
MINUTES OF MEETINGS
OF THE
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TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 2, 1938

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, F.M.Wilcox, R.Ruhling, J.J.Ireland, J.E.Weaver, W.H.Teesdale, H.A.Morrison, G.W.Wells, Dr. H.M.Walton, M.A.Hollister, J.A.Stevens, F.C.Gilbert, C.L.Bond, E.E.Andross, W.K.Ising, M.E.Kern C.E.Weaks, H.E.Rogers, S.A.Wellman, W.P.Elliott, Dr. A.N.Tonge (of the Southern African Division), H.H.Votaw, M.C.Taft, L.E.Froom.

OTHERS PRESENT:

B.G.Wilkinson, C.C.Pulver, W.E.Phillips, Arthur L.White, D.E.Robinson, Dr. G.C.Bergman (of Ethiopia), H.F.Kirk, F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by B.G.Wilkinson. Minutes of the meeting of April 25 were approved.

WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE--NORMAL BUILDING:

Request was presented from Washington Missionary College for authorization to proceed with the erection of their Normal Building, now that they have in hand 75% of the estimated cost of \$42,500, and the field is definitely committed to the raising of the other 25% by December 31, 1938; and also since the union conference in harmony with the General Conference policy has a plan for the reduction of the College indebtedness by \$10,000 a year.

VOTED, That we give the requested authorization to Washington Missionary College to proceed with the erection of a Normal Building.

APPOINTMENTS:

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

H.A.Morrison to give the commencement address at Atlantic Union College, May 22.

M.N.Campbell to give the commencement address at Oshawa Missionary College, June 26.

W.H.Teesdale to make a visit to Forest Lake Academy.

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A.J.REISIG--GOYAZ MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference to release A.J.Reisig, to connect with the South American Division and the South Brazil Union as director of the Goyaz Mission.

IRMA WATT--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Southern Junior College the call from the Central Union for Miss Irma Watt to connect with the Department of Commerce and Business of Union College.

ESTHER NERLUND--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Esther Nerlund to connect with the Southeastern California Conference for office work.

M.V.TUCKER--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to M.V.Tucker, returning from South America, the invitation to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as manager of the Book Department.

J.BERGER JOHNSON--BUENOS AIRES PUBLISHING HOUSE:

VOTED, To pass on to J.Berger Johnson the call from the South American Division to connect with the Buenos Aires Publishing House as manager.

PAUL R. CONE--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium to release Paul R.Cone to connect with the South American Division as cashier in the Division office.

L.C.EVANS--SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Florida Conference to release L.C.Evans to connect with the Southern African Division for city evangelistic work.

N.C.PETERSON RELEASED:

VOTED, That on account of unfavorable medical reports, N.C.Peterson be released from the call to Jamaica.

R.A.SMITHWICK RELEASED:

VOTED, That R.A.Smithwick be released from the call to Montana.

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GLADYS SEARLE RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Gladys Searle be released from the call to the Central Union Conference office.

A.R.CARETHERS--MINISTERIAL INTERNESHIP:

The Ministerial Interneship Committee submitted the application of A.R.Carethers (colored) for interneship in the Texas Conference, the application being submitted to this Committee because Brother Carethers is past the thirty-year age limit. It was

VOTED, That ministerial interneship be granted to A.R. Carethers for work in the Texas Conference.

MIDSUMMER OFFERING--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee on promotion of the Midsummer Offering.

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, W.H.Williams, M.N. Campbell, H.H.Cobban, W.G.Turner, E.E.Andross, J.A.Stevens.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA--CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Northern California Conference for authorization for the building of a permanent camp meeting auditorium on the grounds of Lodi Academy. The building is to be 120 X 170 feet, and it is estimated it will cost \$12,000. The conference will appropriate \$5,000 toward the cost, the city of Lodi \$2,000, and the remainder will be taken from a \$6,000 reserve fund they have on hand.

VOTED, That we authorize the Northern California Conference to proceed with the erection of a camp meeting auditorium according to their plans.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 5, 1938

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, G.W.Wells, M.A. Hollister, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, R.Ruhling, A.W.Peterson, C.L.Bond, M.E.Kern, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, S.A.Wellman, C.E. Weaks, L.E.Froom, H.A.Morrison, W.E.Howell, H.H.Votaw, F.M. Wilcox, Dr. H.M.Walton.

OTHERS PRESENT:

W.E.Phillips, Miss Clement, D.E.Robinson, A.L.White.

Prayer by J.A.Stevens. Minutes of the meetings of April 27 and 28 were approved.

IRMA WATT--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Southern Junior College the call from the Southwestern Union for Miss Irma Watt to connect with Southwestern Junior College as teacher of secretarial science and to assist in the book-keeping.

MARJORIE MASS--OSHAWA MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Canadian Union for Miss Marjorie Mass to connect with Oshawa Missionary College as matron.

V. LINDSAY--MINISTERIAL INTERNESHIP:

The Ministerial Interneship Committee submitted the application of V.Lindsay (colored) for interneship in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, the application being submitted because of the fact that Brother Lindsay is past the thirty-year age limit. It was

VOTED, That ministerial interneship be granted to V. Lindsay for work in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

HELEN FURBER RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of the medical report, Miss Helen Furber be released from the call to the Southern African Division

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APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of W.H.Teesdale's attending secondary teachers' conventions, in the Pacific Union, August 21-25; and in the Northern Union, August 28 to September 2.

VOTED, That S.A.Wellman be authorized to meet appointments in Southern New England May 29 to June 4.

1939 MINISTERIAL READING COURSE:

VOTED, That for the 1939 Ministerial Reading Course we approve of the following books, now in print or being prepared for publication: I.H.Evans, on "Homiletics;" C.C.Crisler, on "Organization;" Dr. Albert Hyma, on "Christianity and Politics;" Mrs. E.G.White, on "Counsels on Diet and Foods."

W.G.Turner, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 9, 1938

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, C.E.Weaks, W.K.Ising, H.A.Morrison, A.W.Peterson, E.E.Franklin, J.A.Stevens, E.E.Andross, R.Ruhling, J.E.Weaver, C.L.Bond, Dr. H.M.Walton, M.A.Hollister, L.E.Froom, J.J.Ireland.

OTHERS PRESENT:

W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

The meeting was called immediately following the morning worship period. Minutes of the meeting of May 2 were approved.

DAVID LUST--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division, the return of David E.Lust be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

DR. J.C.HAYWARD--PENANG:

VOTED, To invite Dr. J.C.Hayward, of South Carolina, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a member of the staff of the hospital in Penang.

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MARJORIE SCHWEDER--CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Marjorie Schweder, of Union Springs Academy, to connect with Cedar Lake Academy as preceptress and teacher.

WESLEY RHODES--LODI ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Wesley Rhodes of Battle Creek, to connect with Lodi Academy as head of the Music Department.

JAMES GAITENS--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the Southern Union for James Gaitens to connect with the Florida Conference as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND WATERHOUSE--MINNEAPOLIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the Northern Union for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waterhouse for church school work in Minneapolis.

MRS. MARY DIETEL--SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Mrs. Mary Dietel, of Takoma Park, the call from the Southern Union to connect with Southern Junior College as language teacher.

D.A.OCHS--YOUTH'S CONGRESS AT OAKWOOD:

VOTED, That we approve of D.A.Ochs' attending the colored Youth's Congress at Oakwood, May 20-23.

H.H.VOTAW--PISGAH:

VOTED, That in connection with his trip to Southern Junior College for the commencement address, H.H.Votaw be authorized to respond to the request to give an address at the Pisgah Institute.

EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL:

VOTED, That Elder McElhany be asked to appoint a committee on the editorship and publication of the proposed new educational journal.

Appointed: H.A.Morrison, M.N.Campbell, W.E.Nelson, E.D. Dick, W.H.Teesdale.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 11, 1938, 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H.Cobban, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, R.Ruhling, F.M.Wilcox, E.K.Slade, R.L.Benton, J.J.Nethery, W.B.Ochs, J.K.Jones, Glenn Calkins, W.H.Heckman, H.J.Detwiler, W.H.Bergherm, J.A.Stevens, C.E. Weaks, L.E.Froom, A.W.Peterson, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, S.A. Wellman, W.P.Elliott, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.H.Cochran, W.K.Ising, M.A. Hollister, M.E.Kern, G.A.Huse, E.E.Franklin, H.E.Rogers, C.L.Bond, W.E.Howell, M.C.Taft, H.H.Votaw, J.J.Ireland, F.R.Isaac.

OTHERS PRESENT:

S.J.Lashier, in place of J.F.Piper of the Central Union.

Prayer by J.K.Jones.

AMERICAN CEREAL FOOD CORPORATION:

Representatives of the stockholders protective committee of the American Cereal Food Corporation had come to Washington, seeking an interview with the General Conference Committee relative to the financial embarrassment which confronts their organization, and which they felt demanded counsel from the General Conference.

These men were invited in, and after a full statement of their problems, the matter was referred to the following committee:

W.G.Turner, M.N.Campbell, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Branson, W.H. Heckman, R.L.Benton, J.K.Jones, Glenn Calkins, H.J.Detwiler, H.H. Votaw, W.H.Williams, L.H.Christian, E.D.Dick, J.A.Stevens, W.P. Elliott.

M.N.Campbell, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 12, 1938, 11:45 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, M.N.Campbell, H.T. Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H. Cobban, R.L.Benton, W.H.Heckman, Glenn Calkins, H.J.Detwiler, J.J. Nethery, E.K.Slade, J.K.Jones, E.H.Oswald, W.B.Ochs, C.L.Bond, E.E. Andross, J.J.Ireland, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, E.E.Franklin, C.E. Weeks, A.W.Peterson, L.E.Froom, M.E.Kern, W.H.Teesdale, H.E.Rogers, H.H.Votaw, M.C.Taft, S.A.Wellman, W.K.Ising, H.A.Morrison, W.P. Elliott, J.H.Cochran, F.M.Wilcox.

OTHERS PRESENT:

S.J.Lashier, Arthur L.White, D.E.Robinson, W.E.Phillips.

Prayer by J.K.Jones.

J.D.HAYNES--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release J.D.Haynes, to connect with the Inter-American Division as superintendent of the Puerto Rico Mission.

A.D.BOHN--JAMAICA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference to release A.D.Bohn, to connect with the Inter-American Division as pastor-evangelist in Kingston, Jamaica.

R.RUHLING--CHICAGO:

VOTED, That R.Ruhling be authorized to attend a church dedicatory service in Chicago, May 21.

V.A.LIDNER--MINNEAPOLIS:

VOTED, To extend to V.A.Lidner, of the Bureau of Home Missions, the invitation from the Northern Union to connect with the Minnesota Conference as pastor of the Swedish church in Minneapolis.

J.B.PENNER--BROOKFIELD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference the call from the Pacific Press for J.B.Penner for editorial work at the Brookfield Branch.

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MARYBELLE HUFFMAN RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marybelle Huffman be released from the call to the Adelphian Academy.

EVELYN WEGNER RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Evelyn Wegner be released from the call to the Forest Lake Academy.

M.J.SORENSEN--ARABIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to M.J.Sorenson, returning from Ethiopia the invitation from the Central European Division, Section II, to connect with that Division for educational work in the Arabic Union Mission.

J.W.ROWLAND--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and Canadian Junior College the call from the Central Union for J.W. Rowland to connect with the Bible Department of Union College.

CHASE NATIONAL BANK--AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chase National Bank be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E.Nelson and/or W.H. Williams for the account which is in the name of the Central European Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. This revokes authorization of the signature of W.E.Phillips for this account, heretofore authorized by this organization.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SPRING MEETING

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D.C., May 13, 1938, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Members of the General Conference Committee: J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.G. Turner, W.H. Branson, M.N. Campbell, E.D. Dick, A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, A.E. Nelson, G.W. Wells, M.A. Hollister, A.W. Peterson, Dr. H.M. Walton, W.P. Elliott, W.H. Heckman, W.B. Ochs, H.J. Detwiler, J.J. Nethery, E.H. Oswald, E.K. Slade, Glenn Calkins, J.K. Jones, R.L. Benton, C.E. Weeks, J.A. Stevens, E.E. Franklin, F.R. Isaac, J.H. Cochran, F.C. Gilbert, F.M. Wilcox, R. Ruhling, J.J. Ireland, W.E. Howell, H.E. Rogers, H.A. Morrison, W.H. Teesdale, W.K. Ising, L.E. Froom, H.O. Olson, W.H. Bergherm, D.A. Ochs, C.L. Bond, S.A. Wellman, G.A. Huse, M.E. Kern.

Others present: S.J. Lashier, W.W. Prescott, A.L. Westphal, G.F. Eichman, M.E. Cady, A.L. White, D.E. Robinson, E.L. Richmond, L.W. Graham, J.J. Reiswig, D.W. Hunter, W.L. Burgan, Miss Lora Clement, Miss Rosamond Ginther, Mrs. Marjorie Marsh, W.E. Phillips, C.E. Palmer, M.E. Munger, H.A. Shepard, W.A. Benjamin, B.L. Grundset, Merwin Thurber, Harry Beckner, O. Callicott, B.F. Summerour, J.H. Tiney

E.E. Andross read a portion of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah for the opening of the meeting, and prayer was offered by I.H. Evans and E.K. Slade.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program was adopted:

A.M.		P.M.	
8:30 -- 9:00	Devotional	2:00 -- 3:30	Session
9:00 -- 10:30	Session	3:30 -- 3:45	Recess
10:30 -- 10:45	Recess	3:45 -- 5:15	Session
10:45 -- 12:15	Session	7:00 -- 9:00	Subcommittees or Session

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chairman stated it was anticipated that most of the items to be considered could be dealt with directly by the full Committee, though as business proceeded it might be necessary to appoint small committee on specific items. However, it was deemed advisable to have a standing committee on Finance, and it was

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VOTED, That the following named persons constitute a Finance Committee:

W.E.Nelson, Chairman, W.H.Branson, M.N.Campbell, L.H. Christian, H.H.Cobban, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, M.E.Kern, W.G.Turner, W.H.Williams, W.H.Bergherm, M.A.Hollister, J.J.Ireland, H.A. Morrison, J.A.Stevens, J.H.Cochran, G.A.Huse, W.P.Elliott, Glenn Calkins, R.L.Benton, H.J.Detwiler, W.H.Heckman, J.K.Jones, J.J. Nethery, W.B.Ochs, E.H.Oswald, S.J.Lashier, E.K.Slade, A.E.Nelson.

GREETINGS TO J.L.SHAW:

Glenn Calkins told of the failing health of Elder J.L.Shaw, who is now at the Loma Linda Sanitarium. Brother Shaw wished to be remembered to the Committee, and wanted the brethren to know that he is of good courage. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to send to J.L.Shaw a message of greeting from the Committee assembled in this Spring Meeting.

GREETINGS TO DR. P.T.MAGAN:

Statement was made that Dr. Magan, who had expected to attend this meeting, was prevented from doing so by the condition of his health, and it was

VOTED, That the greetings of the Committee be sent to Dr. P.T.Magan,

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for the General Conference, the General Conference Corporation, the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, and the General Conference Association, for the year ending December 31, 1937, with certificates of audit, and these were accepted as follows:

[See fourteen pages following]

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1937

ASSETSCurrent

Cash and Bank	1 610 340 54
Security Investments	706 510 91
Notes Receivable	175 00
Accounts Receivable	206 545 91
Accrued Interest Securities	7 180 16
Inventory Supplies and Prepaid Expense	<u>20 596 12</u>

Total Current Assets

2 551 348 64

Fixed

General Conference Library	3 490 45
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>1 899 12</u>

Total Fixed Assets

1 591 33

Total Assets

2 552 939 97

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	73 451 51
Trust Funds	<u>600 682 51</u>

Total Liabilities

674 134 02

NET WORTH

Net Worth January 1, 1937	1 826 753 52
Net Increase Year 1937	<u>52 052 43</u>

Net Worth December 31, 1937

1 878 805 95

Total Liabilities and Net Worth

2 552 939 97

ANALYSIS OF NET WORTH

Provision to Cover Fixed Assets	1 591 33
Current Assets	2 551 348 64
Less Liabilities	<u>674 134 02</u>

Working Capital

1 877 214 62

Net Worth December 31, 1937

1 878 805 95

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATING STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1937

INCOMETITHENorth America

Union Conferences	46 480 79	
Per cent of Tithe	724 810 75	
Miscellaneous Tithe	<u>5 139 93</u>	776 431 47

Foreign Tithe

10% Union Tithe		
(Europe and Australia)	7 263 92	
Europe 25% Local Conference Tithe	12 535 41	
Other Divisions Non-Revertible	<u>6 444 16</u>	<u>26 243 49</u>

Total Tithe Receipts

802 674 96

MISSION OFFERINGSNorth America

Forty-cent-a-Week Funds	2 366 557 84	
Miscellaneous	9 335 85	
Specific Mission Offerings	<u>3 509 34</u>	2 379 403 03

Foreign

Europe Non-Revertible	79 167 65	
Other Divisions Non-Revertible	196 297 63	
Foreign Revertible	<u>644 422 27</u>	<u>919 887 55</u>

Total Mission Offerings

3 299 290 58

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Gain on Securities	1 414 55	
Autumn Council Pledges &		
Surplus Tithe	131 350 00	
Funds Returned and Reclaimed	8 331 75	
Interest and Dividends	35 945 76	
Exchange Gains	30 348 98	
Foreign Literature Special Offering	63 97	
Legacy	500 00	
Royalties	5 715 95	
Purchasing Bureau	821 57	
Commissions Hotel Reservations	<u>90</u>	

Total Miscellaneous Income

214 493 43

Total General Conference Income Year 1937

4 316 458 97

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATING STATEMENT CONTINUED

EXPENSEAPPROPRIATIONSForeign

Regular	1 932 316 61
Reverted Funds	644 422 27
Special Appropriations	80 000 00
Emergency Appropriation	38 772 56
Specific Gifts for Missions	3 509 34
13th Sabbath Overflow	32 884 93
Special Sick Relief	6 293 82
Appointees & Furlough Expense	7 066 31
Annual Offering Appro.	67 427 28
Week of Sacrifice Overflow	34 393 05
Mission Extension Fund Overflow	5 500 00
Sustentation - Africa	1 137 57
Sustentation - South America	72 99
Spring in Tithe & Offerings	23 856 81

Total Foreign Appropriations

2 877 653 54

Home

Regular	191 519 37
Alaska & Hawaii Funds Reverted	19 504 39
Emergency & Special Appro.	154 553 10
Institutional Relief	423 498 19
Rural Schools	3 020 38
Bible Societies	2 580 00
Theological Seminary Appro.	8 719 06
American Temperance Society	225 67
General Meeting Expense	3 163 48
1940 General Conf. Session Appro.	6 000 00
Appro. to Sustentation Fund	54 316 96
Harvest Ingathering Overflow	44 627 51
Special Sick Relief	4 291 03

Total Home Appropriations

916 019 14

Total Appropriations Year 1937

3 793 672 68

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATING STATEMENT CONTINUED

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSEAdministrative & Departmental

Salary	174 232 96
Rent Subsidy	14 651 11
Travel	50 011 98
Office Expense	21 318 78

Total Administrative and Departmental Expense 260 214 83

Regular Operating Expense

Rent, Heat and Light	11 831 87
Liability Insurance	456 00
Workers Insurance Subsidy	295 22
General Expense	380 60
Cables, Telegrams and Telephone	1 915 94
Entertainment	1 806 08
Ministry	845 66
Retired Laborers	5 909 70
Transportation Agencies	13 091 65
Harvest Ingathering Expense	74 982 41
Promotion Expense	9 699 55
Year Book Loss	117 24

Total Regular Operating Expense 121 331 92

Misc. Operating Expense

Autumn Council Expense	1 295 75
Radio and Transcription Expense	1 846 54
Adjustment - Previous Years	28 112 81
Provision for Depreciation for Securities	57 932 01

Total Misc. Operating Expense 89 187 11

Total General Operating Expense

470 733 86

Total General Conference Expense Year 1937

4 264 406 54

Total Income Year 1937	4 316 458 97
Total Expense Year 1937	<u>4 264 406 54</u>

Net Gain Year 1937 52 052 43

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

To the Executive Committee of the
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists:

I have audited the accounts of the General
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ending
December 31, 1937.

I hereby certify that the accompanying
Balance Sheet and the Operating Statement, in my opinion,
correctly reflect the financial condition of the General
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at December 31, 1937,
and the operations for the year ending with that date, and
that the books of account are in agreement therewith.



Associate Auditor, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D. C.
May 2, 1938

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S. D. A.
Including Washington Sanitarium

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1937

A S S E T S

Current

Cash and Bank	223 718 34	
Notes Securities	863 638 92	
Accounts Receivable	150 406 51	
Accrued Interest Receivable	7 518 75	
Prepaid Expense	<u>666 54</u>	
Total Current Assets		1 245 949 06

Fixed

Real Estate		
G. C. Corporation	11 034 39	
Washington Sanitarium	27 966 23	
Washington Clinic	<u>2 500 00</u>	41 500 62
Buildings Less Deprec.		
G. C. Corporation	91 864 06	
Washington Sanitarium	312 313 51	
D. C. Clinic	<u>10 644 00</u>	414 821 57
Equipment Less Deprec.		
G. C. Corporation	23 658 78	
Washington Sanitarium	<u>56 282 24</u>	<u>79 941 02</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>536 263 21</u>
Total Assets		1 782 212 27

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable	92 463 95	
Notes and Certificates	278 887 86	
Annuity Contracts	450 026 00	
Interest and Annuities	<u>2 601 90</u>	
Total Liabilities		823 979 71

N E T W O R T H

Net Worth January 1, 1937	982 471 49	
Decrease in Capital Year 1937	<u>24 238 93</u>	
Total Net Worth		<u>958 232 56</u>
Liabilities and Net Worth		1 782 212 27

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S. D. A.

Washington Sanitarium Eliminated

BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1937

A S S E T SCurrent

Cash and Bank	223 718 34	
Notes and Securities	863 638 92	
Accounts Receivable	20 258 25	
Interest Receivable	7 518 75	
Prepaid Expense	<u>666 54</u>	
Total Current Assets		1 115 800 80

Fixed

Real Estate	13 534 39	
Buildings Less Depreciation	102 508 06	
Equipment Less Depreciation	<u>23 658 78</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>139 701 23</u>
Total Assets		1 255 502 03

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable	84 782 09	
Notes Certificates	278 887 86	
Annuity Contracts	<u>443 826 00</u>	
Interest and Annuities Payable	<u>2 601 90</u>	
Total Liabilities		810 097 85

N E T W O R T H

Net Worth January 1, 1937	502 073 39	
Net Loss Year 1937	<u>56 669 21</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1937		<u>445 404 18</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		1 255 502 03

C O M P A R I S O N O F W O R K I N G F U N D S

Net Worth December 31	502 073 39	445 404 18
Required to Cover Fixed Assets	<u>137 253 06</u>	<u>139 701 23</u>
Working Funds	364 820 33	305 702 95
Decrease During Year 1937		59 117 38

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF S. D. A.

OPERATING STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1937

I N C O M E

Interest Income	38 500 15
Gain on Security Sales	2 347 72
Wills, Legacies and Estates	18 088 98
Donations Received	627 60
Matured Annuities	18 225 54
Gain on Equipment Sales	206 33
Building and Equipment Rental Income	10 801 00
Income Lucy Hall Property	1 069 80
Unredeemed Checks	21 10

Total Income Year 1937

89 888 22

E X P E N S E S

Interest Expense	3 441 48
Annuity Expense	18 536 84
Depreciation - Buildings	2 337 33
" Equipment	3 925 78
" Grounds Improvement	123 85
" Washington Clinic	384 00
General Expense	406 36
Grounds Expense	254 43
Insurance Expense	172 16
Repairs and Remodeling - Buildings	3 567 34
Repairs - Equipment	189 55
Salaries and Allowances	2 666 75
Taxes	2 104 01
Adjustment Previous Years	4 070 71
Provision for Securities	69 519 84
Special Appropriations	34 857 00

Total Expense Year 1937

146 557 43

General Conference Corporation Loss Year 1937

56 669 21

Washington Sanitarium - 1937 Operating Gain

32 430 28

Decrease in Corporation Net Worth Year 1937

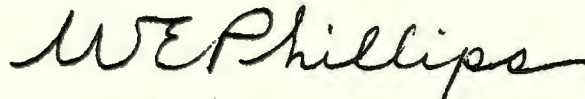
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CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have made an examination of the accounts and records of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ending December 31, 1937.

I hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Income and Expense Statement are in accordance with the books of account, and in my opinion, present the correct financial position of the organization at December 31, 1937, and the result of operation for the year ended that date.



Associate Auditor, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Washington, D. C.
March 28, 1938

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1937

A S S E T SCurrent

Cash and Bank	52 384 63
Securities	820 00
Accounts Receivable	22 246 89
Supplies and Working Assets	<u>54 696 74</u>

Total Current Assets

130 148 26

Fixed

Real Estate	27 966 23
Buildings Less Depreciation	312 313 51
Equipment Less Depreciation	<u>56 282 24</u>

Total Fixed Assets

396 561 98

Total Assets

526 710 24

L I A B I L I T I E S

Accounts Payable	5 535 50
Reserve for Accrued Expense	2 146 36
Annuity Contracts	<u>6 200 00</u>

Total Liabilities

13 881 86

N E T W O R T H

Net Worth January 1, 1937	480 398 10
Net Gain Year 1937	<u>32 430 28</u>

Net Worth December 31, 1937

512 828 38

Liabilities and Net Worth

526 710 24

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT

1 Year - 52 Weeks - Ending January 1, 1938

G A I N S

Charity, State of Maryland, Miso.	1 123 09
Conscience Funds Received	56 57
Loss Accounts Collected	10 00
Cash Discounts from Firms	1 028 01
Departmental Net Gain	<u>45 125 45</u>

Total Gains

47 343 12L O S S E S

Charity - Patients	11 673 51
Charity - Childrens' Hospital	2 067 79
Donations	827 36
Medical Protective Settlements	<u>344 18</u>

Total Losses

14 912 84

Net Gain

32 430 28

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Having made an examination of the books of account and financial records of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital for the year ended January 1, 1938, we hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet and the related Loss and Gain and Departmental Operating Statements are drawn up in harmony with the books of records, and, in our opinion, these fairly present the financial status of this institution as of January 1, 1938, and the results of operating during the year then ended.

H.W.BARROWS
W.E.PHILLIPS
Associate Auditors General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D.C.
January 24, 1938.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1937

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable General Conference Corporation		24 912 70	
Real Estate	200 00		
Less Reserve	<u>200 00</u>		
Total Assets			24 912 70

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable Exhibit 1	995 00	
Thompson Monument Fund	<u>60 00</u>	
Total Liabilities		1 055 00

NET WORTH

Net Worth January 1, 1937	21 790 65	
Gain Year 1937	<u>2 067 05</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1937		<u>23 857 70</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		24 912 70

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1937

INCOME

Interest on Funds with Gen. Conf. Corporation	725 62	
Annuity Bond Matured - M. Lenker	<u>1 350 00</u>	
Total Income		2 075 62

EXPENSE

Annuity Expense	6 57	
Filing Non-Profit Corp. Report	<u>2 00</u>	
Total Expense		<u>8 57</u>
Income Exceeds Expense		2 067 05

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have audited the books of account of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists for the year 1937, and hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement set forth the true financial position of the organization at December 31, 1937, and the result of operation for the year ended that date.

W E Phillips

Associate Auditor, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Washington, D. C.
March 28, 1938

May 13, 1938

REPORT ON WORK OF THE WHITE ESTATE:

Arthur L. White, reporting concerning the work of the E.G. White Estate, brought out many interesting facts. During the past year, as a result of the campaign to increase the circulation of the E.G. White books, 12,000 more copies of these books were placed in Seventh-day Adventist homes than during the preceding year. Approximately 1700 sets of the nine-volume set of "Testimonies" and from 1800 to 2800 each of the five books of the "Conflict" series were sold, and 828 sets of the newly published "Selections from the Testimonies."

Several new editions made their appearance in foreign languages during the past year, among them "Ministry of Healing" in abridged form in the Ilocana and Payayan dialects of the Philippines; "Christian Experience and Views" in the Urdu dialect of India; a volume of selections from the "Testimonies" in the Czech language, and the book "Education" in the Portuguese.

The work of the White Estate at St. Helena was bound off December 31, 1937, and all the materials shipped to Washington, where they are now housed in the vault of the General Conference building. The name of the organization has been changed to "Ellen G. White Publications, Incorporated."

Brother White in concluding his report, called attention to the fact that there are many now in our churches, who have joined us in recent years, who have but a meager knowledge of the place of the Spirit of prophecy in our movement, and suggested that a solution might be found in the proper instructing of the young people in our schools, the education of new converts in this line, and continuous efforts to increase the circulation and reading of the Spirit of prophecy books.

ABRIDGED EDITION OF "GREAT CONTROVERSY":

F.M. Wilcox and A.L. White called attention to a request that has come from the field for an abridged edition of "Great Controversy" and the suggestion that an abridgement might be made, bringing out the last half of the large book in subscription book form, to be sold at a medium price to the public, but not to take the place of the large book among our own people, the full book being obtainable in the trade edition. It was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to give study to this question and make recommendation.

Appointed: C.E. Weeks, Arthur L. White, J.H. Cochran, W.P. Elliott, E.D. Dick, G.A. Huse, F.M. Wilcox, M.E. Kern, L.H. Christian, E.E. Franklin.

Adjourned to 8:30 Sunday morning.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
E.D. Dick, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Spring Meeting

May 15, 1938, 8:30 A. M.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

Committee Members: H. H. Votaw, M. C. Taft.Others: H. G. Childs, W. B. Mohr, Roger Paul, M.D.

THE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Elder L. H. Christian, in the devotional service beginning at 8:30 A.M., spoke on the spiritual value of the second advent idea. A deep, personal, longing love for the appearing of Jesus should abide in the hearts of our people. We would then be joyful in the thought of His soon coming. Four important results would follow: (1) A great personal testing. (2) A mighty incentive to holiness. (3) An impelling power to missionary endeavor. (4) A strong bond of Christian unity. In "Early Writings," page 58, is the instruction: "Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of man." Our people are to be led not only to believe and talk of the signs of His coming, but personally to love His appearing.

Earnest prayers were offered by W. K. Ising and A. W. Peterson.

The business of the Council was commenced at 9 A.M., with W.H. Branson as Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS, CAMPAIGNS, AND OFFERINGS, 1939:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to bring in a report on Special Days, Campaigns, and Offerings for the year 1939.

Appointed: E. D. Dick, W. H. Williams, J. A. Stevens, W. H. Bergherm, A. E. Nelson, M. A. Hollister, W. B. Mohr.

LOCATION OF AND ATTENDANCE AT AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The committee appointed to bring in recommendation as to location of the Autumn Council sought advice in this matter. After some discussion, it was--

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to bring in recommendation as to location of the Autumn Council, also specifically designating classes of individuals who should be invited to attend.

Committee appointed: M. N. Campbell, union conference presidents, W. E. Nelson, and E. D. Dick.

May 15, 1938-- 761

PLANS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

J. L. McElhany explained the need of giving early attention to plans for the General Conference session, in order to make preliminary arrangements for use of an auditorium, as well as to give study to departmental conventions to be held at the time of the session. There was an expression of feeling that the holding of departmental conventions during the time of the session caused too congested a program, also that in the interests of economy and to facilitate the carrying on of business it would be well to limit the attendance.

Recess was taken from 10:40 to 10:50 A.M.

Following the intermission, J. L. McElhany spoke further concerning plans for the General Conference session, emphasizing the need of this meeting representing the interests of the cause around the world, also that it be a great forward movement in an endowment of spiritual power.

There followed an open and full discussion of plans for and objectives of such a meeting.

VOTED, To ask the Officers of the General Conference to give careful study to plans for the General Conference session in 1940, to take up correspondence with the fields abroad, and to bring in recommendations to the Autumn Council; with the understanding that in studying this question the Officers shall give serious consideration to the elimination of large departmental conventions or institutes in connection with the General Conference session.

VOTED, That the item of whether or not there shall be exhibits at the coming General Conference session also be given consideration by the Officers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

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

* SUSTENTATION RECEIPTS

FOR SUPPORT OF PERMANENTLY RETURNED WORKERS:

On July 21, 1937, the General Conference Committee voted that up to 5 % of sustentation receipts be set aside for carrying the salary of workers returned permanently from foreign mission service until such time as they can be placed and for making final settlement with such workers when necessary. Inasmuch as the fund thus created is larger than needed,

We recommend, That the percentage of sustentation receipts set aside for workers permanently returned from foreign mission service be reduced from 5 % to 3 %, and that any amount in excess of \$10,000 remaining in the Permanently Returned Workers' Fund revert at the close of each year to the Sustentation Fund.

May 15, 1938-- 762

REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF OFFERINGS:

We recommend, 1. That no deviation from our general denominational policy and plan for raising mission funds be made by either union or local conferences without action of the General Conference Committee.

We recommend, 2. That the Vice-President for the North American Division, the Treasurer of the General Conference, the union conference presidents of North America, and H. T. Elliott, be appointed as a committee to study the possibility of lessening the number of mission offerings during the year either by combinations or otherwise, and report to this meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON ABRIDGED EDITION OF "GREAT CONTROVERSY":

The committee appointed to give study to the proposal of an abridged edition of "Great Controversy" for subscription sale, submitted a report which with certain changes was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The publishers of "Great Controversy" in the United States, realizing the increasing importance of greatly augmenting the sale of the book, are at the present time making investment and taking steps to materially extend its circulation; and

WHEREAS, An abbreviation of the book, as suggested, would omit the historical background, which is of inestimable value in providing for a better understanding of the more important latter chapters in the book, thus failing in giving to the readers a philosophy of history which is needed today as never before;

We recommend, 1. That the consideration of an abridged English subscription edition of "Great Controversy" be postponed.

In view of the ominous times in which we are entering, and the fact that "Great Controversy" as no other book, carries so vital a message for this hour, given to enlighten the remnant church, and to fortify them against the wiles of the closing days of this earth's history;

We recommend, 2. That very special efforts be put forth to place "Great Controversy" in Adventist homes now without it, and that we endeavor to give careful study to its message. As a means to this end, we suggest that "Great Controversy" be included in the Church Officers' Reading Course for 1939.
[encourage our entire church membership to]

Inasmuch as "Great Controversy" is designed also for wide general circulation by our colporteurs, so presenting the message, and especially the great issues of the threefold message as to bring enlightenment and conviction to hearts;

We further recommend, 3. That our Publishing Department leaders in all parts of the field be urged to greatly encourage the sale of this message-filled book through colporteur channels.

May 15, 1938 -- 763

MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECTS:

VOTED, That the selection of Missions Extension projects for 1939 be referred to the Minority Committee to be dealt with immediately following the Autumn Council.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Sabbath School Department presented a series of recommendations regarding the appointment of union conference Sabbath school secretaries, the continuance of the Department to send promotion material direct to each of the local conferences and missions, and the local conferences to report direct to the General Conference Sabbath School Department as in past years.

VOTED, To refer these recommendations for consideration also to the committee appointed to study the possibility of decreasing the number of mission offerings during the year.

Adjournment was taken at 12:15 P.M.

W. H. BRANSON, Chairman;
A. W. CORMACK, Secretary;
Katie Farney, Recording Sec'

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Spring Meeting

May 15, 1938, 7:00 P. M.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

L. F. Thiel, C. P. Sorensen, Mrs. C. P. Sorensen, Mrs. Grace D. Mace, Miss Lizzie Gregg, J. D. Snider, J. H. Nies.

Prayer was offered by S. A. Wellman.

ATTENDANCE AT AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The committee appointed to bring in recommendations regarding attendance at Autumn Council presented its report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the following classes of workers be invited to attend Autumn Councils and sit with the General Conference Committee:

a. Union Treasurers.

b. Local Conference Presidents.

c. That Superintendents of mission fields of the North American Division be invited to attend one Autumn Council between General Conference sessions, preferably the biennial session.

d. Union Negro Secretaries.

e. Such other persons as may be specially invited by the General Conference Committee.

2. That the privilege of voting be extended only to the above invited classes of workers.

UNION SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARIES:

The committee requested to give study to the appointment of Union Conference Sabbath School Secretaries presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Conference principle of organization for the departments in all divisions outside North America includes Sabbath School Secretaries for Union Conferences and Union Missions, and

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school work in North America would be greatly strengthened by secretarial leadership in each of the Union Conferences, therefore,

May 15, 1938

We recommend, 1. That a Sabbath School Secretary may be appointed in each Union Conference of the North American Division where a suitable person can be found without increasing the salary expense to give general supervision to the Sabbath school work.

2. That the General Conference Sabbath School Department continue its present direct promotion with each of the local conferences and missions of the North American Division, and

3. That the local conferences of this division continue to report direct to the General Conference Sabbath School Department, as in past years.

REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF OFFERINGS:

The committee to consider decreasing the number of offerings rendered the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That, in order to take advantage of the natural time of giving, and yet not have the offerings too close together, the Week of Sacrifice be November 19 - 26, 1939, the Week of Prayer and Annual Offering be December 9 - 16, 1939;

2. That in 1938 the Week of Sacrifice be moved from its present date in October, to November 20 - 26.

3. That the offering for the Translation Fund be eliminated.

COUNCIL FOR EDITORS:

J. L. McElhany made a statement regarding the need for greater care on the part of our editors that nothing be published which would bring our work into disrepute in the eyes of any government, or lower our denomination in the estimation of people generally. It was pointed out that some things which have appeared in print from our writers in the past have caused embarrassment to our workers and people in countries where there is press censorship. The editors in our denomination have expressed a desire to hold a council at which they could discuss their problems among themselves and with denominational leaders, in an effort to formulate safe policies for the carrying forward of editorial work. It was suggested that book editors as well as periodical editors should attend a meeting of this kind. The consensus of opinion was that this meeting should not be held in connection with Autumn Council. After considerable discussion regarding the need for such a council, it was

VOTED, That we recommend the holding of an editors' council, the details as to time, place, and representation to be referred to the Minority Committee.

COUNSEL TO PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

The necessity of our public speakers exercising extreme care in the statements they make from the pulpit regarding political questions was emphasized by Elder McElhany. A discussion of the question, and the citation of several illustrations of the unfortunate and in some cases disastrous results of unwise sensational advertising of evangelistic meetings,

and indiscrete public references to governmental leaders and policies, led to the decision that an effort should be made to impress our ministers and evangelists with the necessity for extreme caution in these matters. It was suggested that Elder McElhany prepare a written statement, similar to the remarks which he made in opening the discussion, to be circulated among our denominational public speakers.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of three to draw up a short statement, to be used in connection with the statement which Elder McElhany shall prepare, on the necessity of carefulness in public reference to political questions, and that this material be sent to the Union Conference Presidents, with the request that they forward it to the public speakers in their respective territories. Appointed: L. H. Christian, I. H. Evans, M. E. Kern.

CANADIAN WATCHMAN PRESS:

At the time of the Publishing Survey Commission, held just prior to the Spring Committee Meeting, a subcommittee was appointed to study the Canadian Watchman Press situation, and to bring a report direct to the Spring Meeting. The committee, consisting of W. H. Williams, W. E. Nelson, J. H. Cochran, C. G. Maracle, H. A. Shepard, W. B. Ochs, W. G. Turner, F. R. Isaac, M. N. Campbell, and W. P. Elliott, presented the following report, which was adopted:

In view of its inability to operate without incurring heavy indebtedness,

We recommend, 1. That the Canadian Watchman Press discontinue its manufacturing and printing operations, and function only as a publishing agency, having its printing and binding and other factory work done on a competitive basis by such concerns as it may choose.

2. That the Canadian Union Conference take over the general management of the Canadian Watchman Press, with its factory building and equipment, and arrange for the factory building to be rented according to the following plan:

a. The front section of the building to be rented at a minimum yearly rental of \$2,000.

b. The rear half of the factory building, including the north and south wings of the east section, with the pressroom and equipment, to be rented to some suitable person of experience to operate as a printing establishment, at a yearly rental of \$2,400, this arrangement to be covered by a contract safeguarding the interests of the Corporation.

c. That in turning over the equipment on a rental basis an inventory accompany the contract.

d. The bindery equipment for hard binding to be sold for \$7,500 and the proceeds applied on the debts of the Canadian Watchman Press.

e. The houses and farm lands to be disposed of and the proceeds applied as above.

f. Until sold, all gains from rentals of cottages and lands and factory building to be applied on the Canadian Watchman debts.

g. The net profits accruing from the operations of the Canadian Watchman Press as a publishing agency, to be applied on its debts.

h. It is understood that as far as possible the person renting the factory section of the plant will utilize student labor and such of the present employees as can be used to advantage.

i. That there be an early reappraisal of the assets of the Canadian Watchman Press by the General Conference.

j. This plan to take effect not later than July 1, 1938.

LOCATION OF FALL COUNCIL:

VOTED, To favor holding the 1938 Autumn Council in some suitable city in the Middle West, and to refer the final decision as to the exact place to the Minority Committee.

DONALD HUNTER--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM CHAPLAIN:

VOTED, To pass on to Donald Hunter, permanently returned from India, the invitation to connect with the Washington Sanitarium as chaplain and Bible teacher.

F. L. BURKHARDT--NEBRASKA CONFERENCE FOR TEMPORARY SERVICE:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference to release F. L. Burkhardt temporarily to connect with the Nebraska Conference as Assistant Field Missionary Secretary, for a period of six months.

ALICE BODINE--RELEASE FROM CALL TO MINNESOTA:

VOTED, To release Miss Alice Bodine, of Wisconsin, from the call to Minnesota, for church school teaching.

Benediction by R. L. Benton.

L. H. CHRISTIAN, Chairman
A. W. CORMACK, Secretary
Ruth Conard, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Executive Session

May 15, 1938, 9:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. L. McElhany, M. N. Campbell, W. G. Turner, L. H. Christian, E. L. Branson, W. E. Nelson, W. H. Williams, H. H. Cobban, E. D. Dick, H. T. Elliott, A. W. Cormack, W. E. Howell, F. M. Wilcox, E. K. Slade, R. Ruhling, M. E. Kern, J. J. Ireland, H. A. Morrison, C. L. Bond, J. J. Nethery, A. W. Peterson, L. E. Froom, D. A. Ochs, W. B. Ochs, W. H. Teesdale, H. J. Detwiler, W. K. Ising, G. A. Huse, H. H. Votaw, W. P. Elliott, J. K. Jones, H. E. Rogers, A. E. Nelson, W. H. Bergherm, F. R. Isaacs, F. C. Gilbert, H. O. Olson, G. W. Wells, S. A. Wellman, C. E. Weeks, Glenn Calkins, Dr. H. M. Walton, J. A. Stevens, W. H. Heckman, I. H. Evans, M. A. Hollister, E. E. Andross.

OTHERS PRESENT:

W. E. Phillips, S. J. Lashier.

AMERICAN CEREAL FOOD CORPORATION:

The committee appointed to give study to the relationship which the General Conference should sustain to the appeal brought to us by the Stockholders' Protective Committee of the American Cereal Food Corporation, presented its report, which was amended and accepted as follows:

WHEREAS, Brethren Harry S. Beckner, of South Lancaster, Mass., B. F. Summerour, of Norcross, Ga., Oakley H. Callcott, of Memphis, Tenn., and J. F. Fechtenburg, 2831 West Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, Penna., members of the Stockholders' Protective Committee of the American Cereal Food Corporation, appeared before the General Conference Committee on May 11, 1938, earnestly requesting counsel concerning the perplexing situation in which this corporation finds itself at the present time; and

WHEREAS, It was pointed out by them that it is necessary that certain creditors of the corporation be paid and said corporation reorganize in order to save it from bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, It seems impossible for this "Stockholders' Protective Committee" to raise sufficient funds to meet the requirements of the corporation within the limited time available; and

WHEREAS, This industry has proven to be a great asset to the Atlantic Union College, of South Lancaster, Mass., by furnishing remunerative employment to a large number of students who otherwise could not have attended college; and

WHEREAS, The closing of the factory of this corporation would greatly affect the attendance as well as the income of said Atlantic Union College,

We recommend, 1. That the plan proposed by the representative of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists be adopted. This plan provides that the Atlantic Union purchase with available funds \$10,000 worth of first mortgage bonds from the American Cereal Food Corporation.

2. That in the plan of reorganization the Atlantic Union Conference president and one other person to be nominated by the Atlantic Union Conference Committee, be chosen as members of the board of directors.

3. That all of the present officers of the corporation resign and the new board of directors determine who are to be the future officers.

4. That all formal contracts between the corporation and its present officers be annulled.

5. That those chosen for official position be members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in good and regular standing.

6. That the present holders of promotion stock outstanding in the American Cereal Food Corporation surrender all or a major portion thereof to the Stockholders' Protective Committee. The said stock shall be held in the voting trust until such time as the bonds are paid off by accrued earnings of the corporation, when they will be returned to the treasury for treasury stock.

7. That the Officers of the General Conference nominate two persons to be appointed by the General Conference Committee, to collaborate with W. H. Heckman in giving counsel relative to the future work of the American Cereal Food Corporation.

8. It is hereby declared that the General Conference assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for this corporation.

Persons appointed to collaborate with W. H. Heckman in giving counsel relative to the future work of the American Cereal Food Corporation: W. H. William and H. H. Votaw.

The meeting closed with prayer by W. K. Ising.

J. L. MC ELHANY, Chairman
E. D. DICK, Secretary
Ruth Conard, Recording Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Spring Meeting

May 16, 1938, 8:30 A.M.

"This Crisis Hour," or the perils of the last days, was the subject of the devotional service, led by W.H. Branson. Paul in the second epistle to Timothy says that in the last days perilous times shall come,--to the church as well as to the world. Ever since the beginning of this message we have expected that the time would come when we would have to carry on the work under pressure of great trial and religious persecution. We are facing that situation in many countries today. However, the greatest danger to the church is not those things from without, but the conditions within,--the loss of faith, the letting down of standards, the creeping in of worldliness. Elder Branson appealed to the workers who will go out to the camp meetings this summer to concentrate on the endeavor to build up the faith and confidence of our people in the great fundamentals of this message. We are in a crisis hour. We face dangers from without and from within. But the message is true, and the Lord will lead it and His people on to final triumph.

A telegram from Dr. Magan conveyed a request from Elder J.L. Shaw that he be remembered in prayer, and earnest prayer was offered in his behalf by Elders Dick and McElhany.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN OTHER LANDS:

As the business part of the session was begun, a suggestion was made that it might be helpful if an article could be published in the Review, calling the attention of our people in America to the hardships and trials through which many of our brethren and sisters in other lands are passing. It was

VOTED, To ask J.L. McElhany to prepare an article for the Review, calling upon our people throughout North America to pray especially for our suffering brethren and sisters in other lands.

MISSION FUNDS:

The Treasurer referred to the report on the Forty-cent-a-week Fund for the thirteen weeks ending March 26, 1938. Last year the per capita contributed was 14½ cents. This year it is 15 cents. The total increase is \$19,590. He also called attention to the fact that last year was our banner year, in North America, in the amount of tithe paid, more tithe having been paid than in any other year in our history.

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS:

The committee on Special Days and Offerings for 1939 submitted their report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS

FOR 1939

Special Dates for 1939 Requiring
Programs in all the Churches

January 7	Home Missionary Day
January 28	Religious Liberty Day*
February 4	Christian Home Day
February 25	Temperance Day
March 4	Home Missionary Day
March 11-18	Missionary Volunteer Day (March 11) and Week of Prayer
April 1	Medical Missionary Day
April 22	Missions Extension Day*
May 6	Home Missionary Day
June 3	Home-Foreign Day
July 1	Home Missionary Day
July 29	Educational Day
August 5	Home Missionary Day
August 12	Harvest Ingathering Rally Day
September 2	Home Missionary Day
October 7	Home Missionary Day
November 4	Home Missionary Day
November 11	Colporteurs' Rally Day
November 19-25	Week of Sacrifice*
December 2	Home Missionary Day
December 9-16	Annual Week of Prayer*
December 23	Christian Stewardship Day

*See special offerings listed on next page

Dates of Campaigns in 1939

January 7-28	Liberty Magazine Campaign
February 4-18	Signs of the Times Campaign
March 25-April 8	Watchman Campaign
May 13-27	Review and Herald subscrip- tion Campaign
August 12-October 7	Official Ingathering Campaign

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Dates of Special Offerings in1939

January 28	Religious Liberty Offering
April 22	Missions Extension Offering
April 29	Elementary Schools Offering
July 15	Midsummer Offering for Missions
July 29	Elementary Schools Offering
August 19	Offering for Negro Work
September 30	Elementary Schools Offering
November 25	Week of Sacrifice Offering
December 16	Annual Offering
December 30	Elementary Schools Offering

Note.-- The Autumn Council of 1933 voted to set apart the second Sabbath of each month for a Second Sabbath Foreign Missions Offering. These do not appear in the above schedule of offerings, but should be observed in those months where a special offering is not listed for the second Sabbath.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in 1939

March 25	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Inter-American Division.
June 24	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Southern African Division.
September 30	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Missions of the Northern European Division.
December 30	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Southern Asia Division.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP DAY FOR 1938:

VOTED, To set December 31 as Christian Stewardship Day for the year 1938.

BASIS OF AWARDING SABBATH SCHOOL PENNANTS TO CONFERENCES:

The Sabbath School Department called attention to the fact that by action of the General Conference Committee the financial goal for the white membership is set at an average of twenty-five cents per week per member, while the goal for the Negro membership is set at an average of twenty cents. Therefore it is impossible for a conference to get a Sabbath school pennant on the present basis of an average of twenty-five cents per week for the whole conference membership, even though both white and colored churches reach the goal that has been set. It was

VOTED, That a Sabbath School Department pennant be awarded to any conference or mission in the North American Division when its white membership reaches the goal of twenty-five cents per member, and its Negro membership reaches the goal of twenty cents per member.

CAMP MEETINGS:

Some time was spent in a discussion of the question of improving our methods of conducting camp meetings. Among the points emphasized were: The need of proper organization by conference officials before the meeting begins. A definite burden for souls on the part of all the workers. The importance of planning definitely for special revival services. The necessity of guarding against turning the meeting into a mere Chautauqua, but rather of holding it to its original purpose, that of a gathering for spiritual uplift. Modification of the heavy program of meetings, in order that there may be time for quiet meditation and for personal work.

SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That in harmony with our regular policy, all requests for special appropriations be referred to the Autumn Council, except those that are considered to be of an emergency nature, and that the Minority Committee be asked to deal with such.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HELP FOR OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

VOTED, To refer to the Minority Committee all requests for General Conference help for overseas divisions.

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HARVEST INGATHERING--INDIVIDUAL GOALS:

VOTED, To refer to the Minority Committee the setting of the individual goals for the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

"REVIEW AND HERALD"--PROMOTION PLAN:

W.P.Elliott introduced the question of a regular, systematic plan for the promotion of the circulation of our church organ, the Review and Herald. In view of the small increase in the circulation of the Review, in comparison with the growth in membership, it is evident that many new members are not benefiting by the unifying influence of our denominational church paper. It was felt that a permanent promotion plan should be inaugurated for bringing before our people regularly the importance of every Seventh-day Adventist family having the Review and Herald. It was

VOTED, That this matter be referred to the officers for the appointment of a representative committee, with a view to bringing a definite recommendation to the Autumn Council.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

At the last Autumn Council a large commission was appointed to give study to the unification and coordination of the work of the North American Division publishing houses, and to various phases of the publishing work. This commission has just held a meeting here in Washington, and they submit for approval of this Committee a standing Coordinating Committee that they have appointed.

VOTED, That we approve of the following Coordinating Committee on Publishing Interests, as appointed by the Publishing Survey Commission: M.N.Campbell, chairman, C.E.Weaks, E.E. Franklin, and the manager and treasurer of each of the following publishing houses: Pacific Press, Review and Herald, Southern Publishing Association.

INTERNEESHIPS FOR EXPERIENCED WORKERS
FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

Attention was called to the fact that now and then young men join our ranks, who have had experience in the ministry in other denominations, and it is desirable that before being taken on as regular workers they should have opportunity to demonstrate their calling to the ministry in this denomination. It was felt that if they can qualify in all other respects, ministerial interneship should be granted if applied for, but in view of the previous experience the interneship need not be for the full two-year term. It was therefore

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VOTED, That where a worker makes application for ministerial internship after a period of service in another denomination, if otherwise he qualifies under the internship plan, he be granted one year's internship instead of two; and that the one year be at the first year's salary rate.

H.D.ISAAC--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of H.D. Isaac from Jamaica.

JOSEPH CAPMAN--HINSDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union the call from the Lake Union for Joseph Capman, of Bermuda, to connect with the Hinsdale Sanitarium as chaplain.

C.O.BAILEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the China Division, the return of C.C.Bailey from China be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

The Spring Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.