to a committee to be appointed by the chair.

Named: F.M. Wilcox, M.E. Kern, H.T. Elliott, E.K. Slade, J.E. Fulton.

#### REFERRED TO MINORITY COMMITTEE:

Two items, namely, Requests for General Conference help, and Camp Meeting Dates and Help, were referred to the Minority Committee.

Adjourned at 9 P.M., J.E. Fulton pronouncing the benediction.

C.H. WATSON, Chairman.

E. KOTZ, Secretary.

E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

## THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING

April 24, 1932, 9 A.M.

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The first morning devotional service was led by Elder J.L.Shaw. After the opening song and a number of sentence prayers, Elder Shaw led out in a Bible study on the Power of the Gospel. He referred to his feeling of helplessness under the present serious and perplexing conditions. Truly in this situation we all feel the need of reaching out to God for help and for power in service. The Gospel provides this power. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16. "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." 1 Thess. 1:5. There is more than good news in God's plan of salvation. There is power in it. If we put our minds to searching the Scriptures, a new power will come to us. Thank God for the gospel! If we preach the special gospel message for this time,—"Prepare to meet thy God,"--we may be assured that He will give all power in the preaching of that message. Take out three letters, d-i-e, from the word "depression," and we have "press on." The power of the gospel will draw us to its center, Jesus Christ, and He will help us to press on.

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## THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 1932, 10:30 A.M.

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The second business session began promptly at 10:30 A.M., April 24, with C.H.Watson in the chair.

Prayer was offered by J.F.Piper.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The first item of business was a report from the treasurer, Elder J.L.Shaw. This report was made up of the following:

Statement of the Sixty-cent-a-Week Fund for three months, ending March 26, 1932, with a comparative statement for the same three months of 1931, showing a net shrinkage of \$46,208.13, or 12.7%.

Comparative Report of Per Cent of Tithe by Unions and Conferences for three months of 1932 and 1931, showing a net shrinkage of \$26,237.60, or 20.9%.

Statement of the Sustentation Fund, showing overdraft on the fund Jan. 1, 1932, of \$59,515.65, and an estimated overdraft by the end of the year of \$166,567.78, at the present rate of payments and decrease in receipts.

Comparative Statement of General Conference Income, showing estimate given at the Autumn Council for 1932, the actual receipts for 1931, and the present estimate as made by the Treasury March 31, 1932; also a proposed revised 1932 budget based on a 5, 8 or 10 per cent reduction.

Statement of Mission Fund Receipts for the year ending December 31, 1931, by divisions and unions; and a Comparative Statement of Mission Funds by divisions for twelve months, January 1 to December 31, for the years 1930 and 1931. The decrease in mission funds in divisions outside of North America was \$64,568.62 while in North America the decrease was \$338,146.72, making a total of \$402,715.34. These statements showed that the foreign divisions are now giving about one third of all the funds raised for missions.

A graph was displayed, revealing the downward trend in the General Conference income, and the fact that the reserve fund which the treasurer is authorized by the Constitution to carry is rapidly being depleted. The figures given clearly indicated that a further cut must be made if the budget is to be balanced. It was--

VOTED, That these statements be referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation.

#### EXHIBIT AT CHICAGO EXPOSITION:

The Director of the Social Science Division of the International Exposition which is to be held in Chicago in 1933 has urged us to participate in this exhibit, stating that no religious exhibit would be complete without the Seventh-day Adventists participating. After a brief discussion it was--

VOTED, To refer to the Finance Committee the question as to whether or not we should plan under present financial conditions to have a denominational exhibit at the Chicago Exposition in 1933.

#### MEMORIAL FROM ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

Attention was called to the fact that the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College had appealed from the action of the last Autumn Council changing the status of Atlantic Union College. The Minority Committee had taken action recommending that the Spring Meeting study the possibility of a reconsideration of the question at the next Autumn Council, and authorizing the College pending this reconsideration to continue for another year in its present status.



VOTED, That we approve of the action of the Minority Committee, and refer this question to the Autumn Council for reconsideration.

This reconsideration calls for a re-survey of the College, since the basis of the appeal is a conviction that not all the vital facts were known when the recommendation to change the status of the school was made. It was therefore,

VOTED, That a commission be appointed to re-survey Atlantic Union College as a basis for the reconsideration of the status of the school.

Appointed: J.L.Shaw, chairman; J.L.McElhany, W.I. Smith, C.P.Crager, Claude Conard.

#### REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY:

H.E.Rogers, the Statistical Secretary, reported an increase of 31 churches in North America for the year 1931, the number now standing at 2,258, with a membership of 127,787, a gain during the year of 7,227, which is the largest gain the denomination has had for many years. The number baptized was 10,578, being 3,122 more than during the preceding year. The gain in Sabbath school membership was 5,762, the total Sabbath school membership in North America now standing at 130,343.

The latest figures as to membership throughout all divisions in the world field indicate 331,888 members of churches, and 391,948 members of Sabbath schools at the end of the third quarter of 1931. This is a gain of 17,635 church members in nine months. It is anticipated that the final returns for 1931 will show a very large gain for the year.

#### ITEMS REFERRED:

The item on the Agenda relative to the term of service for single lady workers in foreign fields was referred to the Autumn Council. A number of other items on the Agenda were briefly discussed and were then referred to the Plans Committee.

Adjourned.

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

## THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 1932, 3:30 P.M.

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The third business session of the Spring Meeting convened at 3:30 P.M., Sunday, April 24. After the opening song, prayer was offered by T.E. Bowen.

The chairman called on departmental secretaries to make brief reports, or to present their departmental items for consideration.

## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

H.H. Hall, of the Publishing Department, made a plea in behalf of increasing the number of colporteurs and those doing self-supporting work with our literature. It is anticipated that a larger number of student colporteurs will enter the field this year than in previous years, and they should have our prayers and cooperation in every way possible. The last eighteen months, Brother Hall said, have brought in proportion far larger evidences of genuine results in soul winning from the literature work than have ever been known before. While sales have decreased to some extent, the results in men and women brought to the Lord are the greatest ever known.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: DEPARTMENT:

C.S. Longacre gave a brief report of the Geneva conference on the Calendar question, and spoke of the success the Department is having in combating Sunday bills in Congress and State legislatures.

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

L.A. Hansen called attention to the facilities of the Medical Department for educating our people in the conservation of health. He felt that some plans should be made for utilizing these facilities. This was referred to the Plans Committee for recommendation.

## OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

Items on the Agenda pertaining to the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments and the Ministerial Association were also referred to the Plans Committee.

## W. T. BARTLETT--FIELD SECRETARY NORTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Northern European Division Committee, that we appoint W. T. Bartlett field secretary for the Northern European Division.

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans made a partial report which was adopted as follows:

## RESOLUTION OF THANKSGIVING:

Whereas, God has greatly blessed His people in loyally supporting the work of the church in these times of financial depression, as shown by the fact that the free-will offerings to missions have not decreased at the same ratio as the tithe; and,

Whereas, There has been a marked increase in soul winning in many places; and

Whereas, Both in home and foreign fields there are unprecedented opportunities for soul winning,

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Conference Committee, assembled in our annual Spring Meeting, do hereby express our heartfelt thanks for the manifold blessings of God upon this people and work and do hereby consecrate ourselves anew to Him for service in this auspicious time in the history of the world.

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Special prayer was offered and all joined in singing, "We praise Thee, O God."

## AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATE:

We recommend, That the date of the Autumn Council for 1932 be October 25 (beginning in the morning) to November 2

Adjourned at 5 P.M., with closing prayer by J.C. Thompson.

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

## THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING

April 25, 1932, 9 A.M.

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The devotional service at 9 o'clock Monday morning, April 25, was conducted by Elder A.O. Tait. He emphasized the great need of presenting Christ to the world in all His beauty, and in coming into close and sympathetic contact with sinners. The following quotation from "Ministry of Healing," page 165, which Elder Tait used, expresses very beautifully the principal thought of the hour:

"The fallen must be led to feel that it is not too late for them to be men. Christ honored man with His confidence, and thus placed him on his honor. Even those who had fallen the lowest He treated with respect. It was a continual pain to Christ to be brought into contact with enmity, depravity, and impurity; but never did He utter one expression to show that his sensibilities were shocked or His refined tastes offended. Whatever the evil habits, the strong prejudices, or the overbearing passions of human beings, He met them all with pitying tenderness. As we partake of His Spirit, we shall regard all men as brethren, with similar temptations and trials, often falling, and struggling to rise again, battling with discouragements and difficulties, craving sympathy and help. Then we shall meet them in such a way as not to discourage or repel them, but to awaken hope in their hearts."

Elder Tait spoke of his appreciation of the spirit of kindness, and the absence of criticism which seems to exist among our people.

The remainder of the forenoon was devoted to committee work.

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THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 25, 1932, 3:30 P.M.

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The fourth business session was called at 3:30 P.M., Monday, April 25. Elder J.L. McElhany in the chair. Prayer was offered by Elder G.E. Peters.

## SCHOOL AND SANITARIUM STATEMENTS:

Statements were presented by Claude Conard showing the financial condition of the schools and sanitariums in North America. The schools particularly show a backward tendency in

the matter of increasing liabilities. So serious is the situation and so apparent the need for these institutions to balance their budgets and bring their operation under budget control, that it was--

VOTED, To refer the statement on the school situation to the Finance Committee, together with the secretaries of the Educational Department, W.E. Howell, and the school heads present

#### REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

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

#### DENTAL COURSE:

In view of the need of providing every legitimate safeguard for our youth who desire to train for self-supporting missionary service; and,

In view of the fact that our Medical College can not accept all who desire to enter the profession of medicine,

We recommend, That the Minority Committee give sympathetic study to this problem, and explore the feasibility of establishing a school of dentistry in connection with our Medical College, or of making a group arrangement with some standard dental college where our young people can have the safeguards of Christian home life.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COUNCILS:

We recommend, That a council of the union Home Missionary secretaries of North America, together with the general Home Missionary secretaries, be held in some central location, May 13 to 17.

We recommend, That a council of the union Missionary Volunteer secretaries of North America, together with the general Missionary Volunteer secretaries, be held just prior to and at the place of the Autumn Council.

#### HEALTH WORK:

Recognizing that present day conditions of want, anxiety, and tension make it more important than ever that health interests be safeguarded; and,

Realizing that the health protection of our people is of first importance in the prevention of disease and premature death, in helping to maintain an earning capacity as well as an ability to give, and in imparting a more normal state of efficiency and enjoyment in general; and,

Whereas, We feel it highly essential that every available factor be utilized to give this work its place in relation to denominational interests,

We recommend, 1. That conference leaders be alert to foster medical work and to seek the advancement of approved methods of medical ministry and health education in every consistent and practical manner.

2. That our medical institutions, physicians and nurses, and dietitians give their support to such endeavor wherever and whenever they can do so.

3. That our schools, from the elementary to college, make health education a regular part of the required curricula, maintaining the same standard of teaching efficiency in the health subjects as is required in teaching in other departments.

4. That we continue to foster the group teaching of lay people in home hygiene and care of the sick so that not only our older members but new members may be acquainted with sound principles of healthful living and what constitutes rational methods of treating the sick.

5. That health instruction be recognized as an essential part of the education of new believers, and to this end we utilize balanced health teaching in connection with evangelistic efforts.

6. That definite attention be given to the systematic sale and circulation of our health books and journals. We call attention to the fact that this not only offers a means of earning, but of doing real missionary work.

#### COMBINING DEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP:

Whereas, The responsibility for raising the major portion of foreign mission funds rests upon the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments, and the combination of leadership of the two departments under one secretary militates against the successful raising of these funds; therefore,

We recommend, That where one secretary must be chosen to direct the activities of more than one department in a local conference, so far as consistent some other combination be made rather than that of the Sabbath School and Home Missionary Departments.

#### PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Whereas, We have been instructed, "Work as though you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world;" and,

Whereas, Through the same counsel we have been told, "In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to public schools;" and,

Whereas, The present economic situation makes the education problem an acute one for our churches and parents,

Resolved, That as workers we redouble our efforts to hold before our people the great principles of Christian education by--

1. Encouraging the faithful observance of Educational Sabbath in all our churches;

2. Keeping Christian education before our people through the columns of our church papers;

3. Availing ourselves of the coming camp meeting season as an opportunity for strengthening the faith of our people in these God-given principles;

4. Encouraging the organization of Children Ingathering Bands in churches where this organization has not been effected and encouraging increased activity on the part of the bands already organized; and

5. A thoroughly organized plan of summer promotion for the soliciting of students on the part of the management of our colleges and academies.

#### SYMPATHY TO ABSENT SECRETARIES:

Inasmuch as serious illness has made it impossible for Prof. C.W.Irwin, secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, and Prof. A.W.Spalding, of the Home Commission, to take their accustomed places in our council,

Resolved, That we send our Christian greetings to Brethren Irwin and Spalding, assuring them that their presence and help are missed in this important meeting, and that we are praying for their recovery.

Announcement was made that the evening hour would be devoted to committee work.

Adjourned at 5:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by E.K.Slade.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.

M.E.KERN, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

## THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING

April 26, 1932, 9 A. M.

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The devotional service of Tuesday morning, April 26, was conducted by Elder S.A. Ruskjer. Following singing, and prayer by I.H. Evans, Elder Ruskjer spoke. Some of the impressive and helpful thoughts brought out in his talk were:

We must remember the importance of keeping our own hearts warm, of keeping our own hearts clean, of keeping our own hearts full of the message that we take to the world, so that we may inspire the people as we minister to them. We must lead them to see that we have not merely a formal message, but one of life and light, and that it will lift men and women from sin.

Those who must spend a large part of their time serving in committees and on boards should make it their first business to give personal attention to their Christian experience, and make contact with those who are in need of help.

Office assistants and secretary-treasurers must not allow their work to become mechanical, but should regard it as a part of the whole, and ask God's blessing upon it. The giving out of literature, or other personal work, is a splendid method of keeping alive one's own interest and love for the truth.

In evangelistic endeavor, the minister's work is to be not only preaching the gospel from the pulpit, but he must visit the people in their homes, and study their perplexities with them, and pray with them.

In Jer. 17:9, God promises to take away the heart of stone and give in its place a heart of flesh. A heart of tender sympathy, revealed in a word of cheer, a smile, or a glad hand-shake may buoy up the heart of one who is troubled, and encourage him.

What the church needs is love,--simple, plain, Christian love.

With a good testimony meeting the service was brought to a close.



## THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1932, 10:30 A.M.

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The fifth business session, at 10:30 A.M., April 26, was opened with song, followed by prayer by Elder L.K. Dickson.

## REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

## EIGHT PER CENT CUT IN APPROPRIATIONS:

Recognizing that changing conditions and the financial depression throughout the world, with consequent serious decline in our income, brings to us unforeseen problems in maintaining our world-wide program; and

In harmony with the provision made by the 1931 Autumn Council that any shortage that may appear in the income of 1932 be apportioned on the pro rata basis; therefore,

We recommend, That an 8 per cent reduction on the annual basis be made on base appropriations for 1932, which when applied to appropriations granted at the 1931 Autumn Council will result as follows to the home and foreign fields:

	<u>Autumn Council Approp- riation &amp; Base for 1932</u>	<u>New Base showing 8 per cent reduction</u>
Australasia	18,000.00	16,560.00
China	381,858.19	351,309.54
Far East	301,661.12	277,528.24
Inter-America	257,206.91	236,630.35
Northern Europe	165,504.53	152,264.16
Southern Africa	266,211.95	244,915.00
South America	300,205.44	276,189.00
Southern Asia	353,275.65	325,013.60
Southern Europe	159,462.84	146,705.81
E. Canadian Union	25,380.00	23,349.60
Southern Union	19,152.00	17,619.84
Southwestern Union	11,167.20	10,273.82
West Canada	8,417.70	7,744.28
N. American Negro:		
Southern Union Mission	41,454.00	38,137.68
Southwestern "	10,152.00	9,339.85
Oakwood Jr. College	16,920.00	15,566.40

Bureau of Home Missions	84,600.00	77,832.00
College Medical Evan.	8,460.00	7,783.20
E.G.White Estate	3,218.14	2,960.68
Lake Grove Ind.Mission	4,653.00	4,280.76
Administration	311,465.48	286,548.25
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	2,748,426.15	2,528,552.06
Miscellaneous & Fixed	<u>869,561.67</u>	<u>869,561.67</u>
Appropriation voted at 1931 Aut.Council	3,617,987.82	
Total Appropriation 1932 (8 per cent reduction)		3,398,113.73

It is further recommended, That to balance the budget, after providing for the prospective shortage of \$366,810.98 by the contemplated reduction of 8 per cent, the amount be made up out of exchange, reserves and surpluses now found in the division treasuries, so that not more than \$150,000 shall be taken from the General Conference Reserve Fund for 1932. *correction made by M.S.F. 6/5/32*

#### "CHRISTIAN RECORD" PAYMENT TO SUSTENTATION FUND:

We recommend, That arrangement be made with the "Christian Record" Board to pay to the Sustentation Fund an amount approximately equal to that required for the sustenance of blind beneficiaries, and other workers formerly connected with the organization; and in addition to this that the Board consider reimbursing the Sustentation Fund for such an amount as has been thus far paid out to said beneficiaries.

#### COMMISSION ON COMEBACK PLAN:

We recommend, That a commission be appointed, of which the treasurer shall be a member, to study and submit a revision of the present comeback plan, to report to the Autumn Council; the commission to be made up of men who are not connected with the institutions which are recipients of the comeback.

#### EXHIBIT IN CHICAGO EXPOSITION:

Whereas, We have been invited to place an exhibit in the International Exposition at Chicago, in 1933, which is known as "A Century of Progress,"

We recommend, That the chair appoint a committee of three to give study to this question and report to the Minority Committee for final action.

Named: J.L.Shaw, J.L.McElhany, H.H.Hall.

#### NAVAJO INDIAN WORK:

Resolved, That it is our understanding that the Navajo Indian work and all its interests are under the management of the Southwestern Union Conference, and that all workers connected with the Indian Mission work in that area are under the direction of the union conference committee.

#### REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

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

#### FALLEN WORKERS:

We recommend, That there be placed on record, with sincere regret, the loss by death of several workers since we last met in council. Among them we note Elder W.T.Knox, whose efficient service as treasurer of the General Conference will long be remembered; Elder R.A.Underwood, who occupied various positions of leadership for many years; and Elder D.C.Babcock, whose self-sacrificing service in the mission field should stimulate others to follow his godly example. Further, that we authorize the secretary to convey this action to the relatives of these brethren with an expression of our sympathy for them.

#### OSHAWA MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

Whereas, Oshawa Missionary College offers unusual facilities for assisting needy students in defraying their school expenses; and,

Whereas, Experience teaches us that it is highly important for the best interests of the Canadian field that their young people be trained so far as possible in their local institutions; and,

Whereas, Because of economy in school administration and carefulness in financial management during the year 1931-32, the institution will probably operate without loss after its allotted subsidy is applied; and,

Whereas, Because of the smallness of the constituency from which the institution draws students as compared with the size of the plant, the operating losses would probably be greater if its rank were lowered than if it is left with its present status,

We recommend, That Oshawa Missionary College continue to conduct its present limited junior college program, on condition that it operate year by year within its earned income supplemented by its regular subsidy.

#### MINISTERIAL READING COURSE FOR 1933:

Whereas, The necessity of a continuous study program for our evangelical workers everywhere is clearly recognized, if there is to be steady intellectual and spiritual growth and efficiency; and,

Whereas, The united study plan for our workers offered through the Ministerial Reading Course in English, and in other languages, is a material aid to this desired end, worthy of the universal support and participation of our workers; and,

Whereas, There will naturally be a tendency among our laborers to restrict expenditures in this year of scarcity of funds and sifting of workers, when even greater efficiency than ever is required; we therefore,

Recommend, That our evangelical workers everywhere be earnestly urged to enroll for the 1933 Ministerial Reading Course, and that we call upon our leaders throughout the world to give their definite moral support and active encouragement to this objective, cooperating in the effort of the Association to provide a helpful course for the forthcoming year.

#### HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

Whereas, The outstanding need of the hour is a vast and rapidly growing army of consecrated men and women who are thoroughly trained in various forms of helpful ministry; and,

Whereas, The Home Study Institute opens wide the door of opportunity for such training to all young people who can not attend one of our resident schools, and also to older ones of forward-looking minds; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby pledge our loyal cooperation in the carrying out of the following plans looking to a larger enrolment of Home Study pupils:

1. That educational secretaries and superintendents and Missionary Volunteer secretaries be requested to promote the Home Study idea as they travel among our churches and come into touch with young people who should be encouraged to take courses.

2. That the Home Missionary Department cooperate strongly with the Home Study Institute in the promotion of the church officers' training course and the courses in the giving of Bible readings.

3. That the Medical Department continue to encourage nurses to take further studies through the Institute, and promote the Home Nursing Course among isolated believers, and in those churches where it is not possible to arrange for a class to be conducted by a registered nurse.

4. That the Ministerial Association lead out in plans to interest our ministers and Bible workers in advanced courses in Bible, History, New Testament Greek, and other studies suited to their needs.

5. That pastors and conference workers generally cooperate with departmental secretaries in their efforts to get in touch with young people and inspire them to devote their spare minutes to study.

6. That the Home Study Institute supply these workers with promotion material and helpful suggestions, and that the head of the Institute plan as part of his field work to spend a little time with them in their respective conferences, so that they may become familiar with practical methods of interesting people in home study.

7. That the heads of colleges and academies forward to the Home Study Institute the names of young men and women desirous of getting an education who can not afford to attend a resident school, in order that these young people may be encouraged to take some work by correspondence.

Whereas, There are a goodly number of English-speaking young people in Latin America as well as in English-speaking countries outside of North America, who do not enjoy educational privileges; therefore,

Resolved, That we request our workers in these countries to encourage such young people to avail themselves of the excellent opportunities offered by the Home Study Institute.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

The following report from the Committee on the Week of Prayer Readings for 1932 was adopted:

Your Committee on Week of Prayer Readings for 1932 (December 10 to 17), would recommend the following program of readings:

Sabbath, December 10: "The Dangers Threatening the Church." -- C.H. Watson.

Sunday, December 11: "Meaning of World Conditions." -- L.H. Christian.

Monday, December 12: "The Call to Greater Evangelism." -- J.L. McElhany.

Tuesday, December 13: "The Education of our Youth and Children." -- C.P. Crager.

Wednesday, December 14: "Safeguarding our Homes and Institutions." -- O. Montgomery.

Thursday, December 15: "The Missions Advance." -- E. Kotz.

Friday, December 16: "Pentecostal Consecration." -- J.L. Shaw.

Sabbath, December 17: "Holding the Blessing -- Christ in Everyday Experience." -- I.H. Evans.

Your committee recommend that as far as consistent the readings be confined to approximately two pages of the Review and Herald, from 2500 to 3000 words.

We further recommend, That the following committee be asked to be responsible for providing lessons for the children: Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, H. T. Elliott and C. A. Russell.

#### BIBLE HOUSES:

H. H. Hall presented a summary of the operating statements of the Bible Houses in North America for 1931. Although sales had fallen off by twenty-five per cent over the previous year, the accounts had been closely collected, salaries had been reduced by nearly \$12,000 and liabilities had not been increased. The great need of both the Bible and Publishing houses is that of greater promotion and a resulting increase of sales.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., the afternoon being left open for committee work.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

E. KOTZ, Secretary.

E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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#### THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1932, 7:30 P.M.

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The sixth business session, at 7:30 P.M., April 26, after the opening song and prayer, was devoted to the consideration of Sabbath school interests, particularly the "giving for missions" phase of Sabbath school work. Mrs. Plummer, the

secretary of the Sabbath School Department, appealed earnestly to conference officials and workers to cooperate with the Department in keeping constantly before their members the slogan, "A Nickel a Week or More for Missions." She felt enthusiastic in her conviction that with this cooperation we may expect to receive through the Sabbath schools such a sum as will materially help to wipe out the present deficit in our mission funds. In fact, if the 127,787 church members in North America were each to give only five cents more a week for missions, by the end of the year it would roll up into the magnificent sum of \$332,246.20.

Mrs. Plummer exhibited charts which showed 52.73% of all the money given for missions in North America as coming through the Sabbath schools. Besides the regular weekly offering and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, there is the Investment Plan, which in seven years has brought in a total of \$363,296.57, and the Birthday Offering, which shows \$175,517.51 contributed in seven years. With the very simple means employed for promoting these various offerings it would seem that the Sabbath school is the least expensive channel through which to gather funds for foreign missions.

After Mrs. Plummer's interesting presentation of these facts, the council was ready to vote unanimously the adoption of the following recommendations from the Finance Committee:

#### ADDITIONAL WEEKLY S.S. OFFERING:

Whereas, The present income of the General Conference is inadequate for the maintenance of our work already established in the world field, and making it also impossible to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunities for the proclamation of the message which are everywhere manifest; and,

Whereas, A small added offering, if given weekly, even so small an increase as five cents a member, would greatly help to carry us through the present financial crisis and meet world needs,

Resolved, 1. That in North America we ask every one to give through the Sabbath school an additional offering of at least five cents,--a nickel a week,-- to help bridge the present crisis.

2. That we ask each minister and other worker in the union and local conferences as well as the Sabbath School Department secretary of each conference, to promote strongly in every Sabbath school and church the idea of the added offering of a nickel a week or more, for missions.

3. That all our people in divisions outside of North America be requested to arise to the present need by giving weekly through the Sabbath schools an increase of from one to three cents (gold) a week per member.

4. That the Sabbath school secretaries of divisions, conferences, and missions, with the executive committees, and all ministers and other workers assist strongly in the promotion of this plan in their respective fields.

5. That there be kept constantly before our Sabbath school and church membership not only the seriousness of the present times, but the unparalleled opportunities that await the church of God in every land, opportunities that can be improved only through the gifts and loyal service of the entire church membership.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT PLAN:

Whereas, The Sabbath School Investment plan has been successful in bringing into the mission treasury during the years 1925 to 1931 inclusive more than \$363,000; and,

Whereas, The plan is so broad that all members, whether living in city, village or rural community, can have a part, the methods of raising investment mission funds being so varied that none need be excused because they cannot find a way, and the money thus raised, as a rule, coming from a little extra exertion, or work, thus increasing the ability of each member to give without detracting from funds which might be given to other enterprises; therefore,

Resolved, That we ask all conference and church workers to endeavor to enlist 100% of the Sabbath school members to "invest" for missions.

#### BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS:

Whereas, The remembrance of one's birthday is sanctioned in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy in these words, "For life, health, food, and clothing, no less than for the hope of eternal life, we are indebted to the Giver of all mercies; and it is due to God to recognize His gifts, and to present our offerings of gratitude to our greatest Benefactor. These birthday gifts are recognized of Heaven;" and,

Whereas, Records show that in the main the birthday gifts through our Sabbath schools come from the younger divisions; therefore,

Resolved, That greater effort be made to induce those who have lived longer and thus enjoyed more of the blessings and mercies of God, to recognize these blessings in a tangible way by bringing a suitable birthday offering to the Sabbath school at some time near their birthday.

#### OFFERINGS AT CAMP MEETING:

Whereas, In some sections of the field the plan has been followed of taking only one offering on Sabbath during the camp meeting, this offering in some cases being taken in



the Sabbath school and in others at the time of the preaching service; and,

Whereas, The plan of taking the offering only in the Sabbath school results in unduly prolonging the Sabbath school period and at the same time fails to reach with the missions appeal those who do not attend the Sabbath school, but who do attend the preaching service; and,

Whereas, The plan of taking no offering in the Sabbath school results in depriving the Sabbath school of its credit for mission offerings to which it is justly entitled; and,

Whereas, We believe that good rather than harm will result from giving our brethren and sisters opportunity to make offerings to missions in more than one service; therefore

We recommend, That in both the Sabbath school and in the preaching service at our camp meetings, an offering to missions be taken, and that care be used in the Sabbath school that the time taken to promote the mission offering does not encroach upon the time of the review or lesson study, nor prolong the Sabbath school period beyond the usual hour and a quarter.

A number of songs have been composed on the theme of extra giving, and one of these, "Help the Sabbath School Way," was sung to close the meeting. W.P.Elliott pronounced the benediction.

O. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

M.E.KERN, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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#### THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING

April 27, 1932, 9:00 A.M.

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In the devotional service of Wednesday morning, April 27, Elder J.F.Piper spoke on The Promises of God and the Nearness of the Coming of the Lord. He started with the text, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:4. One of the most precious of the promises, containing perhaps the greatest inspiration is the promise of the return of the Saviour. But we are warned in the 24th of Matthew to be careful lest a time come when we

lose from our consciousness the thought of His return. We read in Acts 7:17: "When the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt."

It is singular, nevertheless it is true, that in every case where a promise has been made to the people of earth, and the time of the fulfilment of that promise draws nigh, the people are unprepared. This was true of the Israelites in Egypt and in Babylon. And when the time of the promise drew nigh that Christ should be born in Bethlehem, the priests and leaders, while they were aware of the promise and of the fact that the time was at hand, were indifferent to the event.

Elder Piper asked the question, Are we as alert to preach the coming of the Lord as we once were, or have we become lukewarm and unconcerned about it? There is danger that though we see the signs multiplying all about us, we shall be unmoved by them. The Laodicean message is an evidence that there is danger again of the people of God becoming so contented and satisfied that they are not alert to the things that are so soon to transpire. Shall we not take heed to that warning, and pray for the anointing with the eyesalve that we may indeed see, and that we may discharge the responsibility which God has placed upon us of proclaiming to the world the soon coming of the Saviour?

The service closed with a goodly number of earnest testimonies.

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THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 27, 1932, 10:30 A.M.

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"O, for a Closer Walk with God," was sung to open the seventh business session, at 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, April 27. Prayer was offered by Elder P.E. Brodersen.

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

INCREASING MISSION FUNDS:

Whereas, The message proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists commits us to the task of reaching every "nation, kindred, tongue and people;" and,

Whereas, The Foreign Mission Board is greatly perplexed in carrying forward its world-wide operations because of the decline in foreign mission funds, so that we face

actual retrenchment in our mission work if conditions continue as they are; and,

Whereas, Immediate steps to increase our foreign mission funds are necessary, in order to maintain intact our world-wide work,

We recommend, 1. That special efforts be put forth to raise at least \$100,000 in the Midsummer Offering, each church endeavoring to raise an average of one dollar or more per member; the promotion of this offering to be under the direction of the Secretarial and Treasury offices of the General Conference.

2. Believing that those of wealth in our denomination would come to the help of our Mission Board in this time of emergency if they were fully acquainted with the situation, we urge all our pastors and evangelists and conference presidents to personally visit all such, encouraging them to give special offerings to the cause at this time. That those of our people who have during the years succeeded in saving a few hundred dollars be invited to make a special offering during 1932 of \$50, \$100, or more, in addition to their regular offerings.

3. That strong plans be laid to make this year's Week of Sacrifice offering the largest in our history. We recognize that we face a greater crisis in maintaining our foreign mission program than we did in 1922 when our people so nobly came to the rescue. We therefore urge that strong efforts be put forth by all conference workers to encourage all our people, at home and abroad, to unite with conference and institutional workers in giving one week's salary or income to missions. The promotion of this effort is to rest with the Treasury of the General Conference. That heads of institutions and conferences present this at an early date to all their workers, urging every worker by precept and example to participate in the Week of Sacrifice.

4. That a special meeting of all workers in each conference be held as soon as possible for the purpose of acquainting each worker with the serious financial crisis facing the mission fields and placing definitely upon the hearts of pastors, evangelists and others the necessity of having each church do its utmost to raise all General Conference financial goals for missions, and that as far as possible the General Conference Committee arrange for one of its representatives to attend such meetings to give counsel and instruction.

5. That we request the Signs of the Times, the Watchman, and the Canadian Watchman magazines to make special appeals to their readers for mission offerings, the publishers to send these gifts to the General Conference to be credited on the Sixty-cent-a-Week Fund for the conference in which the donor lives; and in connection therewith we request the Secretarial and Treasury offices to cooperate by furnishing special material to these periodicals.

6. That we further request the union conference committees to set aside one page a month in the regular issue of their union papers for the promotion of foreign missions, the material for this to be furnished by the Secretarial office.

7. That we request the Review and Herald to continue its strong policy of supporting our foreign mission work, and that we request the Treasury of the General Conference to undertake in a definite way to educate our people through the Review and Herald in the plan and policy of our Foreign Mission Board, and in the progress and operations of our worldwide work.

8. That a regular church offering for foreign missions be taken in all our churches every second Sabbath of the month, and that our workers be requested to especially emphasize this offering from month to month.

We have reached the closing days of earth's history. Rapidly fulfilling signs on every hand witness that the coming of Christ is near, even at the doors. Before He comes a world must be warned and a people developed among all nations who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Only by hearty consecration and supreme sacrifice on the part of every believer can this work be accomplished. In view of the crisis which confronts us in our missionary operations, the hour for economy and sacrifice, we believe, has fully come.

We therefore recommend, 1. That all our members recognize anew their sacred stewardship in being entrusted with their Lord's goods, and that, in harmony with the instructions of the Holy Scriptures, they sacredly guard the tithe of their income, paying it regularly into the Lord's treasury for the support of His work.

2. That they seek by economical living and simplicity of life to so bind about their wants that they may be able to give a larger portion of their incomes in freewill offerings for the support of our missions.

3. That we ask our conference workers and church officers to carry upon their hearts a special burden in impressing upon our brethren and sisters throughout the field this solemn responsibility of rendering to the Lord His own in tithes and offerings.

Believing that many of our brethren and sisters throughout the North American field would be glad to make special gifts to the cause of missions, and so aid in the present emergency if the urgent situation could be set before them; therefore,

Resolved, That we ask the President of the General Conference to address to our church members in the North American Division a personal letter setting forth the crisis which has arisen in our missionary operations, and appealing for donations in the sum of one dollar or more to assist in maintaining our missionaries at their posts in this period of financial stringency, the same to be a donation in addition to their regular gifts to missions.

COMMISSION TO SURVEY  
GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF:

Elder C.H. Watson made a statement relative to the change which has come about in the matter of calls for help from the General Conference staff, sent in by the foreign divisions and the union and local fields in North America. "This change," he said, "comes largely as a result of the financial situation in all the world field. While the fields assure us that the help from the General Conference staff is greatly appreciated, and while it is as greatly needed today as ever, they cannot, because of reduced income, finance conventions and other work with which this help would have to connect in order to make it of value.

"Under these conditions there has grown up a feeling in the field that the headquarters staff of the General Conference is larger than it needs to be at present, and the wish is expressed that the matter be studied and changes made.

"The officers have not felt they could take the initiative in this. The heads of departments, the officers, the field secretaries, and the associates in the departments and in administrative positions are all in their positions by the vote of the delegates in General Conference session. We naturally feel that there is no section of the administrative work that has the right to say that any other section of the work shall be curtailed.

"But we have taken counsel together, the officers, the field secretaries, and the leaders of the departments, concerning this, and have expressed our desire to have this matter considered by the Spring Meeting, feeling that it should be studied, but feeling that if possible it should be studied by a body outside of the administration itself, and that such body should make recommendations that would be considered in a proper way.

"We have had two meetings, one between the officers and the union conference presidents, the other between the officers, the union conference presidents and the leaders of the departments of the General Conference, and in these meetings decision was reached to bring the matter before you here in this Spring Meeting, requesting that a Commission be appointed, composed of persons not of the General Conference administrative staff, to study the situation thoroughly and to recommend such action as it feels would be proper. Suggesting, too, that the commission while having the right to bring before the Executive Committee in minority meeting at any time it thought right and proper such recommendations for changes as it felt could be made, and that were clear and possible at any given time, should make its final report to the next Autumn Council, so that the situation as it obtains at the present time would not be changed hastily. The efficiency of the work should be safeguarded in making such changes. The matter thus

would be brought to decision by a body that will be widely representative. The matter of studying the General Conference headquarters staff is something in which the world ought to be represented, because it is a world staff.

"Whatever is done, we all should set our hearts carefully to avoid a spirit of restlessness coming into the work at the General Conference office. My personal desire is that in approaching this matter it should be understood that every member of the staff is involved. We also think it should be kept well in mind that any study given to the matter will not of necessity mean the elimination of workers from the work. It possibly will mean adjustments only."

VOTED, That the body which has brought in this suggestion, namely, the officers of the General Conference, the heads of departments and the presidents of union conferences, be asked to appoint the Survey Commission called for.

This Commission was named later as follows:

J.E.Fulton, F.M.Wilcox, Chas. Thompson, E.K.Slade, W.H.Heckman, S.A.Ruskjer, J.K.Jones, H.J.Detwiler, J.F.Piper, W.H.Holden, P.E.Brodersen, R.L.Benton, W.C.Moffett, F.H.Robbins

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Balance sheets of the General Conference, General Conference Corporation and the General Conference Association, for the year ending December 31, 1931, together with the auditor's certificate in each case, were presented and adopted as follows:

(See eleven pages following)

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M.

W.H.BRANSON, Chairman.  
M.E.KERN, Secretary.  
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET  
December 31, 1931

ASSETS

Current

Cash and Bank	313 222 24
Security Investments	597 767 52
Notes Receivable	8 636 30
Accounts Receivable	230 064 15
Interest and other	
Deferred Income	484 156 86
Adv. Pay. and Expense	23 805 14
Inventory Supplies	<u>3 175 78</u>

Total Current Assets

1 660 827 99

Fixed

General Conference Library	1 262 86
Less Reserve for Deprec.	<u>1 262 86</u>

Total Assets

1 660 827 99

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	132 370 03
Deferred Accounts Payable	7 361 79
Deferred Items	<u>49 715 46</u>

Total Liabilities

189 447 28

Trust Funds Reserves

185 231 56

SURPLUS

Balance on Hand	
Jan. 20, 1931	1 491 546 52
Less Operating	
Loss, 1931	<u>205 397 37</u>

Total Surplus Dec. 31, 1931 1 286 149 15

Total Surplus and Reserves

1 471 380 71

Total Liabilities, Surplus and Reserves

1 660 827 99

GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Revenue Statement  
December 31, 1931

INCOME

Tithe

Received from North America

Union Conferences

Miscellaneous

Surplus Tithe

36 587 09

3 147 44

471 336 01

511 070 54

741 379 77

African Division

825 40

Australia

97 619 71

China

5 187 77

Europe - Central

68 432 16

Europe - Northern

33 226 65

Europe - Southern

19 876 26

Far East

2 121 20

Inter-America

1 078 72

South America

1 386 92

Southern Asia

554 44

230 309 23

Mission Offerings

North American Division

60-cent-a-week Fund

Miscellaneous

2 343 066 50

43 374 15

2 386 440 65

3 648 683 58

African Division

63 576 31

Australia

270 942 03

2 Quarters '30 - 69 666 42

Year 1931 201 275 61

China

52 151 46

Central Europe

307 067 69

Northern Europe

191 582 89

Southern Europe

111 844 52

Far Eastern Division

43 118 79

Inter-American Division

74 936 24

South American Division

98 668 32

Southern Asia Division

35 018 79

December - '30 5 811 16

Year - 1931 29 207 63

Hawaiian Mission

13 335 89

1 262 242 93

Footings Forward

4 390 063 35



GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Revenue Statement  
Continued

Footings Brought Forward 4 390 063 35

INCOME - Continued

Miscellaneous

10% European Union Tithe		1 228 99	
Central European	642 28		
Northern Europe	339 76		
Southern Europe	<u>246 95</u>		
25% European Local Tithe		18 009 89	
Central Europe 10%	6 200 95		
Northern Europe	7 457 23		
Southern Europe	<u>4 351 71</u>		
25% European Mission Offerings		100 693 91	
Central Europe	29 181 72		
Northern Europe	45 270 81		
Southern Europe	<u>26 241 38</u>		
			119 932 79
Legacies		3 603 18	
Fall Council Pledges		67 100 00	
Funds Returned and Reclaimed		93 381 31	
Religious Liberty Donations		77 55	
Extension Fund		<u>50 000 00</u>	
			214 162 04
Funds Accruing from Operating			
Interest Earned		49 832 50	
Sub. Sales, Royalties		24 216 42	
Exchange		46 511 21	
Gain in sales of Securities		<u>8 423 93</u>	
			128 984 06

Total 4 853 142 24  
Deduction for Duplication 119 932 79

Total Income 4 733 209 45

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GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Revenue Statement  
Continued

EXPENSES

Appropriations 4 100 009 91

Foreign Fields	3 665 007 56
Home Fields	259 526 71
Bible Societies	4 200 00
Extension Fund Appropriation	74 287 14
Spring-in Offering	3 244 17
Rural Schools	1 703 88
Special Appropriations	
Sick Benefit	6 704 71
Home	48 582 92
Foreign	31 355 88
13th Sabbath Overflow	4 271 37
Miscellaneous	1 125 57

## Miscellaneous

608 736 83

Institutional Relief	282 523 40
Sustentation Appropriation	63 289 31
Emergency Reserve	153 197 04
Furloughs	6 075 52
Harvest Ingathering	84 457 34
Missionary Appointees' Exp.	1 039 13
Transportation Agents Expense	10 303 25
Adjustments	6 615 62
Extension Fund Expense	1 236 22

## Administrative, Departmental &amp; Promotion Expense

232 992 23

Educational Department	18 923 87
Executive Department	46 925 71
Home Commission	6 035 61
Home Missionary	15 160 95
Medical Department	16 453 92
Ministerial Association	10 134 99
Missionary Volunteer	13 133 52
Negro Department	2 940 80
Press Bureau	5 734 38
Publishing Department	16 105 55
Religious Liberty	11 448 61
Sabbath School Department	29 432 11
Statistical Department	7 104 29
Treasury Department	26 783 65
Auditing Department	6 674 27

Footings Forward

4 941 738 97

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GENERAL CONFERENCE  
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Revenue Statement  
Continued

Footings Brought Forward \$4,941,738.97

EXPENSE

Special Laborers		37,169.41
Field Laborers	30,164.84	
Retired Laborers	<u>7,004.57</u>	
General Office Operating		79,631.23
General Expense	377.03	
Office Building Expense		
Rent	10,844.45	
Heat	771.14	
Light	476.19	
Janitor and Night Watchman	5,123.46	
Telegrams and Cables	1,482.43	
Telephone Expense	2,158.05	
Missions Promotion	3,050.78	
Entertainment	2,326.86	
Exchange	180.18	
Security Sales Provision	30,322.13	
Sub. and Sales, Royalties	22,172.94	
Employees Liability Insurance	232.42	
Library Depreciation	<u>113.17</u>	
Total		5,058,539.61
Deduction for Duplication		<u>119,932.79</u>
Total Expense		\$4,938,606.82

S U M M A R Y

TOTAL INCOME		4,733,209.45
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>4,938,606.82</u>
Expense Exceeded Income by		205,397.37

## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

To the Constituency and Executive Committee  
of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The books of account of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have been audited for the year ended December 31, 1931, and I can certify that the Balance Sheet and Revenue Statement, respectively, set forth the correct financial condition at that date and the results of operations for the period then ended.

J. J. Ireland,

Auditor.

April 22, 1932.

Washington, D. C.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
of  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET  
December 31, 1931

ASSETS

Cash and Bank		102 064 43
Accounts Receivable		201 603 30
Notes & Securities Rec.		456 807 75
Interest Receivable		7 788 33
Deferred Items		<u>4 456 08</u>
Total Current Assets		772 719 89

Real Estate

In D. C. and Md.	D. C.	Md.	Total	
Washington Sanitarium	4 417 58	6 466 81	10 884 39	
Buildings and Improvements	<u>2 500 00</u>	<u>29 916 23</u>	<u>32 416 23</u>	43 300 62
Conference Properties				
Main and other Buildings with				
Ground Improvements	120 532 64			
Less Depr. Reserve	<u>15 894 44</u>			104 638 20
Washington San. Buildings and				
Ground Improvements	550 136 93			
Less Depr. Reserve	<u>163 906 78</u>			386 230 15
Equipment			18 767 15	
In Gen. Conf. Office	39 956 59			
Less Reserve	<u>21 189 44</u>			
Washington Sanitarium			70 909 86	<u>89 677 01</u>
Total Fixed Assets				<u>623 845 98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				1 396 565 87

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	53 242 64
Notes & Cert. Payable	238 885 15
Deposits	16 426 61
Int. & Annuities Payable	3 733 60
Annuity Bonds	<u>223 250 00</u>
Total Liabilities	535 538 00
Net Worth	
Balance as of January 1, 1931	921 112 13
Less Net Loss for Year 1931	<u>60 084 26</u>
Net Worth December 31, 1931	<u>861 027 87</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

1 396 565 87

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
of  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

REVENUE STATEMENT  
December 31, 1931

INCOME

Earnings from Investments	42,902.01
Rent of Building & Equip.	10,844.45
Matured Annuity Contracts	1,900.00
Washington Sanitarium Gain	25,973.95
Legacies	10,645.17
Equipment Sales	126.84
Donations	<u>28,025.00</u>

Total Income

120,417.42

EXPENSES

Interest Expense	5,051.49
Annuities	9,606.14
Depreciation - Buildings	1,644.52
Depreciation - Ground Improv.	118.23
Ground Improvement - Shrubbery	140.62
Depreciation - Equipment	2,843.16
Provision on sale Securities	46,010.94
Security Sales	5,287.77
Salaries	514.34
General Expense	384.47
Insurance	320.50
Taxes	2,009.05
Repairs - Buildings	3,598.50
Repairs - Equipment	202.98
Reserve Special	97,495.79
Real Estate Losses	3,964.87
Stock Building	<u>1,308.31</u>

Total Operating Expense

180,501.68

Total Expenses in Excess of Income

60,084.26

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION

of

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Certificate of Audit

The books of account of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, including the Washington Sanitarium, for the year ended December 31, 1931, have been audited, and I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet, together with the statement of incomes and expenses, present, respectively the financial condition of the Corporation at December 31, 1931, and the results for the year ended that date.

J. J. Ireland,

Auditor.

March 8, 1932

Washington, D.C.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

of

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have audited the books of account of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists as at December 31, 1931, and hereby certify that this Balance Sheet and the accompanying Statement of Profit and Loss respectively set forth the correct financial condition at that date and the results for the operating year then ended.

J. J. Ireland,

Auditor.

March 8, 1932

Washington, D.C.



## THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 27, 1932, 7:30 P.M.

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The eighth business session was opened with song at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 27, followed by prayer by W.B.Ochs.

The Finance Committee submitted its final report, which was adopted as follows:

## GENERAL CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS

## BALANCING THEIR BUDGETS:

Whereas, The Washington Sanitarium, the College of Medical Evangelists, the Oakwood Junior College, and the Broadview College are known as General Conference institutions; and,

Whereas, Some of these institutions are year by year increasing their indebtedness, making the operation of their work still more difficult and perplexing,

We recommend, That we ask these institutions to operate strictly within the limits of their income the same as the mission fields and other institutions; and

That in view of the continued depression everywhere evident, these institutions spare no effort to balance their budgets immediately; and,

That no money be borrowed by them without an understanding with and permission from the General Conference.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SALARIES:

We recommend, That as an emergency measure General Conference salaries be cut ten per cent from the present rate as from May 1, 1932, to continue to December 31, 1932, and that this reduction be a guide to the fields in making salary adjustments.

## WESTERN CANADIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

We recommend, That we recognize the present situation which results in the indebtedness on the Western Canadian Junior College as an emergency and grant them from their union come-back funds the amount of interest on the indebtedness for the school year of 1931-32.

## SUSTENTATION FUND SHORTAGE:

We recommend, That the Treasurer, the President, the Vice-presidents, Union Conference Presidents, and H.H. Cobban be a committee to give study to the prospective shortage of

the Sustentation Fund and report to the 1932 Autumn Council.

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REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

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

POSTPONEMENT OF BIBLE CONFERENCE:

Whereas, The European Divisions have requested that because of the financial conditions, the Bible Conference planned for this autumn should be postponed; and,

Whereas, It does not seem advisable to hold the Bible Conference with only a very limited representation from the European Divisions, which are so vitally interested in the success of such a meeting,

Resolved, That this Bible Conference be postponed for the time being.

WORLDLY ENCROACHMENTS:

Whereas, The world is forcing its way into the church in some centers by way of worldly pageant, show, comic lecture, theatrical display, cheap musical entertainment, and costly and extravagant church weddings, thus endangering our young people in a particular way, lowering our standards, and blotting out the line of demarcation between the church and the world; therefore,

Resolved, That with humiliation of soul and deeply sensing the fact that we are living in the last hour when the devil has come down in great power, we lovingly and urgently raise the note of warning to our people, both young and old, but especially to our church and institutional leaders, pointing out the danger of the hour in all these and other matters of a worldly trend, seeking for a renewal of the straight testimony of the True Witness, hoping that a revival of primitive godliness may result.

A SPIRITUAL HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN:

Whereas, The success of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign depends upon the blessing of God on the consecrated service of workers and church members; we therefore,

Recommend, 1. That a "Harvest Ingathering Consecration Week" be observed in all our churches in North America immediately preceding the beginning of the campaign, and wherever possible the church meet together for at least two evenings during the week, preferably Wednesday and Friday evenings, to seek God for the preparation necessary to do the work successfully, and to pray for the Spirit of God to impress men of

wealth and the public generally, to give liberally in response to the Harvest Ingathering appeal.

Whereas, The last Autumn Council at Omaha adopted an action providing for a united and intensive Harvest Ingathering Campaign by workers and laity to reach the full Ingathering goal in six weeks' period; therefore,

Resolved, 3. a. That union and local conference committees endeavor to so plan the work of all conference employees as will insure their uninterrupted leadership in churches and districts during the six weeks' campaign period, in a determined effort to raise the official goal of every church.

b. That every consistent effort necessary be made to enlist every member in active solicitation work to thus secure their individual goals.

c. That every church systematically cover its Harvest Ingathering territory with missionary literature for a month or six weeks before the opening of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

#### SPIRITUAL WORK FOR THE CHURCH:

Whereas, We have been told that just prior to the second coming of Christ a work like that of John the Baptist, calling men everywhere unto repentance with as direct a message as that of John,--"for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,"-- is of first importance, and in order to contribute to the spiritual uplift of our people generally,

We recommend to our conferences, 1. That following Christ's method, ministers be sent forth, where possible, two and two among the churches to do a thorough work of revival, by setting forth the advent message in its cardinal features, calling people unto repentance, reconsecration, and rededication of their lives and property, to the quick finishing of the work, and that special efforts be put forth to visit our people in their homes, studying with them their problems, praying with them, and giving them individual spiritual help where it is needed.

2. That in view of the blessings promised to those faithful in paying tithes and offerings and the unprecedented need of funds, a special effort be made to get all of our people to pay a faithful tithe, and to resolve to give systematically a definite amount for missions week by week, to the end that our ministerial forces in the home field and our missionaries abroad be held in the field around the world, and the message go forth in greater power and strength.

3. That these meetings cover a week or ten days in each church and that announcement of these meetings be sent ahead, calling churches unto prayer for the need of the church and special help for those not of our faith who may attend the meetings.

## TEMPERANCE WORK:

A series of recommendations on the cause of temperance after considerable discussion was referred to the Executive Committee, and all other items of unfinished business were likewise referred.

## A SOLEMN CALL TO PRAYER:

A special resolution, "A Solemn Call to Prayer," was presented as follows:

Whereas, We are living in a time of unprecedented world distress, with men's hearts failing them for fear; when the tide of sensuality, worldliness, and spiritual declension that is engulfing the world is encroaching upon the church; when the economic situation of the hour has produced the most serious financial crisis in the experience of the remnant church, creating needs utterly beyond all human plans and resources to supply; and frankly--

Recognizing, That the only solution to our problem lies in special help from God commensurate with the need of this crucial hour; therefore,

Resolved, That this Spring Meeting in session assembled issue a solemn call to intercessory prayer, appealing to ministers and laymen, old and young, to humbly supplicate our Heavenly Father for the forgiveness of our sins, for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit that true godliness and personal spiritual victory may be ours, and that means may be supplied, not only that there be no retrenchment in our world mission work, but rather that a mighty army of recruits may be sent forth to glean the golden grain from the ripening harvest fields that beckon us.

## CLOSING REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT:

"We have not spent as much time at this council as at those of last year in calling attention to the soul-winning work of the denomination throughout the world during 1931, and yet it has been a remarkable year in soul winning. Indeed, it is one of the most wonderful that we have ever experienced. I am sure it is in the hearts of all who have participated in this meeting to acknowledge before God the wonderful blessings that He has bestowed upon His ministers and workers as they have endeavored in His name to call men and women to Christ. It would be very fitting if in our prayer, the closing prayer of this Spring Meeting, we acknowledged with thankfulness the goodness of God which has enabled us to reach the successes that have been obtained in soul winning in all parts of the world. And it would be fitting that we pledge our hearts to the Lord before adjourning this Council and go forth in His name with renewed consecration to greater soul-winning endeavor in the months which are before us. The perplexities of the present will not be permitted by Him to work against His great cause or to retard the work of winning souls, but rather these

hard conditions which we all deplore will no doubt increase the willingness of men and women to hear the message, and to respond to its power.

"I move that in connection with the resolution already submitted, which calls us and all of our people to prayer, we express to the Lord the gratitude and thanks of our hearts for the help that we have received from Him in the soul-winning work of the year, and that, assured of His guidance and blessing, we look hopefully into the future toward greater results in soul winning, and with His power resting richly upon all of His people we put forth still more earnest effort to win men and women to Him."

The resolution was adopted by kneeling before the Lord and most earnestly pleading for the grace and power needed to make it effective, Elder I.H.Evans being called upon to offer the prayer.

Rising, all joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and Elder E. Kotz pronounced the benediction.

W.H.BRANSON, Chairman.

E.KOTZ, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

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### THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1932, 8:30 A. M.

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### P R E S E N T:

The same members of the Committee who were in attendance at the Spring Meeting.

Prayer by L.A.Hansen.

### TEMPERANCE WORK:

A substitute for the series of recommendations on the temperance question which was introduced in the evening meeting of April 27, was presented, and after discussion, it was--

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to give the matter further study, and report.

Named: W.H.Branson, J.F.Piper, O.Montgomery, A.O. Tait, F.D.Nichol, J.A.Stevens, H.T.Elliott.

DR. EDWIN COYL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That inasmuch as Dr. Edwin Coyl has not been successful in securing release from his present position, we release him from the call to China.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following itinerary for E.Kotz: Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 14 and 15, and Kansas, May 17 to 22.

VOTED, That arrangements be made for a representative of the Treasury to attend the Board meeting of the Christian Record, at College View, Nebraska, May 8 and 9.

VOTED, That we approve of M.E.Kern's attending the Youth's Conference in Indiana, April 29 to May 2.

PERMANENT RETURN OF WORKERS  
FROM CHINA DIVISION:

Letter was read from the secretary of the China Division, seeking counsel with reference to five workers permanently returning to America. China asked for a cable in reply, but it was agreed that the secretary should write the Division, setting fully before them the conditions and situation in America at the present time, the probability that these men can not be placed in the work, and that they will find it very difficult to get into self-supporting work at this time, and therefore might need to be supported for a considerable period. It was agreed to leave it to the China Division to act as they think best in the light of these facts.

BROADVIEW COLLEGE--LOAN:

VOTED, That we authorize the Lake Union Conference to loan the Broadview College the amount of \$3,600 from the Comeback funds which they have on deposit.

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

## THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1932, 3:30 P.M.

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## P R E S E N T:

The same as in the morning session.

Prayer by F.D.Nichol.

## PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN:

The following report was presented and adopted regarding the temperance work:

Whereas, We have been admonished by the Spirit of prophecy to support prohibition and temperance by "voice and pen and vote;" and,

Whereas, It is recognized that success in carrying forward a strong program of education and promotion in temperance lines demands that the responsibility for the work head up in some specific person or group,

Resolved, 1. That in order to make effective the series of recommendations passed at the Autumn Council to carry forward an aggressive campaign on temperance, the responsibility of fostering this work rest upon a Temperance Commission consisting of a vice-president of the General Conference as chairman, the secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, the secretary of the Home Missionary Department, the secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, the secretary of the Press Bureau, and the secretary of the Publishing Department.

Resolved, 2. That in union and local conferences this work be under the direction of Temperance Commissions consisting of the president, the Religious Liberty, the Home Missionary, and the Missionary Volunteer secretaries.

Resolved, 3. That in order to facilitate contacts and the making of arrangements with other organizations, and to give convenience in correspondence, the work be carried on under the following name: "American Temperance Society of Seventh-day Adventists."

Resolved, 4. That the Commission give special attention to the following lines of work:

a. The selection in each conference of able public speakers who will address mass meetings, public school groups, churches, service club groups, and other organizations, and that wherever possible they make use of the radio.

b. Encouragement of our evangelists to make temperance lectures a feature of their evangelistic series.

c. Temperance rallies at camp meetings.

d. Wide publicity through the press.

e. An intensive campaign to obtain signatures to the following temperance pledge: "I pledge upon my honor that I will abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages, and encourage others to do the same."

f. Educational promotion through the Signs of the Times, Life and Health, Watchman Magazine, the Review and Herald, the Youth's Instructor, the Little Friend, our foreign periodicals, and the union conference papers. *Present Truth*

g. Encouraging young people's societies to prepare and render temperance programs in schools, churches, public halls, etc., and to secure signatures to the Temperance Pledge.

h. Preparation of lecture outlines and materials for the use of public speakers.

Whereas, There is an unprecedented crisis today in prohibition in America,

Resolved, 5.a. That a special campaign be carried on throughout the summer, or longer if necessary, to meet the present issue.

b. That in carrying out this campaign, special care be taken to avoid becoming involved in partisan politics.

c. That petitions to Congress be secured for the maintenance of the Eighteenth Amendment.

d. That we undertake to circulate at least a million copies of the Temperance Special of the Signs, and two hundred thousand copies of the book Wet or Dry during the present summer campaign.

In connection with the discussion, Elders Fulton and Tait made explanations regarding the Prohibition Special of the Signs of the Times and the fact that the union conferences have been offered a special rate of \$15 per thousand net on orders of a hundred thousand or more. The conferences can dispose of these to the churches for \$17.50 per thousand, thus giving a little margin for carrying the expense.

Elder Evans felt the goal for the circulation of the Signs and the book Wet or Dry was not large enough, but that there should be small leaflets distributed also. He spoke of the remarkable campaign against opium which our people conducted in China, in which we were helped by all denominations and which gave us much favor with the public.



Some fear was expressed that this campaign on temperance might interfere with Harvest Ingathering, but inasmuch as this temperance campaign is to commence at once, it was thought that our people could throw themselves fully into the Harvest Ingathering campaign when the time comes.

#### WABASH VALLEY SANITARIUM:

W. H. Holden made a statement regarding the Wabash Valley Sanitarium. The Lake Union had decided to give this institution a few months' lease in which to come to the point of self-support. But inasmuch as it is running behind a thousand dollars a month, it is their purpose, unless a change comes very soon, to close the institution.

VOTED, That we concur in the decision of the Lake Union to close the Wabash Valley Sanitarium in case it is found impossible to make it pay expenses.

#### WORK OF GEORGE MCCREADY PRICE:

J. L. Shaw spoke of the plan of the work and support of George McCready Price since his return from Europe, the General Conference to allow him to work in the different colleges extending over a period of one to two years in each institution, the General Conference to pay half the salary, and the school the other half.

In response to a question from Elder Brodersen, it was suggested that we would pay half of the moving expense from Berrien Springs to whatever school desires his services.

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

#### THREE HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1932, 3:30 P. M.

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

C. H. Watson, I. H. Evans, O. Montgomery, W. H. Branson, J. L. Shaw, E. Kotz, J. E. Fulton, G. W. Schubert, G. W. Wells, M. N. Campbell, J. A. Stevens, H. H. Hall, J. J. Ireland, C. S. Longacre, Miss Kathryn Jensen, W. H. Williams, H. T. Elliott, H. H. Cobban, W. E. Howell, L. A. Hansen, S. A. Wellman, F. M. Wilcox, C. P. Crager, Mrs. Plummer, L. E. Froom, H. J. Detwiler, P. E. Brodersen, S. A. Ruskjer, R. L. Benton, E. F. Hackman, W. C. Moffett, W. H. Holden, J. K. Jones; also, F. H. Robbins, Charles Thompson, E. K. Slade, W. H. Heckman.

Prayer by H. H. Cobban.

E. T. WILSON--CAROLINA:

VOTED, That we pass on to the Southwestern Union the request for the release of E. T. Wilson, of New Mexico, to take the presidency of the Carolina Conference.

W. H. HECKMAN--LOUISIANA-ARKANSAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union the request for the release of W. H. Heckman to connect with the Southwestern Union for the presidency of the Louisiana-Arkansas Conference.

C. H. WATSON, Chairman

E. KOTZ, Secretary

E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary

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J.W. CHRISTIAN--QUESTION OF SUSTENTATION:

In the meeting of the General Conference Committee held May 2, 1932, the question of granting sustentation allowance to J.W. Christian was considered. There were present at that meeting the following:

C H Watson, I H Evans, O Montgomery, J L McElhany, J L Shaw, M E Kern, W H Williams, H H Cobban, F M Wilcox, M N Campbell, J A Stevens, H H Hall, F L Peterson, E F Hackman, J C Thompson, C L Bond, H T Elliott, W I Smith, G Conard, Mrs. Plummer, E. L. Richmond, S A Wellman, W E Howell, Miss Jensen, C P Grager, H H Votaw, M C Taft, L E Christman, C S Longacre, H E Rogers, L E Froom, L A Hansen.

A recommendation was presented from a sub-committee appointed by the Finance Committee of the Spring Meeting. It was as follows:

"Recommended, That during the time J.W. Christian is seeking employment, we place him temporarily on the Sustentation Fund at a monthly rate of \$57.00, for a period not to exceed one year, payment to begin January 1, 1932."

This called forth a lengthy discussion, in which members of the Committee expressed themselves quite freely. There was very decided opposition to placing Brother Christian on the Fund, even temporarily. Those who were opposed, however, were very willing that something should be done, if possible for Mrs. Christian.

The recommendation being put to a vote, was lost.

It was then moved and seconded, and unanimously

VOTED, That Mrs. J.W. Christian be placed on the Sustentation Fund, the case to be reviewed at the end of the year, at a monthly rate of \$43.00, retroactive to January 1, 1932.

The above action was taken as an action of the Sustentation Committee, and so recorded, no record being made in the minutes of the General Conference Committee.