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SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1935, 8:30 A.M.

The Autumn Council of 1935 convened at 8:30 A.M., October 29, in Columbia Hall, Louisville, Kentucky, with O. Montgomery in the chair. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung as the meeting opened. W.A.Spicer, leading in prayer, asked that God's hand of benediction and blessing might rest upon His people, and that He would guide throughout the Council.

PRESENT:

In addition to the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America, there were present also the local conference presidents, publishing house representatives, college presidents, union treasurers, and the following workers from foreign divisions:

Australasian Division: Dr. C.W.Harrison.

<u>Central European Division</u>: G.W.Schubert, Oscar Olson, O.Schildhauer.

China Division: A.B.Buzzell, B.Petersen, H.L.Shull, J.H.Shultz.

Far Eastern Division: R.R.Figuhr, E.N.Lugenbeal, J.H.McEachern, H.A.Oberg.

Inter-American Division: E.E.Andross, F.L.Harrison, H.E.Baasch, E.J.Lorntz, J.S.Marshall, A.R.Ogden, N.L.Taylor, C.E.Wood.

Northern European Division: L.H.Christian.

South American Division: W.C.Goransson, Dr. J.W. Taylor, B.L.Thompson, H.B.Westcott.

Southern African Division: C.W.Curtis.

Southern Asia Division: J.B.Carter, Dr. G.A.Nelson, A.J.Sargent.

Southern European Division: A.V. Olson.

In welcoming the delegates **assem**bled, **O.Montgomery** expressed thankfulness that the hand of God has rested upon our brethren and sister in coming to this place of meeting, giving us a safe journey, good health, and bringing us to-gether under such favorable circumstances. The names of I.H. Evans, J.L.McElhany, S.A.Wellman, and J.C. Thompson were mentioned as having recently returned from foreign itineraries and being present to join in this Council. A special word of welcome was given to the four Division Presidents who were present, -- E.E. Andross, L.H. Christian, G.W. Schubert, and A.V. Olson. The foreign missionaries were also recognized by a few special words of greeting, also local conference presidents and institutional workers, all present being invited to join in the deliberations of the Council.

DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following Daily Program for the Council:

Devotional	8:30	-	9:30	A.M.	
Council	9:45	-	12:00	A.M.	
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and Boards	1:30	2:30 P.M.
Committees	2:30	6:15 P.M.
Council	7:30	9:00 P.M.

T.H.Allison, of St. Louis, Missouri, sang with meaning the words of the hymn, "Stand by Me."

C.H.Watson addressed the Council, using Rev. 3:11 and Col. 2:18, as a basis for his statements. He said the Bible is the story of a great eternal purpose; of the efforts made, and yet to be made to defeat that purpose; and of the means ordained, employed, and available to fulfil that purpose. Human experience began right, being placed on an enduring foundation, -- the will of God. Notwithstanding his beginning, man's experience went wrong. Yet the turning away of man from God did not change God's purpose for man, for His purpose is unchangeable and indestructible.

The first section of the Biblical story ended with the fall of man, the second ended with the flood, and the third with Babel. Each of these periods ended in human failure. Then follows the story of God's efforts to have His will done on earth by a family. But the children of Israel refused to follow His purpose and perished in the wilderness. The fifth section of the story reveals God's afforts to have His purpose fulfilled through a nation. God Himself ruled over this nation, but finally He was rejected as their King. The story of Israel under their earthly kings ended in captivity and failure. The seventh section brings the establishment of Christianity and the development of the Christian church. But the church became corrupted. The dark record of the apostate

ages grew from the church's love of the world. Then followed the Reformation. We have only to look around on the wreckage of Protestant faith to know that the founding truths and principles have been largely abandoned.

The ninth section of the story is pictured in the latter part of the Book of Revelation. At a specific time a movement begins that closes up the work of reformation forever. We believe we are connected with that movement. It is subject to failure. The Bible foreshows that this movement must meet the most tremendous efforts of Satan and his agents to overthrow it. The reason for failure in the past has been, briefly, love of the world. Our resistance of worldly influences is seriously diminishing. In the education and training of our workers we are inquiring more of the world and less of God than formerly. We are to be separate from Babylon. W e would do well to take honest bearings and rechart our course. Our need is far too great to be met by anything that the world can supply. Shall we note now "search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord"? Walking in that way, and living only to fulfil that unchanging purpose, this people will finish the work victoriously. Let us love not the world, but cherish the ways of God and love to do as He has bidden.

To this message of warning, counsel, and appeal, opportunity was given for a response, and a number of the delegates spoke of their desire to follow the Lord's leading, continue in close communion with Him, and heed the counsel offered On motion of W.H.Branson, it was

VOTED, That a representative committee be appointed by the Chair to take under consideration the warnings and suggestions brought to this Council in the message of C.H.Watson, give study to the worldly trends in the Church, and bring in a suitable series of recommendations.

VOTED, That the message of C.H.Watson to the Council be published in the <u>Review and Herald</u>, and also printed in leaflet form for distribution to our workers, and that mimeographed copies be placed in the hands of the delegates at this meeting.

With benediction by W.H.Heckman, the meeting closed at 11:15 A.M.

Following an intermission of ten minutes, the delegates were again called to order.

APPRECIATION:

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Mention was made by the Chairman of the contribution of palms for the platform by Mrs. A.W.Ott and the members of the Louisville church.

VOTED, That the Secretary convey to Mrs. Ott our appreciation of her thoughtfulness and kindness in contributing palms for the decoration of the platform.

GREETINGS:

Messages of greeting were read from the following members of the General Conference Committee who were not in attendance at the Council: R.L.Benton, W.C.White and Dr. H.W. Miller. The Secretary mentioned that R.L.Benton and G.A. Roberts were prevented by illness from attendance at this meeting.

VOTED, To send the greetings of the Council to R.L.Benton, W.C.White, Dr. H.W.Miller and the other absent Division Presidents.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The suggestions for Standing Committees as listed in the Agenda, and added to by motion from the floor, were adopted as follows:

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W.H.Holden G.C.Hoskin W.E.Howell G.A. Huse J.J.Ireland J.K.Jones E.E.Kern H.J.Klooster S.J.Lashier H.E.Lysinger Dr. P.T.Magan J.L. McConaughey J.L. McElhany W.C.Moffett W.B.Hohr O.Montgomery H.A.Morrison E.L.Neff W.A.Nelson W.E.Nelson J.J.Nethery A.V.Olson I.G. Ortner E. H. Oswald A.W.Peterson W.E.Phillips J.F.Piper Mrs.L.F.Plummer J.J. Reiswig E.L. Richmond

F.H.Robbins S.A. Ruskjer 0.Schildhauer G.W.Schubert H.J. Sheldon H.L. Shull E.K.Slade W.I.Smith A.R. Smouse M.A. Spicer J.A. Stevens J.G. Thomas H.H.Votaw David Voth C.H.W atson F.D.Wells H.B.Westcott W.R.White S.E.Wight F.H. Wilcox W.H.Williams C.L.Bauer C.G.Ortner I.G.Ortner L.W.Foote R.T.Emery W.C.Raley W.E.Perrin

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H.T.Elliott

J.A. Stevens

PLATFORM COMMITTEE:

J.E.Fulton I.J.Woodman R.R.Figuhr

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

C.L.Bond.

ASSIGNMENT OF AGENDA:

VOTED, That the report of the Educational Survey Commission, the Radio Commission, and of the Committee on Division of Territory for College Industries be presented direct to the Council.

Other items on the Agenda were referred to the various committees.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be requested to submit at a later time suggestions as to the personnel of the Auditing Committee.

SYMPATHY:

Since the Autumn Council of 1934, we have mourned the loss of the following esteemed leaders and fellow-laborers A.G.Daniells, F.W.Spies, M.C.Wilcox, J.C.Raft and Ennis V. Hoore. A telegram was received announcing the death of D.J.C.Barrett, of Oshawa, Ontario, who has served this cause as president of several local conferences.

VOTED, That the Secretary be instructed to send a word of greeting to Mrs. A.G.Daniells from this Council, and to express our sympathy to the families of these fellowworkers who have fallen asleep.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, and various comparative statements relating to tithe receipts, mission offerings, and sustentation, were presented by the Treasurer. During the year 1934, 57.3 cents has been received for missions for every dollar of tithe paid in the field. The sum of \$16,014,354.81 has been raised by means of the Harvest Ingathering campaigns, from 1908 to 1934. A total of \$1,588,528.76 has come in through Big Week efforts during the years 1921 to 1934.

(The Operating Statement and Balance Sheet are given in full on the two following pages).

OPERATING STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1935

	INCOME		
TITHE	TNOQUES		
North America			
Union Conferences	23 093 14		
Miscellaneous	1 899 45		
Per Cent of Tithe	318 262 21	343 254 80	
Foreign Tithe			
Europe Tithe of Tithe	482 82		
Europe Per Cent of Tithe	7 897 86		
Other Divisions	4 093 16	12 473 84	
Total Tithe	And the second s		355 728 64
MISSION OFFERINGS			
North America			
Forty-Cent-A-Week Fund	904 412 31		
Miscellaneous	13 429 67		
Funds Reclaimed	6 793 46	924 635 44	,
			,
Foreign			
Europe Misc. Funds Other Divisions	36 704 24		
Total Missions	121 881 31	158 585 55	1 097 000 00
			1 083 220 99
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			
Exchange Gains	29 508 36		
Interest Foll Council Blodge	21 949 06		
Fall Council Pledge Legacies, Etc.	22 000 00 550 00		
Royalties-Actual & Accrued	2 862 92		
Donations-Corporation	33 333 28	110 203 62	
Revertible Funds	<u></u>	354 374 21	
Total Miscellaneous		224 214	464 577 83
Total Income			1 903 527 46
E	XPENDI TURES		
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE		•	
Salary and Dept. Expense	138 108 93		
Provisional Expense	15 252 29		4
Promotion Expense	41 334 10		
Transportation Expense	5 712 04		
General Expense	177 73	200 585 09	
APPROPRIATION EXPENSE			
	178 647 76		
Home Fields-Regular	122 401 52		
Institutional Relief	104 532 42		
Spec.Appro. Missions Fields	69 310 09		
Spec.Appro. Home Fields Sustentation Appro.	39 062 69 31 140 04		
Misc.Appro.& Ret'd & Furl.Wrks.			
Adjustment Accounts	11 138 87		
By Rever. Tithe & Missions	354 374 21		
By Rever. Alaska & Hawaii	1 995 62	1 952 488 39	
Total Expense			2 160 906 81
Expense Exceeds Income			249 546 02

	ASSETS	
RESOURCES		
Cash and Bank		501 564 03
Notes and Securities Securities Notes	609 330 96 242 40	609 573 36
Accounts Receivable Divisions Publishing Houses Transp. Agencies Personal Accounts Miscellaneous	90 594 64 45 849 80 20 646 04 14 995 94 6 355 43	178 ЦЦ1 85
Inventories (Supplies & Prepaid Expense) Library Less Reserve Accrued Accounts Total Assets	2 297 97 1 899 12	4 734 94 398 85 20 219 54

1 314 932 57

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		
Publishing Houses	1-825 14	
Miscellaneous	1-825 14 9 473 86	
Personal Accounts	14 631 23	
General Conf Corp.	7 714 84	33 645 07
Trust Funds		221 360 68
Accrued Accounts		25 329 02
		280 334 77

SURPLUS

284 143 82 249 546 02	1 034 597 80

Total Liabilities and Surplus

1 314 932 57

THE BUDGET:

The Budget, showing the estimated needs of the foreign and North American fields for 1936, was also presented. The requests from the field for appropriations for 1936 total \$3,770,256.74. The estimated income for 1936 amounts to \$2,670,251.39. Deducting Miscellaneous and Fixed Appropriations, and General Conference Administration, leaves a balance of \$1,688,920.55 available for field appropriations.

Adjournment was taken at 12:40 P.M., with closing prayer by C.L.Bond.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman. M.E.KERN, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Sec'y.

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1935, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional meeting on Wednesday morning, October 30, was led by M.E.Kern, who conducted an impressive study on "To the Unfinished Task Through Self-Denial and Sacrifice," based on Rom. 9:28,-- "For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

How the work is to be cut short is indicated in "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 19: "Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel."

Of the time of the judgment when "our Lord cometh," it is said, "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5. We must set ourselves against the spendthrift spirit of our time. It is easy to find reasons why we should have the latest model of automobile, more expensive clothing, or finer furniture; but are they reasons we can conscientiously give to Him who for our sakes became poor, who had not where to lay His head, and who offered Himself as a sacrifice for us on Calvary?

The message of the Lord to us is, "We shall have to bind about our wants in order that there shall be means in the treasury to raise the standard of truth in new territory . . Those who believe the truth should avoid using their means in purchasing that which is unnecessary."--"<u>Testimonies</u> to Ministers," p. 217.

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The speaker made an earnest plea for heroic selfsacrifice for foreign missions, calling upon workers as well as our young people to be willing to go anywhere, do anything, and die, if need be, to carry the message of salvation to the ends of the earth. He paid a high tribute to the self-sacrificing doctors, nurses, teachers, and preachers who are willing to go and give of their best that the work may be finished.

This spirit of self-denial is not for the individual alone. It must permeate our conferences and institutions. No selfishness must mar our administration of God's work. "Let not means be absorbed in multiplying facilities where the work is already established." -- "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 450.

God is calling upon us to practice economy in every possible way that His work may go forward. God must have willing, self-sacrificing people in this, the day of His power.

In opening the second business meeting of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., C.H.Watson read from "Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 276, the following quotation:

"We are living in a time when Satan is working with all his power to discourage and defeat those who are laboring in God's service. But we must not fail nor be discouraged. We must exercise greater faith in God. We must trust His living word. Unless we have a firmer hold from above, we shall never be able to cope with the powers of darkness that will be seen and felt in every department of the work.

"Earth's cisterns will often be empty, its pools become dry; but in Christ there is a living spring from which we may continually draw. However much we draw and give to others, an abudance will remain. There is no danger of exhausting the supply; for Christ is the inexhaustible wellspring of truth."

GREETINGS FROM SOUTHERN ASIA:

The following cable signed by the President and Secretary-treasurer of the Southern Asia Division was read:

"Southern Asia sends greetings and prays heaven's blessings delegates assembled Autumn Council. Our task here immense. Opportunities unprecedented. Courage and confidence abounding. Second Thessalonians three one."

COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL STANDARDS:

The names of the Committee on Denominational trends and objectives, authorized by the Council in its opening meeting, were presented by the Chairman, as follows:

W.H.Branson, Chairman J.K.Jones Glenn Calkins M.N.Campbell S.A.Ruskjer F.H.Robbins E.L.Neff C.B.Haynes Varner Johns H.A.Morrison

M.L.Andreasen W.M.Landeen E.E.Cossentine W.E.Nelson W.H Teesdale J.E.Weaver G.R.Fattic J.L.Shaw M.E.Kern F.L.Peterson Dr. P.T.Magan Dr. E.H.Risley F.M.Wilcox E.E.Andross A.V.Olson A.W.Peterson O.Montgomery

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SURVEY COMMISSION:

In introducing the report of the Educational Survey Commission, W.H.Branson stated that when at the Omaha Council in 1931 authorization was given for our junior and senior colleges to seek accrediting from regional associations, although certain restrictions and safeguards were thrown around the action, yet those most favorable to the plan recognized that it was fraught with great danger. It was described at that time as an emergency measure, for it seemed impossible to proceed with certain lines of training unless these schools were accredited.

During the four intervening years, two senior colleges have become accredited. In the endeavor on the part of other colleges to reach this goal, difficulties have been encountered which have led them to appeal to the General Conference Committee for counsel. At the Spring Meeting of 1935 an Educational Survey Commission was appointed. Not only was the question of accrediting referred to this Commission, but it was asked to take under consideration the present trends in our educational work and the question of what modifications ought to be made in our educational program.

As a result of the work of the Fact-Finding Committee appointed by the Commission to make investigation of the present situation of our senior and junior colleges, the Commission has been convinced that our steps are leading in the wrong direction. It has been found that a very large class of young and immature people have been finding their way into the universities. Boards have been pressed by accrediting bodies to put men on their faculties who had advanced degrees. It is felt that undue emphasis is being placed upon the idea of securing university degrees. The financial outlay is heavy in carrying on the program of accrediting these colleges, and it is evident a much larger subsidy will be necessary.

The report submitted by the Commission recommended, among other things, the accrediting of Pacific Union College and Emmanuel Missionary College with regional **accred**iting bodies, the other four senior colleges to remain unaccredited with the regional associations. A number of union conference presidents and college presidents spoke to the report, some favoring it as presented, others expressing the opinion that the whole accrediting program should be abandoned, while others feared that a sudden turning away from the program of the last four years might result disastrously to our educational program. The discussion oontinued until 12:30 P.M., when it was--

VOTED, To adjourn until 2:30 P.M., making the report of the Educational Survey Commission the first item of business at that hour.

The meeting closed with prayer by L.H. Christian.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman. H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Secretary.

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1935, 2:30 P.M.

With the singing of "How Firm a Foundation," and prayer by C.E.Wood, of Mexico, the third business meeting of the Council was opened. Two Negro spirituals were sung by the Oakwood Junior College male quartet.

EDUCATIONAL SURVEY COMMISSION REPORT:

Consideration of the report of the Educational Survey Commission was continued. Various questions were raised as to the reasons for recommendations contained in the report, and full explanations were given. In the discussion it was pointed out that our two colleges in the territory of the North Central Association of colleges and secondary schools have been notified that they cannot maintain a sixteen-grade school with fourteen-grade accreditation, which would, it was feared, result in the demotion of Union College to the status of a junior college. In view of this possible eventuality, and the desire that further study be given to the report as presented, it was

VOTED, To refer the report back to the Educational Survey Commission for further study. ARVA NICKLESS--KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference to release Arva Nickless to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as field missionary secretary.

MESSAGE FROM R.L.BENTON:

A telegram was read from R.L.Benton, as follows: "Improving. Greet Council with 2 Cor. 4:17-18. Ingathering \$18,800."

Adjourned at 5:45 P.M., with benediction by W.H. Teesdale.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman. H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Sec'y.

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1935, 9:45 A.M.

In opening the devotional meeting at 8:30 Thursday morning, October 31, a mixed quartet rendered the song, "When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way."

L.K.Dickson, the speaker for the hour, read from the 17th chapter of John, verses 18-23, emphasizing the words "I in them, that the world may know." He spoke of the crisis that we are in, in the cause of God. Now, as we are on the threshold of the mightiest triumpt that the Church of God has ever known, we must not falter nor lose our course in any respect. God has greatly blessed our work. Our problems as well as our achievements are the result of God's blessing. God is examining us and challenging us to throw ourselves into this service in a way that will surpass anything that we can read or think of in the history of God's work.

There are many things that demand our time and our attention, our study and our strength. We have the greatest missionary task to finish, that the world has ever known, and it is to be finished speedily. Where shall we place the emphasis in the finishing of that work? Where is the focal point of all our energies to be placed? We find it in the text, "I in them, that the world may know." In Vol. IX, p. 38, are the following words: "A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. . .Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundredfold.

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Selfishness and self-indulgence bar the way." Would it not be different if Jesus were dwelling in our hearts? It is our duty and our privilege to demonstrate before men that nothing has happened in these later years to change at all the great truths that Jesus pronounced and lived in His life on earth. There is an immeasurable difference between real Christianity and all other religions. That difference is found in the presence of Jesus Christ in human hearts and lives.

In closing the service, Elder Dickson said, "I, for one, would like to stand here on record as pledging before God that in my life the chief emphasis shall be to have Christ dwelling in my heart and in my life by faith, and I beg of you this morning to join in that sort of a determination." The assembly responded by standing in renewal of consecration to this purpose.

The fourth business meeting commenced at 9:45 A.M., with O. Montgomery as chairman.

The following quotation was read by C.H.Watson, from "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 312:

"Far more than we do, we need to understand the issues at stake in the conflict in which we are engaged. We need to understand more fully the value of the truths that God has given for this time, and the danger of allowing our minds to be diverted from them by the great deceiver.

"The infinite value of the sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil. Through sin the whole human organism is deranged, the mind is perverted, the imagination corrupted. Sin has degraded the faculties of the soul. Temptations from without find an answering chord within the heart, and the feet turn imperceptibly toward evil.

"As the sacrifice in our behalf was complete, so our restoration from the defilement of sin is to be complete. There is no act of wickedness that the law will excuse; there is no unrighteousness that will escape its condemnation. The life of Christ was a perfect fulfilment of every precept of the law. He said, 'I have kept My Father's commandments.' His life is our standard of obedience and service."

Prayer was offered by E.E.Andross, and Elder and Mrs. R.E.Griffin, of Iowa, just connecting with the work in the Carolinas, sang, "Here am I, Send Me."

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST:

In the presentation of the report of the Committee on National Radio Broadcast, information was given that radio work is being done in forty conferences of the North American Division at the present time. Hundreds of people are being brought into the truth as a result of this work being carried on by our evangelists and pastors, and in some instances by laymen. On investigation, the Committee had learned that it would probably cost not less than \$100,000 to broadcast the message over a national hook-up, for half an hour a week, for six months, and this expense would make it prohibitory. It is hoped, however, to broadcast from Washington, D.C., where one of our successful radio evangelists is expecting to locate in the near future. A demonstration of the electrical transcription method of broadcasting was given by J.E.Ford and H.M.S.Richards.

The report of the Radio Commission was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The time has arrived in which we believe the third angel's message should fly in the midst of heaven and be heard by all people; and,

WHEREAS, In the providence of God He has allowed man to devise and bring into being the radio as a method of carrying that message in the midst of heaven so that people of all walks of life, from the rich man's palace to the lowly cottage, may have a chance to hear that message without cost, inconvenience, or fear of the scorn of friends,

Resolved, That we take advantage of this most upto-date and wonderful means of conveying this life-giving message to a dying world.

We recommend, 1. That radio broadcasts be carried on by pastors and evangelists in all local conferences as extensively as possible, and under the direction of the conferences.

8. That there be prepared radio broadcasts by means of electrical transcription which may be distributed for broadcast purposes to the conferences that will sponsor them; such transcriptions to be made and distributed under the direction of the General Conference; and that the method of raising the money necessary to produce these sets of lectures be referred to the Budget Committee.

3. That, in response to the requests of the Atlantic, Oolumbia, Lake and Southern Union Conferences, approval be given to a chain broadcast from Washington, D.C. as can be arranged, the expense of this broadcast to be borne by the respective union fields which are served, the details to be arranged by the General Conference Minority Committee in counsel with the union conferences which desire the broadcast.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SURVEY COMMISSION:

As the report of the Educational Survey Commission was again submitted, it was stated that two meetings of the Commission had been held since the report was previously before the Council, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Commission that no additional information was brought to that body by the delegations or individuals who had met with them, which was not already in hand through the work of the Fact-Finding Committee during the summer. For the sake of clarity, some slight changes had been made in the report as previously presented. Full and earnest consideration was then given to the report, which with slight amendment was adopted as follows:

<u>Accrediting of Senior and Junior</u> <u>Colleges in North America</u>

WHEREAS, Our experience has proved that there is real peril to our denominational ideals and objectives in the accreditation of our schools with secular organizations, yet the accreditation of some of these schools seems absolutely necessary to the maintenance of certain important lines of our work such as teaching, medical, and nursing; and,

WHEREAS, The cost of accrediting our colleges has grown to such an amount as to embarrass the financial resources of the denomination; and,

WHEREAS, It appears that the educational needs of the denomination can be served without accrediting all our six senior colleges,

We recommend, 1. That only Emmanuel Missionary College and Pacific Union College be authorized to acquire and maintain accreditation in regional associations.

2. That Washington Missionary College, Atlantic Union College, Union College, and Walla Walla College be left free to maintain denominational senior college status, unaccredited with regional associations. The managing boards of these four-year colleges, in counsel with the General Conference may seek and maintain the accreditation of their junior college sections with regional accrediting associations. Since Walla Walla College has acquired accreditation with the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, this college is not hereby asked to withdraw from that Association until the maintenance of accreditation incurs additional expense.

3. That Emmanuel Missionary College and Pacific Union College submit for study and approval at each Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, a budget for teacher training, for buildings, and for equipment necessary to secure and to maintain accreditation.

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4. That in making these readjustments in our educational institutions we call the attention of our boards and faculties to the supreme importance of training for the ministry, Bible work, and other lines of denominational endeavor, and also the importance of teaching vocations and trades which are of practical value in mission work and in earning a livelihood.

5. That careful study be given to preparing young people in the most economical way to enter professions that have potential missionary value.

6. That if it becomes necessary for our junior colleges to seek accreditation, the managing boards proceed with great caution, guarding the original aims and objectives of the founders of our schools, and that in no case may they incur or increase their indebtedness in so doing.

7. That these important matters pertaining to training for evangelistic work and for the trades and professions, together with other general trends and objectives in our denominational work referred to this Commission but not reported on herein, be given thorough study by the Committee on Denominational Standards, appointed by this Council.

Premedical Requirements

We recommend, That a minimum of 8 semester hours of Bible be required in the two-year premedical curriculum and a minimum of 12 semester hours be required in the three-year premedical curriculum; and that an effort be made to standardize the Bible courses in the premedical curriculum and make it possible for Bible instruction to be given in each year of the premedical course and especially in the last year.

Acceptance of Students at the College of Medical Evangelists

We recommend, That a meeting be held during the Autumn Council, of the representatives of the Medical College, senior and junior college presidents, secretaries of the Educational Department, and officers of the General Conference, in order that study may be given to the improvement of methods of recommending and accepting students in the College of Medical Evangelists.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M., closing with prayer by J.L.McElhany.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman. A.W.CORMACK, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Secretary.

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SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1935, 7:30 P.M.

The fifth business meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M., October 31, W.H.Branson in the chair. Following the opening hymn, and prayer by C.B.Haynes, Mrs. Frank L. Bland (a member of our colored church in Charlotte, North Carolina), sang a special selection, containing these pertinent questions--

> "I am satisfied with Jesus, Is my Master satisfied with me?... I can always count on Jesus, Can He always count on me?"

REPORT OF PLANS COMMITTEE:

The Plans Committee presented a partial report. The item regarding "Time for rendering statistical reports" was, on motion of the chairman of the Plans Committee, referred back for further study. The entire meeting was given to the reading and discussion of the report, and the meeting adjourned before final action was taken.

> W.H.BRANSON, Chairman. A.W.CORMACK, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Secretary.

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 1, 1935, 9:45 A.M.

Elder and Mrs. John Mitchell sang "Have you been in the garden with Jesus?" as the devotional service on Friday morning began at 8:30 o'clock.

An inspirational talk of unusual appeal was given by Glenn Calkins. Among the thoughts expressed were these: The greatest need of God's leaders today in this dark hour of history is to live and to walk in the presence of the Saviour. We should very earnestly keep in mind all the time the solemnity of the task that is ours. "My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord <u>hath chosen you</u> to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that ye should minister unto Him." 2 Chron. 29:11.

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In 1 Corinthians 4, we read that faithfulness is one of the requirements of the ministers of God. There are many ways in which we can be faithful, --as in our prayer life, and our home life. We must maintain our connection with God, living ever in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary as we talk with our Saviour day by day and hour by hour. Sir Isaac Newton said, "I can take my telescope, and look millions and millions of milesinto space; but I can lay it aside, and go into my room, shut the door, get on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven, and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies of earth."

Elder Calkins spoke also of opportunities that came to him personally while traveling, to witness for God. Availing himself of the privilege of witnessing, these opportunities resulted in great blessing being brought to other lives, and to himself also. He closed with the appeal that as leaders we should be more earnest and more diligent in prayer for those with whom we labor and for whom we labor.

Two quotations were read by O. Montgomery from the Spirit of prophecy as the sixth business meeting of the Council opened:

"The Lord God of Israel must be your counselor. Satan has come down with great power to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. Lean hard on Christ. You have worked untiringly to bring about good results. Do not now make mistakes. Never, never seek to remove one landmark that the Lord has given His people. . . Again and again the record of Nebuchadnezzar's life has been presented to me to present to you, that you may be warned not to trust in your own wisdom, or to make flesh your arm. Do not lower the banner of truth, or allow it to drop from your hands, in order to unite with the solemn message for these last days anything that will tend to hide the peculiar features of our faith." "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 162.

"We are living in a time when Satan is working with all his power to discourage and defeat those who are laboring in God's service. But we must not fail nor be discouraged. We must exercise greater faith in God. We must trust His living word. . . The ethics inculcated by the gospel acknowledge no standard but the perfection of God's mind, God's will. All righteous attributes of character dwell in God as a perfect, harmonious whole. Every one who receives Christ as his personal Saviour is privileged to possess these attributes. This is the science of holiness." "Testimonies," Vol. VII, p.276.

J.E.Fulton presented from "Gospel Workers," page 446, the thought that in all our business meetings as well as in our social and religious meetings we may have Jesus by our side as a Guide and Counselor. There will be no tendency to lightness where the presence of the Saviour is recognized. We should keep our hearts in a very prayerful attitude, and realize that angels of God are with us in our assemblies.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Seventy-second Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-day Adventist Conferences, Missions, and Institutions for the year ending December 31, 1934, was presented by H.E. Rogers, Statistical Secretary. Facts of interest gleaned from this report follow:

The membership of the 7,818 churches of the denomination throughout the world, December 31, 1934, was 404,509. This is a gain of 119,216 during the past six years. The number added by baptism during 1934 was 35,661, and on profession of faith, 3,148, a total of new members received during the year of 38,809. The losses by death and apostasy were 18,451, making a net gain for 1934 of 20,358.

This work is now conducted in 325 countries and islands, by 23,753 evangelistic and institutional laborers (an increase of 1,499 during 1934), who are using in their work 539 languages and dialects. The increase in languages since 1926 is 283, or one new language added on an average of every ten days since 1926. The increase in countries and islands in which we began work during 1934 was 30, and in new languages in which work is conducted was 35.

This work is carried on throughout the world by 12 divisions, comprising 70 union conferences, 144 local conferences, 318 missions, a total of 544 evangelistic organizations, employing 11,642 evangelistic laborers, with 443 institutions, with which are connected 12,111 persons, a total of 23,753 laborers, or one laborer actively employed for every 17 church members.

Denominational literature is now produced in 169 languages, in the form of 7,182 books, periodicals, pamphlets, and tracts, containing 529,636 pages, one copy of each costing \$2,087.50. The number of persons employed by the 69 publishing houses in producing this literature is 1,090; and the number of persons employed in its circulation is 3,264. The value of denominational literature sold in 1934 was \$3,416,345.80; since 1893, \$102,779,063.22.

The number of primary schools is now 2,130, with 2,896 teachers, and an enrolment of 72,625. There are, in addition, 214 advanced schools employing 2,459 teachers, with an enrolment of 25,117; or a total of 2,344 schools with 5,355 teachers, having an enrolment in all the schools connected with the denomination in all the world of 97,742, or one student for every 4,14 church members.

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There are 69 sanitariums, 62 treatment rooms and dispensaries, a total of 131 institutions where the sick are cared for, employing 5,066 physicians and nurses, treating during the year 451,549 persons, and giving charity to the extent of \$393,587.52.

The total income for evangelistic work during 1934 was \$9,893,214.67, as compared with \$8,642,652.43 in 1933, or a net increase of \$1,250,562.24. Of the about indicated, \$6,242,556.35 was raised in North America, and \$3,650,658.32 in all other fields. This is a per capita of \$41.28 for North America, and \$14.41 for all other fields; an average of \$24.46 for the entire world.

A second report was presented by H.E.Rogers, -- the Financial Statement of Seventh-day Adventist Conferences and Institutions for the year ending December 31, 1934. This was the thirtieth annual report, containing a summary of assets, liabilities, gains, losses, incomes, and expenses of the 901 organizations and institutions connected with the denomination. Following a three-year period of annual losses in net worth, it is very gratifying to show this year a substantial gain of \$871,443.33 in net worth, and an income greater than expenditure by like amount. The increase in assets for 1934 was \$1,000,309.16; in liabilities, \$128,865.83; with a consequent gain in net worth of \$871,443.33. The total assets are given as \$44,029.161.43; total liabilities \$13,745.828.31, and a net worth of \$30,283,333.12. The denominational investment for the 901 organizations comprising the financial statement, as well as the 5,586 church buildings and church school buildings and equipment, stands at a total for the 6,487 organizations, of \$56,045,968.38.

From 1916 until the close of 1934, the total income received by all the organizations connected with this movement, have aggregated \$628,742,608.00, with enpenditure of \$604,771,884.66, leaving the increase in net worth for the 19 years \$23,970,723.34.

SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

Claude Conard presented statistics concerning the operating income, expense, and gain or loss in operation during the years 1926-1934, of the fourteen sanitariums in North America that have sent in regular statements. These reported earned income of \$3,819,827.77 in 1934, or 7.4% more than in 1933. The operating expense of \$3,818,172.20 for the same period was 2.4% above the previous year. Each dollar of Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium income has cost 42.8 cents in labor during the first eight months of 1935. This is a bit heavier, nearly 2 cents, than for the corresponding period of 1934. Up to the present time during 1935, every dollar of labor has brought a return in sanitarium income of \$2.33, and the operating gain per labor dollar was 4.8 cents. This is The best return for each dollar of wages since 1930. While there was a reduction of \$45,000 in general expenses, and an increase of \$65,487.03 in total income over 1934, the labor cost for eight months in 1935 advanced \$78,673.73.

At the close of August, 1935, the assets of the 14 denominational sanitariums in North America amounted to \$6,096,614.50. The liabilities were \$1,960,494.60, and the net worth \$4,136,119.90. The sanitarium note indebtedness at the end of August, 1935, stood at \$1,409,671.44.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN NORTH AMERICA-1934-35:

A printed statement of financial summaries of educational institutions in North America, 1934-35, was distributed to the delegates, and Claude Conard presented some facts of special interest from this sheet. The school year 1934-35 has recorded progress in a number of Seventh-day Adventist colleges and academies. Two years ago, in 1933, twenty-two schools showed improvement in their operating results over the previous year; last year thirty-eight ran better than in 1933; and this year twenty-five registered an improved outcome over 1934. Four senior colleges, three junior colleges, and eighteen academies operated to better advantage in 1934-35 than the year previous.

In June, 1935, the recorded assets of the regular colleges and academies stood at \$5,973,085.58, a slight net increase over the year preceding. Liabilities were \$856,296.76, and net worth \$5,116,788.82. In the stress and uncertainty through which the world has been passing the last few years, it is refreshing to note, said Brother Conard, that so many of our schools have been able to hold their places on the freedom-from-debt list. This year six schools, four of which were once on the list, and two new ones, have joined the groups whose interest-bearing obligations are all paid. This increases to nineteen the schools that are on the favored roll of freedom from debt.

Following announcements as to committee meetings and Sabbath services, and distribution of papers to the delegates, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M., with prayer.

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THE SABBATH SERVICES

The Louisville Church joined with the Council in the Sabbath services. There were also present many of our people from the surrounding territory. The Columbia Hall was filled.

After the Sabbath school, the Sabbath sermon was preached by I.H.Evans on "The Righteousness of Christ," based on Matt. 24:44. The speaker made it very clear that if we are ready for the coming of our Lord, it will be by a power outside ourselves. It will be the life of Christ imputed to us as a free gift. The robe of Christ's righteousness is given to every one that is justified.

We are to be diligent and watchful, not only to secure the robe, but to see that it is marred by no spot of sin. This robe is received and worn here. There is no license for sin. We are exhorted to be diligent and blameless, and are promised power to keep us from falling.

The music of the hour was very much in keeping with the message. At the beginning of the service, Mrs. Frank L. Bland sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells," and at the close John Ford presented a touching message to us all in the song, "Nothing Between My Soul and Jesus."

The service was closed by an expression of consecration on the part of practically the entire audience, and an earnest prayer by F.M.Wilcox.

The Sabbath afternoon service was given over to a report by J.L.McElhany on the work as he viewed it on his recent itinerary in the China and Far Eastern Division fields.

The two outstanding impressions regarding his contacts with the work in those lands were the large number of native believers who have turned away from the world, who know what it means to be real, earnest Christian men and women; and the work which our missionaries are carrying on in these lands. He spoke of the dangers and difficulties attendant upon the work, and urged that we remember these workers in our prayers.

Elder McElhany gave "fragmentary glimpses" into the fields which he visited during the time spent in the Far East and ^China. In 1906, at the time our missionary work was begun in the Philippines by Elder and Mrs. McElhany, there was not one believer in all that island group; today there are 17,000 believers in that field. Thirty years ago this message was introduced into Korea by Pastor Kuniya, a Japanese worker; today we have in that field over 3,000 baptized members, and over 8,000 Sabbath school members. Japan

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has been a very difficult field, but in Tokyo they were rejoicing at their membership having gone beyond the 1,000 mark.

The work has taken on a magnitude that makes it difficult for one to comprehend. All through these fields we are raising up men and women who are saints of God. Many incidents were related as evidences of God's care for our workers. We must join them in sacrifice, and carry on until the final work is done in all these fields.

As the service opened, W.H.Bergherm sang Matthew 24 in the Cebuan language; at the close, a double male quartet sang "Come Over and Help Us."

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 3, 1935, 9:45 A.M.

As the devotional service opened Sunday morning, at 8:30, C.L.Bond and Harold A. Miller sang as a duet, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

The devotional hour was led by Prof. L.H.Wood, based on 2 Chron. 16:9, and drawing lessons from the experiences of the world and the people of God previous to the first advent of Christ. He traced the evolution of society from the early city states to the universal Greek civilization at the time of the coming of Jesus, and also the efforts of God to train a people who would preserve His truth in the earth. While individual leaders did a great work for God down through these ages, the people of God as a whole drifted into mass conformity to the world. Parallels were drawn between the experiences of those times and our own times, and an earnest appeal was made for all to turn away from our environment and let God have His way in our lives.

The seventh business meeting opened at 9:45 A.M., with J.L.McElhany in the chair. The following selection from "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 194, was read by O.Montgomery:

"The Lord's philosophy is the rule of the Christian's life. The entire being is imbued with the life-giving principles of heaven. The busy nothings which consume the time of so many shrink into their proper position before a healthy, sanctifying Bible piety.

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"The Bible and the Bible alone, can produce this good result. It is the wisdom of God and the power of God, and it works with all power in the receptive heart. O what heights we might reach if we would conform our wills to the will of God! It is the power of God that we need, wherever we are. The frivolity that cumbers the church makes it weak and indifferent. The Father, the Son, and the Holy **Spiri**t are seeking and longing for channels through which to communicate to the world the divine principles of truth.

"Artificial lights may appear, claiming to come from heaven, but they can not shine forth as the star of holiness, the star of heavenly brightness, to guide the feet of the pilgrim and stranger into the city of God. False lights will take the place of the true, and many souls will be for a time deceived. God forbid that it should be so with us. The true light now shineth, and will light up the souls in which the windows are opened heavenward."

REPORT ON COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

Dr. P.T.Magan, President of the College of Medical Evangelists, was invited to make a report. In referring to the standards which must govern the work of our educational institutions, he emphasized the fact that the standards of this people must remain to the end of all time as the fathers of our faith established them. It is because God has enabled us to stand by the principles which he has given us that prominent men connected with the medical associations which have been leagued together to survey the medical colleges in this country, have been favorably impressed with the College of Medical Evangelists and have given encouragement to its work.

As a representative of the College, I.J.Woodman has visited 134 of our medical graduates in private practice all throughout North America, and reported only ten of that number as having grown cold in regard to the faith.

Recently an evangelistic effort was carried on by medical students in training. The effort continued for six or eight weeks, a different student speaking each evening during the series. At the close of the effort, thirty-one were baptized and are members of Seventh-day Adventist churches today.

One conference president reported that nineteen out of the twenty-one doctors located in his conference are either church or Sabbath school officers. Dr. Magan urged that our leaders do everything possible to encourage these young medical graduates as they endeavor to get started in private practice, that they in turn may be a strength to the work in these local communities.

REPORT ON ATLANTA SOUTHERN DENTAL COLLEGE:

W.E.Nelson spoke briefly in regard to the arrangements made with the Atlanta Southern Dental College to accept Seventh-day Adventist students. There are three Seventhday Adventist members on the faculty of this College. The school is a Class-A school, and well known throughout America as one of the foremost schools. A school home has been established for our students. The home was in readiness last October, and seven Seventh-day Adventist young men enrolled as freshmen in the school. The president, dean, and faculty members of the school have spoken in high terms of their class work and their conduct. This year only three freshmen enrolled. The requirements for admission to the dental college are practically the same as for entrance to the medical college.

O.Montgomery urged that since there are many of our young men who desire to study medicine, and who on account of its limited capacity cannot be accepted by our medical college, these be encouraged to look toward the Atlanta Southern Dental College, where the environment is so favorable and the opportunities so splendid for training in the dental profession.

REPORT ON ADVANCED BIBLE SCHOOL:

M.E.Kern, who has for two years acted as Dean of the Advanced Bible School, made a report concerning the progress of this new school. He reported that the second session of the school was a decided success. The attendance was fifty-nine, or nearly fifty-per-cent increase over the previous year. Additional courses were offered in Bible and Religious History.

Several quotations from students were read, expressing their great appreciation of the school, the strength of its work, and its great value to the work of the advent message. One teacher said, "The work I have taken this summer is on a par with the work I took at the university. There is no comparison, however, when one takes into consideration the advantages here in molding our teachers with Seventh-day Adventist principles."

An earnest appeal was made that conferences, publishing houses, and schools should select and send to the school strong young evangelists, editors, and history teachers. For the sake of the unity of our work and the growing strength of our message, the Advanced Bible School is an absolute necessity and should therefore receive our heartiest support.

Adjourned at 12:10 P.M., with closing prayer by Dr. P.T.Magan.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman. H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Secretary.

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SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1935, 9:45 A.M.

As the Monday morning devotional service opened at 8:30 A.M., Mrs. Lewis E. Lenheim, a member of the Jacksonville (Florida) church, sang, "When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way," the first stanza reading--

"If I walk in the pathway of duty, If I work till the close of the day; I shall see the great King in His beauty, When I've gone the last mile of the way,"

J.W.MacNeil, who had charge of the devotional meeting, spoke from the text 2 Pet. 2:9, on the responsibility that rests upon those who are termed "a royal priesthood," -a class of people set apart by the living God to do a sacred work for Him. The word "priest" has been defined as a person set apart for the performance of sacrifice. The priests of Old Testament times were appointed to act as mediators between God and man. We as leaders, as "a royal priesthood," have been set apart by the living God to do a sacred work for Him.

The experiences of Moses and Joshua in leading the children of Israel from Egypt to Canaan, were rehearsed. As Moses, with the children of Israel, stood on the banks of the Red Sea, he was instructed to go forward. Obeying this command, the waters were parted and Israel passed over on dry land. When Joshua took the leadership of Israel, they were faced with the waters of Jordan, which at that time of year overflowed its banks. As the priests, obeying God's instruction through Joshua, stepped into the raging waters of the Jordan, a path opened for the people of God. God is calling upon our ministers to take the messages that come from heaven, pass these on to our people, and open a new path to the city of God. In closing, Brother MacNeil read from Vol. IX, p.221, of the "Testimonies": "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."

At 9:45 A.M., the eighth business meeting came to order, with W.H.Branson as chairman. The following quotation from "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 254, was read by Elder O. Montgomery:

"In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with; but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring

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His promises to pass. He will gather from the world a people who will serve Him in righteousness. . .

"Long have we waited for our Saviour's return. But none the less sure is the promise. Soon we shall be in our promised home. There Jesus will lead us beside the living stream, flowing from the throne of God, and will explain to us the dark providences through which on this earth He brought us in order to perfect our characters. There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of Eden restored. Casting at the feet of the Redeemer the crowns that He has placed on our heads, and touching our golden harps, we shall fill all heaven with praise to Him that sitteth on the throne."

MESSAGE TO MISSIONARIES IN ETHIOPIA:

On motion of L.H.Christian, and a unanimous response on the part of the delegates as the action was taken, it was

VOTED, To instruct the Secretary to write to our missionaries in Ethiopia, expressing to them our joy that they are remaining in the field at their appointed work, and assuring them of our prayers.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

A partial report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was submitted and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the Central Union and the Minnesota Conference be asked to release August S. Anderson to the Atlantic Union for work in the New York Conference.

That the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference be asked to release Bruno Steinweg to connect with the South American Division for evangelistic work in the Lower Amazon Mission.

That the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference be asked to release J.G.Mitchell to connect with the Central Union for evangelistic work in the Minnesota Conference.

That we ask the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference to release A.E.Lickey to the Central Union for work in the Missouri Conference.

That we request the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference to release W.B.Johnson to the Central Union for work in the Colorado Conference.

NEGRO SANITARIUM AND NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL:

A committee of nine was appointed at the **S**pring Meeting of the General Conference Committee to study the Memorial from the Negro Department regarding the establishment of a Negro Sanitarium and Nurses' Training School, report to be made to the Autumn Council. The following report was presented by this committee, and adopted:

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WHEREAS, For many years urgent word has come to us, presenting the need of a sanitarium and a school of nursing for the colored people, and recognizing that with the growing constituency of our colored membership and the increasing number of our colored youth this need becomes all the more imperative,

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference undertake to establish as early as possible, preferably near the city of Nashville, a sanitarium and school of nursing for the colored people.

2. That a committee be appointed by the General Conference Committee to decide on the definite location of the institution, this committee to report to the Minority Committee of the General Conference.

3. That the board of control of this institution be identical with the board of the Oakwood Junior College, such modifications being made in the board personnel, as at present constituted, as may be necessary to meet the needs of both institutions.

Dr. E.A. Sutherland reported on the investigation he had made as to the attitude of the people of Nashville toward the establishment of a Negro Sanitarium and School of Nursing near the city. He has contacted a number of leading doctors, city and state health department officials, lawyers, financiers, and others. All looked with favor upon the establishment of such an institution, and have promised to give their very best support.

Mrs. N.H.Druillard told of the great burden she has carried for years to help the colored people of the South, and of her willingness to turn over to the denomination for ownership and control the buildings and land of what is now known as the Riverside Sanitarium, near Nashville, to be operated as a sanitarium and nurses' training school for the colored people.

VOTED, To express our appreciation to Dr. E.A. Sutherland for his thorough investigation and report, and to Mrs. N.H.Druillard for the splendid offer she has made to our denomination in behalf of the colored race.
REPORT OF PLANS COMMITTEE:

Consideration of the report from the Plans Committee, as presented in the fifth meeting of the Council, was resumed, and the following recommendations were adopted:

A CALL TO MEDICAL EVANGELISM:

We recommend, 1. That earnest encouragement be given to the circulation and reading of the new pamphlet, "A Call to Medical Evangelism," as a means of instructing our people in the true principles of medical evangelism as presented in the Spirit of prophecy.

2. That careful consideration be given by conference and local church leaders to the carrying out in a practical way of the various phases of our medical evangelistic work.

TEMPERANCE:

WHEREAS, During the past two years since liquor has been legalized there has been a decided growth of intemperance, resulting in an alarming increase of crime and fatal accidents, due to intoxication; and,

WHEREAS; The vices growing out of the unbridled liquor traffic are endangering the welfare of society and our cherished liberties and preparing the way to enslave our posterity,

<u>Resolved</u>, That we as members of the General Conference Committee assembled in Autumn Council in Louisville, Kentucky, encourage our local and union conferences to organize temperance societies to carry forward a campaign of temperance education in harmony with the plan previously adopted by action of the Spring Meeting in 1934, as follows:

"We recommend, 1. That in each local conference a Temperance Commission be appointed to combat these great growing evils, as follows:

"a. The Temperance Commission shall consist of the conference executive committee and the secretary of the Commission.

"b. A leader known as the Executive Secretary, and such other assistants as may be deemed necessary, shall be appointed by the conference executive committee.

"c. In holding executive councils of the Commission the president of the conference shall act as chairman."

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Resolved, That the American Temperance Society of Seventh-day Adventists continue to issue the Temperance Bulletin as exigencies of the time require and that we encourage all our conference workers who receive this bulletin to use the valuable information for publicity purposes on a larger scale than in the past, and that other up-to-date temperance literature be prepared for general circulation as soon as possible.

<u>Resolved</u>, That we encourage the members of our American Temperance Society of Kentucky to "use their influence by voice and pen and vote" to uphold the principles of temperance and to maintain the constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic.

LAY LEADERSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES:

In view of the many unanswered calls for public evangelism in all sections of the world field, and in view of the fact that many more of these urgent calls could be answered and many new churches raised up, if our pastors and evangelists could be assisted in local church work by a welltrained corps of church officers, and in view of the fact that there is latent talent in every church which, when properly trained, can develop into strong leadership,

We recommend, 1. That, as far as possible, local conferences hold annual church officers' councils, lasting at least two or three days.

2. That these annual church officers' meetings shall include at least church elders, treasurers, missionary leaders or missionary secretaries, Sabbath school superintendents, and young people's leaders.

3. That the program for such church officers' councils include definite instruction in the duties and responsibilities of these various officers as pertains to the spiritual life of the church, the promotion of denominational goals, policies and campaigns, and in the making and operating of church and church school financial budgets, and the systematic raising of mission funds. Further, that these church officers' conventions shall emphasize the very definite responsibility which rests upon the local church leaders to regularly and successfully promote all of the interests and missionary work of the church.

4. That pastors and district leaders be counselled by conference officers to see that all local church officers under their direction are thoroughly instructed, and furthermore that local church officers be encouraged to carry as fully as possible the duties and responsibilities of the church, thus relieving pastors and evangelists so that they may devote more time to active soulwinning evangelism.

EXPENSES IN CONDUCTING FUNERALS:

WHEREAS, There seems to be a lack of understanding and uniformity among our workers regarding the acceptance of contributions for conducting funerals,

We recommend, 1. That in accordance with our timehonored custom, our ministers make no charge for conducting funeral services.

2. That the conference pay the expense incurred by workers for conducting funerals, and that any contribution received toward the expense be turned over to the conference.

3. That our people be advised to call upon their local pastor, district worker, or conference president to conduct funerals, and if any other worker be called, that those making such request pay the worker's traveling expenses.

4. That when our people call for a minister in another conference to conduct a funeral, before responding to such a call the worker get permission from his local conference officers.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

WHEREAS, We recognize that the Home Study Institute is an effective means of giving thorough-going instruction to church officers and lay evangelists,

We recommend, That our pastors and departmental workers make full use of this educational agency in endeavoring to raise our church work and lay evangelism to a higher point of efficiency.

WHEREAS, Our ministers are necessarily carrying many burdens of a financial and administrative character, and are in danger of allowing these things to encroach on the hours that should be devoted to systematic study; therefore,

We recommend, That the ministry give attention to the benefits that will come to them from pursuing under the guidance of the Home Study Institute such interesting and vital subjects as New Testament Greek, Church History, Modern European History, and Theology.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, After nearly a year of promotion in many portions of the world field the Branch Sabbath School Plan for enlarging the Sabbath school membership and winning souls for Christ has met with a most encouraging response on the part of church and Sabbath school workers, and has already resulted in increasing the Sabbath school membership in many sections,

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We recommend, That all conference and church workers give more diligent study to those plans which are already in operation as set forth in the leaflet entitled, "Branch Sabbath Schools;" and that they give attention to possible adaptations of the general plan to all sections of their local field.

We recommend, That any special plans adopted, and any outstanding results which may be obtained, be reported to the General Conference Sabbath School Department that these may be passed on for the encouragement of others.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING ENVELOPES:

WHEREAS, The new Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Envelope has resulted in a marked increase in the amount of that offering given in the schools that have properly used it,

We recommend, That all our Sabbath schools make regular use of this offering envelope during the entire quarter, placing their self-denial gifts in it week by week, thus enabling them early to reach the Dollar Day goal on the Thirteenth Sabbath.

JUNIOR AND PRIMARY LESSON QUARTERLIES:

We recommend, That the use of the Primary and Junior Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly be urged only in such schools and among such people as cannot possibly afford the expense of providing the Little Friend and the Youth's Instructor for their children, setting forth always the loss which the children sustain in being deprived of these papers.

WORKERS' PERSONAL FINANCES:

Inasmuch as conference and institutional workers are paid an adequate wage for their various services; and

WHEREAS, It brings our cause into embarrassment and disrepute when our workers do not conduct their personal financial affairs so that they can live within their means, we reaffirm our stand regarding ministerial standards as quoted in our Working Policy as follows:

"1. That our workers arrange their personal financial budgets so as to live within their regular income, and where they do not succeed in so doing they be advised to take up some remunerative line of business outside of denominational employment. . . .

"2. That workers who continually neglect or refuse to pay their just obligations be advised to take up some other line of work. #3. That proper and satisfactory arrangements be made by workers for all financial obligations before transference to another conference."

We recommend, That our workers do not in any way seek personal gifts from our people, discussing their financial affairs, when necessary, with their employing bodies rather than with members of the church.

GRADUATE NURSES' SUMMER SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, There is a desire on the part of our graduate nurses for teachers' training courses in a summer school session conducted by one of our colleges; and,

WHEREAS, A large number of nurses will be in attendance next spring at the General Conference and at the meeting of the National Nurses' Association in Los Angeles,

We recommend, That a six weeks' summer session for graduate nurses be authorized to be conducted at Pacific Union College following the General Conference and in connection with the regular summer sessions of the college in 1936.

EVANGELICAL AND HEALTH PUBLICATIONS:

Recognizing the importance of availing ourselves of every opportunity of placing our message-filled literature before the people, especially as it enlightens those who are perplexed over the trend of the times,

We recommend, 1. That as a means of following up Harvest Ingathering interests our people be encouraged to provide subscriptions to our evangelical and health publications for interested people found in their Harvest Ingathering work.

2. That well-organized efforts be made each year to place subscriptions to our evangelical and health publications in every public library and other public reading rooms by the churches within the territory of every conference.

3. That as an avenue of approach to the ministers of other denominations our churches be encouraged, as far as possible, to place subscriptions to our evangelical and health publications in the hands of the members of the ministerial associations within the circle of their influence.

THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE:

Recognizing the value of the <u>Message Magazine</u> as an evangelizing agency of distinctive importance to the colored race in this country, We recommend, 1. That our colored workers organize the forces under their supervision to utilize this great soulwinning medium to the best possible advantage.

2. That well-organized plans be set in operation to enlist the services of our colored people in missionary work with the <u>Message Magazine</u>, both in securing subscriptions and in selling single copies among the members of their race.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A report was presented from the Finance Committee, which, being amended, was adopted as follows:

MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND BENEFICIARIES:

WHEREAS, The Missions Extension plan has sharply marked the way of denominational advance in all parts of the world, making possible the establishment and equipping of publishing houses, printing literature in many new tongues, providing mission schools in which many thousands of children and youth are now being trained for service, planting dispensaries and hospitals where multitudes of people, young and old, have found both spiritual and physical healing; therefore

<u>Resolved</u>, 1. That the Missions Extension Fund plan be continued in 1936 as an important feature of our world missions program.

2. That the division conferences outside North America continue to follow the Missions Extension "Big Week" plan, including the sale of literature, as far as is practicable.

3. a. That in North America the goal for the Missions Extension fund offering for 1936 be \$55,000, the offering to be taken on Sabbath, May 9, and that most earnest endeavor be made to reach a minimum church goal of \$2.00 per member.

b. That earnest effort be put forth to secure an overflow above the \$55,000 goal, the overflow to be divided among Medical, Educational and Publishing enterprises in mission lands, the particular places to be designated by the General Conference Committee, but preferably for new work.

c. That we appeal to all conference and institutional workers and lay members to dedicate a day's income to the Missions Extension Fund offering.

d. That our people be encouraged to raise their Missions Extension Fund offering through the sale of small books, as well as magazines, it being provided that there shall be no literature goal, and that each member shall be personally responsible for the literature to be sold.

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e. That for the year 1936 the proceeds of the Missions Extension Fund offering be applied on salaries and other operating expenses, except as provided for in paragraph <u>b</u> above.

4. That the following institutions serve as promotion objectives for the 1936 Extension Fund offering:

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MINISTERIAL INTERNESHIPS:

We recommend, That there be provided from the Ministerial Interneship Fund seventy-three interneships for 1936.

We recommend, 1. That the allotment of regular interneships to the several unions be as follows:

Atlantic Union	7
Canadian Union	3
Central Union	6
Columbia Union	8
Lake Union	6
N. Pacific Union	5
Pacific Union	11
Southern Union	4
Southwestern Union	3

Total 53

2. That ten interneships for colored workers be allotted as follows:

Atlantic Union	1
Central Union	1
Columbia Union	1
Lake Union	1
Pacific Union	1
Southern Union	3
Southwestern Union	3

Total 10

3. That the remaining ten interneships be assigned to the Bureau of Home Missions for distribution in counsel with the various union conferences.

We recommend, That if the Ministerial Interneship Fund is sufficient to cover any additional interneships to those provided for above, the General Conference Committee on Ministerial Interneships be authorized to assign these to union conferences desiring them.

HARVEST INGATHERING GOALS:

gathering goal be the "Minute Men" goal.

2. That the conference goal for the white constituency be based on an increase of fifty cents per member for the year 1936.

3. That the goal for colored churches be based on an increase of twenty-five cents per member year by year, until the total reaches five dollars per capita.

SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES IN FOREIGN DIVISIONS:

We recommend, That the following paragraphs be inserted in the pamphlet containing the regulations governing the Sustentation Fund, said paragraphs to appear under the sub-heading of "Responsibility of Divisions":

The rate of a sustentation beneficiary whose last service has been in some other division than his home division and who elects to remain in the field where he has last worked, shall be the same as the rate paid to other European beneficiaries with similar service in the division where he lives.

A sustentation beneficiary, who after applying for admittance to the fund, moves to another division than his home division, shall not receive a higher rate than that paid to beneficiaries with similar service in the division in whose territory he resides, nor shall his change of residence throw any added expense upon his home division.

REPORT FROM PLANS COMMITTEE:

Action was taken adopting the following further resolutions from the Plans Committee, a standing vote being taken on the adoption of the resolution of Gratitude:

CALENDAR REFORM:

WHEREAS, A widespread agitation is being carried on by various religious and secular organizations in favor of a twelve-months, equal quarters new calendar, which includes the adoption of blank days, thus changing the unbroken succession of the seven day weekly cycle -- the only unit of time which serves as an unerring measuring rod by which the accuracy of all astronomical cycles are tested; and

WHEREAS, The contemplated changes in the proposed reform calendar would also alter the time-honored Sabbath divinely ordained by the Creator in the beginning in its relation to the weekly cycle, as well as the Sunday which is conscientiously observed by millions of Christians in honor of Christ's resurrection; and,

WHEREAS, There are millions of Christians who, if properly enlightened as to the radical changes the new calendar scheme would necessitate in their religious customs, would vigorously oppose instead of sanction the altering of the weekly cycle; therefore,

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<u>Resolved</u>, That we as members of the General Conference Executive Committee in Autumn Council assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, November 4, 1935, do hereby protest any changes in the calendar which contemplate the destruction of time-honored religious days and customs; and further that we encourage our people to disseminate specially prepared literature which will enlighten conscientious Christians as to the seriousness and gravity of the contemplated changes affecting their own religion, who by endorsing the new calendar plan have unwittingly placed a greater value upon uncertain commercial benefits than upon the verities and supports of religion, for the preservation of which millions of martyrs have made the supreme sacrifice.

GRATITUDE:

WHEREAS, The Lord has extended His loving care and protection to our work and workers throughout the world field, so that nearly all have been able to press on despite the intense strain of many trying situations; and

WHEREAS, We have been enabled to maintain our world-wide mission work through another year of financial stress without the necessity of permanently abandoning a single station, but have enlarged our borders, pressing on into new territory in many lands, and adding important missionary institutions; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed our endeavors by increasing our membership by more than twenty thousand, and adding thirty-five new languages to those in which the message is being proclaimed, and has protected His people in places where war and persecution threatened; and

WHEREAS, We see His hand at work in filling our schools to overflowing, and in blessing the ministry of our publishing and medical institutions; and

WHEREAS, God in His mercy has pointed out our present great need, and led us to examine our course anew and to seek Him for pardon for our mistakes, and for wisdom and power to carry our task to completion; therefore,

<u>Resolved</u>, That we express our heartfelt gratitude to our heavenly Father for these many mercies and blessings, and pledge anew the consecration of all, --body, soul, and spirit, -to our divine Lord, to go forward by His grace with renewed courage and faith to finish the work committed to us.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

A recess of the Council was declared by the Chairman, and a meeting of the Religious Liberty Association was

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called to consider a resolution on religious liberty, presented by the Plans Committee. The time having come for adjournment before the dicsussion ended, it was agreed to resume the consideration of this resolution at the next meeting.

J.E.Fulton pronounced the benediction, the meeting adjourning at 12:10 P.M.

W.H.BRANSON, Chairman. A.W.CORMACK, Secretary. E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1935, 1:30 P.M.

The General Conference Committee was called to meet in executive session, in the Roof Garden of the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, November 4, at 1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, J.L.Shaw, M.E.Kern, W.E.Howell, A.W. Peterson, F.M.Wilcox, C.L.Bond, J.C.Thompson, M.C.Taft, E.E. Andross, W.E.Nelson, Meade MacGuire, H.A.Oberg, J.A.Stevens, H.T.Elliott, M.N.Campbell, L.E.Christman, R.R.Figuhr, S.A. Wellman, H.H.Cobban, L.E.Froom, A.V.Olson, H.O.Olson, W.I. Smith, C.A.Russell, W.H.Williams, H.J.Detwiler, H.E.Rogers, W.H.Holden, J.H.Cochran, C.E.Weaks, W.H.Teesdale, G.W.Wells, J.F.Piper, E.L.Richmond, W.A.Spicer, R.Ruhling, L.A.Hansen, Mrs. Flora Plummer, F.C.Gilbert, E.K.Slade, D.A.Ochs, J.J. Strahle, C.W.Curtis, L.H.Christian, H.J.Sheldon, C.B.Haynes, J.K.Jones, G.A.Huse, S.A.Ruskjer, L.Halswick, F.L.Perry, H.H.Votaw, O.Schildhauer, C.S.Longacre, A.W.Cormack.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, C.L.Bauer, J.S.Marshall, W.L.Burgan, W.E.Phillips, E.J.Lorntz.

Prayer by M.N. Campbell.

W.A. SPICER AND C.L.BOND--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That W.A.Spicer and C.L.Bond respond to the request of the Inter-American Division for them to attend the Division Council and other meetings following shortly after the Autumn Council.

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BERTRAN HILL-BEQUEST:

WHEREAS, The last will and testament of Senor Jose A. Bertran Hill of Guantanamo, Cuba, has been probated and his estate is now in the process of administration; and

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WHEREAS, Under the provision of said will nearly all of the testator's estate is bequethed for the founding of a Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium with schools, in the jurisdition of the city of Guantanamo, to be in charge of and operated by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and

WHEREAS, Said will provides among other things that only the income from the real and personal estate is to be used for the establishment, enlargement, and operation of said proposed sanitarium and schools; and

WHEREAS, The inventory of said estate shows an annual income sufficient to carry out the provisions of said will in respect to the establishment of said institutions; and

WHEREAS, Said will imposes no financial obligations upon the General Conference in the construction or operation of said sanitarium and schools; and

WHEREAS, We believe this to be an opportunity in the providence of God for us to establish and to maintain institutional work in this part of Cuba; it is therefore,

Resolved, That we authorize the General Conference Corporation to accept the provisions of the will of Senor Jose A. Bertran Hill, and request the Inter-American Division and Antillian Union Mission officers to notify the executor or others in charge of the estate of our acceptance.

Adjourned.

J.L.MCELHANY, Chairman. A.W.CORMACK, Secretary.

SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1935, 7:30 P.M.

"He Leadeth Me," was sung to open the ninth busi-. ness meeting of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., November 4. O. Montgomery in the chair.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following additional recommendations were submitted by the Finance Committee, and adopted:

SUSTENTATION POLICIES:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 2, page 5, of the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund, be amended to read as follows:

Each year the Autumn Council shall determine the amount to be paid during the succeeding year by publishing houses, this amount to be a percentage on the payrolls for the year previous to the year in which the Council is held.

2. That the last full paragraph on page 10, of the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund, be amended to read as follows:

A conference or institution employing as a regular worker a former sustentation beneficiary, shall not be required to carry such worker for a period of six months after active work ceases, if he has given less than ten years service to the cause since being a beneficiary and because of failing health is again granted sustentation.

SUSTENTATION PAYMENTS BY PUBLISHING HOUSES:

We recommend, 1. That for the year 1935 our publishing houses in North America pay to the Sustentation Fund an amount equivalent to 10% of their average payrolls for the five years ending 1934.

2. That for 1936 our publishing houses in North America pay to the Sustentation Fund an amount equivalent to 12% of their 1934 payrolls.

TIME FOR RENDERING STATISTICAL REPORTS:

We recommend, That conference secretaries and others who furnish matter for the Statistical Report be requested and are hereby earnestly urged, to have their report in the office of the General Conference at Washington, D.C., by April 30 of each year; and that the auditors and others who furnish matter for the financial statement, submit the annual balance sheet and audited statement of all the organizations within their field, with summary thereof on the forms as prepared by the General Conference, so as to be received in Washington, D.C., not later than June 30, with the exception of schools, and that these school reports be submitted as early as possible thereafter, and not later than August 20 covering the year closing the preceding May or June. HARVEST INGATHERING WORK AMONG THE JEWISH PEOPLE:

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach that in order to reach the children of Abraham with the gospel, we must become Jews; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has instructed us that we must "labor in <u>right lines</u> for this people, for there is a multitude to be convinced of the truth who will take their position for God;" and

WHEREAS, Our publications are the means "through which access could be gained to a class that otherwise could not be reached;" and

WHEREAS, The dissemination of our literature creates an interest among these people to learn more of this message and to give larger contributions for the advancement of our world work,

We therefore recommend, 1. That in our Yiddish and Yiddish-English Harvest Ingathering magazines for the Jewish people we provide such information of our message and of our world work which will be adapted to their special needs and which will appeal to them, using such scriptural terminology as will not give offense; and

2. That we use the 1934 size Jewish magazine which will express to them more acceptably the growth of our world work.

3. That as far as possible our people use, when visiting the Jewish people in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, the magazines which have been especially prepared for them.

INCREASING MISSION FUNDS IN WORLD FIELD:

We recommend, 1. That all our divisions outside of North America undertake to increase their mission offerings during 1936 over those of 1935 ten to fifteen per cent.

2. That all conferences in North America endeavor during 1936 to reach the mission offering goal of forty cents a week per member, and secure as large an overflow as possible.

3. That in conferences where this goal cannot be fully attained they undertake to raise a definite amount equivalent to fifteen to twenty-five per cent more than the offerings received during 1935.

4. That in order to step up the amount of giving for missions toward the forty-cent-a-week goal, the union committees set a mark for each conference to aim at for the coming year, fixing the amount at such percentage above 1935 as will be an incentive to steady and liberal increase of gifts for missions, suggesting that the increase be not less than fifteen per cent.

5. That we hold, as heretofore, to the Sabbathschool goal of twenty-five cents per week per church member, and that we encourage our Sabbath schools wherever possible to reach the goal of dollar day on Thirteenth Sabbath.

ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

We recommend, That the action of the 1932 Autumn Council, appearing on page 72, Section 11, of the pamphlet containing the actions of the said Council, be amended to read as follows:

a. That where money has been advanced by a union and local conference to establish a doctor under this plan, and said doctor later receives a call to a foreign field, or is transferred from the conference that advanced the loan to another conference or institution, then the organization calling or receiving the doctor shall at the time of said transfer agree to take over the balance of the unpaid portion of the original loan and reimburse the conference that made it to the extent of said unpaid portion, thus enabling this conference to again offer financial assistance to other medical graduates who may desire to locate within its territory.

b. That the medical extension office be informed when loans are advanced to our medical graduates, stating the amount and terms of said loans.

mum rate be 5%. That where interest is charged the maxi-

BURIAL SOCIETY:

<u>We recommend</u>, That the question of the General Conference organizing or establishing a burial society be referred to the General Conference Committee for study, and that a report be made at the next General Conference session.

PROHOTING CHURCH AND MISSION OFFERINGS:

We recommend, 1. a. That each church adopt a church expense budget covering all of its operating expense, including its church school, and when tuition is charged, the estimated church deficit, if any, be placed in the church expense budget.

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b. That at the beginning of each year pledges be secured from the church members to cover the budgeted expense of the church, and that periodically they be informed of their standing on pledge payments.

2. That at the close of each year our church members be asked to pledge increased liberality to foreign missions for the succeeding year, their pledges to be paid through the Sabbath school and other mission offerings.

3. That in order to bring our membership to a greater realization of the spiritual nature of giving to God's work, we encourage conferences to follow the plan of furnishing church elders with offertory readings for each Sabbath consisting of a text of scripture and a quotation from the Spirit of prophecy bearing on the subject of liberality or on the importance of faithfulness in tithe paying, to be read just before the offering is announced.

MEETING OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

By request of the Religious Liberty Department Secretary, the Chairman declared a recess of the Council, and called a meeting of the Religious Liberty Association to further consider a resolution on religious liberty, presented by the Plans Committee. The wording of the resolution not being altogether acceptable, after some discussion a motion carried to refer the resolution back to the Plans Committee for rewording.

The Religious Liberty Association adjourned, and the Council resumed business.

MEXICAN UNION SCHOOL:

A committee consisting of the General Conference officers, the superintendent of the Mexican Union, and representatives present at the Council from the Inter-American Division and the Pacific and Southwestern Unions, had been appointed by the officers to give study to the request for the establishment of a school for the training of workers on the Texas side of the Inter-American Division line. The following report was submitted by this committee, and adopted;

WHEREAS, The situation in the Republic of Mexico is such as to make it impossible for us to conduct a school in that country for the training of Christian workers,

<u>Resolved</u>, That we grant the request of the Inter-American Division to establish in South Texas, near the Mexican border, a small school for the training of Mexican nationals as workers for the Mexican Union Mission, the details to be worked out by the General Conference Minority Committee in counsel with the Inter-American Division and the unions concerned.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:

Opportunity was given to W.E.Nelson, Secretary of the Educational Department of the General Conference, to speak on the training of our children and youth. He displayed to the delegates various quotations from the Spirit of prophecy lettered on placards, which emphasize the importance of our church schools and the desirability of our children and youth being trained in these schools. Calling attention to the sheets of statistics already in the hands of the delegates regarding enrollment of students in elementary schools, he pointed out the fact that in 1930 we had enrolled 17,735. This number has decreased to 16,792. The increase in membership in North America since 1929 is 33,450, or 28.4 per cent. A similar increase in enrollment of students would bring the total to 21,874, -- which is 4,830 more than the present enrollment. Taking into account this increased therep has really been a falling off in our church school attendance of nearly 46 per cent since 1929. We have less than 50 per cent of the boys and girls in our churches attending our church schools. Professor Nelson urged that definite study be given to this serious situation with a view to remedying it, and also to the low salaries paid to church school teachers in comparison with workers in other positions.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following recommendations submitted by the Committee on Distribution of Labor were adopted:

We recommend, That the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference be asked to release F.Stewart Thompson to connect with the Inter-American Division as accountant and teacher in the West Indian Training School in Jamaica, his wife to do such teaching work as may be arranged.

That the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference be asked to release Rose Herr to connect with the Inter-American Division as preceptress in the West Indian Training School in Jamaica.

That the Central Union and the Iowa Conference be asked to release C.A.Edwards, to connect with the Inter-American Division as field missionary secretary for the Caribbean Union.

Thas the Central Union and the Porter Sanitarium be asked to release Mrs. F. Nordberg to connect with the Inter-American Division as preceptress and teacher in the Colegio Adventista Antillano, Bartle, Oriente, Cuba.

> Adjourned at 9:30 P.M. O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman. A.W.CORMACK, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Sec.

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SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 5, 1935, 9:50 A.M.

The Tuesday morning devotional service opened at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Frank L. Bland sang as a special selection, "It is So Wonderful that He Loves Even Me."

E.L.Neff, President of the Oregon Conference, had charge of the devotional meeting. Seed thoughts from his talk are heregiven: It is a wonderful thing to live the message that we preach. This experience comes by yielding ourselves fully and wholly, entirely, into the hands of God. We must learn daily in the school of Christ, placing ourselves under the control of the great Teacher. There is an idea in the world today that sin is a very light thing to get rid of; that there is no need of the cross. But if we are to have Christ in us, the hope of glory, we must accept the cross of Jesus Christ as a propitiation for our sin.

While the world seeks after wisdom and science, we are to preach Christ crucified, a theme worthy of our best interests and intense effort. It is right for us to seek for the very highest attainments, if we seek them in the right way, at the right place, and use them in the right way, for the purpose of helping others. We need to preach Christ in such a manner that our people may take hold of Him in a stronger way, and thus gain a preparation to meet Christ when-He comes.

The tenth business meeting opened at 9:50 A.M., with O.Montgomery as chairman.

Elder Montgomery read from "Desire of Ages," pages 201-203, the story of Jesus' healing of the helpless cripple at the pool of Bethesda, and ending with these words: "There are many who realize their helplessness, and who long for that spiritual life which will bring them into harmony with God; they are vainly striving to obtain it. . . Put your will on the side of Christ. Will to serve Him, and in acting upon His word you will receive strength. Whatever may be the evil practice, the master-passion which through long indulgence binds both soul and body, Christ is able and longs to deliver. He will impart life to the soul that is 'dead in trespasses.' He will set free the captive that is held by weakness and misfortune and the chains of sin."

"Open my Eyes, that I May See," was sung by John Ford, radio evangelist, of Boston,

RESIGNATION OF N.Z. TOWN:

The Chairman referred to a letter of resignation placed in his hands from N.Z.Town, Associate Secretary of the Publishing Department. Brother Town feels that he has come to the time, at his age and in his degree of strength, when it will be best for him to discontinue active work. He gives assurance that he does so with the utmost good cheer, and on his own initiative. As a retired worker, he will give service in visiting and speaking as opportunity permits. The officershave given consideration to the resignation and pre aent it for the favorable consideration of the Council.

Elder Montgomery then spoke appreciatively of the long years of service rendered to this cause by N.Z.Town, he having served three terms in foreign fields, the first in the British Isles and the latter two in the Argentine, where he did strong and successful work. From 1909 to 1912, he was Assistant Secretary of the Genera 1 Conference Publishing Department, and General Secretary of the Department from 1912 to 1930. Since his return two years ago from South America where he was President of the Austral Union, he has been connected with the Publishing Department as Associate Secretary. He is regarded as a man of splendid judgment and sterling character.

S.A.Ruskjer moved that the resignation be accepted, and S.E.Wight seconded the motion, both speaking in high esteem of Brother Town and his work.

VOTED, To accept the resignation of N.Z.Town as Associate Secretary of the Publishing Department, with sincere regret to see him disconnect from close association with us in the work, and that we express to him our heartfelt appreciation for his long and splendid service to this cause, numbering forty-six years in all in the home and foreign fields, and assure him of our fullest confidence and love, praying that his advancing years may be rich in the grace of our Lord and Master.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF A.G.DANIELLS:

An expression of appreciation of the life and service of Elder A.G.Daniells was presented from the Plans Committee, and adopted. On invitation, Meade MacGuire, who was closely associated with Elder Daniells in his work especially in recent years, spoke of personal experiences in his relationship with Elder Daniells which had brought inspiration and courage to him. The spirit of comradeship and personal friendship of Elder Daniells was a source of help and encouragement to many workers, both in this country and in mission lands. The expression of appreciation follows: With deep sorrow we take cognizance of the absence from this Autumn Council of our late beloved Elder A.G. Daniells, for many decades one of the most able and revered leaders in the Advent movement. Surely a prince in Israel fell when this man of God went to his rest.

We remember the strong foundations for our work in Australia laid by him under God's guiding hand. We remember with gratitude the years of his presidency of the General Conference when he was instrumental in launching our departmental work and in giving vision and impetus to our world mission program. We remember his later years of service as chairman of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists, and of the boards of other major institutions on the Pacific Coast.

We are confident that in the resurrection day, thousands from every section of the world field will greet him in renewed comradeship that shall never end. Praying God to hasten that glad reunion day, we dedicate ourselves anew to the work of quickly giving the everlasting gospel message in this last hour of human history--the blessed task to which our former comrade consecrated his fruitful life.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following final report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was considered and adopted:

We recommend, That the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference be asked to release M.J.Shanko to connect with the Atlantic Union for work in the Southern New England Conference; and that the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conference be asked to release Harry Gray to connect with the Columbia Union for work in the Potomac Conference.

That the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference be asked to release J.E. Shultz to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as editor.

That the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference be asked to release A.J.Gordon to connect with the Central Union for work in the Iowa Conference.

That the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital be asked to release Dr. C.F. Schilling to connect with the Iowa Sanitarium as medical superintendent.

That the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference be asked to release C.L.Witzel to connect with the Far Eastern Division as teacher in the Philippine Union College in Manila.

That the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference be asked to release H.J.Bass to connect with the Far Eastern Division for educational work in Korea. That the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference be asked to release W.S.Meade to connect with the Florida Conference as home missionary secretary; and that the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference be asked to release R.F.Woods to connect with the Columbia Union for work in the Potomac Conference.

That the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference be asked to release J.G.Dasent to connect with the Southwestern Union for work in New Orleans, Louisiana.

That F.W.Detamore, returned from the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to the Central Union for labor.

That the Central Union and the Iowa Conference be asked to release R.E.Griffin to connect with the Southern Union for evangelistic work in the Carolina Conference.

That the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference release R.E.Louden to connect with the Southern Union for work in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; and that the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be asked to release J.B.Mallory to connect with the Southwestern Union for work in the Texas Conference.

That the Canadian Union and the Alberta Conference be requested to release A.V.Rhoads to the Central Union for work in South Dakota.

REPORT FROM PLANS COMMITTEE:

Additional recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented and with slight changes were adopted as follows:

COLPORTEUR BIG WEEK IN 1936:

We recommend, That April 19-25 be set for Colporteur Big Week in North America for 1936.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS:

We recommend, That the benefits of the scholarship plan be extended to students of the College of Medical Evangelists covering \$800 of their expense for either their senior or junior year, or both, the discount of 20% to be paid as follows: the Book and Bible house 5%, the publishing house and Medical College sharing equally in the remaining 15%. It is also understood that if this scholarship is earned before it is needed and deposited with the college, the college will extend the usual courtesy of the regular interest paid to all students who pay their school expense in advance. The student planning to earn the above scholarship must declare his intention in advance. Half or three fourths scholarships may be earned on this plan.

RECRUITING STUDENT COLPORTEURS:

WHEREAS, At the present time there are many young men and women desirous of securing a Christian education, and who are financially unable to do so,

We recommend, 1. That in each union and local conference the Educational, Young People's, and Field Missionary Secretaries be a committee to recruit prospective students and urge them to enter the colporteur field early in 1936 to earn their scholarships for the school year of 1936-37.

2. That we earnestly appeal to all our leaders and teachers in our schools to keep the importance of the literature ministry before the students suggesting to them not only the opportunity of life-time service in the publishing work, but also the benefits to be derived from this service that will be helpful to students in all vocations.

ENCOURAGING THE SALE OF OUR LARGER BOOKS:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy specifically states that "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," and other of our large message-filled books should receive special promotion in the field, and realizing that these books contain special truths that the people need at this time,

We recommend, 1. That we, as leaders, place special emphasis upon the sale of these books by our colporteurs in the United States during 1936.

2. That we urge all our people, especially our colporteurs and colporteur leaders, to read and study these volumes.

PROGRESS IN HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN:

J.A.Stevens, Secretary of the Home Missionary Department, displayed a chart indicating the progress of the various unions in North America in reaching the Harvest In-. gathering goals they have set for themselves. To represent the mission fields, a mission ship in distress was pictured. The various unions were shown as casting out life-lines to save the ship, and the proximity of the life-lines to the ship indicated the percentage of the Harvest Ingathering goal which had been reached. On October 26 of this year, the Atlantic Union had raised 89% of its goal; the Canadian Union, 86%; the Central Union, 57%; the Columbia Union, 80%; the Lake Union, 70%; the North Pacific Union, 62%; the Pacific Union, 101%; the Southern Union, 74%; the Southwestern Union, There is a spirit in the hearts of all our people, 53%. Elder Stevens said in his brief report, to press on until we reach our North American Division aim of \$750,000.

REPORT FROM PLANS COMMITTEE:

A final report from the Plans Committee, being amended, was adopted as follows:

SABBATH OBSERVANCE:

WHEREAS, The Sabbath was given as one of God's greatest blessings to man, a day of "rest and gladness," a time of spiritual refreshing; and,

WHEREAS, The Sabbath is not only a sign of God's love to man, but also a sign of man's loyalty to God, and that in true Sabbath observance is evidenced our fidelity to our Greator, our fellowship with our beloved Redeemer; therefore

Be it resolved, 1. That we earnestly heed the adminition of the Word of God to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," not doing our own work, nor finding our own pleasure on God's holy day.

2. That we dedicate the Sabbath to the worship of God and the uplift of our fellowmen by:

a. Faithfully attending the Sabbath school, the worship hour, and other divine services.

b. Gathering our children into the family pew, thus encouraging reverence for the house of God, the place of prayer.

c. Spending the other hours of the Sabbath in visiting the sick and afflicted, teaching the Word of God, distributing our truth-filled literature, or otherwise ministering to sin-sick humanity.

d. Teaching our children the wonders of God's universe and His creative power by often "walking with them into the fields and groves," studying with them the lesson book of nature and telling them of God's wondrous love, thus leading them to consider the Sabbath a blessing rather than a burden.

3. That we pledge ourselves to renewed consecration in the observance of God's holy day by--

a. Sacredly guarding the beginning and the ending of the Sabbath, having all the preparations fully made before the setting of the sun as the Sabbath approaches.

b. Welcoming the blessed day by worship around the family altar and again at the setting of the sun at the close of the Sabbath rededicating ourselves and our children to the Lord. c. Putting aside all secular papers, and refraining from the use of the radio except for proper religious programs.

d. Refraining from unnecessary automobile journeys and pleasure trips.

e. Not engaging in idle conversation, nor in "thinking our own thoughts," nor in "speaking our own words."

4. That great carefulness be exercised in the manner of raising money and disposing of literature during our Sabbath services, so that we ever keep the spiritual purpose of the Sabbath before our churches.

5. That we consecrate ourselves and our children to God, seeking to enter into His glorious rest of which the Sabbath is a type, thus giving to the world a testimony to the truth of the Sabbath in the lives of those who hallow it.

THE ADVANCED BIBLE SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, It is increasingly evident that our Advanced Bible School was ordained of God to fulfill a great purpose in unifying and strengthening the teaching of the Advent message; and,

WHEREAS, Our teachers, ministers and writers greatly need time for special study and research and counsel with fellow workers,

We recommend, 1. That the managing boards of the colleges, nurses! training schools, and secondary schools earnestly endeavor to send their Bible and history teachers to the Advanced Bible School.

2. That our conferences select and send to the school from time to time some of their strong young ministers.

3. That our publishing houses consider the advisability of sending some of their editors to the school.

TRAINING FOR NON-COMBATANT SERVICE:

We recommend, 1. That our colleges in the United States of America make provision for the training of our young men for non-combatant service, qualifying them in first aid and Red Cross work.

2. That where facilities and teaching staffs are available, training in first aid and Red Cross work be provided in our academies and local churches.

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ATTENDANCE OF WORKERS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, The events taking place in the earth today point to the solemnity of the times in which we live and the nearness of the end of time; and,

In view of the great need for the conserving of funds to care for the ever-expanding work in the mission fields as well as to care for the evangelization of the larger cities and unentered districts in the homeland; and,

In view of the fact that our people have made great sacrifices in supplying the funds to care for the work both at home and abroad,

<u>Resolved</u>, That we reaffirm the actions of the General Conference Committee taken at the annual Spring Meeting in Washington, which read as follows:

"In respect to North America, we repeat the counsel given prior to the last General Conference Session, namely, that the union conferences limit themselves in the matter of attendance to the constitutional delegations; and that if any workers who are not delegates desire to attend, and the conferences employing them are willing that they should, it be with the understanding that they be granted salary only, during the time of the Conference, each worker being left to meet the cost of his traveling expenses; except in cases where a conference may request a worker to attend in the

interest of the work.

"We recommend, That, wherever consistently possible, the conferences in North America plan for the attendance of their Sabbath school secretaries at the 1936 General Conference Session in San Francisco, that they may participate in and gain the inspiration and help of the departmental councils and convention work to be held in connection with the General Conference Session. It is understood that this action is not intended as an urge that these secretaries necessarily be made delegates to the General Conference."--Spring Meeting, 1935, pp.1594-1596.

We recommend, 1. That any attendance of workers other than the regular delegates be on a restricted basis.

2. That the time allowed such workers be considered as their vacation for that year.

3. That in the case of both delegates and non delegates attending the General Conference, the time allowed in each case be arranged by the respective committees.

HARVEST INGATHERING SOLICITATION ON SABBATH:

Resolved, That we maintain our practice of not soliciting Harvest Ingathering funds from the public on the Sabbath.

DIVORCE:

We recommend, That the question of divorce be referred to a representative committee to be appointed by this Council to prepare recommendations to be reported for action at the General Conference Session in 1936.

VOTED, That the Chair in counsel with the officers be empowered to appoint a committee of fifteen to carry out the provisions of this recommendation and report to the Minority Committee.

HOME-FOREIGN LITERATURE WORK:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy plainly states that our literature will occupy an important place in the finishing of God's work; and,

WHEREAS, Through the agency of the printed page in a large way the message must be given to the many foreign nationalities in America,

We recommend, 1. That home-foreign mission bands be organized in our churches and that these bands work for the different nationalities in their home communities.

2. That our churches be encouraged to distribute foreign literature in person and through the mail and to follow up the work done among these people in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

3. That the conference home missionary secretaries take an active interest in promoting the circulation of our foreign periodicals, especially on Home-Foreign Day, by getting the churches to take subscriptions and clubs of the foreign papers for missionary purposes.

4. That the conference field missionary secretaries plan for and encourage colporteurs to go into foreign settlements in country and city districts with our foreign books.

APPRECIATION:

<u>Resolved</u>, That this Council express its appreciation to the following organizations for the courtesies extended to it during its sessions:

The Press for the liberal space given to reporting the activities of the Council.

The Publicity and Convention Bureau for their contribution and courtesies.

The Royal Typewriter Company and the Standard Typewriter and Supply Company for machines supplied.

The Southern Union Conference for contribution made.

The local Seventh-day Adventist Church for their many services, including the checking stand.

The Brown Hotel, and its manager, Mr. Harold Harter, and the other hotels.

SALES TERRITORY FOR COLLEGE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS:

Following the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, a committee of eleven, with W.E.Nelson as chairman, was appointed to study the question of territorial division for the sale of articles produced by our school industrial departments, this committee to bring a report to the Autumn Council. The following report was submitted and adopted:

WHEREAS, Most of our colleges and junior colleges and some of our academies are operating industries that depend on the general public for sale territory; and,

WHEREAS, The two leading industries are printing and woodworking, and many articles manufactured by the schools are very similar,

We recommend, 1. That the territory covered by the sales organization of any college be confined to the union in which it is located.

2. That where the product of the industries is sold through jobbers, that such transactions be unrestricted as to territory.

3. That where special articles are manufactured by one institution which are not made by other schools, permission for the sale of such articles in other than the school's own territory be secured from the managements of schools in which territory the article is desired to be sold, and that a record of such permission be filed with the Department of Education of the General Conference.

4. That the question of any territorial conflict within a union conference be adjusted by the union committee.

The committee appointed at the beginning of the Council to give study to worldly trends in the Church, and to bring in a series of recommendations on denominational standards, presented a report. As the report was adopted, action was also taken authorizing that it be printed in the <u>Review</u>, and in tract form for distribution to our workers. The report follows:

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP

An Appeal to Conference, Institutional, and Local Church Leaders

To the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout the world, the delegates assembled in the Autumn Council at Louisville, Kentucky, address this appeal.

This is the crisis hour of the world. It is an hour of peril and danger to the church of Christ. Satan has come down in great wrath, knowing that his time is short, and seeking by every means in his power to lead men away from God. Seductive influences are at work in every phase of human life and experience. The stable, conservative standards which have governed men's thinking in the past are being set aside. These influences have affected in large measure the nominal Christian church. More and more she is joining affinity with the world, and the line of demarcation is being fast obliterated.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church must meet the impact of these untoward and unholy influences. Heaven has committed to this church a definite message of reform. This message is to go, not alone to the godless world who never knew Christ, but to the great professed Christian church as well. The remnant church is commissioned by High Heaven to erect in the midst of the prevailing iniquity of this degenerate age a standard of truth and righteousness, of purity and Christian conduct.

In this work of reform the first and greatest responsibility rests upon the leadership of this movement. This leadership includes the ministry, our conference and institutional leaders, our church elders and their associate officers and also the wives of these various classes of workers.

We have confidence in the leadership of the remnant church. In large measure and for the most part this leadership is composed of earnest, godly men and women who sense the high and solemn responsibilities of their positions. Some, we regret to say, fail to sense the sacred character of their work and the responsibility which attaches to true leadership. To all our workers, and to this latter class in particular, we address this message. We appeal to our workers first of all to exalt the standard of righteousness, of truth and purity, of Christian deportment in their own lives. They can lead others to Christ only as they know Christ as a living, transforming power in their own daily experience. "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord," is the divine injunction. Of His church Christ declares: "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

The apostle Paul exhorts the ohurch leader: "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Our church leaders should indeed be examples of Christ to the church in every relationship of life.

Examples to the Church

Let us specify some concrete ways in which this should be done:

1. They should be examples in simple living, in economy, in consecration, in sacrifice. Their homes should be models in the community in which they live. They should have their "children in subjection with all gravity." In their lives and homes there should be exemplified the principles of this gospel message.

2. Our workers should be examples in social relationships. They should not give license by their presence or in any other manner to attendance at the theater or movie, to commercialized baseball or other professional sports, to the worldly party of pleasure, even though held in the homes of personal friends.

3. The preacher of the gospel has no part to act as a politician. His mission is to all men. He should keep free from class prejudices, racial rivalries, national animosities. In the words of the Scripture, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves."

4. Our workers should teach and exemplify in their lives and homes the principles of healthful living which have come to us by divine revelation. This is an age of gluttony and excess in eating and drinking. Disease abounds on every hand, and is increasing in form and variety. We may expect divine preservation only as we cooperate with God in obedience to the laws of health which He has ordained.

5. The church worker should be an example in Sabbath observance. He should not employ its sacred hours in picnic excursions or in sightseeing trips. He should limit Sabbath travel in his conference work to the meds and exigencies of necessary requirements. 6. Our workers and their companions should be examples to the flock in the matter of dress. Dignity, modesty, and simplicity should be the guiding principles in the choice of the attire.

7. Christ's true representative will make careful selection of that which comes over the radio. He will find neither time nor pleasure in listening to the popular radio comedians, nor in quoting the sayings of the characters depicted in the comic section of the newspaper.

8. The relations governing the association of men and women should be characterized by Christian reserve and dignity. Particularly should the Christian worker be so discreet in his words and deportment that no just reflection can be cast upon him or the cause he represents. In both his life and his teaching the worker should exert a positive upbuilding influence for purity and righteousness. He should manifest a cheerfulness which never finds expression in levity and cheapness, a seriousness which stops short of morbidness and pessimism, a cortiality which never admits of familiarity and purity of speech which never descends to vulgarity. In the pulpit, in the home, at the social gathering, he must ever bear in mind that he is Christ's representative, the ambassador of Heaven to a dying world.

Safeguarding the Church

Exemplifying these principles in his own life, the gospel worker, whether in conference or institutional employ, or as an officer in the local church, will use his influence in both public and private to banish from the church membership the unholy practices which are seeking entrance. By personal work when needed, and by appeal from the pulpit, he will seek to hold back the flood tide of worldliness. which is seeking to engulf the church. If necessary, he will lead the church in taking such disciplinary measures as have been clearly emphasized by the pen of divine revelation. God has get our church leaders as watchmen upon the walls of Zion. When they see danger threatening the church, they are to sound the alarm. When they see individual members of the church imperiled, they are to make earnest efforts for their salvation. Lovingly, tactfully, earnestly, fearlessly, they are to warn the wicked to break from his sin and to find deliverance in Christ as his Saviour.

Says the Master to each one of His watchmen: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word. at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

Where faithful, loving labor is put forth to reclaim the erring, disciplinary measures by the church will not so often be indicated. The conditions of many in the remnant church today demand a revival and a reformation. A new depth of consecration and baptism of divine power is needed to finish the work. Our leaders should be the foremost in seeking for this divine infilling. Faithfully and uncompromisingly should they uphold the right and decry the wrong. In this hour of crisis they should prove true and loyal to the message for this time. God will recognize their heroic endeavor and their unswerving integrity.

May the blessing of God rest upon our leaders. Theirs is a great responsibility, theirs also is a great privilege. No service is so sweet and satisfying as labor for those for whom Christ gave His precious blood. Such labor should constitute a passion, not a profession or a merely formal service. Its prompting impulse will be love for souls, and not love of salary.

The resources of heaven are promised to Christ's ambassadors. The Holy Spirit is given as a guide and counselor. Surely we are without excuse if we fail in prosecuting faithfully, courageously, and hopefully our high and holy calling. Soon we shall reap if we faint not. Then we shall thrill with the unutterable joy of seeing saved in the everlasting kingdom those for whom we have labored. With Christ the Lord we shall see the travail of our souls and shall be satisfied. May God make us true and loyal till that glad day.

UPHOLDING THE STANDARDS IN OUR SCHOOLS:

Recognizing that our schools are a most vital part of our organized work and have done and are doing a great and good work in helping our young people to a clearer vision of their God-given opportunities and responsibilities and are veritable havens of refuge for the youth where every effort is being made to stem the tide of corruption and sin that is threatening to engulf the world,

We hereby wish to express our thankfulness to God for these schools and for the help they have been in upholding high and right standards for the young people of this denomination.

Realizing, however, that we must ever be on the watch lest the enemy overtake us unaware,

We recommend, 1. That institutional boards and faculties study anew the principles governing the conduct of our institutions as revealed in the Bible and in the Spirit of prophecy. 2. That joint meetings of the board and faculty members be held at stated times for such general study and also for the study of the particular problems and their application to definite situations in the institution.

3. That all student organizations in our institutions be properly sponsored by some member of the faculty appointed by the school administration and responsible to it.

4. That regular meetings of sponsors be held for the study of proper functions, duties, and responsibilities of sponsors, to the end that all activities of the institution may conform to proper standards approved by God and the church.

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5. That in every institution where student or student-faculty associations exist, the board of trustees take these associations under review and advisement, and lay down principles that shall govern such associations, and pass upon their constitution and by-laws.

6. That the trustees shall hold the president of the faculty or such committee as may be designated, to a strict accounting for the conduct of the aforesaid associations in all their activities.

7. That organizations for athletic contests be not permitted in our institutions.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, with closing prayer by C.L.Bond.

O.MONTGOMERY, Chairman. H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary. KATIE FARNEY, Recording Secretary.

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 5, 1935, 3:00 P.M.

The eleventh business meeting of the Council was called at 3:00 P.M., with O.Montgomery as chairman.

J.L.McElhany read the following quotation from "Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 287,288:

"Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed. 'Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.' James 5:7,8."

R.I.Keate, president of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, offered prayer.

FINAL REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The third and final report from the Finance Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

WAGE RATE OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

WHEREAS, Our church schools are proving an important factor in the training and saving of our children and youth; and,

WHEREAS, Promising young people are being diverted from the teaching profession because of the present tendency to pay a low rate of wage,

We recommend, 1. That a wage scale be adopted for church school teachers placing the salary well within a living compensation, suggesting \$10.00 a week as a minimum.

2. That our educators, Missionary Volunteer leaders, and other conference workers stress the need of well trained, devoted teachers as they visit our secondary schools and colleges.

3. That special plans be devised for increasing church school funds in addition to those now provided, and that a committee be appointed by this Council to give study to plans for providing this additional income, said committee to report at the next General Conference session.

CHURCH SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, It brings no little discouragement upon the church and a real hardship upon the church school teacher when necessary financial arrangements are not carefully made before the school opens; and, WHEREAS, The burden of fostering the establishment and maintenance of church schools rests upon the conference officers, workers, and conference committees as well as on our educational secretaries and superintendents and the local church,

We recommend, 1. That financial arrangements be carefully and definitely worked out before the school year opens, to give reasonable assurance of the financial success of the school.

2. That new schools be established only in counsel with the conference and thus receive whole-hearted care and the greatest possible support in their work.

3. That schools be not opened unless there is a reasonable assurance that funds will be available through the year to meet the financial obligations entailed in properly conducting the school and paying the teacher.

FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES:

We recommend, That the question of financial policies for Book and Bible Houses referred from the Presidents' Council to the Autumn Council be referred to the meeting of the Publishing Department to be held prior to the General Conference session.

CONFERENCE OPERATING BUDGETS:

WHEREAS, The uncertainty of financial affairs in this changeable world constitutes a call to us to doubly safeguard the operation of our conferences; and,

WHEREAS, Experience has taught us the value and blessing in doing this,

We recommend, 1. That all our executive committees and administrators operate the work only on safely balanced budgets.

2. That in building the budget due attention be given to every item of expenditure, providing carefully for the evangelistic, departmental, and administrative phases, taking into consideration the income and expenditures over a period of years as well as changes of conditions.

3. That it is always wise to plan on a safe operating gain without giving consideration to an anticipated increase in tithe income.

4. That if times and conditions change, bringing decreased incomes, steps be immediately taken to lessen the expenditure. Care should be exercised in this readjustment that all phases stand on a proportionate and just share in the curtailment of expense. The hearty cooperation of all

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workers should be sought in securing this balance of the new budget.

5. That safe individual budgets be given all workers and careful monthly scrutiny be given these in all particulars as well as the general budget in relation to the actual operating.

METHODS TO INCREASE MISSION FUNDS:

In order to increase our mission funds and insure the reaching of the forty-cents-a-week per member goal,

We recommend the following methods:

1. A stronger evangelistic program in each conference which, through increasing our membership, assures a larger amount of funds for mission fields.

2. A continuous educating of our people as to the marvelous progress the message is making in foreign fields. This can be done through encouraging a wider reading of our church paper, <u>The Review and Herald</u>, and other special missions literature sent out by the General Conference, and by frequent efforts of our ministers to keep the church members well informed concerning the development of the work abroad.

3. Each conference adopting as a regular policy, to be understood by all workers and church members, that the raising of mission funds is to have first place in the field over the raising of local funds.

4. Continually keeping before the conference workers the necessity of reaching the forty-cent-a-week goal in each church and district.

5. Encouraging each Sabbath school to set a definite weekly financial goal as well as endeavoring to reach the General Conference Thirteenth Sabbath goal.

6. Sending out each month from the office the latest information regarding the standing of the conference on missions.

7. An occasional well-worded letter from the conference president to his constituency, expressing appreciation of their faithfulness in giving to missions, with a statement of the needs, and an earnest appeal to greater sacrifice.

8. Encouraging our people to give more liberally at the time of the Midsummer, Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offerings as well as doing more in the Big Week endeavor.

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9. Getting a larger number each year to engage in the Harvest Ingathering, as well as setting larger in dividual goals and larger conference goals.

10. Soliciting pledges of our people the last month of the year for a definite sum each week for foreign missions for the succeeding year, thus beginning the new year with each church back of the program in a definite way. This can be done by adopting a missions pledge card.

11. Each conference supplying free to each isolated family of believers an inexpensive envelope or box of some sort to encourage the setting aside each week of mission funds these to be sent to the conference treasury each month or quarter.

12. A more general use of the world missionary map in our Sabbath schools and churches.

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1936:

Resolved, 1. That in fixing exchange rates, we recognize only bank or official exchange quotations.

2. That the denomination/exchange rates prevailing in 1935 be the standard rates for the interchange of business between denominational organizations for 1936, with the exception that where bank rates have decreased more than 35% from the base used in 1935, the fixed exchange rates be reduced 25% instead of 20%.

3. That the fixed rates of exchange for the year 1936 be as follows:

Division	Unit	Proposed Rate Year 1936
AUSTRALIA	Australian Pound	4.40
Turkey Palestine Egypt Syria Iraq	Reichsmark Schilling Kroner Pengo Guilder Guilder Leva Rials Drachma Turkish Pound Palestine Pound Egyptian Pound Syrian Pound Dinar	.2857 .1869 .04166 .2915 .6756 .6756 .01204 .0641 .00943 .80 4.87 4.99135 .79 4.87 2435
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Division	Unit	Proposed Rate
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		<u>Year 1936</u>
CHINA		
China	Mex. dollar	. 35
Manchukuo	37	
Manenukuo	Yen	. 35
FAR EAST		
Borneo .	Sarawak	,57
Japan and Korea	Yen	. 35
Philippines	Peso	.50
Straits Settlements	Singapore Dollar	.57
Indo-China	Piaster	.40
Siam	Tical	.45
INTER-AMERICA		
British Islands	Pound	4.87
Cuba	Peso	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	.20
Porto Rico	Peso	1.00
Santo Domingo	Peso	
French West Indies	Franc	1,00
British Honduras	Dollar	.04
Costa Rica	Colon	1.00
Guatemala		.19
	Quetzal	1,00
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	,50
Nicaragua	Cordoba	1.00
Panama	Balboa	1.00
Salvador	Colon	.45
Colombia	Peso	.75
Venezuela	Bolivar	.193
Mexico	Peso	. 35
British Guiana	Pound	4.87
Curacao	Florin	.40
NORTHERN EUROPE		
England	Pound	4.87
Denmark	Krone	.2164
Sweden	11	.2497
Norway	17	.24
Poland	Zloty	.1122
Finland	Markka	. 0252
Cameroons	Franc	.0395
Nigeria	Pound	4.87
Sierra Leone	I	4.87
Gold Coast	M	4:87
Kenya	11	4.87
Uganda	tr .	4.87
Latvia	Lat	.193
Ethiopia	Thaler	
Liberia		.297
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Division	Unit	Proposed Rate Year 1936
SOUTH AMERICA Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Ecuador Peru Uruguay	Peso Boliviana Milreis Peso Sucre Sol Peso	.34 .25 .09 .09 .20 .30 .80
SOUTHERN AFRICA No. Rhodesia Ruanda & Urundi So.African Union So.Rhodesia Nyasaland Angola Belgian Congo	Pound Belgi an Franc S.A.Pound Pound " Angolare Belgian Franc	4.87 .0339 4.87 4.87 4.87 4.87 .04427 .0339
SOUTHERN ASIA India, Burma, Ceylon	Rupee	.3636
SOUTHERN EUROPE Belgium France Italy Mauritius Portugal Rumania Jugoslavia Spain Switzerland	Belgian Franc Franc Lira Rupee Escudo Leu Dinar Peseta Franc	.0339 .0395 .0519 .3636 .0442 .006 .0177 .13 .194

4. That all fields use the foregoing rates of exchange in revising their budgets for 1936 and in submitting estimates for the 1937 budget.

5. That all divisions make remittances to their respective union and local fields in the currency of the country in which they are operating unless it is found advantageous to the General and Division treasuries to exchange funds locally.

6. That division, union and local fields and all institutions be required to build their budgets and provide for all needs in local currency, including foreign and mative salaries, travel, and local and general expense, equipment and supplies for all institutions, conferences and missions except as provided for in Section 7 of this recommendation.

That mission workers located in fields outside 7. their native countries be permitted to transfer their own personal funds at the fixed rates to an amount not to exceed 30% annually of the workers' salary for the time they are in the mission field. Such transfers may include school accounts incurred in the education of the workers' children, assistance in the support of dependent relatives, purchase of books periodicals, and imported supplies for personal use only, and the transfer of personal salary savings within the current If an employed missionary family has unusual school year. expenses, they may remit through the regular channels additional funds above the 20% provision upon the consideration and action by the Division Committee on the merits of each individual case. A worker returning permanently to his homeland may be permitted, upon the approval of the Division Committee, to transfer funds by credits through the regular channel at the fixed rate pervailing at the time of his return up to an amount equivalent to the receipts from the sale of his household furniture, and of personal salary savings, up and to an amount not exceeding an additional 10% of his salary in denominational work for the time that he has been in the field, provided he has not previously benefited by a similar privilege.

8. When private funds are transferred from the field to the homeland through the Division at the fixed rate of exchange resulting in a saving to the worker, there is a corresponding loss to mission funds. Therefore, the transfer of more than the provisions made in this series of recommendations should not be allowed.

DENOMINATIONAL INSURANCE PLAN:

In order to secure the benefits of unified int surance interests in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination,

We recommend, 1. That an intra-denominational insurance plan be adopted to handle denominational properties only.

2. That this insurance business be administered by the General Conference Treasury Department and conducted through the regular denominational organization.

3. That the purpose of this plan be twofold: (a) The co-ordination of the insurance on larger denominational properties in companies selected by the General Conference; and (b) the creation of a reserve fund to be administered by the denomination for the protection of smaller, property risks.

4. That until proper reserves can be built up by accrued premiums, the General Conference Corporation be requested to advance \$25,000, at a reasonable rate of interest, to be used as a fund for the carrying of self-insurance on small selected properties that may be approved by the controlling committee under the direction of the General Conference.

5. That the organizations that are insured under this plan benefit to the extent of the regular insurance dividends on their policies and the reduction in rates due to the elimination of moral hazards; and that the General Conference retain the insurance commissions to meet administrative expenses and to build up a fund as may be deemed necessary for the protection of small risks on denominational properties.

6. That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee to draft a working policy for this insurance system.

SABBATH SCHOOL GOAL FOR COLORED MEMBERSHIP:

We recommend, That the weekly Sabbath school offering goal for our colored membership in North America be twenty cents a member.

DENOMINATIONAL STANDARDS:

The Committee on Denominational Standards presented a further report, with the explanation that it would need some editing before publication.

VOTED, To approve of the report, and refer it to the Minority Committee of the General Conference for editing.

The report as edited follows:

Moved by a sense of solemn responsibility as leaders of God's remnant people, we, the representatives of conferences, mission fields, and institutions, assembled in Autumn Council in Louisville, Kentucky, believe it to be our duty to bring to the attention of the members of our church throughout the world, this statement and appeal. We view with feelings of deepest uneasiness the appearance among us of growing worldliness and a laxity in the observance of denominational standards. This laxity, permitted to spread and widely prevail, will obstruct and defeat the fulfillment of our divinely given commission.

This advent movement, which is bearing the final message of the gospel to all the world, is of God. Its doctrines, its organization, its standards of life and conduct, have all come from God. He brought this movement into being at His own appointed time. It has been led by divine guidance from the beginning, and is doing His appointed work in the world. As with God's people through the ages, so His people today are to be separate from the world. Of Israel it is said, "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations." While His people must remain in the world in order to carry God's message to the world, they are not to be of the world. We are bidden by the apostle, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, . . . and touch not the unclean thing." We are admonished to "love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."

Knowing that this matter of separation from the world and the abandonment of worldly practices and pleasures are fundamental in the belief of Seventh-day Adventists, we are naturally alarmed when we observe and hear of the inroads that worldliness is making in the church. This is particularly obvious in centers where large numbers of our people are gathered together. We believe we are called upon to lift our voices in solemn warning, not merely that these tendencies may be checked, but that a decided program of muchneeded reformation may be entered upon, to overcome altogether these worldly drifts and tendencies in the church. We are impelled to cry out, "O Israel, prepare to meet thy God!"

It would hardly seem necessary to remind our people that the use of beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages, as well as tobacco in any form, is a test of church fellowship among Seventh-day Adventists. Those who have been led of Satan to indulge in the use of these defilements of flesh and spirit, and persist in their use after faithful warning, should be disfellowshipped from the church. The good name of the church of Christ should not be brought into ill repute by permitting any user of liquor or tobacco to remain in its membership.

An Age of Worldliness

We are living in an age of overwhelming worldliness, and in closer physical contact with it than ever before. The automobile and the radio have changed the whole atmosphere in which we live, and have made it more difficult than at any former time to maintain our separate and distinctive character. The automobile takes us.to, and the radio brings to us, much of everything that is going on in the world. These modern inventions have created temptations of an entirely new kind in our everyday lives, and have brought us into contact with influences which are the opposite of that which is wholesome and uplifting. If we are not careful, the radio will turn our homes into theaters and minstral shows of a cheap and sordid kind. We appeal for a far more discriminating use of these modern developments, urging that we be conscientiously guided in their use by the long-established standards of the gospel. Let us not do, nor hear, nor see, nor read, nor say, under any circumstances, anything prohibited by the divine

rule given by the apostle: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We appeal to our ministers, our workers, our people everywhere, to keep their feet in the "old paths," and not to remove the "ancient landmarks" of this message.

In cases where members of the churches hold bridge or similar card parties in their homes, or frequent such gatherings in other places; or have dances in their homes or attend them elsewhere; or frequent shows in theater or movie houses, we recommend that faithful labor we put forth to reclaim such individuals from the errors of their way; but if this proves unsuccessful, that they be dismissed from church membership.

A Plain People

Our church members have from the beginning been a plain people. Our standards call for the discarding of jewelry, especially those articles mentioned in the Scriptures and the Spirit of prophecy, such as rings, earrings, bracelets and necklaces; the avoidance of extravagance and immodesty in dress; a discriminating selection of proper foods and drinks for the maintenance of health; and an entire conformity to the will of God in all Christian conduct and deportment. We appeal for a greater loyalty to these important and divinely given standards.

We are cognizant of influences which have brought into our services of worship elements that lower our standards and injure our work. We ask our churches to give\greater attention to good order, proper decorum, and reverence, while they set themselves against all excessive formalism and ritualism, including choir processionals and recessionals in the conduct of our Sabbath services. There is an apparent endeavor in some instances to bring the spirit of \entertainment into church services, Sabbath school exercises, Missionary Volunteer meetings, and evangelistic meetings. This should be guarded against, and the Bible given its rightful place as the center of all our services and programs. Dramatization and acting should have no place among us, pageants and playlets should be avoided, and, save in the case of some dignified representation to make real what our missionaries are facing in mission lands, make-up and costuming should not be countenanced. Let us hold to the plain and simple, and discard the elaborate, the exaggerated, the gaudy and showy.

These principles of simplicity should also govern graduating exercises in our schools, as well as weddings in our churches. Let us not seek after the spectacular and theatrical, but keep to the simplicity, the meekness, the plainness, which have characterized this movement from the beginning.

We believe it will be helpful in all our religious services to use only religious music. Place should not be given to secular songs, to music that is cheap and degrading. Music that is not religious, especially of the operatic sort, should not be introduced into our services even as preludes, offertories, postludes, or instrumental solo and ensemble numbers. There is a wealth of uplifting religious music which we would urge our churches to use, to the exclusion of the worldly. We also appeal to our people to make more use of the deeply spiritual and impressive hymns of the church which have grown out of a rich experience in the things of God, and less use of the lighter songs. We commend the practice of selecting hymns which combine majestic music with sublime truth.

Moral and Social Standards

We are compelled to recognize that the prevailing and increasing laxity in social standards all about us has had some effect among us. Things are lightly smiled at in the world about us today which a few years ago would have justly received public condemnation. Among us, however, there should be no laxity in social and moral relationships. The Bible standards of morality should be maintained. Questionable associations, relationships that give rise to suspicion and evil surmising, and all appearance of evil, are not to be considered as of trifling consequence among those who profess to be followers of God and representatives of Jesus Christ.

Divorce is no light and trifling matter. A person who has passed through divorce proceedings has had a regrettable **and unfort**unate experience which will always leave a scar. If there should be any adequate reason for question about the Biblical cause for such divorce, or about guilt regarding the individual, such person should not be looked to for leadership in our churches.

We deplore the sad abandonment of the family altar in any Adventist home. Nothing is so conducive to wholesome family life and consistent religious experience, as the oldfashioned and entirely Scriptural practice of daily family worship. We urgently appeal for its revival in every Seventhday Adventist home where it has been permitted to lapse, and its faithful maintenance among all our members.

Sabbath Observance

We deplore any tendency to laxity in the observance of the Sabbath on the part of any of our people. Purchase of gasoline to operate cars, purchase of newspapers, purchase of food supplies, the holding of business conversations, the reading of newspapers or of anything worldly, pleasure riding, social visiting, and idle and worldly conversation, should all be excluded from this day. These sacred hours belong to God. They are to be used for Him. Our own pleasure, our own words, our own business, our own thoughts, should find no place in our observance of God's day. Isa. 58:13. Radios should be turned off before God's holy day arrives, and kept off during all this sacred time, unless it be for use in listening to a religious service or program. Greet the Sabbath with prayer and song. Close it with prayer and praise. Keep worldly reading, worldly music, worldly activities, worldly conversation, out of this day. Make a distinction between the holy and the profane, the precious and the vile, the clean and the unclean, the sacred and the common. In such observance God's Sabbath blessing of acceptance, of rest, and of peace, may be confidently expected.

We are glad to believe that the vast majority of our people are true to the great standards of this cause, and do not permit the violations which have been mentioned to manifest themselves in their lives and in their homes. We appreciate their loyalty. We admonish them to hold fast to their faithfulness. It is for the sake of correcting this laxity on the part of some and elevating the spiritual life of all, that we send out this statement and appeal. Abuses that go uncorrected and the lowering of standards that goes unrebuked, are oftentimes looked upon as an endorsement of laxity. The time has come when the leadership of this cause should speak with a firm voice. This we have endeavored to At the same time we speak in love, and we appeal to all do. those who have permitted these failures to appear in their experience, to turn their backs now upon the world, to abandon its practices and pleasures, and wholeheartedly to live up to the standards of the faith which God has committed to this people.

FOSTERING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

We recommend, 1. That every minister make definite and continuous effort so to budget his working schedule that time every day may be set apart for communion, meditation, and study for the enrichment of his own soul.

2. That in his ministry he make definite plans to help and encourage the youth in their many trials and perplexities incident to modern conditions. 3. That he give special attention to conserving the Sabbath hour of worship for the purpose of preaching the word and imparting spiritual strength to the believers.

4. That a conscious effort be made to leave a spiritual impression upon every service, and, though it may be neessary to use a little of the regular service hour for announcements, and campaign instructions, that this time be reduced to a minimum, and that preliminary exercises of all kinds be not permitted to encroach upon the time given to the preaching of the word.

5. Continue to specific campaigns and "days" contribute to spiritual life, and that we commend and support the Sabbath School Department in its efforts to conserve the lesson teaching time without encroachment or curtailment of any kind.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:

Recognizing the strength which comes through Christian fellowship in social intercourse and the need for proper recreation among our young people,

We recommend, 1. That all social gatherings be carefully planned in harmony with the principles set forth in our book "Social Plans for Missionary Volunteers," and, wherever possible, these social gatherings be held in appropriate homes of the church and under the chaperonage of responsible parents; that in large centers where social gatherings cannot be held in homes, a proper place free from influences destructive to Christian standards be secured and not a place that is ordinarily used for commercialized amusements and sports, such as social halls, theaters, skating rinks, and other places of such character, which suggest an atmosphere contrary to Christian standards, for we believe the places ordinarily devoted to commercialized sports and amusements will familiarize our young people with the spirit of those amusements and tend to lead them into the current of the pleasure-loving world,

2. That our young people and their elders study again and place a new emphasis upon the principles set forth in that splendid book, "Messages to Young People," by Mrs. E.G.White, and in the leaflet, "Standards of Christian Living," which was published by the Missionary Volunteer Department at the direction of the General Conference Autumn Council held in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1927.

THE BUDGET:

In the presentation of the report of the Budget Committee, the Treasurer stated that the Reserve Fund has been drawn on to the amount of \$241,418.80 in the appropriations recommended for the coming year. Of this amount, \$88,918.80 is for the regular budget, and \$152,500 for special appropriations. The report was read, and adopted as follows:

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS:

We recommend, That the estimated income for regular appropriations to foreign and home fields for 1936 be as follows:

Regular General Conference income.\$2,670,251.39General Conference Corporation30,000.00General Conference emergency125,000.00Church Extension Funds (foreign)20,000.00General Conference reserve89,518.80

Total estimated income for regular appropriations for 1936

\$2,934,770.19

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1936:

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1936 and 1937 be as follows:

Australia	10,000.00
China	312,407.87
Far East	245,788.90
Inter-America	209,689.28
Northern Europe	102,588.30
Southern Africa	223,299.55
S outh America	238,155.89
Southern Asia	291,961.51
Southern Europe	130,713.12
Central Europe	7,227.19
Canadian Union	31,305.42
Southern Union	3,703.19
Southwestern Union	8,953.28
North American Negro Department: Southern Union Mission Southwestern Union Mission Oakwood Junior College Negro Nurses' Training School	25,951.70` 9,197.70 11,000.00 4,000.00

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College of Medical Evangelists	8,127.74
Bureau of Home Missions	74,251.23
E.G.White Estate	4,517.48
Miscellaneous & Fixed	692,119.28
Administration	289,211.56
. Total regular budget	\$ 2 ,934, 7 70.19

2. That a loan of \$121,000.00 be made to the Central European Division for 121,000.00 1936

3. That an exchange reserve fund of \$30,000 be set up to provide for possible exchange losses during 1936 in foreign division fields

4. That a special appropriation of \$1500 be granted to the Northern European Division to care for the emergency situation incident to the war in Ethiopia 1,500.00

Total regular and special appropriations to home and foreign organizations, including loan to the Central European Division 3,087,270.19

5. That the \$30,000 to be taken from the emergency fund for meeting requests from local conferences for assistance in operating during 1936, be referred to the Minority Committee for appropriation.

6. That the reserve fund of \$1,960.28 which was received as a collection for the Northern Negro Training School be appropriated to the Negro Nurses' Training School to be established.

7. That \$25,000 from the Church Extension Fund for foreign divisions be referred to the Minority Committee for apportionment.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND--APPROPRIATIONS:

We recommend, The following appropriations to the North American Division from the Church Extension Fund for 1936:

Atlantic Union:

New London, Conn.

\$1,500.00

Canadian Union:

St. Johns, Newfld.

2,000.00

Central Union: Des Moines, Iowa Sheridan, Wyo.	4,000.00 1,000.00	5,000.00
Columbia Union: Hackensack, N.J.	·	4,000.00
Lake Union: Evansville, Ind. Huntington, Ind. Wittenberg, Wis.	1,000.00 1,300.00 700.00	3,000.00
North Pacific Union: Washington Conf. Wenatchee, Wash. Fayette, Ida. Salem, Ore.	750.00 750.00 500.00 1,000.00	3,000.00
Pacific Union: Oakland, Calif. Mountain View, Calif. Santa Ana, Spanish Calexico, Spanish	2,000.00 1,000.00 1,000.00 1,000.00	5,000.00
New Smyrna, Fla. Clearwater, Fla.	1,000.00 100.00 200.00 500.00 100.00 100.00 100.00 500.00	3,000.00
Southwestern Union: San Antonio, Tex.		3,500.00
	Total	\$30,000.00

EXPRESSION OF THANKS:

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On motion from the floor, it was

VOTED, That we give praise to God for His blessing in enabling us to gather funds, and for the privilege we have of disbursing this large amount for the maintenance of the work, in these difficult times.

Upon the suggestion of the Chairman, all present joined in a standing vote expressive of gratitude to God for His manifold blessing upon us in our work.

APPRECIATION FROM DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES:

Appreciation for the help given the various foreign fields was expressed by the following foreign division representatives: A.V.Olson, for Southern Europe, G.W.Schubert, Central Europe; C.W.Curtis, Southern Africa; L.H.Christian, Northern Europe; B.Petersen, China; and H.B.Westcott, for South America. In response, the Chairman spoke of the joy it has been to have these representatives from the foreign fields present at this meeting, and assured them they carry with them as they return to their fields, the confidence and esteem and love of the General Conference men in the work they are doing in the ends of the earth.

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE FROM THE KOREAN BRETHREN:

H.A.Oberg, superintendent of the Chosen Union Mission, presented a resolution of gratitude to the General Conference as voted by the ninth biennial session of the Chosen Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, at Seoul, on May 12, 1935, J.L.McElhany and J.C.Thompson being present during the session. The resolution follows:

"At this Thirtieth Anniversary of the beginning of the Advent Message in Korea, our hearts go out in gratitude to God for the progress made, and for the expansion of the work in many remote sections of our land. We think of the loyal church members throughout the world who have helped to bring salvation to us, those members who have not looked to their personal interests, but have given of their own to the Lord so that we, who were in heathen darkness, might be brought into the precious light of truth. We also think of the foreign missionaries who have left their homes and relatives, and have come to our land, a place where habits and customs of life are different, and have given sacrificial labor in our behalf. The result of this is that the third angel's message has been given widely in this peninsula,' and soul-winning institutions have been established. For these many blessings received, be it therefore

"Resolved, 1. That we believers in Korea who have already received the light of truth stand firm in the faith, determining that we on our part will renew our decision to give our lives and our means fully to the Lord, that we may be instrumental in leading others who have not heard this message into the light of truth.

"2. That we present to the General Conference our grateful thanks for the liberality in funds bestowed upon our field during the past thirty years, for sending missionaries to our land, for the institutions established under the direction of our heavenly Father, for the general instruction given, and for the building up of the cause of Christ among our people." VOTED, That this Council express its pleasure upon receiving such a message of gratitude from our Korean brethren, requesting H.A.Oberg to convey to them the greetings of the believers represented here in this Autumn Council.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, In harmony with the suggestion of the Treasurer, that the following named persons, not in the employ of the General Conference, be appointed to unite with the General Conference officers and the union conference presidents as an Auditing Committee, to audit the accounts of the General Conference laborers:

F.M.Wilcox, F.H.Robbins, R.T.Emery, M.A.Hollister, E.L.Neff, E.H.Oswald, C.L.Bauer, L.K.Dickson.

ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Reference was made to the provision in Recommendation No. 3 of the "Wage Rate of Church School Teachers" for the Council to appoint a committee to give study to plans for providing additional income to church school teachers, this committee to report to the next General Conference session.

VOTED, That the officers of the General Conference be authorized to appoint this committee and report to the Minority Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Council adjourned <u>sine</u> <u>die</u>, at 5 P.M. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung, and G.W.Schubert offered the closing prayer.

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