

MINUTES OF MEETINGS
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
October 1 - 16, 1936

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AUTUMN COUNCIL
Fort Worth, Texas, October 21 - 28, 1936

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THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 1, 1936

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, M.N.Campbell, I.H.Evans, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Cobban, J.C.Thompson, S.A.Wellman, A.W.Spalding, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, Miss Jensen, J.A.Stevens, C.L.Bond, E.E.Franklin, Wm.A.Butler, R.Ruhling, A.W.Peterson, F.L.Peterson, C.E.Weaks, M.E.Kern, H.E.Rogers, W.E.Howell, M.C.Taft, W.P.Elliott.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M.French, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips.

Prayer by I.H.Evans. Minutes of meetings of September 24, 27 and 28 were approved.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE:

The Missionary Volunteer Department Committee was appointed as follows:

Secretary, Alfred W.Peterson. Associate Secretaries, C.Lester Bond, Daniel A. Ochs. Office Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie W. Marsh. Ex-officio Members, The Division Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretaries; all union conference and union mission Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretaries. Other Members: M.N.Campbell, M.E.Kern, H.T.Elliott, Meade MacGuire, H.A.Morrison, J.E.Weaver, L.E.Froom, J.A.Stevens, J.C.Thompson, Steen Rasmussen, A.W.Spalding, J.D.Snider, Miss Kathryn Jensen, Miss Lora Clement, F.L.Peterson, Mrs. E.E.Andross, C.S.Longacre, C.E.Weaks.

MRS. MARJORIE W.MARSH--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That Missionary Credentials for the quadrennial term be granted to Mrs. Marjorie W.Marsh.

W.L.BURGAN--COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

VOTED, That W.L.Burgan, secretary of the Press Bureau, be invited to attend the meetings of the General Conference Committee.

J.S.JAMES--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That J.S.James, returned from India, be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

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THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING:

VOTED, That the Northern European Division be the field to benefit by the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the fourth quarter of 1937.

BIBLE-SCIENCE RESEARCH:

Correspondence has been received from a number of brethren suggesting that a Department of Bible-science Research be established. Sympathetic interest was manifested in the work these men are doing, and the wish was expressed that they might be encouraged to continue their investigations, notwithstanding that it does not seem possible at this time to carry out the suggestion of a regular department for research work. It was

VOTED, That reply be made to these brethren as follows:

We, the General Conference Committee, have given earnest consideration to the "Resolution regarding Evolution" passed by the General Conference session, and to the "Plan for Bible-science Research" proposed by a number of brethren at the time of the session. We wish to express our deep appreciation of the work already done by some of our brethren in presenting scientific evidence in support of the Bible account of creation.

We value highly the data already gathered by these self-sacrificing students of nature, and assure them of our sincere interest in the matter. While many fields of research are opening with increasing opportunities, greater demands are pressing from the world field for overdue appropriations. The resources of the General Conference are quite inadequate to meet all the demands.

While expressing our sincere interest in and appreciation of the work our brethren have done, we feel we cannot take any further action at this time. If at some future time it should seem advisable, we might create a special fund from which appropriations could be made to assist those especially qualified to pursue their research under the direction of the General Conference Committee.

VIRGIL ROBINSON--NYASALAND:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Robinson, to connect with the Southern African Division as teachers in the Malamulo Training School, Nyasaland.

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E.F.WILLETT--RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of his inability to accept at the present time, we release E.F.Willett from the call to the Zambesi Union Mission.

E.R.SANDERS--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference the call from the Inter-American Division for E.R.Sanders of the Hawaiian Mission, for work in the Inter-American Division office.

L.B.HALLIWELL--RELEASED FROM
INGATHERING WORK IN CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, That L.B.Halliwell be released from the assignment to Harvest Ingathering work in the Central Union Conference.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

W.H.Teesdale to attend teachers' institutes in Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois, October 4 to 18.

J.E.Weaver to attend a teachers' institute in Michigan, November 4 to 8.

A.W.Spalding to Union College en route to the Autumn Council.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.D.DICK, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 5, 1936

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack,
W.E.Nelson, I.H.Evans, H.H.Cobban, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox,
G.W.Wells, M.E.Kern, C.E.Weaks, W.A.Butler, H.A.Morrison,
E.E.Franklin, J.C.Thompson, W.E.Howell, L.E.Froom, A.W.
Spalding, H.E.Rogers, C.S.Longacre, F.L.Peterson, J.J.Ireland,
S.A.Wellman, C.L.Bond, A.W.Peterson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M.French, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, W.L.Burgan.

Prayer by E.E.Andross. Minutes of October 1 after
being corrected were approved.

H.E.FORD--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That H.E.Ford, manager of the Riverside
Sanitarium, be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

W.B.VOTAW--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That W.B.Votaw, on furlough from India, be
invited to attend the Autumn Council.

W.A.BENJAMIN--RETURN TRIP FROM AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That W.A.Benjamin be authorized to return
from the Autumn Council via St. Louis, Chicago, Broadview,
Hinsdale, Berrien Springs, Lansing and Mansfield, in the in-
terests of the insurance work.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE IN FORT WORTH:

VOTED, That we hereby authorize the holding of
meetings of the General Conference Committee in Fort Worth,
Texas, as may be necessary before the Autumn Council convenes.

A.W.PETERSON--LAKE UNION:

VOTED, That A.W.Peterson be authorized to respond
to the request to conduct the Week of Prayer at Emmanuel Mis-
sionary College, and engage in field work in the Lake Union
following the Autumn Council.

LOUISE KLEUSER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Louise Kleuser be released from
the call to the Southeastern California Conference.

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H.C.LACEY--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to H.C.Lacey the invitation to connect with the Southern California Conference for the pastorate of the Hollywood church, in place of Frederick Lee, returned from China, whose health broke almost immediately after taking up the work at Hollywood. It is understood that Southern California shall be relieved of any further obligation for the support of Elder Lee.

MARION CHURCH--EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make a special appropriation to the Southern Union of \$200, to assist in the rebuilding of the Marion (South Carolina) colored church, which was destroyed by a cyclone.

WADSWORTH COLORED CHURCH SCHOOL:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference for authorization to purchase a property for the establishment of a church school in connection with the Wadsowrth colored church in Los Angeles, at a cost of \$16,000, to be financed as follows: \$11,000 from the Southern California Conference, \$3,000 from the Pacific Union, and \$2,000 from the Wadsworth church.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the property described, in which to conduct a colored church school by the Wadsworth church, with the understanding that the purchase price is to be provided as outlined by the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference.

DR. W.W.STILES--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of Dr. W.W.Stiles, under appointment to Peru, South America.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA--APPROPRIATION:

Consideration was given to a request from the Southern California Conference, that \$2475.00 be appropriated to them for local interests with the understanding that other funds will be remitted by that conference to the General Conference. It was

VOTED, That in view of the great need occasioned by the building of churches and schools in the Southern California Conference, we appropriate to them \$2475.00 in lieu of funds donated by them to the General Conference.

NURSES IN PACIFIC UNION--WAGE RATES:

A letter from J.E.Fulton requested counsel in the matter of wage rates of nurses in the Pacific Union, and it was

VOTED, To refer this question to the Western Efficiency Commission, in counsel with the Pacific Union Conference Committee.

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PROMOTION OF THE STUDY OF THE
SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, AND THE
CIRCULATION OF THE MRS. E.G.WHITE BOOKS:

The committee appointed to study recommendations made by the E.G.White Trustees with reference to plans for the promotion of the sale of the Mrs. E.G.White books, submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

In harmony with the action of the recent General Conference session, calling attention to the great importance of the study of the Spirit of prophecy on the part of all our people, and urging a larger circulation of the writings of Mrs. E.G.White,

We recommend, 1. That a special effort be put forth during the month of January, 1937, by ministers, other workers and church officers to call the attention of all our church members to the importance of studying the published volumes containing the messages God has graciously sent to the remnant church, through the Spirit of prophecy, for our enlightenment and guidance; and that an earnest effort be put forth to place in all Seventh-day Adventist homes not already provided with them, either the nine-volume set of the "Testimonies for the Church" or the recently published "Selections from the "Testimonies," and the Conflict Series, and the volumes on special phases of our work in the hands of those for whom they were especially prepared.

2. That our union and local conferences in North America, in counsel with the Vice-President of the General Conference for North America, take the responsibility for a strong promotion of the special campaign for a wider reading of the Spirit of prophecy in their respective fields.

3. That Sabbath, January 9, 1937 (or some other Sabbath in January when local conditions make it more convenient), be observed in all our churches as Spirit of Prophecy Day, by the conducting of a study or the preaching of a sermon on the Spirit of prophecy, and calling special attention to the importance of having these writings in all Seventh-day Adventist homes for study at this time.

4. That the General Conference arrange, if possible, for some general worker to visit each union conference in North America for a short period, to assist the union and local workers in this special effort,

5. That the Publishing Department of the General Conference in cooperation with the publishing houses furnish a special promotion leaflet to be used in all our churches.

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6. That a letter from the General Conference Committee be sent to all church elders in North America, setting forth the urgency of giving the matter its proper place at the designated time.

7. That our church paper, the Review and Herald, in its last issue of 1936, devote liberal space to the subject of the Spirit of prophecy; and that this special number carry a two-page spread advertisement of the E.G.White books.

8. That the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference cooperate with the editor of the Youth's Instructor in furnishing suitable articles for our youth's paper, to appear simultaneously with the special number of the Review and Herald.

9. That special articles for our ministers be published in the Ministry, giving our workers information and materials which will be helpful in promoting the circulation and reading of these books.

10. That a special reading on the Spirit of prophecy be prepared as an aid to church elders who will not have the services of a minister on Spirit of Prophecy Day.

11. That the General Conference cooperate with the union conference papers in furnishing suitable articles setting forth the place of the Spirit of prophecy in the church, and containing selections from these writings.

12. That a sub-committee of the General Conference Committee, consisting of M.N.Campbell, E.D.Dick, Steen Rasmussen, C.E.Weaks, J.A.Stevens, F.M.Wilcox, C.L.Bond, M.E. Kern and W.H.Teesdale, have general charge of this special effort in the North American Division.

13. That other divisions arrange for similar efforts on behalf of the Spirit of prophecy, in such manner and at such time as best suited to their respective fields.

14. That the Home Missionary Department carry the responsibility, in cooperation with the Publishing Department, of faithfully following up this endeavor to place the Spirit of prophecy books in the homes which do not have them, arranging for a house-to-house canvass of all church members.

M.N.CAMPBELL, Chairman.

H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1936

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, J.L.McElhany, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, I.H.Evans, G.W.Wells, W.A.Butler, C.E.Weaks, E.E.Franklin, D.A.Ochs, L.E.Froom, C.L.Bond, F.M.Wilcox A.W.Spalding, A.W.Peterson, Miss Jensen, H.E.Rogers, F.L.Peterson, J.A.Stevens, C.S.Longacre, W.H.Bergherm, J.C.Thompson W.P.Elliott, M.E.Kern, J.J.Ireland, H.H.Cobban, H.A.Morrison, W.E.Howell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J.W.MacNeil, T.M.French, W.L.Burgan.

Prayer by E.E.Franklin. Minutes of the meeting of October 5 were approved.

MISS ELSIE R.BINNS--INDIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division and the British Union Conference the call for Miss Elsie R. Binns to connect with the Southern Asia Division, as music teacher for the Vincent Hill school.

N.H.KINZER--FURLOUGH EXTENDED:

VOTED, To extend the furlough of N.H.Kinzer, of the Inter-American Division, to the end of November.

INDIAN WORKER FOR AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Asia Division the call from the Southern African Division for an Indian worker for Natal.

BLANCHE WIESTER--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call for Miss Blanche D. Wiester to connect with the stenographic force of the Review and Herald.

H.J.CAPMAN--SLIGO CHURCH:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference for H.J.Capman to serve as pastor of the Sligo church.

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REVIEW AND HERALD'S REQUEST FOR ILLUMINATED MAP:

A request was presented from the Review and Herald for the use of the illuminated missionary map which was a part of the exhibit at the General Conference session, and it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to take this request under consideration, and report.

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, W.P.Elliott, M.E.Kern, J.A. Stevens, L.E.Froom.

CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE--ASSISTANT EDITOR:

VOTED, That Mrs. Marjorie W. Marsh, of the Missionary Volunteer Department, be appointed an assistant editor of the Church Officers' Gazette.

SECRETARY TO J.L.McELHANY--W.E.HOWELL:

VOTED, That W.E.Howell be appointed to serve as secretary to J.L.McElhany, President of the General Conference.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

E.E.Andross to Blythedale and Wilmington, Delaware, for Sabbath, October 10.

E.E.Franklin to Harrisburg for Sabbath, October 10.

H.H.Votaw to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

REPRESENTATIVE TO AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a representative to attend the American Bible Society meeting in New York, December 2.

L.B.HALLIWELL--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet one half the medical expense of Mrs. L.B.Halliwell, on furlough from South America.

ACCOUNT IN FORT WORTH NATIONAL BANK:

Resolved, That a temporary deposit account be opened in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Fort Worth National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas, and that the said bank be authorized to honor the signatures of either W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, or H.H.Cobban, Assistant Treasurer, on checks drawn against this account.

M.N.CAMPBELL, Chairman.
A.W.CORMACK, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-NINTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 12, 1936

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, M.N. Campbell, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, E.D. Dick, A.W. Cormack, I.H. Evans, G.W. Wells, F.M. Wilcox, H.H. Cobban, R. Ruhling, G.W. Schubert, J.J. Ireland, L.E. Froom, W.A. Butler, M.E. Kern, A.W. Peterson, J.A. Stevens, E.E. Franklin, E.E. Andross, F.L. Peterson, D.A. Ochs, L.A. Hansen, J.C. Thompson, Miss Jensen, H.A. Morrison, H.E. Rogers, S.A. Wellman, C.S. Longacre, W.P. Elliott, M.C. Taft, W.A. Spicer, C.L. Bond, W.H. Bergherm, A.W. Spalding.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T.M. French, H.W. Barrows, W.E. Phillips.

Prayer by F.M. Wilcox. Minutes of the meeting of October 8 were approved.

NURSING RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee appointed to study the Nursing Recommendations relative to affiliation, that were referred by the Plans Committee at the General Conference session to the Minority Committee, made a report, which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, We recognize the dangers confronting our nursing students when going to outside hospitals for affiliation,

We recommend, 1. That the Medical Department give very serious consideration to the possibility of developing plans whereby our nurses shall affiliate in institutions that will cooperate by arranging for a department or a ward to be staffed and directed by Seventh-day Adventist nurses.

2. That when we have no such arrangements and it is therefore necessary to affiliate in hospitals over which we have no control, our training school faculties take the responsibility of arranging with those hospitals for a proper diet for our student nurses, and for their attendance at church services and other Sabbath privileges; that arrangements also be made for them to have proper reading matter; that every effort be made to safeguard them by counsel as to the temptations they will meet; and that the faculty members keep in close touch with them by visits and correspondence.

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WHEREAS, Our objective is not only to give a nurses' professional training, but beyond this the development of strong Seventh-day Adventist Christian nurses, thoroughly established in all points of our faith, including the principles of our health and healing message,

We recommend, 3. That those who do not give promise of reaching these objectives shall, after sufficient proving, be dropped from the course; and that in no case shall such students be sent to outside hospitals for affiliation.

4. That the affiliation program be confined within the limits of the second year and first half of the third year of the nurses' course, thus insuring that the first full year and the last half of the senior year shall be spent in our own institutions.

MRS. L.FLORA PLUMMER--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

Mrs. L.Flora Plummer, who has not been in good health for some time, has been offered a course of treatment without charge by one of our doctors in Colorado, who is a personal friend. It was felt that it would be proper to help Mrs. Plummer to secure this treatment by allowing the regular medical expense policy to apply on her transportation to Colorado and return, since there will be no expense in connection with the treatment. It was

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to apply the regular General Conference provision for medical expense on the transportation of Mrs. L.Flora Plummer to Colorado and return, in order that she may have the benefit of the medical treatment so generously offered.

ELDER AND MRS. E.E.ANDROSS--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense for Elder and Mrs. E.E.Andross, in harmony with the regular General Conference policy.

J.C.THOMPSON--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet medical expense for J.C.Thompson and family, in accordance with the regular General Conference policy.

J.L.McELHANY--MOVING ALLOWANCE:

The Treasurer explained that J.L.McElhany had had extra expense in connection with moving his household effects from California to Takoma Park, amounting to \$75.70, inasmuch as following the General Conference session his time was consumed with Conference affairs and he was not able to give personal attention to packing and shipping his goods. It was

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VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make an allowance of \$75.70 to J.L.McElhany, to cover extra expense involved in packing and shipping his goods to Takoma Park.

W.S.LAWRENCE--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the Southern Union for W.S. Lawrence, a sustentation beneficiary, to connect with the work in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, it being understood that Georgia-Cumberland will meet his transportation to the field.

CORA BOWERS--NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and the Ontario Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Cora Bowers to connect with the work in the New York Conference.

E.L.PLACE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That E.L.Place be released from the call to the Washington Sanitarium.

H.CHRISTENSEN--RELEASED FROM H.I.WORK:

VOTED, That H.Christensen, on furlough from India, be released from the assignment to Harvest Ingathering work in the Central Union.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That F.L.Peterson be authorized to respond to the request to attend the convention of self-supporting workers at Nashville, Tenn.

VOTED, That H.A.Morrison be authorized to make a visit to Southwestern Junior College, immediately before or following the Autumn Council.

U.WISSNER--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That in harmony with the request of the South American Division, we invite U.Wissner, on furlough from Brazil, to attend the Autumn Council.

W.E.BAXTER--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That W.E.Baxter, of the Inter-American Division, be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

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TRAINING FOR NONCOMBATANT SERVICE:

A committee that was appointed on the question of a training for our young people for noncombatant service in time of war, made the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is urgent need for our young people, especially our young men, to understand thoroughly the reasons why Seventh-day Adventists cannot engage as combatants in war; and

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated in the United States that a technical training in noncombatant lines is invaluable to our youth in time of war in rendering helpful service to the government, while at the same time maintaining their conscientious convictions,

We recommend, 1. That Missionary Volunteer Leaflet No. 30, "Our Youth in Time of War," and the book, "Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War," be read by all our young people.

2. That our Senior and Junior Colleges in the United States be requested to organize definite courses and provide instruction in practical nursing, first aid, and physical training that will qualify our youth for the medical corps and other lines of noncombatant service. It is understood that these courses of instruction shall meet the requirements outlined by the government for noncombatant work.

3. That, where facilities and recognized Red Cross teaching staffs are available, training in first aid and Red Cross work be provided for the youth in our academies and local churches.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE--GOAL AND OVERFLOW:

VOTED, That the Medical, Educational and Publishing enterprises to benefit from the overflow above the goal of \$60,000 for the Week of Sacrifice be as follows:

Medical: The erection of a hospital building at Chulumani, Bolivia, \$5,000.

Educational: For the Northwest China Industrial Training Institute, an industrial building, \$1050; a dormitory \$700; industrial equipment \$350. Training schools in Madagascar and Jugoslavia, \$5,000, to be apportioned by the Southern European Division Committee.

Publishing: For the "Free Literature Fund" of the Southern Asia Division \$3,000. Motor launch in Siam, \$810.54.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTIETH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Fort Worth, Texas, October 16, 1936, 10:45 A.M.

PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott,
M.E.Kern, W.E.Howell, E.R.Colson, W.E.Read, M.N.Campbell,
E.E.Andross, G.W.Schubert, F.Griggs, G.A.Roberts, W.H.Williams
I.H.Evans, W.A.Spicer.

This meeting of the Committee was called to attend to certain urgent matters.

MISS RUTH SCHIFER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Ruth Schifer, of the Washington Sanitarium, be released from the call to Canadian Junior College as instructor in pre-nursing and health education.

MISS FE DORA STOLARENKO--CANADIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the North Dakota Conference, the call for Miss Fe Dora Stolarenko of Kief, North Dakota, to connect with Canadian Junior College, as instructor in pre-nursing and health education.

FRANK L. CHANEY--AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS:

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signature of Frank L. Chaney, Assistant Treasurer, on checks drawn against the account of the Antillian Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists.

COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA TRAINING SCHOOL:

The Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering had been appropriated to the Colombia-Venezuela field. The Division has advised that the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission elevate the church building at Medellin, Colombia, and construct underneath it a basement and use the basement as a temporary quarters for a training school, their teacher already being employed. The space can be used permanently for a church school. The estimated cost is \$2000 or less. In the discussion, suggestion was made that the temporary quarters for the training school be made in connection with the church in Bogota, where we own more land, and where there is a more

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liberal attitude on the part of the public and the government. The Inter-American Division asks for the permission to use a portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow now on hand to make the changes necessary to provide temporary quarters for the training school.

VOTED, That we approve of the use of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow funds now available for the Colombia-Venezuela field, up to \$2000 for providing temporary quarters for the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission Training School, and that we suggest to the Division Committee that they give consideration to locating the training school at Bogota.

Adjourned.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.

H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.

AUTUMN COUNCIL

Fort Worth, Texas, October 21 to 28, 1936

FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1936, 7:30 P.M.

The Autumn Council of 1936 was held in Fort Worth, Texas, very pleasant and satisfactory accommodations as regards meeting hall, committee rooms and office room being provided by the Texas Hotel. The first session of the Council opened at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 21. "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," was sung, and prayer was offered by Glenn Calkins, of the Pacific Union Conference.

PRESENT:

Nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America were present, as were also the local conference presidents, many of the union conference treasurers, the General Conference auditors, and the college presidents and union educational secretaries.

Members of the General Conference Committee, and other representatives from the overseas divisions were present as follows:

Central Europe: G.W.Schubert, O.Schildhauer, P. Drinhaus, F.F.Oster.

China: Frederick Griggs, C.C.Morris, E.L.Longway, Miss Bessie Mount, W.J.Harris, G.J.Appel.

Far East: W.P.Bradley, W.B.Riffel.

Inter-America: G.A.Roberts, W.C.Raley, C.E.Wood, W.E.Baxter, J.G.Petty.

Northern Europe: W.E.Read, E.R.Colson.

South America: J.L.Brown, U.Wissner, M.V.Tucker.

Southern Asia: L.C.Shepard, G.G.Lowry, W.B.Votaw, J.S.James.

Southern Europe: A.V.Olson, F.Brennwald, J.C. Culpepper,

Southern Africa: C.W.Bozarth, W.B.Higgins.

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DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Suggestions regarding Standing Committees as listed in the Agenda were accepted, and the committees were appointed as follows:

GUIDING COMMITTEE:

W.E. Howell, Chairman

M.N. Campbell
L.H. Christian

J.L. McElhany
W.E. Nelson

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

V.G. Anderson
C.L. Bauer
Glenn Calkins
M.N. Campbell
H.G. Childs
H.H. Cobban
H.J. Detwiler
E.D. Dick
L.K. Dickson
I.H. Evans
J.E. Fulton
E.F. Hackman
W.H. Holden
M.A. Hollister
W.E. Howell
J.J. Ireland
M.E. Kern
S.J. Lashier
H.E. Lysinger

J.W. MacNeil
H.A. Morrison
E.L. Neff
W.A. Nelson
W.E. Nelson
E.H. Oswald
J.J. Reiswig
M.L. Rice
F.H. Robbins
W.M. Robbins
H.E. Rogers
C.A. Scriven
J.L. Shaw
W.A. Spicer
David Voth
C.E. Weak
G.W. Wells
S.E. Wight
W.H. Williams

PLATFORM COMMITTEE:

M.E. Kern, Chairman

G.J. Appel

J.J. Reiswig

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

C.L. Bond

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FINANCE COMMITTEE:

W.E. Nelson, Chairman

V.G. Anderson	J.E. Fulton	F.L. Peterson
E.E. Andross	O.T. Garner	W.E. Phillips
H.W. Barrows	F. Griggs	J.F. Piper
W.A. Benjamin	W.H. Heckman	W.C. Raley
R.L. Benton	M.A. Hollister	Steen Rasmussen
C.W. Bozarth	W.H. Holden	W.E. Read
W.P. Bradley	W.E. Howell	J.J. Reiswig
E.L. Branson	Otis Hudson	M.L. Rice
F. Brennwald	G.A. Huse	G.A. Roberts
Glenn Calkins	J.J. Ireland	F.H. Robbins
M.N. Campbell	J.K. Jones	J.H. Roth
M.V. Campbell	H.J. Klooster	O. Schildhauer
H.G. Childs	S.J. Lashier	J.L. Shaw
L.H. Christian	G.G. Lowry	E.K. Slade
W.A. Clemenston	Dr. P.T. Magan	W.I. Smith
H.H. Cobban	J.L. McConaughy	W.A. Spicer
J.H. Cochran	J.L. McElhany	J.A. Stevens
E.R. Colson	H.A. Morrison	W.H. Teesdale
M.G. Conger	C.C. Morris	H.H. Votaw
A.W. Cormack	W.A. Nelson	David Voth
H.J. Detwiler	J.J. Nethery	F.D. Wells
E.D. Dick	W.B. Ochs	F.M. Wilcox
H.T. Elliott	A.V. Olson	W.H. Williams
W.P. Elliott	D.S. Osgood	G.W. Schubert
I.H. Evans	A.W. Peterson	

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR COMMITTEE:

M.N. Campbell, Chairman

R.L. Benton	W.H. Holden	F.L. Peterson
Glenn Calkins	J.K. Jones	J.F. Piper
L.H. Christian	C.S. Longacre	W.H. Bergherm
A.W. Cormack	J.L. McElhany	W.E. Read
H.J. Detwiler	H.A. Morrison	G.W. Schubert
E.D. Dick	W.E. Nelson	E.K. Slade
H.T. Elliott	W.B. Ochs	J.C. Thompson
L.A. Hansen	A.V. Olson	E.E. Franklin
W.H. Heckman	A.W. Peterson	W.H. Williams
		G.A. Roberts

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

J.K. Jones, Chairman

R.L. Benton	W.H. Heckman	W.E. Nelson
Glenn Calkins	W.H. Holden	W.B. Ochs
H.J. Detwiler	H.A. Morrison	J.F. Piper
		E.K. Slade

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COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

M.E.Kern, Chairman.

M.L.Andreasen	W.H.Howard	R.Ruhling
G.J.Appel	W.E.Howell	A.H.Rulkoetter
W.E.Atkin	Kathryn Jensen	C.A.Russell
G.S.Belleau	E.G.Jones	L.C.Shepard
W.A.Benjamin	R.I.Keate	J.L.Shuler
J.L.Brown	C.S.Longacre	James Shultz
M.N.Campbell	E.L.Longway	J.D.Smith
T.L.Copeland	Meade MacGuire	A.W.Spalding
E.E.Cossentine	Bessie Mount	W.A.Spicer
A.V.Cormack	W.Mueller	T.W.Steen
J.C.Culpepper	D.A.Ochs	E.A.Von Pohle
P.Drinhaus	G.E.Peters	S.A.Wellman
L.K.Dickson	A.W.Peterson	J.W.Turner
L.E.Froom	F.L.Peterson	S.E.Weaks
T.E.French	V.E.Peugh	C.R.Webster
F.C.Gilbert	Steen Rasmussen	C.E.Wood
H.H.Hamilton	H.E.Rice	Editor of <u>Signs</u>
L.A.Hansen	H.M.S.Richards	Arthur White
H.C.Hartwell	W.B.Riffel	J.E.Weaver
W.B.Higgins	H.L.Rudy	S.E.Wight

SEATING OF DELEGATIONS
AND DISTRIBUTION OF
MATERIALS:

H.T.Elliott and

J.A.Stevens

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

J.L.McElhany, in a stirring heart-to-heart talk pointed out some of the dangers confronting the church today, especially those from within the church itself, and appealed earnestly to the leaders to come up onto a higher and holier plane of living. He read texts from the 40th, 62d, and 57th chapters of Isaiah.

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain."

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

"And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people."

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Commenting on these texts, Elder McElhany said in part:

We are builders of the King's highway. Are we doing our work according to the specifications?

There are two dangers that face us today, those from without, and those from within. It is the latter that we need to fear most. "We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world. Unbelievers have a right to expect that those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus will do more than any other class to promote and honor by their consistent lives, by their godly example, and their active influence, the cause which they represent." --Mrs. E.G. White, in the Review and Herald of March 22, 1887.

I have come to believe that our greatest danger today is the attitude taken by so many of our people of accepting with satisfaction their present low spiritual condition and not being very much concerned about it. Along with this is the failure of some leaders to sound a call to a new and a higher spiritual life in the church. This call should be sounding today. It ought to be going from every leader in this cause.

"Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, shall repent and be converted, she will eat of the fruit of her own doing, until she shall abhor herself. When she resists the evil and chooses the good, when she seeks God with all humility, and reaches her high calling in Christ, standing on the platform of eternal truth, and by faith laying hold upon the attainments prepared for her, she will be healed. She will appear in her God-given simplicity and purity, separate from earthly entanglements, showing that the truth has made her free indeed. Then her members will indeed be the chosen of God, His representatives.

"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife." --"Testimony for the Church," Vol. 8, pp. 250, 251.

We have often read the statement, "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs." What we need today is a people revived with new spiritual power, a church reformed and turned away from the world. I believe that revival should start right here with us as leaders.

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There has come into the church a listlessness, a carelessness, a degree of doubt and unbelief that is deplorable. I believe that we as workers are to a large degree responsible for this spirit of doubt and laxness and unbelief. By our inconsistent lives we are placing stumblingblocks before our people, when as builders on the King's highway it is our business to take the stumblingblocks out of the way. We cannot say one thing in the pulpit, and then go away and by our living, contradict what we have said.

One of the outstanding reasons for our existence as a denomination is to call the attention of the world to the Sabbath reform prophesied of in the word of God, and to develop a people that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. But we must be Sabbath keepers ourselves. There is need of Sabbath reform among us. And in connection with the observance of the Sabbath, there is the matter of reverence in the house of God. In this we come far short. I also believe we need a reformation in the matter of preaching the coming of the Lord. Men preach about godliness and righteousness and holiness, and say little about the fulfilment of prophecy and the coming of the Lord, one of the great truths on which this movement is founded.

Then there is the question of worldly amusements. We have passed resolutions in our councils and conferences. It takes something more than merely passing resolutions to correct these worldly tendencies. Some are trying to compete with the world by admitting as much of the world as possible into the church. How far shall we go in bringing the world into the church in order to keep the world out of the church? We need an awakening along this line. We need to lift up a definite standard and to remove the stumblingblocks in this respect.

May God help every one of us as leaders to put forth all our energies in bringing about the purification of the church. It is our privilege as chosen men to watch with jealous care, with vigilant perseverance that the church may not be overthrown by the evil devices of Satan, but that she shall stand in the world to promote the glory of God among men.

In response to Elder McElhany's appeal, many came forward, signifying their desire to have the work of reformation begin in their own hearts and lives, and for a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit, that they may be enabled to give strong spiritual leadership to the church.

The service closed with a prayer of confession and renewed consecration, by J.E.Fulton and J.L.McElhany.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.

E.D.DICK, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-SECOND MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1936, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service of Thursday morning, October 22, was conducted by M.N. Campbell, who took for his text Ezekiel 12:22-28. Here we learn that the repeated warnings of the Lord concerning the destruction that was to come upon Jerusalem had become merely a proverb in Israel, until the Lord sent word through the prophet that He would make the proverb to cease, that His words should be prolonged no more, and that the word which He had spoken should be done.

We are in the same danger today of becoming so accustomed to the signs that point to the final destruction of this world that we do not sense their import. The Lord has been wonderfully kind to this generation. In the days before the flood he gave only 120 years of warning. But it has been 181 years since the first great sign of the end of the world, the Lisbon earthquake.

Elder Campbell used the clock to illustrate his points. He called attention to the fact that a little later in the season it will be just as dark at half past six in the morning as it is at half past eleven at night. It will be necessary then to look at the clock in order to know what time it is. Where are the hands of the clock ^{of time} pointing today?-- They are pointing to the diseases and pestilences that are sweeping over the world. They are pointing to the time when men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. They are pointing to the restoration of the Papacy. They are pointing to the peace and safety cry, while men's hearts are failing them for fear. They are pointing to Armageddon.

It behooves us to be keenly sensitive to the signs which are all about us, and to be as vividly impressed by them as when we first learned of their significance.

A large number took part in the testimony service that closes the devotional hour.

The second business session of the Council convened at 9:45 A.M., Thursday, October 22, J.L. McElhany in the chair. Following the opening song, E.D. Dick offered prayer.

ORDINATION OF W. HOMER TEESDALE:

The Chairman stated that the officers of the General Conference were recommending that W. Homer Teesdale, of the Educational Department, be ordained to the gospel ministry.

October 22, 1936, 9:45 AM

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the officers, we authorize the ordination of W. Homer Teesdale.

AGENDA ITEMS REFERRED:

Items on the Agenda were referred to the various Standing Committees.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

From the Statistical Report for 1935, rendered by H.E. Rogers, the Statistical Secretary, we give the following summary:

At the close of 1935, this work was conducted in 353 countries, islands, and island groups, by 25,185 evangelistic and institutional laborers, who are using in their work 578 languages and dialects. This increase in languages has come mainly during the last fifteen years. The increase since 1929 has been 184, or one new language added on an average of every twelve days during the last six years. The increase in countries and islands in which work was begun during 1935 was 28, and in new languages in which work is conducted, 39.

The membership of the 8,026 churches of the denomination throughout the world, December 31, 1935, was 422,968. This is a gain of 123,413 during the last six years, and is equivalent to a gain greater by 5,642 than the entire membership in the United States and Canada as it stood six years ago. This gain is also equivalent to the membership in all the world up to 1914.

This work is carried on throughout the world by twelve divisions, comprising 69 union conferences, 146 local conferences, and 320 missions,--a total of 547 evangelistic organizations, employing 12,185 evangelistic laborers, with 446 associated institutions, with which are connected 13,000 persons,--a total of 25,185 laborers employed by the denomination in all lines of work carried on, or one laborer actively employed for every seventeen church members. In addition, there are many hundreds of lay workers in all lands engaged in efforts that are helpful in advancing the work.

The net gain in membership during 1935 was 18,459. The total number who were baptized and joined on profession of faith was 38,086; the difference between these figures, 19,627, represents those who died or apostatized.

The total tithe receipts for 1935 were \$5,743,281.80 for foreign missions, \$3,150,404.29; for home missions, \$1,599,448.13, making a total received for all evangelistic purposes of \$10,493,134.22, or an increase of \$599,919.55 over the amount for the preceding year. The per capita of total funds was \$24.81; and of tithe \$13.58.

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Denominational literature is now printed in 171 languages, in 7,442 different publications, one copy of each having a total valuation of \$2,146.76.

The number of primary schools is 2,357; colleges and advanced schools 208. These employ 5,772 teachers, and have an enrolment of 108,200.

At this point the business of the session was suspended in order to receive Miss Margaret Hall, secretary to Mayor Jarvis, who extended to the delegates a cordial welcome to Fort Worth. Dr. Henry G. Bowden and Mr. C.C. Patterson of the Chamber of Commerce also spoke words of welcome, and R.L. Benton referred to the pleasure which the holding of the Council in the territory of the Southwestern Union has afforded his constituency.

J.L. McElhany responded with assurances of our pleasure in being here, and of our appreciation of the friendly, cordial atmosphere as well as for the many courtesies we are receiving.

MESSAGE FROM FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

The following cable message from Manila, signed by V.T. Armstrong and C.L. Torrey, was read: "Greetings. In-gathering, evangelistic and departmental work strongly forward. Great need of men and means. Praying God's richest blessing during Council."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1935:

H.E. Rogers presented a summary of the financial statements of all the organizations connected with the denomination for the year 1935, this being the thirty-first annual report. It showed a net increase in assets of \$1,503,548.51; in liabilities, \$761,311.91, making a net increase in present worth of \$742,236.60. This amount is the difference between the net worth of 1935 of \$30,964,445.40 and the net worth for 1934 of \$30,222,208.80, and also the gain by organizations in North America of \$768,151.48 and the losses by other divisions of \$25,914.88, the difference being the amount previously stated as a net increase of \$742,236.60.

The grand total income was \$35,795,976.48, with a total expenditure of \$35,053,739.88.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Operating Statement of Income and Expenditures, and the Balance Sheet of the General Conference for the eight months ending August 31, 1936, as follows:

[See three pages following]

J.L. McELHANY, Chairman. H.T. ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Sec.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
OPERATING STATEMENT
For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1936

<u>TITHE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	
<u>North America</u>		
Union Conferences	26 919 18	
Per Cent of Tithe	394 739 41	
Miscellaneous	<u>1 049 57</u>	422 708 16
<u>Foreign Tithe</u>		
European Tithe of Tithe	2 071 85	
European Per Cent of Tithe	7 860 77	
Other Divisions	<u>3 628 61</u>	<u>13 561 23</u>
Total Tithe		436 269 39
<u>MISSION OFFERINGS</u>		
<u>North America</u>		
Forty-Cent-A-Week Fund	1 004 305 16	
Miscellaneous	<u>7 549 37</u>	1 011 854 53
<u>Foreign</u>		
European Misc. Missions	39 881 37	
Other Divisions	<u>117 665 31</u>	<u>157 546 68</u>
Total Missions		1 169 401 21
<u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</u>		
Interest	13 206 44	
Exchange Gains	15 497 07	
Pledges & Surplus Tithe	44 350 00	
Funds Ret. & Reclaimed	735 41	
Approp. from Gen. Conf. Corp.	20 000 00	
Specific Mission Offerings	2 818 39	
Miscellaneous	32 32	
Legacies	69 69	
Royalties	<u>237 93</u>	96 947 25
Revertible Missions		<u>323 237 31</u>
Total Miscellaneous		<u>420 184 56</u>
TOTAL INCOME		2 025 855 16
<u>Expenditures (see next schedule)</u>		
Total Expenditures		<u>2 197 601 28</u>
Expense Exceeds Income		171 746 12

EXPENDITURESAdministrative Expense

Salary and Dept. Expense	150 382 94
Promotion and Harvest Ingathering	20 872 88
Transportation Expense	6 724 58
General Expense	<u>13 696 48</u>

191 676 88

Appropriations

Foreign--Regular	1 261 887 52	
Home Fields--Regular	<u>121 138 20</u>	1 383 025 72
Foreign--Emergency		24 576 18
Home Fields--Emergency		<u>64 440 97</u>
Sick Benefit--Emergency		5 943 92
Comeback Remittance		<u>144 852 90</u>
To Alaska, Hawaii by Reversion.		15 641 41
Foreign--Specific Missions		2 818 39
Retired & Furlough Workers		4 207 54
Bible Societies--Foreign Lit.Appr. & Misc.		5 814 46
Sustentation Appropriation		31 365 60
Appropriation by Reversion		<u>323 237 31</u>

2 005 924 40

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

2 197 601 28

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	For Eight Months		Increase or Decrease *
	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	
<u>Income</u>			
Tithe	355 728 64	436 269 39	80 540 75
Mission Offerings	1 083 220 99	1 169 401 21	86 180 22
Miscellaneous Income	<u>464 577 83</u>	<u>420 184 56</u>	<u>44 393 27*</u>
Total Income	1 903 527 46	2 025 855 16	122 327 70
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Administrative Expense	200 585 09	191 676 88	8 908 21*
Appropriation Expense	<u>1 952 488 39</u>	<u>2 005 924 40</u>	<u>53 436 01</u>
Total Expense	2 153 073 48	2 197 601 28	44 527 80
Expense Exceeds Income	249 546 02	171 746 12	
Net Improvement 1936 over 1935			77 799 90

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET

For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1936

ASSETS

Cash and Banks		872 293 98	
<u>Notes & Securities</u>			
Securities	643 848 26		
Notes	<u>200 36</u>		
		644 048 62	
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>			
Divisions	114 714 26		
Publishing Houses	33 169 54		
Transportation Agencies	16 781 45		
Personal Accounts	20 526 41		
Miscellaneous	<u>34 867 34</u>		
		220 059 00	
Inventories--Supplies, etc.		9 440 47	
Library	2 389 88		
Less Reserve	<u>1 899 12</u>		
		<u>490 76</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS			1 746 332 83

LIABILITIES

<u>Accounts Payable</u>			
Divisions	10 859 88		
Publishing Houses	945 14		
Miscellaneous	6 768 72		
Personal Accounts	<u>16 507 05</u>		
		35 080 79	
Trust Funds		<u>322 156 27</u>	
Total Liabilities		357 237 06	

SURPLUS

Surplus January 1, 1936	1 575 984 82		
Less Surplus Adjustment	<u>15 142 93</u>		
Total	1 560 841 89		
Less Decrease--8 months	<u>171 746 12</u>		
		<u>1 389 095 77</u>	

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

1 746 332 83

FORTY-THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1936, 7:30 P.M.

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," was sung to open the third session of the Council, at 7:30 Thursday evening, and prayer was offered by A.V.Olson, President of the Southern European Division.

ADVENT SOURCE MATERIAL:

L.E.Froom reported to the Council on the large collection of Advent Source documents now housed at the General Conference headquarters, numbering some 7,000, gathered from continental Europe, Great Britain, Asia, and North and South America. Giving a thirty minute survey of the Advent belief through the centuries, he exhibited and quoted from about fifty typical documents forming the background for the Advent Movement of the nineteenth century, which, he showed, constitutes the consummation of the arrested Advent awakening of the great Protestant Reformation, and the climax of the great prophetic outlines. The recital brought to all who heard a deepened confidence in the certainties of this Advent Movement, and a clearer understanding of its relationship to God's great plan, as the climax of His gospel message to men. The actual writing of this documented history has been authorized, and was reported as progressing steadily.

ADVANCED BIBLE SCHOOL:

M.E.Kern, reporting on the Advanced Bible School, reviewed again the conditions indicating the need for such a school in our system of education, and the steps thus far taken toward its establishment. The establishment of such a school was discussed about twenty years ago, but it was not until the Autumn Council of 1933 that definite steps were taken to bring it into existence.

Three summer sessions have been held, the attendance increasing 50 per cent each succeeding summer. Last year of senior and junior college teachers there were 21 in attendance; nurses' training school teachers 3, academy teachers 31, preachers 23, editors 3, secretaries 1, students from colleges 11.

Professor Kern said he was deeply impressed with the possibilities of the Advanced Bible School in the maintenance of the unity of the church. He felt that for the Bible teachers from our training schools in China, the Philippines, Chile, Brazil, France and Latvia, together with the Bible teachers from North America, as well as preachers and editors from

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these fields, to sit down together and engage in earnest study of special questions, under the guidance of a well qualified instructor, would do much toward maintaining the unity of our teaching in all the world. He referred to plans looking toward the permanent location of the school in a plant of its own, and solicited the loyal support and active cooperation of all our school men, and also of the division, union and local conference organizations.

The meeting adjourned, with the closing prayer by J.L. McElhany.

M.N. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
A.W. CORMACK, Secretary.
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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F.M. Wilcox led in the devotional service Friday morning, October 23, his subject being, "The Early and the Latter Rain." As in the land of Palestine the early rain prepares the soil for the reception of the seed, and waters the seed that has been sown; and the latter rain brings to maturity the products of the earth, preparing them for the harvest, so there are two special outpourings of the Spirit of God upon the church.

The former rain fell upon the apostolic church. The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost. They went forth to witness of the resurrection of the Saviour. Thousands were converted, mighty miracles were wrought, and the gospel message was carried to the whole world. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "the great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening." Therefore we may look for a mighty work to be done by the church before the end. But the preparation must come before the blessing of the latter rain can be received. The work of cleansing is to take place under the former rain. The latter rain will be poured out only upon those who have gained the victory over every known sin and besetment. It is to ripen the harvest and prepare the church for the coming of the Lord.

"Let us pray earnestly," said Elder Wilcox, "that now in the time of the latter rain the showers of grace may fall upon us. If we pray for the blessing in faith, we shall receive it as God has promised. Of ourselves we can never

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finish the work committed to us. Our hope is in the divine promise, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by thy Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.'"

The service closed with an earnest season of prayer, led by E.K.Slade, G.J.Appel and Meade MacGuire.

"O, For a Closer Walk with God," was sung to open the fourth business session of the Council, after which W.E. Read, of the Northern European Division, led in prayer.

GREETINGS TO O. MONTGOMERY:

J.L.McElhany, the Chairman, stated that he had a letter from O.Montgomery, which said that because of indifferent health he could not be present at the Council this year. He assured us of his deep interest and prayers for the Council. It was

VOTED, To instruct the Secretary to send the greetings of the Council to Elder O.Montgomery.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

H.W.Barrows, Associate Auditor, called attention to certain features in the financial summaries of our educational institutions in North America for 1935-36, as compiled by the Auditing Department, and distributed in printed form to the delegates. From the standpoint of operating, before taking the operating subsidy into consideration, it is found that twenty-five schools show an improvement in 1936 as compared with the previous year. This number includes four senior colleges, five junior colleges and sixteen academies. After applying the operating subsidy there are twenty-eight schools which show a betterment in operating during the past year. Three senior colleges and four academies show operating gain before the subsidy is taken into consideration.

The total assets of \$6,173,255.22, represents an increase of \$200,169.64 over the preceding year. It is regrettable to find that the liabilities have increased in the case of each school group during the past year, this increase amounting to \$109,399.72, of which \$91,414.55 represents the increase in senior college liabilities. The notes and loans payable carried by the institutions have increased \$91,100.88 during the past school year. Of this amount, the senior college group shows an increase of \$78,240.76.

Southern Junior College, Columbia Academy, Forest Lake Academy and Kern Academy have been added to the number of schools in the "Freedom from Debt" list during the year.

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W.E.Nelson, the Treasurer, commenting upon the foregoing report relative to the financial condition of our schools, and referring back to the financial statement of our conferences and institutions, rendered by H.E.Rogers in a previous meeting, expressed his grave concern over the alarming trend toward the increase of indebtedness. He referred to the special campaign inaugurated twelve or fifteen years ago to free our institutions from debt, and to the measure of success that attended the efforts put forth. But now it seems we are slipping back, and our institutions and organizations are again becoming heavily involved financially. He appealed to the delegates as responsible leaders in the service of the cause to take it upon their hearts not only to put a stop to further involvement, but to inaugurate definite plans for reducing the present indebtedness.

MEDICAL SCHOOL IN CHINA:

The following recommendations from the General Conference Officers, relative to the proposed medical school in China, were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The China Division has requested counsel concerning the establishment of a medical school to serve the China Division; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize the great need of more medically-trained nationals to staff our present medical institutions, and greatly to extend our medical service to the thousands of villages by doctors and nurses; and,

WHEREAS, We also recognize that the establishment and operation of a medical school involves a heavy expenditure of funds,

We recommend, 1. That the brethren in China be requested to re-explore carefully and fully the possibilities of enrolling our students in a suitable medical school now being operated in China.

2. That should it be found impossible to arrange for our young people to receive training in any of these schools, the question of our establishing our own medical school be held in abeyance until the Spring Council of the Division Committee to be held in Shanghai in 1937, when a full attendance of the Division Committee with representatives of the General Conference can give this matter careful and united study.

3. That should this Council decide to go forward with the establishing of a medical school, their plans for this project be referred to the Minority Committee of the General Conference in Washington for final decision before any steps are taken to proceed with the school.

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4. That should application be made to the General Conference by the China Division for the establishing of a medical school, they be asked to submit full details covering the following:

- a. The general and specific location of the school building.
- b. Building plans and estimates of the cost of erection and equipment, and suggestions for financing the same.
- c. Plans for financing the operation of the school.
- d. The relation of the school to the Division in its operation and control.

MINISTERIAL STANDARDS:

The following reaffirmation concerning Ministerial Standards, coming also from the General Conference Officers, was adopted:

Believing that God has called His ministers to be examples to the flock in word, in faith, and in purity, we urge anew that all upon whom holy hands have been laid give earnest heed to their personal life, that by their unblemished conduct they may witness against the prevailing iniquities of this degenerate age. And in view of the prevalence of the sins which characterized the days of Noah and Lot, we counsel the most earnest watchfulness on the part of every worker in the cause of God that he may be preserved from the sins of impurity which war against the soul. We appeal to those in administrative authority, in conferences, and institutions to give no countenance to carelessness in these matters among their workers, and after careful consideration and counsel to deal faithfully with those who are proved to have disregarded the obligations imposed by the seventh commandment. We reaffirm the pronouncement in "The Manual for Ministers," which reads as follows:

"In case of moral fall by any minister, it is to be recognized that automatically the ministry ceases. While one so offending has access to the mercy and pardoning grace of God, and in reformation of life is assured of the love and good will of the brethren, it is clearly indicated that, for the sake of the church and the maintenance of moral standards, the laborer should plan henceforth to give his life to some other calling or business than that of the ministry."

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REPORT FROM THE PLANS COMMITTEE:

A partial report from the Plans Committee was presented, and being amended was adopted as follows:

CARE IN CHOICE OF LEADERSHIP:

WHEREAS, The history of the church throughout the ages has clearly revealed the fact that the very life of the church is dependent largely on her leadership; and

WHEREAS, From the human side no other one thing is so important as that of securing able, God-fearing men of truth, men who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, to lead the church of God forward, upward, and heavenward at this critical hour of her history; therefore,

We recommend, That greater attention be given to this matter; that we ask our churches to give more careful heed to the selection of church officers and leaders in every department of church work, that where possible a minister or conference officer be counseled in the selection of such officers, that only such be chosen whose lives are in full harmony with the holy principles of truth and righteousness, and who are qualified to teach others the way of life, whose entire influence will be given to bringing the whole body into "the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

The Lord said to Samuel, when the prophet would anoint the eldest son of Jesse as king in the place of Saul: "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for a man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Paul, in his epistles to Timothy and Titus sets forth the qualifications of church officers, the elders and deacons. These chapters should be read, prayerfully studied, and strictly followed in determining the qualifications church officers should have.

We further recommend, That in the selection of local and union conference leadership, the same high standard be maintained in spiritual lines, and that only such be chosen as are prepared by training and experience successfully to fill the position to which they are to be called.

In order to obtain the best results possible,

We recommend, That in the selection of leaders for church, conference, or missions, counsel be sought of those

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of wider experience in such matters in the next higher organization. 1 Corinthians 1:10 should be carefully followed: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

"Heaven is watching to see how those occupying positions of influence fulfill their stewardship. The demands upon them as stewards are measured by the extent of their influence. In their treatment of their fellow-men, they should be as fathers,--just, tender, true. They should be Christlike in character, uniting with their brethren in the closest bonds of unity and fellowship." -- Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 282.

We further recommend, That articles setting forth the qualifications necessary for all who are called to fill these very responsible offices in the church and conference or mission be prepared, and that these appear in the Review and Herald, as well as in the division and union papers.

We also recommend, That in each conference and mission, institutes be held for the training of church officers.

INSTRUCTION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES:

WHEREAS, There is always danger of carelessness being allowed to creep into the activities of the church of Christ, and consequently there is a constant need of upholding our standards of procedure; and

WHEREAS, Any tendency toward carelessness in adequately instructing new members when they come into the church would undermine the quality and character of our churches, strengthen the forces of worldliness against the forces of true spirituality and bring weakness into all our church activities; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby reaffirm our confidence in our established practice, as covered in pages 73 to 80 of the Church Manual, of thoroughly instructing, and when possible in baptismal classes, every prospective church member in every single teaching of this denomination, those teachings that are not tests of fellowship as well as those that are; and thoroughly examining every candidate for baptism in these teachings of the church; and in giving satisfactory assurance to the church that all candidates for baptism believe and live in harmony with the teachings of the church before being baptized and admitted to the church.

We recommend, 1. That examinations of baptismal candidates be not left solely in the hands of pastor or evangelist, but be conducted by pastor or evangelist with the

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church board in the case of small churches, with standing or special baptismal committees in the case of large churches, or with the aid of such sound and recognized counselors as may be available in the case of baptism in new or isolated fields and that the church act only on the recommendation of such boards, committees or counselors in baptizing and receiving new members.

2. That this reaffirmation and these recommendations be presented to all of the workers in North America at the approaching union conference sessions, and thereafter if any conference worker finds himself unable or unwilling to bring his procedure into compliance with these recommendations, that he become a subject of discipline on the part of his conference committee in counsel with the union conference.

We further recommend, That only such persons whose baptism cannot be satisfactorily arranged in the local church be baptized at camp meetings or upon other occasions.

DR. PAUL CHAPIN--SOUTH AFRICA:

A.W.Cormack reported a cable from the Southern African Division, urging that a doctor be placed under appointment at once for Nyasaland, with instruction to proceed to Edinburgh to secure the British qualification. He proposed the name of Dr. J.Paul Chapin, who has signified a willingness to accept a foreign appointment. It was

VOTED, That we invite Dr. J.Paul Chapin, of New York, to connect with the Southern African Division for medical missionary service in Nyasaland.

The Council adjourned to 9:45 Sunday morning.

J.L.McELHANY,
M.N.CAMPBELL, Chairmen.

H.T.ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

SABBATH AT THE COUNCIL

The week had been full with a crowded program of committee appointments. In many of these, difficult problems and far-reaching plans had been considered. All were weary and in need of rest. The Sabbath was therefore a day of particular delight when in a very special way God's blessing was sought by all. We believe no one was disappointed. It was a good day. Every service contributed to the deep spiritual tone of the Council.

In order to accommodate the large attendance of our people from near-by churches, arrangements had been made with the city officials to hold the week-end services in the auditorium of the Paschal High School. This commodious and pleasant assembly hall with a seating capacity of approximately two thousand, served well our needs. We were grateful to the city for placing this good hall at our disposal.

The Friday evening service was led by Elder I.H. Evans, who in his logical and expository manner dwelt upon the question propounded by the Saviour in Luke 18:8: "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" He emphasized the truth that faith is of two kinds,--mental assent to a formal truth, and the saving faith in Christ as a personal Saviour which saves from sin and transforms the life. His sermon constituted a strong appeal for this saving faith in the life of every believer.

In spite of the rain, which had been falling continuously through the previous night, 9:30 Sabbath morning found the auditorium wellnigh filled to capacity when Elder J.A. Stevens of the General Conference Sabbath School Department led out in the Sabbath School.

Elder J.L. McElhany spoke at the eleven o'clock hour, urging upon all in the large congregation to prepare for the coming of the Lord. He spoke of the danger to the people of God of saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming." He pointed out a trend in the ministry of failing to preach as we once did on the second coming of Christ, and appealed to workers to make these truths foremost in their preaching, recognizing that "he that hath this hope in him purifieth himself" in readiness for the return of his Lord.

In the afternoon a beautiful and solemn service took place when W.H. Teesdale, Associate Secretary of the Educational Department, was ordained to the gospel ministry, Elders Griggs, McElhany and Campbell taking part in the service. This was followed by reports from the Southern European and the China Divisions, given by Elders A.V. Olson and F. Griggs. Of the needs in Southeastern Europe, Brother Olson pointed out that due to the rising tide of nationalism in the countries of his field it was imperative that the work be strengthened immediately in the homelands, in order to supply the demands

for workers in the colonies of those countries. Elder Griggs spoke of the unparalleled opportunities for the extension of our work in China, which has one quarter of the earth's population, urging that steps be taken which would make possible entering Mongolia and Tibet at this time.

The evening service took the form of a symposium, when representatives from the Far East, China, Southern Asia, Inter-America, the Dutch East Indies, South America and Southern Africa witnessed to the transforming power of the gospel in these many lands. All testified not only of the results accomplished, but of the insistent calls which they are not able to meet due to limited resources.

A feature which contributed to the success of the services of the day were the items of music rendered by the A Capella Choir of Southwestern Junior College, the Lone Star Quartet, and Elders F. Griggs and T. A. Allison. This ministry of song was greatly appreciated by all. God met with His people in these services, and all were blessed thereby and strengthened to continue the work of the busy Council.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1936, 9:45 A.M.

The devotional service Sunday morning, October 25, was conducted by M. E. Kern. He based his study on 1 Thess. 4:3: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." We give a few thoughts from the study, with a few of the quotations used:

The primary problem of the world is the problem of sin. The primary problem in every life is the problem of sin. The purpose of the church in all of its activities is the eradication of sin from human life. How tragic it is that any leader in the church should harbor sin in his life. One of the first prerequisites as leaders in the church is that we ourselves should be examples of God's power to save from sin. Clean hands and pure hearts should those have who bear the vessels of the Lord.

Our spiritual life is determined to a large extent by the degree to which we are sensitive to the approach of sin. We are told in "Desire of Ages," that not by a thought did Jesus sin, and He has promised to us the same power that He had that we may overcome every evil thought.

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"Christ crucified for our sins, Christ risen from the dead, Christ ascended on high, is the science of salvation that we are to learn and to teach."--Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 287.

In the first place Adam's sin was imputed to us because we are one with Adam. In the second place our sins are imputed to Christ because He is one with humanity, and in the third place Christ's righteousness is imputed to us because we are one with Him.

Christ changes the life as by faith he abides in the heart. He has not only saved us from the penalty of sin, but He has made provision to save us from the power of sin.

Sanctification is a progressive process, a process of growth, a daily work continuing as long as life shall last. As we are told in "Christ's Object Lessons," it is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity." And further, "As we go forward in this process of sanctification we may all the time be perfect."

"Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. God would send every angel in heaven to the aid of such an one, rather than allow him to be overcome."--Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 17.

As a fitting close to the service, J.L. McConaughy sang the verses of "Let Sin Die out in Me," the congregation joining in the chorus.

F.C. Gilbert offered prayer at the beginning of the fifth business session of the Council.

MESSAGE TO HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARIES:

A telegram was read from the Pacific Union Conference Home Missionary Secretary, reporting that union had reached its Harvest Ingathering goal and was working for an eleven thousand dollar overflow. It was

VOTED, To send the following message by wire to the Pacific Union and the other union Home Missionary Secretaries in the North American Division:

"Autumn Council unanimously and gratefully acknowledges splendid efforts and accomplishments of yourself and fellow-workers Ingathering campaign. Facing staggering appeals from mission fields, we earnestly solicit continued efforts that good overflow may enable us to respond."

A cable was read also from the Southern Asia Division, sending greetings to the Council, and telling of perplexities faced in maintaining present work with limited budget.

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GREETINGS TO MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER:

The Chairman referred to the fact that one familiar face is missing from our Council this year, that of Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, who was for so many years the beloved Secretary of the Sabbath School Department. It was

VOTED, unanimously, To send the following message to Mrs. Plummer:

"Remembering your many years of valued service for our Sabbath schools in all the world, Autumn Council sends you heartiest greetings. We pray God's richest blessing upon your continued service and influence."

1937 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

In harmony with the desire on the part of many that the date of the Autumn Council be set a year ahead, thus enabling Division, union and local officials to plan their work more intelligently with a view to attendance at the Council, it was

VOTED, That the Autumn Council for 1937 be set for October 20 to 27.

E.K. Slade extended an invitation to hold the Council in the territory of the North Pacific Union next year, and W.B. Ochs an invitation to hold it in Canada.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

H.E. Ford, who has been appointed manager of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, gave a brief report of the steps taken in carrying out the recommendation of the 1935 Autumn Council authorizing the establishment of this health center for the colored people. Possession was taken on January 2 of this year, of the property given by Mrs. Druillard, and a campaign was launched to raise \$20,000 among the colored membership in America, to match the \$20,000 to be given by the General Conference. Brother Ford reported that he and F.L. Peterson of the General Conference Negro Department, together with the union Negro secretaries, had visited most of the colored churches in America and had received in cash and pledges \$28,000. Up to the end of September \$8,583.85 had been received in cash.

The Board voted not to begin building operations until the full \$20,000 was in hand and since the money has been slow in coming in, it has been decided to put the present buildings in shape so that the sanitarium work can be begun. The alterations contemplated will enable the institution to accommodate twenty-three patients. Thus far the personnel has consisted of a farm manager and his helper, a cook, one nurse and a stenographer. The Sanitarium at Madison has supplied

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medical help. Dr. J.R.M.Howard, a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, will connect with the institution in a few weeks, at which time an office in the city of Nashville will be opened.

It is hoped that by March of 1937 the building program may be begun, and that soon thereafter the nurses' training school can be started. Already there are applications in hand from 150 young women who are anxious to take the nurses' training.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP:

A committee consisting of M.N.Campbell, J.L.McElhany F.H.Wilcox, C.C.Pulver, W.P.Elliott, I.H.Evans, W.H.Williams and E.D.Dick had been appointed by the General Conference Committee to nominate the leadership for the Medical Department of the General Conference. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, 1. For Secretary of the Medical Department, Dr. H.W.Vollmer.

2. That one of the Associate Secretaries of the department be an ordained minister, having a definite burden and enlarged vision of the possibilities and work of the Medical Department.

3. That M.A.Hollister, now president of the Illinois Conference, be asked to take this work.

4. That I.J.Woodman be appointed an Associate Secretary of the Medical Department, to remain in Southern California to continue his present line of service.

5. That Miss Kathryn Jensen act as an Associate Secretary, to have charge of the Nurses' Section.

L.A.HANSEN'S FUTURE WORK:

In connection with the adoption of this report, it was

VOTED, To refer to the Minority Committee the matter of arranging for the future work of L.A.Hansen, at the same time expressing to Brother Hansen our deep appreciation of his faithfulness and loyalty in caring for the interests of the department during the years when it has been without adequate leadership.

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THE CHRISTIAN RECORD:

D.D.Rees spoke interestingly of the work of the Christian Record Benevolent Association in helping to supply religious literature for the more than 100,000 blind people in the United States as well as to many thousands in other parts of the world. The Christian Record, our large journal of fifty-six pages in Braille, was started about thirty-five years ago in a humble way by a blind brother in Battle Creek, who used an old clothes wringer for his first press. That work has grown into one of the largest publishing hourse for the blind in the United States, and is about to move into a nice new building in College View. More than 6,000 copies of the Record are being mailed each month.

Besides the Christian Record, a journal called the Sabbath School Monthly, is published, containing the Sabbath school lessons, about a thousand copies being published and circulated each month. These are very much appreciated by the blind people, who are always eager to get anything that quotes the Bible texts, since owing to the prohibitive cost of the Bible in Braille (about \$40), very few are able to possess a copy. A third magazine, The Expositor, is also printed, containing one article each month, and that article on some definite phase of our truth. Brother Rees explained that our own people are not asked to support this work, since the public is very willing to do so.

M.N.CAMPBELL, Chairman.

E.D.DICK, Secretary.

E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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W.E.Read brought to the devotional service Monday morning, October 26, an earnest appeal for a keener appreciation of the nearness of Christ's coming, in the opening remarks of his study on "The Harvest."

To us, as God's Advent people in these last days, has been committed a definite task, in cooperating with God in the finishing of the work in this generation. The Scriptures tell us that "God will finish the work and cut it short

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in righteousness." We have come to the time when God has set His hand to His work, to finish it. We are brought face to face with the grand climax, the harvest of souls, the finishing of the work of God. Three different aspects of this work of the harvest were presented:

1. The Harvest is Ripe. John 4:35: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The wonderful providences which are seen in every land are a sure proof of this. Ethiopia, torn by war and bloodshed, is yet a land of great opportunity. Likewise, in other lands -- China, the Far East, everywhere -- there are many souls waiting to be gathered.

2. The Harvest is Abundant. Matt. 9:37: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The work in Africa is an example of this, where thousands and thousands are being enrolled in baptismal classes. The work in many places is growing beyond our slender resources. Unless we send out more missionaries, build up stronger native forces, we may lose considerably in the reaping. The harvest cannot reap itself; we must provide men, means, and equipment. And the harvest cannot wait.

3. The Harvest is a Mighty Task. Luke 10:2: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." We have been neglectful of this great work, and should awake to our responsibility. But even at best, human resources are totally inadequate to meet the need. The Lord says, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth laborers." He has promised to finish the work in this generation, and His word is sure.

The service closed with prayer by E.E. Andross.

"Nearer, still Nearer," was sung in opening the sixth business session, and prayer was offered by I.H. Evans.

INSURANCE SERVICE:

W.A. Benjamin reviewed the procedure in setting up the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, and the General Conference Intra-Denominational Insurance Service, which is now operating under the inspection of the Maryland Insurance Department. During the six months of the company's existence policies have been issued for a total coverage of liability of more than \$2,000,000, and it is estimated that those assured have been saved about \$12,000 on the cost of their insurance. Over \$4,000 in automobile premiums has been written, saving about \$1800 to our conferences and conference workers on this item. The company is now in position to write, as brokers, practically every line of insurance demanded by our institutions and conferences. To

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date, insurance has been written in forty states and provinces in the United States and Canada.

The Nominating Committee, which was to nominate a Board of eleven Directors for the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Directors for three years: J.L.McElhany, M.N. Campbell, W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick.

Directors for two years: W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Benjamin, W.P.Elliott.

Directors for one year: F.L.Green, C.C.Pulver, W.B.Mohr.

REPORT FROM PLANS COMMITTEE:

A further report from the Plans Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

BIBLE WITH NOTES CONTAINING S.D.A.DOCTRINES:

WHEREAS, A Bible has appeared on the market containing helps made up of Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, which Bible is being promoted among our Bible houses, colporteurs, workers, and churches, bringing confusion into our work, and opening the way for unjustifiable charges against us; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the delegates in Autumn Council assembled, do hereby place our definite disapproval upon both the publishing and promotion features of this plan, and that we strongly advise our workers and people against it; and,

We recommend, That we unitedly and closely adhere to the series of recommendations passed at the 1936 General Conference dealing with the question of independent printing.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

WHEREAS, A great many of our promising young people are unable, for various reasons, to attend one of our colleges or academies, and are thus denied the skilled guidance that makes for harmonious, intellectual, and spiritual growth; and

WHEREAS, Experience has shown that a knowledge of the Bible, history, languages, and other subjects can be successfully imparted by the Home Study method, and our colleges are giving full credit for such work; therefore,

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Resolved, 1. That we encourage our Missionary Volunteer, and Educational Secretarial, and other conference workers, as they labor among the churches, to seek out persons of some talent and lay before them in a personal way the desirability of taking one or more courses given by the Home Study Institute.

2. That we invite the attention of conference workers to the opportunity offered them through the Institute of pursuing in their spare moments, and under the guidance of highly qualified instructors, various lines of advanced study in Bible, history, and ancient languages; and, further,

Resolved, 3. That we approve the plan of organizing and conducting in our churches classes for the systematic study of the standard courses in Lay Evangelism offered by the Institute; and that we encourage our Home Missionary Secretaries to give increasing attention, in their promotion work, to this means of achieving a greater degree of uniformity and efficiency in the training of our lay members for service.

"THE MINISTRY":

WHEREAS, The Ministry, after ten years of service to the evangelical workers of the advent movement, has its clearly established place in the denominational plan and program, and is now provided annually for all English-reading evangelical workers of the movement in home bases and overseas divisions; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the subscription clubs to The Ministry annually renewed by our home base conferences and institutions, and overseas divisions, be hereafter considered perpetual (though subject, of course, to cancellation at any time), the list being supplied by the publishers to the various organizations each autumn for correction to date and return, thus avoiding any unnecessary break in continuity.

2. That our educational and medical institutions be urged to adopt a similar policy in providing The Ministry for those members of the faculties of the senior and junior colleges, and larger academies, responsible for the training of oncoming ministers and Bible workers; and similarly for all leading members of the staffs of our sanitariums and medical college, in which the physicians and nurses for our conferences and mission fields are being trained.

3. That the theological departments of our senior and junior colleges and larger academies be invited to utilize The Ministry for collateral reading and class assignment for their ministerial and Bible worker students, availing themselves of the special theological student club concession offered at the beginning of each school year.

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INSTRUCTION BOOKLET FOR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, There is manifest need for an inexpensive booklet adequately presenting the essential and distinctive features of Seventh-day Adventist faith and practice, to be placed in the hands of converts for their careful study before baptism and admission to the church, to reinforce the instruction given in the baptismal class, and in public preaching of the message;

We recommend, That the Minority Committee arrange for the preparation and publication of a small booklet to cost not more than ten or fifteen cents, and that it deal with such subjects as "How to Keep the Sabbath," "Christian Temperance," "The Bible Plan of Church Finance," "Dress," "Separation from the World," "The Ordinances of the Church," "How to Maintain a Christian Experience," and "The Spirit of Prophecy."

LOCATING MEDICAL GRADUATES:

I.J.Woodman, who is engaged in assisting our young doctors as they finish their work in the College of Medical Evangelists to find locations in the territory of the various conferences, spoke with satisfaction of the success that has attended his efforts in this direction during the past few years. In 1922, when a class of 22 was graduated, there were only five of the class who located outside of California. In 1935, out of a class of 79, 37 have located elsewhere than in California, and it is expected that about the same proportion of the class of 1936 will go to other States to practice. In almost all cases where the conferences have made loans to these young men to enable them to set up practice, they are very well pleased with the results. Many of these young doctors take a very active part in the local church work, and the tithe they pay is a considerable factor in the support of the evangelistic work of the conference. At the present time we have eight or nine doctors under appointment to the mission fields.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM AND

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS:

The hour having arrived that was set for the constituency meetings of the Riverside Sanitarium and the Oakwood Junior College, the Council adjourned, and these meetings were called by J.K.Jones, the chairman. A quorum being present and the meeting being declared open for business, a report from the Nominating Committee was presented, and the following-named persons were elected a joint Board of Trustees for the two institutions:

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J.K.Jones, J.L.Moran, H.A.Morrison, M.N.Campbell, W.H.Williams, F.L.Peterson, H.E.Ford, O.A.Troy, J.R.M.Howard, M.D., R.L.Benton, C.A.Russell, R.I.Keate, J.G.Thomas, C.G.Ortner, V.G.Anderson, T.H.Allison, Anna Knight, H.J.Detwiler, W.H.Holden, G.E.Peters, A.E.Webb, J.E.Cox, M.A.Hollister, W.H.Heckman.

The Riverside Sanitarium constituency adjourned sine die, the Oakwood Junior College constituency adjourned to 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 27.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Resuming the work of the Council, the following partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

REVERSION OF HARVEST INGATHERING OVERFLOWS TO UNION CONFERENCES:

In view of the large increase of membership in the North American Division which demands increased facilities, such as church buildings, schools, conference equipment and emergencies for our institutional and conference activities; and,

Recognizing the need of additional funds for our union and local conference organizations to meet unexpected demands arising from the unusual economic conditions prevailing in many sections of the field;

We recommend, 1. That in all unions of the North American Division we hold to a general unified plan in the promotion of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

2. That there appear in all promotion matter a balanced appeal for home and foreign work.

3. That in preparing the annual budget of the General Conference, the usual provision be made for promotion and campaign expense.

4. That basic membership goals be set annually by the Autumn Council for the several unions of the North American Division.

5. That all income resulting from the Ingathering effort be considered General Conference funds, and reported in the regular way to the General Conference Treasury.

6. That one half of any amount raised and coming to the Treasury of the General Conference in excess of the union goals agreed upon in harmony with Section 4 of this series of recommendations, shall, after deducting the come-

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back, revert back as an appropriation to the respective union conferences raising said funds, the same to be distributed by the union conference committee.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., P. Drinhaus of the Netherlands East Indies, pronouncing the benediction.

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
A.W.CORMACK, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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After the opening song, and prayer by W.A.Spicer, in the seventh session of the Council, the Chairman, J.L. McElhany, read from "Testimonies," Vol. 8, pp. 10 and 11. These paragraphs remind us that while there will be obstacles to the advancement of the work of God, we are not to fear, for the Lord's power is absolute, and is a pledge of the sure fulfilment of His promises. The church, being God's agency for the proclamation of truth, is empowered by Him to do a special work, and that work will be accomplished if the church remains loyal and obedient to God.

The Lone Star Quartet sang, "No, Never Alone," after which the secretary of the General Conference Radio Commission W.E.Howell, presented a report, covering the initial work of twenty-six broadcasts over thirteen stations ranging from the Atlantic to the Mississippi. During this period of weekly broadcasts, more than 20,000 responses were received by mail, and over \$15,000 was received from the radio audience to help support the work. So great interest was aroused that the follow-up work becomes a large task, and must be cared for on some workable plan to be agreed upon. Revamping of the plan of broadcasting in the future was outlined and adopted in a series of recommendations from the Plans Committee, as follows:

RADIO WORK:

We approve the action of the General Conference Radio Commission in limiting the original plan for a national net work broadcast to a semi-national from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, and we recommend that the Commission continue its work on the basis hereinafter outlined:

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Recognizing that our Radio work takes two definite directions: (a) That of Broadcasting with a view to securing converts and additions to the church; and, (b) That of broadcasting to give publicity to the name and work of Seventh-day Adventists the world around,

We recommend, 1. That the work of broadcasting for converts be carried on and supported by the union and local conferences.

2. That where the work of broadcasting for publicity be carried on and supported by the General Conference, it be done without drawing upon the union and local conferences.

In order to make both these kinds of work the most effective;

We further recommend, 1. That the union and local conferences be encouraged to develop men of promise in the science and art of broadcasting on such progressive plans as they may be able to devise, this with a view to greatly speeding up the work of giving our message to every creature.

2. That in addition to publicity broadcasting, the General Conference Radio Commission continue its work along the following lines:

a. General promotion and coordination of radio preaching in every way that may be helpful to the conferences.

b. Production of literature from time to time to stimulate and improve the work of broadcasting.

c. The holding of radio institutes as may be arranged for the encouragement of workers and the provision of instruction on improved methods and means of successful broadcasting.

d. The maintenance of a library of transcription records for rental to the field, of such variety and on such a basis as experience may prove to be the most helpful for local use.

e. The careful editing of all Radio matter representing denominational teaching and practice.

3. That the matter of following up the present broadcasting by the General Conference Radio Commission be referred to the General Conference Officers and the four union conferences concerned, to work out.

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Other recommendations from the Plans Committee were also adopted, as follows:

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARIES' COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, The final and rapid movements in the world in which our children and youth find themselves present unprecedented problems of adjustment for our young people and have made more difficult our efforts to labor effectively for them; and,

WHEREAS, There is a great and increasing need for our Young People's secretaries, both union and local to study and counsel together regarding the overwhelming problem of saving and guiding into service the youth of the church; therefore,

We recommend, That a Missionary Volunteer convention be called at Asheville, N.C., August 10 to 16, 1937, immediately preceding the Educational Council, for prayerful study and counsel regarding our work for our youth.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

WHEREAS, There has been pronounced apostasy from fundamental principles of our American ideals of civil and religious liberty; and,

WHEREAS, The struggle to maintain our heritage of liberty requires eternal vigilance and watchfulness; therefore,

We recommend, That union and local conferences appoint such Religious Liberty secretaries as are best qualified by education and experience to conduct Religious Liberty institutes in connection with workers' meetings, and who can intelligently present the principles of religious liberty before the State legislatures and city councils when compulsory Sunday observance bills, the teaching of religion in the public schools, the appropriation of tax funds to religious institutions and other religious measures come before these legislative bodies for consideration.

We recommend, Further, That in view of the perils we are facing, studies be given on the fundamentals of religious liberty at the coming union conference sessions, so that all our workers may become better informed and qualified to present this phase of the message to the world.

MISSIONARY MAP OF THE WORLD:

We recommend, That the Minority Committee take under advisement the production of a Missionary Map of the World, suitable for use in churches, conventions and institutes.

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TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES:

WHEREAS, Intoxicating liquors are now being served in cafes, restaurants, and hotels, thus bringing the evils of the old saloon closer not only to men but to the youth, women and children of the nation, menacing our homes with the curse of alcohol and its attending evils of crime, poverty and debauchery; and

WHEREAS, The use of intoxicating beverages is to a large degree responsible for the increase of accidents, insanity and other ills,

Resolved, That we encourage the organization of temperance societies in every conference, where they do not now exist, to carry on temperance educational work through lectures, rallies, scattering of literature, and the securing of signatures to total abstinence pledges; and that these temperance organizations cooperate with other temperance organizations wherever feasible, especially in state-wide and local option prohibition issues, in order to minimize the evils of the liquor traffic and to save men and women from the curse of drink.

"WIN ONE MOVEMENT":

WHEREAS, The speedy proclamation of the Advent message to all the world in this generation depends to a large extent upon the active and intelligent cooperation of our church members in a well organized, soul-winning endeavor,

We recommend, 1. That every believe be encouraged to join in a world-wide "win one movement", maintaining a definite prayer list, and by personal, soul-winning efforts seek to win at least one soul to Christ before the close of 1937.

2. That we appeal to our ministry to assist in marshaling our lay forces for attaining this worthy objective.

LAY PREACHERS' INSTITUTES:

In view of the recommendations already on record for laymen to be chosen in every conference and mission field and trained to labor as self-supporting lay preachers; and further,

In view of the fact that several conferences and missions have already had encouraging experiences in putting such actions into practice,

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We recommend, That plans be laid for the conducting of Lay Preachers' Institutes early in 1937 in as many fields as possible, calling into these meetings promising laymen who have given evidence of ability in public speaking, in the holding of cottage meetings and in personal soul-winning endeavor.

UNION CONFERENCE HOME

MISSIONARY SECRETARIES' COUNCIL:

We recommend, That a council of the union Home Missionary secretaries of the North American Division be held at Broadview or Hinsdale, November 30 to December 3, 1936, as may be arranged by the Minority Committee.

INTRODUCTORY LITERATURE FOR SPIRIT OF PROPHECY:

WHEREAS, The firm acceptance of the Spirit of prophecy depends to a large degree on a clear understanding of the teachings of the Scriptures on this subject and a proper understanding of the manifestation of this gift among Seventh-day Adventists; and,

WHEREAS, There is not at the present time any inexpensive literature setting forth this subject which can be placed in the hands of prospective and new believers as well as our church members;

We recommend, That the Minority Committee arrange for the preparation and publication of such a document, preferably choosing one of our evangelistic workers to prepare the manuscript.

BAPTISM AND ADMITTANCE TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

WHEREAS, The cause of God is sustaining a preventable loss, because our young people and others who give their hearts to Christ are oftentimes not properly instructed and led to a full surrender to Christ in baptism and church membership; and,

WHEREAS, The names of young people and others after baptism have sometimes not been entered upon the church record books,

We recommend, As a plan for preventing these losses to the church:

1. That every minister and worker be alert to rightly follow up those who have manifested a desire to be baptized and join the church, in order that they may be led on to a full surrender to Christ in baptism and church membership.

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2. That in the case of each person baptized, the minister in charge recognize that it is his definite responsibility to see that the baptized person be received into some local church or the conference church.

3. That we ask our various conferences to consider favorably the general use of a baptism certificate which will contain a place to be signed by the church clerk, certifying the name of the church with which the person has been united, and also that each minister be requested to submit with his monthly report, properly filled out, stubs from the baptism certificates which they have issued showing the churches into which those baptized were received.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following further partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE LORD'S WORK:

Every Seventh-day Adventist believes that the third angel's message of Revelation 14 must go "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" in the whole world, and that we are the people raised up by God to give this message in this generation. We are under solemn obligation to finish the work which was so auspiciously begun by our pioneers. There is no stopping place. As we are told in the Spirit of prophecy, "Our watchword is to be Onward, ever onward. . . . Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord." (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI, p.29) We must advance year by year till the work is finished.

To complete this task we must have more and more spiritual power, and we must have increasing funds to send more laborers into the field to reap earth's last harvest of souls.

Seventh-day Adventists are a liberal people. It is marvelous in the eyes of others to see a people who are so few in number, and with so limited resources, make such large gifts to religious work. Such loyalty and devotion to God's work is greatly appreciated by those who have been chosen to lead.

The many evidences of the near coming of our Lord, the conditions that exist in the world, and the marvelous opportunities for soul winning which are far beyond our present ability to compass, call for a deeper consecration on the part of workers and people, and a determined effort to husband all the resources God has given us for a mighty forward movement. Far greater things can be done than have yet been accomplished, if every Seventh-day Adventist will do his best.

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We have been told through the Spirit of prophecy that if all our people would pay a faithful tithe there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. Conference presidents have been admonished "to see that the elders and deacons of churches do their work in the churches by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury," and elders of churches are admonished to "labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse." ("Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 305-306.) As a people we should understand that as the Lord has reserved to Himself the Sabbath as holy time, so has He reserved to Himself one tenth of our increase as holy. And as we have found delight in observing the Sabbath, so we should take delight in returning to God that portion of our untithed possessions and increase which is His own.

In view of the needs and possibilities,

We recommend, 1.. That every Seventh-day Adventist throughout the world be encouraged to enter into a covenant with God annually to pay promptly an honest tithe into the church treasury, and to do this where possible weekly or monthly.

2. That this matter be taken up in the churches at the beginning of the year; and that the use of the tithe covenant card be encouraged.

3. That pastors and elders make efforts to help those who are delinquent, to see their privilege and responsibility in regularly paying a full tithe into the treasury of the church.

4. That special attention be given to instructing new church members in this matter.

5. That all division, union, and local conferences and missions join in this effort to get all our people to pay a full tithe.

As measures for promoting this effort,

We recommend, 6.. That all English-reading families be urged to subscribe for the Review and Herald; and that where necessary, steps be taken to help those who are not able to subscribe.

7. That a continual educational effort on tithe paying be carried on in the Review and in division and union papers.

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8. That controlling committees see that proper help is provided for pushing forward vigorously this education on tithing, in order that all our church officers and our people individually may be reached by personal contacts or personal letters, and that the effort be continuous rather than spasmodic.

9. That records be kept by the local conferences so that reports may be sent to church pastors and local elders from time to time, showing the progress of the effort to lead our church members to become one-hundred-percent tithe payers.

In regard to the offerings of our people,

We recommend, 10. That all our fields throughout the world set definite goals for the average of gifts per member for the extension of the work, and that each division do its utmost to encourage union and local conferences and missions to reach the goals set.

11. That the Harvest Ingathering work be pushed vigorously in all fields.

12. That our Sabbath School Department, through its excellent organization, continue to stress the plan of regular weekly giving to missions, endeavoring to reach the goals that have been or may be set.

Recognizing the need for training our indigenous churches in the principles and practice of tithe paying and systematic offerings;

We recommend, 13. That consideration be given by our mission divisions to the practicability of keeping separate budgets for the indigenous work, and that the ideal be emphasized of making the income from the indigenous constituency support its own work; and that goals be set from time to time for the percentage of self-support to be reached; so that an increasingly larger portion of what is appropriated by the General Conference can be used for opening new work.

Recognizing that the Advent message is the one message of God for all the world today, and that the remnant people of God must be a united people the world around,

We recommend, 14. That constant and loving efforts be put forth in all fields to maintain the unity of all believers, and that the foreign missionaries and the workers that have been raised up from among the people of the various countries, earnestly work together for the extension of the message into new fields.

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ALLOTMENT OF MINISTERIAL INTERNESHIPS:

We recommend, That provision be made for eighty-one ministerial internships for the year 1937, and that the allotment of these be as follows:

1. Sixty-one to the several unions as follows:

Atlantic Union	7
Canadian Union	5
Central Union	8
Columbia Union	9
Lake Union	7
North Pacific Union	6
Pacific Union	11
Southern Union	4
Southwestern Union	4
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2. Ten for colored internes as follows:

Atlantic Union	1
Central Union	1
Columbia Union	1
Lake Union	1
Pacific Union	1
Southern Union	3
Southwestern Union	2
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3. The remaining ten to the Bureau of Home Missions for distribution in counsel with the various union conferences.

SILVER JUBILEE THIRTEENTH SABBATH:

WHEREAS, The year 1937 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan which has aided so substantially in the raising of our mission funds through the Sabbath school, bringing in a total from this source alone of approximately \$7,000,000 during the quarter century; and,

WHEREAS, This Silver Jubilee year of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering has for its second quarter objective the same field to which the first Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was given,--Southern Asia,

We recommend, 1. That Sabbath, June 26, 1937, be set aside as Silver Jubilee Thirteenth Sabbath, and that the Sabbath schools of North America be encouraged to raise an average of one dollar per member on this occasion, the total goal being set at \$150,000,

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2. That in overseas divisions an individual goal be set that will be comparable to the goal for North America.

3. That the overflow for this special Sabbath be allocated as follows:

a. The regular overflow on \$100,000 up to \$10,000 to the Southern Asia Division.

b. The regular overflow on any sum above \$100,000 (the sum needed to reach the amount in a above) to be divided pro rata among the other divisions.

4. That the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference prepare the promotional material and perfect plans for carrying through this special Silver Jubilee endeavor.

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., Tuesday, October 27, with the closing prayer by Dr. W.A. Ruble.

J.L. McELHANY, Chairman.
A.W. CORMACK, Secretary.
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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In opening his study at the devotional service Tuesday morning, October 27, E.E. Andross quoted the familiar text: "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:37.

There will be a little time of tarrying before the coming of the Lord,--but only a very short time. The latter rain, which will fall during this period, is given for the dual purpose of adding power to the proclamation of the third angel's message, and preparing the people of God to stand in the day of trouble.

In these closing days, "the knowledge of God that works transformation of character is our great need," Sister White says in "Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 329. She admonishes us to study the lives of Enoch, the first man to be translated without seeing death, even as many of God's people in the last days will be translated; and John the Baptist, who

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bore a message very similar to the one being preached today-- a call to preparation for the soon coming of the Lord.

Enoch walked with God in his daily experience. He did not become a hermit, but in all his intercourse, he was the steadfast, unswerving servant of God. His walk with God made him a better father, husband, friend, citizen. He was not affected by the wicked conditions of the world. His constant communion with heaven made him one of the humblest of men, and the closer he grew to God, the more closely did he see his own weaknesses and imperfections. Thus Enoch prepared for translation, and thus must we, who are living in the very closing days of earth's history, prepare for the coming of Christ.

John the Baptist, whose mission was to herald the first advent of the Son of God, spent much of his time in the wilderness, studying the revelations of God in nature, perusing the scrolls of the prophets. He did not trust his own power to withstand temptation, but avoided contact with sin. He controlled his appetites and passions. Thus also must we live, who are commissioned to herald the great second advent of Christ.

"O, For a Closer Walk with God," was sung for the opening of the eighth session of the Council, at 9:45 Tuesday, October 27, and prayer was offered by J.F.Piper.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF REGENTS:

The Nominating Committee reported for members of the Board of Regents, to take the place of memberships expiring, G.R.Fattic for a period of three years, and Kathryn L.Jensen for a period of three years.

The report was adopted, electing G.R.Fattic and reelecting Kathryn L.Jensen as members of the Board of Regents.

DATES OF UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

A sub-committee that was appointed to arrange dates for the coming union conference sessions, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Atlantic	January 25 - February 4
Columbia	February 2 - February 12
Southern	February 17 - February 25
Lake	February 25 - March 7
Central	February 16 - February 24
Southwestern	February 1 - February 11
Pacific	January 18 - January 28
North Pacific	March 18 - March 28
Canadian	May 14 - May 25

{ Later changed to Apr. 9-19.

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REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans rendered its final report, which after discussion and amendment, was adopted as follows:

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS POSTPONED:

In view of the congested program of meetings for the winter of 1936-1937, occasioned by the oncoming union conference sessions,

We recommend, That the regional Publishing Department Conventions which would, in harmony with our regular departmental plans for these conventions, be held during this coming winter, be postponed to the winter of 1937-38.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOKS:

WHEREAS, The General Conference session passed an action calling attention to the great importance of the study of the Spirit of prophecy on the part of all our people; and,

WHEREAS, The Minority Committee has laid definite plans for a special effort for a wide-spread circulation of the "Testimonies to the Church," the recently published "Selections from the Testimonies," and other volumes from the pen of Mrs. E.G. White;

We recommend, 1. That in order to be able to make thorough preparation, the time for this special effort be the months of May, June, July, and August of 1937.

2. That the Minority Committee of the General Conference and also the various division committees, with the cooperation of the publishing houses, lay definite plans for a comprehensive and concerted effort to make the writings of the Spirit of prophecy better known to the many thousands of new believers, and to all our people throughout the world, and to greatly increase the circulation of the Spirit of prophecy books.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY:

WHEREAS, The literary qualifications of those who would enter the ministry should be such as to dignify the sacred calling and at the same time provide adequate general educational backgrounds to compare favorably with the attainments in other professions;

We recommend, That young men aspiring to the ministry be encouraged to complete the four-year Theological Curriculum, or its equivalent, offered by our colleges, and that the General Conference Internship Committee, while having the privilege of making exceptions, shall emphasize the sixteenth-grade standard.

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HEALTH PRINCIPLES:

We are told that "When the third angel's message is received in its fullness, health reform will be given its place in the councils of the conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all household arrangements." -- "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 6, p. 227.

We express as our conviction that there has been in some measure through the years a failure to heed this counsel. We appreciate the loyalty to this instruction which has marked the lives of many of our devoted brethren and sisters. We recognize also that the large majority of our workers have been true to these principles. It is to be regretted, however, that some have not fully sensed the responsibility of leadership in being examples to the church in the observance of health principles. We believe that the time has fully come when the principles of healthful living should be given their heaven-designed place in the practice and teaching of every church leader and of the church at large.

We, therefore, as the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist church assembled in Autumn Council, voice our high regard for the principles of health given to this people. We recommend that these principles receive the hearty and sympathetic support of our leaders and people throughout the world.

It would be quite impossible to specify the various details of these principles. They pertain to the food we eat and the air we breathe, to exercise and rest, to the use of water for drinking and bathing and in the treatment of disease, to the clothing we wear, to our homes and their surroundings, to the use of drugs and narcotics, to the preparation of food and a balanced dietary, to the state of the mind in its influence on the functioning of the physical organs, and other details too numerous to mention in this connection.

We believe that the question of diet constitutes a most important phase of healthful living, and because of the great danger to health attending the use of flesh foods that our workers and people, especially under conditions where a balanced non-flesh dietary is available, should choose their dietary from non-flesh foods, making use of flesh only under exceptional circumstances as an emergency food.

Our workers should present our health principles the same as every other phase of present truth to the church of Christ, and by their own personal example lead the members of the church in faithful obedience to the instruction we have received. Every individual should apply these principles faithfully, in his own personal experience and in a spirit of generosity to his brethren. We call upon every conference and institutional worker throughout the world field to unite with us in this high and holy purpose.

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We recommend, That instruction in health principles be given in connection with our coming union conference sessions and in our camp meetings and other important church gatherings as can consistently be done, thus carrying into effect the resolutions regarding the question of health teaching which were passed at the last General Conference.

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS AND MAGAZINES:

WHEREAS, The present critical developments in the world, politically, socially, morally, and religiously, are profoundly influencing many thousands of honest, sincere people, causing them to think very seriously; and,

WHEREAS, Such a time of fulfilling prophecy gives our denominational periodicals and magazines the greatest opportunity in their history to discuss fulfilling prophecies and teach the truth in its fullness, their work being limited only by the number of people we can reach;

Resolved, That we endeavor to increase the circulation of our various missionary periodicals and magazines, this to be accomplished by each union conference working for its proportionate increase toward reaching a desirable goal.

APPRECIATION:

Resolved, That this Council express its appreciation to the following organizations and individuals for the courtesies extended to it during its session:

The Star-Telegram and Fort Worth Press for the liberal space given to reporting the activities of the Council.

The Chamber of Commerce and its convention secretary, Mr. Patterson, for their contribution and courtesies.

The radio station, KTAT, for free broadcast time.

The Royal and L.C. Smith Typewriter Companies, and the Stafford-Lowdon Company, for machines supplied.

The Southwestern Union Conference and local conferences for stenographic help and other favors.

The Texas Hotel and its Manager, Mr. Love, and Miss Lunt, Convention Secretary, for the auditorium, committee rooms, and other courtesies.

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OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY MEETING:

The hour having arrived that was set for the meeting of the Oakwood Junior College constituency, the Council adjourned, and the constituency meeting was called in session by J.K. Jones, the chairman.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Oakwood Junior College were revised so as to bring them into harmony with the law of the State of Alabama governing such institutions. The constituency was widened, the Board membership increased to twenty-four, and the term for officers increased from one to two years. Seven members of the Board including the chairman must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum.

The business being concluded, the meeting adjourned sine die.

Resuming the session of the Council, attention was given to a report from the Finance Committee, which was discussed, amended and adopted as follows:

FINANCING CHURCH SCHOOL WORK:

The following recommendations were passed at the recent General Conference:

"We recommend, 1. That a plan be devised giving permanency to the financing of the church school work.

"2. a. That the regular term of employment of the teacher be for the school year, or thirty-eight weeks.

"b. That as far as possible teachers be employed during the summer vacation as may be arranged by the conference committee.

"3. That the wage scale of church school teachers be comparable with that of other workers requiring similar preparation and effort.

"4. That this entire question be referred to the General Conference Executive Committee to work out plans whereby these resolutions may be realized."

In order that these may be carried out--

It is recommended, 1. That in the North American Division the share of the comeback used for church school wages be increased from 2.6% to 5% beginning January 1, 1937. In order that this increase may be realized it is recommended that the comeback be increased from 16% to 18.4%.

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2. That the wage for the beginning church school teacher be set at not less than \$12.50 a week, and that the standard rates be from \$12.50 to \$20.00 a week.

3. That the wage rate for each church school teacher be set in keeping with her training, experience, and success.

4. That the increased financial help that comes from the comeback to the local conferences for increasing the average church school wage be contingent upon the payment in the local conference of the above wage scale recommended by the General Conference.

5. That any inequality or difficulty in administering the plan be referred to the Educational Department which in counsel with the General Conference Minority Committee shall make necessary adjustments.

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1937:

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

2. That the fixed rates of exchange for the year 1937 be as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u> <u>Year 1937</u>
Australasia	Australian pound	4.00
Central Europe:		
Germany	reichsmark	.2857
Austria	shilling	.1869
Czechoslovakia	kroner	.04166
Hungary	pengo	.2915
Holland	guilder	.55
Java & N.E. Indies	guilder	.55
Bulgaria	leva	.01204
Iran	rials	.0641
Greece	drachma	.00943
Turkey	Turkish pound	.80
Palestine	Palestine pound	4.87
Egypt	Egyptian pound	5.00
Syria	Syrian pound	.934
Iraq	dinar	4.87
Tanganyika	shilling	.2436
China:		
China	Mex. dollar	.33-1/3
Manchukuo	yen	.33-1/3

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u> <u>Year 1937</u>
Far East:		
Borneo	sarawak	.57
Japan and Korea	yen	.33-1/3
Philippines	peso	.50
Straits Settlements	Singapore dollar	.57
Indo China	piaster	.4667
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	1.00
French West Indies	franc	.0467
British Honduras	dollar	1.00
Costa Rica	colon	.19
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00
Spanish Honduras	lempira	.50
Nicaragua	cordoba	1.00
Panama	balboa	1.00
Salvador	colon	.45
Colombia	peso	.65
Venezuela	bolivar	.193
Mexico	peso	.33-1/3
British Guiana	pound	4.87
Curacao	florin	.55
Northern Europe:		
British Isles	pound	4.87
Estonia	krone (18 to £)	.27
Denmark	krone (22.40 to £)	.217
Sweden	krone (19.50 to £)	.2497
Norway	krone (20 to £)	.24
Poland	zloty (43.40 to £)	.1132
Finland	markka (226 to £)	.02155
Cameroons	franc (104.28 to £)	.0467
Nigeria	pound	4.87
Sierra Leone	pound	4.87
Gold Coast	pound	4.87
Kenya	pound	4.87
Uganda	pound	4.87
Latvia	lat (25.22 to £)	.193
Ethiopia	lira (92.53 to £)	.05265
Liberia	pound	4.87
Lithuania	Lit (29 to £)	.161

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u> <u>Year 1937</u>
South America:		
Argentina	peso	.33-1/3
Bolivia	boliviana	.15
Brazil	milreis	.08
Chile	peso	.07
Ecuador	sucre	.15
Peru	sol	.28
Uruguay	peso	.70
Southern Africa:		
N. Rhodesia	pound	4.87
So. African Union	S. A. pound	4.87
S. Rhodesia	pound	4.87
Nyasaland	pound	4.87
Angola	angolare	.0442
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.0339
Southern Asia:		
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.3636
Southern Europe:		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.0339
France	franc	.0467
Italy	lira	.05265
Mauritius	rupee	.3636
Portugal	escuda	.0442
Rumania	leu	.006
Jugoslavia	dinar	.0177
Spain	peseta	.13
Switzerland	franc	.23

3. That all fields use the foregoing rates of exchange in revising their budgets for 1937 and in submitting estimates for the 1938 budget.

4. 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.

5. 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 native salaries, travel, and local and general expense; equipment and supplies for all institutions, conferences and missions except as provided for in Section 6 of these recommendations.

6. That mission workers located in fields outside their native countries be permitted to transfer their own personal funds at the fixed rates to an amount not to exceed 20 percent annually of the workers' salary for the time

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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 year. If an employed missionary family has unusual school expenses, they may remit through the regular channels additional funds above the 20 percent 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 additional funds at the fixed rate not to exceed ten percent of his salary in denominational work for the time he has been in the field, provided he has not previously benefited by a similar privilege. Such transfer may be only by credit through the regular channels and at the fixed rate prevailing at the time of his return to the homeland. These funds may be made up of receipts from the sale of his household furniture and from personal salary savings.

7. 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.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSE:

We recommend, That General Conference workers and those on furlough requiring operations or having other serious illnesses involving heavy expense, be given financial assistance on the following basis:

1. A worker having medical expense in excess of one week's wages may receive one half of the bill for an amounting remaining above one week's salary up to and not exceeding \$200. When the medical expense is more than \$200, the General Conference will pay two thirds of any amount between \$200 and \$300; and three fourths of any additional amount above \$300; the allowance to be made on the foregoing basis, when the expense is contracted within a period of twelve months, and may be for a longer period in cases of continuous illness.

2. Financial help may be given workers in special cases who, upon recommendation of a physician, find it necessary in order to preserve health to incur heavy dental expense, such as the extraction of diseased teeth and their replacement, provided that counsel be sought from the Treasury Department before such expenses are incurred. The basis of the allowance shall be the same as granted for medical expense, the maximum allowance to be \$200. This provision shall go into effect from the date of adoption.

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3. In applying the foregoing policy to foreign missionaries, who are on furlough or permanent return to the homeland while still receiving pay from the General Conference office, the deduction of one week's salary shall not be made.

4. The above allowances are not intended to cover accumulations of small disconnected medical or dental bills.

MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND:

WHEREAS, The Missions Extension plan was definitely called into operation by the inspired instruction given to guide the remnant church in the evangelization of the world, as primarily set forth in the following statements: "You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is your duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart." ("Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 62); and,

WHEREAS, The plan has now been in successful operation for fifteen years and has become a part of the organized work in all division fields, having in recent years combined medical and educational work with the publishing extension work, and has thereby been the means of building, equipping and assisting nearly 400 different projects, such as printing plants, dispensaries and schools, which are now carrying on extensive work in the mission fields and are to a degree practically self-supporting; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the Missions Extension Fund plan be continued in 1937 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 1937 be \$55,000, the offering to be taken on Sabbath, April 24, and that most earnest endeavor be made to reach a minimum church goal of \$2.00 a member.

b. That the beneficiaries of the Missions Extension Offering for 1937 be selected from the Class I projects listed in the 1937 Budget, as shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

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c. That earnest effort be put forth to secure at least \$5,000 overflow above the \$55,000 goal, with the understanding that the overflow be used for new work in medical, educational and publishing lines, the location of these new enterprises to be designated by the General Conference Committee.

d. That the leaders in the Medical and Educational Departments be requested to unite with the Home Missionary Department secretaries in the development and carrying out of promotion plans which will place definite responsibility upon all our institutional worker for reaching the goal.

e. That we appeal to all conference workers and all lay members to dedicate a day's income to the Missions Extension Fund Offering, and also to engage in the sale of literature to the extent of time and opportunity.

f. That our people who may not be receiving a salary and therefore cannot comply with the request for a day's income, be encouraged to raise their Missions Extension Fund Offering through the sale of small books and magazines, it being specified that no literature goal shall be set and that each member shall be personally responsible for the literature he desires to sell.

EXPENSE OF MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH WHEN ASSIGNED SPECIAL WORK:

In order that the funds of the General Conference be conserved as much as possible;

We recommend, That union and local conferences making use of missionaries on furlough assigned to them by the General Conference for promoting Harvest Ingathering work or other special interests, so plan the itineraries of these workers as to minimize their expense for travel as much as consistent with a useful program of promotion, and that such travel be by train or bus except in cases where this is wholly impracticable.

SUSTENTATION REGULATIONS:

We recommend, That the following regulations be added to the sustentation policy:

1. If by reason of failing health a worker in foreign service finds it necessary to return to the homeland, he is to be supported by the foreign division for which he has labored for a period of six months from the date of his sailing from the field, at the end of which time the Sustentation Committee gives consideration to the need of further support, except as provided for in the succeeding paragraph. When a worker is admitted to the fund under these conditions, the division which has borne his salary up to the time of his

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applying for sustentation shall not be required to contribute to the fund the equivalent of his sustentation allowance for six months.

2. A worker who has failed in health in foreign service within two years from his arrival in the field and is returned to the homeland on account of such failure in health, may be placed on the Sustentation Fund upon his arrival in the homeland without the division in which he has labored making any contribution to the Sustentation Fund, but in such cases the division in which he has labored shall supplement his sustentation allowance to a full salary for a period of six months.

3. A conference or institution employing a worker recently returned to the homeland from service in a foreign field, whose return was occasioned by failure of health, shall not be required to support the worker on full salary for six months following his becoming incapacitated by a recurrence of the disease which occasioned his return to the homeland while in their employ, nor to contribute to the fund the equivalent of his sustentation allowance for six months, provided he has worked less than two years since his return from foreign service, but the conference or institution shall supplement his sustentation allowance to a full salary for a period of six months.

4. The service rendered to the denomination by the wife of a beneficiary while he is receiving a family rate of sustentation which recognizes her as a dependent, shall not be recognized as service on which her eligibility to the fund shall be based or the rate of sustentation she might receive in case she at a later time finds it necessary to apply for sustentation as a widow. However, in case the family chooses to accept not to exceed three fourths of the family rate during the time that the wife is engaged in denominational service, her service may be regarded as active service on which her eligibility and her rate may be based should she at a later time find it necessary to apply for sustentation.

We also recommend, That the following revisions in the Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund be made:

1. The regulation relating to the percentage to be paid by publishing houses be changed to read:

Publishing houses shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to 11% of their pay rolls.

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2. The percentage to be paid to the fund by sanitariums be reduced from 4% to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

We further recommend, That the above reductions in percentages be effective from January 1, 1937.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M. Closing prayer by Meade MacGuire.

M.N.CAMPBELL, Chairman.
E.D.DICK, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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"Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung fervently as the delegates gathered for the ninth session of the Council, at 7:30 Tuesday evening. M.N.Campbell read a portion of the Twenty-sixth Psalm, and we were led in prayer by F.C.Gilbert, after which the Lone Star Quartet rendered a selection.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO L.H.CHRISTIAN:

Having learned with sorrow of the death of Mrs. L.H.Christian at Loma Linda, California, last Sabbath evening, October 24, it was

Resolved, To send the following message of sympathy to Elder Christian and his family:

"Your brethren in Council unite in expressing their sincere sympathy with you and your family in the loss of your dear wife, and pray that the God of all comfort may sustain you in this hour of trial."

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

The Secretary explained that it was necessary to arrange itineraries for certain workers, whose services have been requested immediately following the close of the Council, and it was

VOTED, That we approve of the following itineraries and appointments for General Conference workers:

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E.E.Franklin, for Publishing Convention at South Lancaster, Mass., November 16-19.

Kathryn L.Jensen to the Resthaven Sanitarium, November 6-8, and to attend the Pacific Union Efficiency Commission meeting, November 11-12.

J.E.Weaver to attend a teachers' institute at Philadelphia, November 13-15.

G.J.Appel, of China, to the Lake Union, November 1-29, and to the Central Union, December 1-19, in the interests of missions.

F.C.Gilbert to Florida, for the dedication of the church at Jacksonville, October 30-31.

E.D.Dick to attend the Southern Union Conference Committee meeting, November 17-19.

F.L.Peterson to Jacksonville, Florida, October 30-31.

C.S.Longacre, appointments in Oklahoma, Thursday to Sunday night, November 1.

C.E.Weaks to Dalla, Texas, for Friday night, October 30.

H.H.Votaw to Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida.

W.J.Harris, of China, to the Central Union for work in Minnesota and Iowa in the interests of missions.

W.Mueller, Oklahoma, October 30 to November 15; Chicago, November 20-22; Detroit, November 23; Cleveland, November 24; Cincinnati, November 26; Pittsburgh, November 27-28; Philadelphia, November 29; Newark, New Jersey, December 2; New York, December 4-5.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE:

Recommendations from the Plans Committee relative to the Ministerial Reading Course, consideration of which was deferred when the other features of that report of the Plans Committee were adopted, were read, and after being spoken to by Elders I.H.Evans, M.E.Kern and J.E.Shultz, were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The 1937 Ministerial Reading Course offers a quartet of books of exceptional value to every English-reading conference and institutional worker of the Advent movement, highly desirable first for a better understanding

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of the momentous religious world drift, and its inevitable bearing upon our own position and witness of specific warning to the world; and second, because of our inescapable counselor relation to the youth of our church, as regards the question of noncombatancy, involving both the principles at issue, and our historic position; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the entire English-reading working force of the Advent movement, conference and institutional, be urged to enroll for the 1937 Ministerial Reading Course so as to unitedly profit by this exceptional offering; and,

2. That the Theological students of our colleges and larger academies, the nurses in training in our sanitariums and the medical students in the two divisions of the College of Medical Evangelists, be likewise urged to read, availing themselves of the library sets these several institutions are asked to provide; and,

3. That our lay evangelists and colporteurs be likewise invited to participate, along with the workers and students, in this important united study program.

HARVEST INGATHERING GOALS:

In harmony with recommendation 4 of the series of recommendations from the Finance Committee with reference to the reversion of Harvest Ingathering overflows to the union conferences, a special committee was appointed, of which all the union conference presidents in North America were members, to set the basic membership goals for the unions. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the basic membership Harvest Ingathering goals for the various unions, for 1936, be as follows:

Atlantic Union	\$83,000
Canadian "	35,000
Central "	81,500
Columbia "	100,500
Lake "	75,500
North Pacific"	66,000
Pacific "	150,000
Southern "	61,000
Southwestern "	35,000

We further recommend, That the goals for 1937 be set by the Spring Council, after each union conference has received from its local conferences suggestions as to their respective local goals, such goals being registered with the General Conference Treasurer sufficiently in advance of the Council as to permit of giving them study.

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The following report from the Finance Committee was adopted;

THE ADVANCED BIBLE SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, The General Conference Committee, which was authorized by the General Conference session to "proceed with plans for the permanent organization and location of the Advanced Bible School," has decided to locate the school at Washington, D.C., and to incorporate it as a separate institution from any other school; and,

WHEREAS, The Advanced Bible School Board finds it difficult if not impossible to proceed with the permanent organization of the school and the securing of a license to grant degrees on the present basis of a summer term with borrowed teachers; and,

WHEREAS, There is an insistent demand on the part of missionaries on furlough and teachers from overseas that we provide for more than a summer session; and,

WHEREAS, There are many of our progressive young ministers who greatly desire some graduate work in Bible and Religious History,

Resolved, 1. That we authorize the Advanced Bible School Board in cooperation with the Minority Committee of the General Conference to arrange for a 1937 summer school and a three months winter session for 1937-38, and also a spring quarter, if the demand warrants it; and to provide for a small number of teachers who will give their entire time to the school and General Conference work.

2. That we hereby approve of the statement prepared by the faculty of the Advanced Bible School regarding the objectives of this school, as follows:

"The purpose of this school shall be to provide opportunity for such graduate study and research as will contribute to the advancement of sound scholarship in the fields of Bible and Religious History in harmony with the educational principles of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and to provide instruction in the practical application of its program of study.

"For the attainment of this purpose the school shall organize its curriculum so as to make available courses in the various fields of theological study, such as Biblical Languages, Archeology, Exegesis, and Doctrinal and Pastoral Theology; in Religious History, including Near Eastern Antiquity, Church History, and Non-Christian Religions; in Homiletics, Speech, and such other related courses as from time to time may be deemed necessary by its faculty and board of directors."

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3. That in harmony with the recommendation of the Advanced Bible School Board, the corporate name of this school shall be,--Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

OVERSEAS SERVICE OF

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FACULTY MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, We have requests from overseas divisions for a teaching staff to assist in conducting carefully planned ministerial institutes for systematic review and study of the great fundamentals of our faith, in order to build up and strengthen the ministry;

We recommend, That arrangements be made for members of the Theological Seminary faculty to assist in such institutes at times when they are not occupied in the school.

ATTENDANCE AT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

WHEREAS, We believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary will do much toward improving the efficiency of our preachers, teachers, editors, writers, and medical workers,

We recommend, 1. That all our conferences, sanitariums, schools, and publishing houses give favorable consideration to making provision for giving earnest, loyal, forward-looking workers the privilege of attending this school in order to enlarge their knowledge of Bible and Religious History and the great truths of this last-day message.

We recommend, 2. That the employing organizations cooperate in a financial way with such workers to make it possible for them to avail themselves of the facilities offered by this school.

BUILDING FOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the erection of a suitable building to accommodate the Theological Seminary, and ask the Board of Trustees to present plans for raising funds for such a building and equipment at the next Autumn Council, together with definite specifications and costs.

Resolved, 2. That we extend to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a vote of thanks for its generous gift of a valuable piece of land on which to erect the school.

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"MESSAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE":

WHEREAS, The book, "Messages to Young People," is of great value as a stabilizing influence in the lives of young people and a mighty factor in the development of Christian character, and should be in the hands of all Adventist youth; and,

WHEREAS, The youth of Europe have not had made available to them this book to assist in filling their need for guidance in the overwhelming problems which they face; and,

WHEREAS, There is a close bond of fellowship existing between the advent youth of North America, and the advent youth of Europe;

We recommend, 1. That the youth of the North American Division undertake to raise a fund of \$1000 for the translation of the book "Messages to Young People," in order that this book may be made available to other Adventist youth and that the young people of the various conferences endeavor to raise an average goal of twenty-five cents per capita, based on the membership of December 31, 1935, this offering to be received during Missionary Volunteer Week, March 14-21, 1937.

2. That any amount received above the goal of \$1,000 be devoted by the General Conference to foreign missions.

3. That arrangements for the translation of the book be left to the General Conference Committee.

DEBT REDUCTION:

WHEREAS, The statistical reports for the year 1931-1935, inclusive, reveal that the various organizations of our denomination have increased the indebtedness \$2,228,915.42 during this period, evidently due in part at least to the world financial depression,

We recommend, In order to stay this rapid increase of indebtedness, that we adopt anew the following resolutions concerning church building finance, and concerning the borrowing of money, passed at the Autumn Council of 1933:

"a. That all our churches encumbered with debt make every sacrifice and effort possible to free themselves from all burden of debt as rapidly as they are able, while carrying on the regular program of the church.

"b. That churches contemplating either purchasing or erecting church buildings, be cautioned not to undertake

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obligations which the church cannot easily carry, the local and union conference committees giving careful counsel after studying the size of the congregation, its financial strength and the location of the church.

"c. That where conditions seem to make it imperative for congregations to assume obligations on their church properties, in no case should building operations be started until 75 per cent of the entire cost is in hand in cash; and that any help from the Church Extension Fund, where given, be a part of the remaining 25 per cent; and further, where the church building project contemplates an expenditure of \$5,000, the plan adopted by the General Conference for building operations be carefully followed; and further, that a project contemplating the expenditure of \$25,000 or more be recognized as a special problem involving wider counsel with local, union, and General Conference committees as to the percentage of funds above 75 per cent that should be in hand.

"d. That whenever possible churches be not dedicated until they are free from indebtedness." And,

"1. That no conference or institution shall borrow money for the purpose of reinvestment or loan to individuals, neither shall it make loans of its own funds to employees or other individuals.

"2. That in no case shall organizations, either conferences or institutions, within a union conference, borrow any money for operating or for any other purpose without authorization of the union conference executive committee.

"3. That no union conference shall borrow or shall authorize the borrowing by any other organization within its territory of more than \$1,000 in any one year without the authorization of the General Conference Committee.

"4. That no general institution not coming directly under the union supervision shall borrow more than \$1,000 within any one year without the authorization of the General Conference Committee.

"5. That no conference or organization shall borrow money to reloan to churches. That no church borrow money for church building or church expense without action of the local conference committee approving such loan."

We also recommend, 1. That in all of our world organizations, including the General Conference, divisions, union and local conferences, and missions, all operations be promoted on available funds, and that no further debts be incurred; that in all our institutions embracing publishing houses, schools, and sanitariums, the work be carried

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on with available funds, so no increase of indebtedness will take place; that all of the above organizations undertake to liquidate their liabilities by effecting economies in operating and by increasing their incomes, so that this curse of debt may be speedily removed.

2. That when a controlling board of any institution or organization desires to enlarge or improve their properties and increase the facilities for carrying on their work, it shall be done without increasing the indebtedness.

3. That in cases where the cost exceeds the amount of \$5,000, approval from the General Conference Committee be obtained before construction is begun.

4. That provision satisfactory to the union or local conference or superior organization for securing the remaining twenty-five per cent be made before work is begun on such construction.

5. That leaders who show inability to operate the work in harmony with our established financial policies be not permitted to continue in executive leadership.

MISSIONS PLEDGE CARD:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has said that; "Liberality is not so natural to us that we gain this virtue by accident. It must be cultivated. We must deliberately resolve that we will honor God with our substance; and then we must let nothing tempt us to rob Him of the tithes and offerings that are His due. We must be intelligent, systematic, and continuous in our acts of charity to men and our expressions of gratitude to God for His bounties to us. This is too sacred a duty to be left to chance, or to be controlled by impulse or feeling. We should regularly reserve something for God's cause." (Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 271, 272); and,

WHEREAS, We have been instructed that there should "be systematic giving on the part of all. All can lay aside each week something for the Master," (Id. Vol. 9, p. 55.);

We recommend, 1. That for the year 1937 there be a general use of a Missions Pledge Card along the lines of the card prepared by the Treasury Department for 1935; and,

2. That the Treasury Department be asked to prepare immediately a Missions Pledge Card for 1937, and that the use of these cards be promoted at workers' meetings in the conferences, by public presentation in all our churches, and by house-to-house visitation of our church members.

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3. That the amounts appearing on the card range from a blank amount upwards as follows, 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

4. That the presidents of local conferences be requested to place their orders at this meeting for 1937 for their respective fields.

STUDENT TITHE:

The principle of tithing being recognized as the regular, substantial and equitable basis for the support of the ministry of the church, it is incumbent upon us that we teach the youth in our schools, many of whom will be the workers of the future, to be conscientious tithe-payers. Our secondary schools and colleges provide an excellent and effective medium for doing this both by precept and practice. However, since the aggregate of student labor, much of which is nonremunerative, has greatly increased with the years, a considerable financial loss accrues to the institution which accepts the responsibility for providing cash on account to students with which to meet their tithe obligations. In view of these considerations,

We recommend the following as a policy:

1. That all students be encouraged to pay tithe on their earnings while in school.

2. That students pay their tithe to the local conference through the church where the school is located, it being recommended that they transfer their membership to the school church during their attendance.

3. That where the operation of this plan imposes a financial hardship upon the school the conferences concerned arrange to subsidize the institution to such extent as may be deemed equitable to meet the exigencies of the situation.

HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINE:

In view of the financial situation, and the many urgent requests coming to the General Conference for which no provision can be made,

We recommend, That the Harvest Ingathering Magazine for 1937 be not increased in size.

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CONTINUOUS EFFORT IN GREATER EVANGELISM:

Recommendations from a special Committee on Evangelism were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, We are now entering the era of the last and unprecedented crisis of the ages, when the fast fulfilling signs of the times point with ever increasing evidence to the soon coming of Christ, and tell us that our time for favorable work is short; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize soul-winning evangelism is still the chief objective and fundamental feature of our organized work and the primary means of proclaiming God's saving message to the populous cities and to all mankind; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that the splendid efforts for a greater evangelism during the several years past have resulted in a large fruitage which in turn has brought added strength to all branches of our work; therefore

We recommend, 1. That we earnestly strive to retain our recent soul-winning gains, and cut down the losses, through a careful shepherding and developing of our new converts.

2. That conferences, mission fields, and institutions quicken their pace in evangelistic activity, and lay plans for a much larger ingathering of souls.

3. That surveys be made of unworked territory, neglected cities, crowded centers, and hasten our evangelists there.

4. That further study be given to the crying need of developing a larger number of trained Bible workers.

5. That we continue to rally our church members to this highest form of Christian service.

6. That more capable laymen be trained to labor as strong self-supporting lay evangelists.

7. That our conferences and other organizations continue to economize in operating expenses, conserving every dollar possible for the grand purpose of continuously fostering a greater soul-winning evangelism.

Adjourned to 9:45 Wednesday morning. Closing prayer by W.H. Heckman.

M.N. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
H.T. ELLIOTT, Secretary.
E. ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.

FIFTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1936, 9:45 A.M.

The keynote of W.A.Spicer's study in the devotional service of Wednesday morning, October 28, was "The Finishing of the Work and the Coming of the Lord." The early believers thought that the Lord's coming was very near, but they were disappointed. We may sometimes think that maybe the Lord's coming is farther off than when we believed, but Peter tells us "the day of the Lord will come," (2 Pet. 3:10) and "the Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness" (verse 9). We give a few thoughts from the study in Elder Spicer's own words:

That Christ is coming, is to be the keynote of every doctrine and every message. There is power in the advent thought and idea, for it is God's message for this time. Every truth of holiness, consecration, righteousness, is to be mingled with the message of the coming of the Lord. The Sabbath in its setting is a testing truth in the third angel's message.

It is wonderful how through the ages God waits unhurried, never forgetting. God was planning this work back in the days of Nineveh. Thousands of years passed, and the time came. God can measure time by the thousand years, but He can also do the work of a thousand years in one day. We do not know just how far the work of God has progressed. But let us never get the thought in our hearts that it is going to take the Lord a long time to finish this work. We are to work as though all depended upon us, but our faith is to lay hold of the fact that after all God will finish His work.

In James 5:8,9 and 1 Pet. 4:7,8 we are told what manner of persons we ought to be in view of these things. Above all things as we preach the message we ought to have fervent charity among ourselves. Let us be careful, and walk soberly. The path of error lies right next to the path of truth. Let us follow the word of truth and the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy.

Prof. Frederick Griggs, of the China Division, offered prayer at the beginning of the tenth and final session of the Council, Wednesday morning, October 28, at 9:45.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The first item of business was a report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor, which was adopted as follows:

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We recommend, That the Pacific Union Conference and the Northern California Conference be requested to release E.R.Reynolds to connect with the Southern Asia Division for evangelistic work in Western India.

That Miss Lulu Hattingh, of Melrose, Mass., be invited to connect with the Southern African Division, as preceptress at Helderberg College.

That the Australasian Division be requested to release A.A.Sprengle to connect with the Pacific Union Conference, as factory superintendent of the Health Food Factory.

That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested, in cooperation with the Bureau of Home Missions, to release William Steele, to connect with the Pacific Union for Spanish work in the Arizona Conference.

That the Columbia Union be requested to release E.M.Fishell, to connect with the Pacific Union Conference as union Field Missionary Secretary.

That the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference be requested to release Miss Mary D.Hopkins, to labor as Sabbath School Secretary of the Southern California Conference.

That the Canadian Union and the Alberta Conference, in cooperation with the Bureau of Home Missions, be requested to release William Ruminson, to connect with the Pacific Union, for work among the Russian people in the Central California Conference.

That the Bureau of Home Missions be asked to release G.W.Casebeer, to connect with the Southwestern Union for Spanish work in the Texico Conference.

That the General Conference office be requested to release John Finch, to connect with the Canadian Watchman Press, as printer.

That we approve of the permanent return of Bernhard Petersen, of the China Division; and that in response to the call of the Central Union he be invited to connect with the work in the Iowa Conference.

That the Canadian Union and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference be asked to release S.A.Reile, to connect with the Central Union, for work in the South Dakota Conference.

That the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference be requested to release W.E.Bement to connect with the Southwestern Union for work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference as Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary; and that

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the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference be asked to release A.F. Ruf to connect with the Atlantic Union, for work in the New York Conference as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

That the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference be asked to release W.H. Hanhardt, to connect with the Central Union for departmental work in the South Dakota Conference; and that the Central Union and the Missouri Conference be asked to release W.B. Pontynen, to connect with the Southwestern Union for departmental work in the Texico Conference.

That we invite Val Magan to connect with the China Division, to assist in laboratory and X-ray work.

That we invite Dr. C.E. Randolph, of Brewster, Washington, to connect with the China Division, for medical work in Mongolia.

That the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference be asked to release C.C. Voth, to connect with the Canadian Union for work in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

That the South American Division be asked to secure the release of Miss Hermanson, of Brazil, to connect with the Southern European Division as church school teacher in the island of Madeira.

That the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference be asked to release B.T. Senical to connect with the Central Union for evangelistic work in the Wyoming Mission.

The following recommendations on Sabbath School Leadership, and concerning the Week of Sacrifice, coming from sub-committees which had been appointed to give consideration to these items, were adopted:

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP:

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School Department leadership in every local conference vitally concerns the spiritual welfare of every believer, from the oldest to the youngest, and affects nearly one half of all mission funds received; therefore,

Resolved, That this Autumn Council records a strong appeal that Sabbath School secretaries for local conferences be appointed to devote time and effort among the Sabbath

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schools, in a real endeavor to build up the membership and increase the gifts to our world-wide work.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE:

In view of the unfilled calls for means totaling more than \$1,200,000,

We recommend, 1. That union conference presidents be asked to become responsible for the promotion of the 1936 Week of Sacrifice within their territory in an endeavor to make this offering the largest in our history,--

a. By calling a meeting of workers in union institutions for presentation of an appeal that will enlist the generosity of every worker.

b. By correspondence with the presidents of conferences concerning their responsibility to enlist every worker in sacrificial giving.

c. By carrying on a promotion program through the columns of their union papers.

2. That local conference presidents be asked to lay upon their workers, in workers' meetings, or through correspondence, their sacred duty to fulfill their responsibility of enlisting in this conference-wide effort to make an extraordinary offering.

3. That district superintendents and pastors give earnest attention to the promotion of a liberal offering in every church, giving some notice of the need, the objective, and the date of the offering, on each of the Sabbaths between now and November 28.

THE BUDGET:

As the report of the Budget Committee was called for, W.E. Nelson, the Treasurer, called attention to the fact that the requests for appropriations totaled \$1,225,000 more than the estimated income for 1937. To provide a budget of \$3,294,963.38, it was found necessary to take a further \$276,057.09 from the General Conference reserve, which has already been materially reduced from the 1929 level in order to balance the budget from year to year from 1930 onward. He felt that instead of further depleting the reserve, it should be built up again so as to provide for meeting emergencies that may come at any moment as the result of the very uncertain conditions that exist throughout the world at the present time. He urged conference officials to take upon their hearts in a greater way, if possible, the burden for the unentered fields and the millions who still sit in darkness in the regions beyond.

The report of the Budget Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

BUDGET for 1937

We recommend, That the estimated income for appropriations to overseas and North American Division fields for 1937 be as follows:

Regular General Conference income	\$ 2,918,906.29
General Conference emergency	100,000.00
General Conference reserves	<u>276,057.09</u>
Total estimated income for appropriations for 1937	3,294,963.38

We recomend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1937 and 1938 be as follows:

Australia	9,000.00
Central Europe	9,227.19
China	315,407.87
Inter America	213,349.28
North Europe	106,003.30
South Africa	226,299.55
South America	241,155.89
Southern Asia	294,961.51
Southern Europe	146,813.12
Far East	249,098.90
Alaska	1,200.00
Canadian Union	31,305.42
Southern Union	3,703.19
Southwestern Union	8,953.28
North American Negro Department:	
Southern Union Mission	25,951.70
Southwestern Union Mission	9,197.70
Oakwood Junior College	11,000.00
Riverside Sanitarium	4,000.00
College of Medical Evangelists	7,500.00
Bureau of Home Missions	79,251.23
E. G. White Estate	4,754.00
Miscellaneous and Fixed Administration	<u>770,370.01</u> <u>307,090.96</u>
Total regular budget	3,075,594.10
2. That a loan be made to the Central European Division for 1937, amounting to	121,000.00

3. That special appropriations be as follows:

Overseas:

China	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
Inter America	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
Northern Europe	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
Southern Africa	7,000.	
(Midsum. Offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
South America	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
Southern Asia	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
Southern Europe	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	10,000.
Far East	7,000.	
(Midsum. offering)	<u>3,000.</u>	<u>10,000.</u>
Total special appropriations, Overseas Divisions		80,000.00

North America:

E. G. White Estate, Additional worker (1937)	469.28
Translation Fund for "Messages to Young People" (1936)	1,000.00
Pacific Press Publishing Ass'n, Additional allowance on foreign literature for 1935 (1936)	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total special appropriations to North American Division	2,869.28

4. That emergency appropriations be granted to the following:

a. Ethiopia (1936)	
1. Rehabilitation of hospital in Dessye	2,000.00
2. Reimbursing personal losses and transportation expense incident to the Ethiopian war	<u>3,000.00</u>
	5,000.00
b. Loss by fire, mission station in Liberia (1936)	2,500.00

c. Furlough expense for Southern Asian Division (1936)	<u>8,000.00</u>
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Total Emergency Appropriations	15,500.00
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Total regular, special and emergency appropriations to home and overseas organizations, including loan to the Central European Division	3,294,963.38
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5. <u>We recommend</u> , That a special reserve be set up from the General Emergency Fund to meet economic conditions as found in the conferences and institutions of the North American Division for 1937, amounting to	30,000.00
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6. We recommend, The following appropriations for 1937 to the overseas divisions and the North American Division from the Church Extension Fund:

Overseas:

China Division:		
Hong Kong	4,000.00	
Far Eastern Division:		
Penang	4,500.00	
Inter-American Division:		
Jamaica	5,000.00	
Southern African Division:		
Luz	974.00	
Northern European Division:		
Three chapels	4,000.00	
Southern Asian Division:		
Bombay	15,000.00	
Southern European Division:		
Belgrade	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total appropriation from Ch.Ex.Fund to overseas divisions	48,474.00	

North American Division:

Atlantic Union:		
Oneida, N. Y.	500.00	
White River Jct., Vt.	700.00	
South Lancaster	<u>1,800.00</u>	3,000.00
Canadian Union:		
Myrnam, Uk.	500.00	
Charlottetown	1,500.00	
Victoria	500.00	
Calgary	<u>750.00</u>	3,250.00

Central Union:

Des Moines (colored)	500.00	
Denver No. 1	2,000.00	
Kansas City, Mo. (col.)	<u>1,000.00</u>	3,500.00

Columbia Union:

Cleveland (colored)	1,000.00	
Columbus (colored)	1,000.00	
Pittsburgh (colored)	1,000.00	
Wilmington	<u>1,000.00</u>	4,000.00

Lake Union:

Indianapolis (colored)		4,000.00
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North Pacific Union:

Butte, Mont.	500.00	
Baker, Ore.	750.00	
Idaho Falls, Ida.	750.00	
Helena, Mont.	<u>500.00</u>	2,500.00

Pacific Union:

East Bay	3,000.00	
Loma Linda	<u>1,000.00</u>	4,000.00

Southern Union:

Dothan, Ala.	750.00	
Winston-Salem, NC	500.00	
Atlanta, Ga.	1,000.00	
Mobile, Ala. (colored)	750.00	
West Palm Beach (col.)	500.00	
Ellisville, Miss. (col.)	<u>250.00</u>	3,750.00

Southwestern Union:

Newby, Okla. (colored)	500.00	
El Paso, Tex.	2,000.00	
New Orleans (Italian)	<u>1,500.00</u>	4,000.00

Total appropriation from Ch. Ex. Fund
to North American Division 32,000.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

80,474.00

Total regular, special, emergency and church
extension appropriations to North American
and overseas divisions.

3,405,437.38

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WORK AMONG INDIANS OF
SOUTH DAKOTA:

The Treasurer explained that a special request from the South Dakota Conference for an appropriation to enable them to take advantage of a remarkable opening for work among the Indians in that State, had been overlooked in making up the Budget, and it was

VOTED, That this request be referred to the Minority Committee for consideration.

The vote being taken to adjourn sine die, the delegates sang with deep feeling the beautiful words of the hymn,--

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love!
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again."

J.L.McELHANY, Chairman.
E.D.DICK, Secretary.
E.ZEIDLER, Recording Secretary.