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THREE HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, M.N. Campbell, H.T. Elliott, A.W. Cormack, W.E. Nelson, H.H. Cobban, G.W. Wells, M.A. Hollister, R. Ruhling, W.E. Howell, H.A. Morrison, C.L. Bond, W.H. Teesdale, D.A. Ochs, S.A. Wellman, G.W. Schubert, Steen Rasmussen, W.H. Bergherm, C.S. Longacre, H.H. Votaw, Miss Jensen, J.J. Ireland, H.E. Rogers, L.E. Froom, M.E. Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.L. Borgan, A.L. White, G.F. Eichman, Frederick Lee, I.G. Ortner, Miss Clement.

Prayer by G.W. Schubert.

EMMA HOWELL--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That in view of her present condition of health, which makes it impossible for Miss Emma Howell to continue her work as registrar of the Theological Seminary, she be recommended for assistance from the Sustentation Fund, after being supported by the Seminary for the usual six months.

CHURCH BUILDING IN BARRIOS, GUATEMALA:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Inter-American Division, that they be allowed to use \$400 from the proceeds of the sale of the mission property in Solola, in the construction of a church building in Barrios, Guatemala.

SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS:

The Treasurer spoke of certain funds being held in the Treasury as trust funds, because they were willed or made as donations for specific purposes, such as an amount given for China famine relief, a gift for establishing a dispensary in Southern Asia, a legacy for establishing an orphans' home, and a special widows' fund, amounting in all to between \$1700 and \$1800.

It has not been possible to carry out to the letter the wishes of the donors in making these gifts, and so the money has been held in the Treasury. Feeling that it would be better to have the money used in some way that would at least meet the spirit of the intent of the donors, as for instance, transferring the China famine fund to the special refugee relief fund, it was

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VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to use the above amounts that are being held as special trust funds, for the benefit of projects that will meet the spirit of the intent of the donors in making the gifts.

PARKING SPACE--COMMITTEE:

The question was raised of suitable parking space for General Conference workers who use their automobiles in coming to work, and it was

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

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, H.H.Votaw, H.H.Cobban, D.A.Ochs, S.A.Wellman, M.E.Kern.

G.C.HOSKIN--ITINERARY:

VOTED, That we authorize G.C.Hoskin in connection with our transportation business, to visit the following cities to contact officials of railways: St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Nashville, Louisville, Detroit, Oklahoma City, and Fort Worth.

\$50,000 FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO
THE CHINA REHABILITATION FUND:

In view of the fact that only approximately \$70,000 has been received in response to the appeal to our people on behalf of the rehabilitation of our work in China, and inasmuch as the China Division Committee should have assurance of much more than that amount as they meet in April to plan for the rehabilitation of the work, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$50,000 from our 1938 Emergency Fund, to the China Rehabilitation Fund.

MEDICAL CARE OF ELDER AND MRS. J.L.SHAW:

The Treasurer spoke of the exceptional expense involved in caring for Elder and Mrs. J.L.Shaw, in their serious condition of health. It was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee, of which he shall be one, to give consideration to this question.

Appointed: M.N.Campbell, chairman, W.E.Nelson, J.L.McElhany, H.H.Cobban, A.W.Cormack, W.A.Butler, C.S.Longacre, C.L.Bond, H.H.Votaw, M.E.Kern

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GORDON OSS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division, and in harmony with his own desires on account of his family situation, we approve of the permanent return of Gordon Oss from the South Caribbean Conference.

R.R.BREITIGAM--RESIGNATION

W.L.ADAMS--APPOINTMENT AS M.V.SECRETARY:

On recommendation of the Inter-American Division, it was

VOTED, To accept the resignation of R.R.Breitigam from the secretaryship of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Division.

VOTED, On nomination by the Inter-American Division, that we hereby appoint W.L.Adams Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Inter-American Division.

BOARD OF HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

The committee appointed to nominate a board for the Home Study Institute for the ensuing year submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend the following to constitute the Board of the Home Study Institute for the ensuing year:

W.E.Nelson, H.A.Morrison, M.E.Olsen, M.N.Campbell, E.D. Dick, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Howell, M.E.Kern, F.M.Wilcox, W.H. Teesdale, J.A.Stevens, Steen Rasmussen, L.E.Froom, B.G.Wilkinson A.W.Peterson, J.E.Weaver, M.A.Hollister.

CIRCULATION OF "REVIEW AND HERALD":

The committee on increasing the circulation of the Review and Herald, made the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Review and Herald is the organ of the General Conference through which our people are made acquainted with the plans of the General Conference Committee for the advancement of the work, special needs that arise from time to time, and emergencies and crises that come in the progress of the message; and

WHEREAS, The Review and Herald serves the spiritual interests of our people, presenting through its columns doctrinal and practical studies for the upbuilding of the spiritual life of the readers, fortifying the minds of our people against the many winds of doctrine and the many elements of change now abroad in the world, interpreting the rapidly moving events of our time in fulfillment of prophecy, and proving a

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strong influence to unify the widely distributed membership into one harmonious movement; and

WHEREAS, Records show that during the past five years more than 50,000 new members have been added to our churches, but the Review has not increased in circulation;

We recommend, 1. That in the General Conference a standing committee be appointed, consisting of at least two officers, secretaries of leading departments, and such others as may be needed, to work in cooperation with the Review and Herald Publishing Association in studying ways and means whereby the Review and Herald circulation may be enlarged, thus making it a more effective medium of communication between the General Conference and the membership in the field.

2. That in each union conference in North America, and in the divisions, a committee, consisting of the president, the departmental workers, and presidents of conferences or missions near by the union or division office, serve as a Review and Herald Promotion Committee.

3. That in each local conference the conference committee together with such department workers as are not members of the committee serve as a committee for the promotion of the Review and Herald.

4. That the Review and Herald be requested to give study to reducing the price of the periodical as low as consistent with costs, having in mind the benefits of an increased circulation.

5. That we endeavor to raise the total number of subscriptions of the Review and Herald to 40,000 by the end of 1940.

6. That all conference leaders in union and local conferences be encouraged to take the matter up in their fields, laying a definite burden on the workers to labor with members who are not receiving the Review, and that during the period of this special promotion the matter of the increase in the circulation of the Review and Herald be taken up at the spring meeting of the General Conference Committee and at the Autumn Council, to promote its further circulation.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTED: *on R & H Circulation*

M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, Steen Rasmussen, C.E.Weaks, C.L.Bond, J.E.Weaver, M.A.Hollister, J.A.Stevens, H.H.Votaw, H.H.Cobban, M.E.Munger, L.H.Christian, E.E.Andross.

KATHRYN JENSEN--ITINERARY:

VOTED, That Miss Kathryn Jensen be authorized to visit institutions in the Southern, Southwestern, Pacific, Central

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And Atlantic Unions during January and February, in the interests of the nursing education work.

J.L.McELHANY--FUNERAL OF W.H.HECKMAN:

VOTED, That J.L.McElhany be authorized to respond to the request from Mrs. W.H.Heckman, to conduct the funeral service, at South Lancaster, for Elder Heckman.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS FOR 1939:

The committee on readings for the Week of Prayer, December 9 - 16, 1939, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend the following as topics and writers for the readings for the 1939 Week of Prayer:

<u>Sabbath</u> ,	--"Christ Our Helper in the Impending Crisis."	--E.E.Andross,
<u>Sunday</u> ,	--"Love Not the World."	--O.Montgomery.
<u>Monday</u> ,	--"The Laodecian Message and Righteousness by Faith."	--M.L.Andreasen.
<u>Tuesday</u> ,	--"Our Children and Youth, the Precious Heritage of the Church."	--M.E.Kern.
<u>Wednesday</u> ,	--"What Hath God Wrought."	--H.T.Elliott.
<u>Thursday</u> ,	--"Finishing the Work."	--W.H.Branson.
<u>Friday</u> ,	--"The Early and Latter Rain."	--W.E.Read.
<u>Sabbath</u> ,	--"Fellowship with Christ."	--J.L.McElhany.

We recommend, That Mrs. L.H.Christian be asked to prepare the children's lessons for the Week of Prayer.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ST. PAUL:

On report of the committee that was asked to make investigation of accommodations offered by various cities for the coming General Conference session, it was

VOTED, That the 1940 General Conference session be held in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

THREE HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, G.W.Wells, W.H.Bergherm, F.M.Wilcox, W.E.Howell, M.E.Kern, H.A.Morrison, M.L.Andreasen, Steen Rasmussen, F.C.Gilbert, D.A.Ochs, W.H.Teesdale, C.L.Bond, H.H.Votaw, S.A.Wellman, C.S.Longacre, F.L.Peterson, R.Ruhling, M.C.Taft, H.E.Rogers, G.W.Schubert.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, Claude Conard, Miss Lora Clement, W.E.Phillip

Prayer by F.M.Wilcox.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION--\$5,000:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$5,000 to the Southern Asia Division, from the Emergency Fund, to assist in covering damage to property caused by flood at Gopalgunj and hurricane at Narsapur.

DISBURSEMENTS FROM RELIEF FUND:

VOTED, That from the offering received for relief of refugees and war sufferers, the Treasurer be authorized to make disbursements as follows: to the China Division, \$500; the Southern European Division, \$500; Central European Division, Section II, \$250.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S DEBT TO HAMBURG PUBLISHING HOUSE:

Some time ago the Czechoslovakian Union borrowed a sum of money from the Hamburg publishing house for building purposes agreeing to pay back the amount in installments. All but about \$4,300 calculated at the current rate of exchange has been returned. The Czechoslovakian Union is now unable to pay the balance, but circumstances demand that the amount be paid. It was

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make available to the Czechoslovakian Union sufficient funds, from the Emergency Fund to liquidate the above indebtedness owed to the Hamburg Publishing House by the Czechoslovakian Union.

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V.H.WAGGONER--SANITARIUM EXPENSE:

The Washington Sanitarium is requesting settlement of the account of V.H.Waggoner, who died at the Sanitarium some time ago. Inasmuch as Brother Waggoner before his death deeded to the Florida Conference and the General Conference some property located in Florida, it was

VOTED, That we request the Florida Conference to join the General Conference Corporation on a fifty-fifty basis in meeting the expense of the last illness of V.H.Waggoner at the Washington Sanitarium.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING SPACE:

The committee on automobile parking space for General Conference workers made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the land between our storeroom and the row of trees at the south and between Laurel Avenue and the alley, be prepared for a parking lot by surfacing with gravel or cinders, and that the row of trees be protected by erecting a concrete curb at the proper distance from the trees, this curb to be marked off in such a way as to show the space to be occupied by individual cars.

2. That space for individual cars be marked off in the roadway immediately back of our building, so that as much space as possible may be used to advantage.

3. That we ask the Review and Herald Publishing Association to join us in surfacing the space between their building and ours that is being used as a road and as parking space, suggesting that macadem or asphalt be used, and that when this has been done, parking spaces be indicated.

PRESENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIAN UNION:

Attention was called to the present situation in the Czechoslovakian Union, resulting from the change in the political status of Czechoslovakia. It was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to give study to the present financial situation in the Czechoslovakian Union, and make recommendation as to what might be best to be done.

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RENT SUBSIDY:

The committee that was appointed to give study to the Rent Subsidy policy, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, . That beginning April 1, 1939, our present Rent Subsidy plan be discontinued, and that instead the following provision for assistance on rent and housing be provided:

1. To the elective members of the General Conference staff and such others as may be designated by their respective boards, who are heads of families, a monthly allowance of \$22.50.
2. To other members of the staff who are heads of families and who have been in the employ of the denomination not less than ten years, a monthly allowance of \$17.50.
3. To other members of the staff who are heads of families and who have been in the employ of the denomination less than ten years, a monthly allowance of \$15.00.

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE OF F.L.HARRISON:

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E. Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or F.L.Harrison, for the account of the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money, in the place of W.E.Murray and/or G.E.Emmenegger, heretofore authorized by this organization. All prior authorizations are hereby annuled and canceled.

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York, Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, be and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signature of F.L.Harrison for the account of the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money, in the place of W.E.Murray and/or G.E.Emmenegger, heretofore authorized by this organization. All prior authorizations are hereby annuled and canceled.

RESOLVED, That the First National Bank of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E. Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or F.L.Harrison, for the account of the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money, in the place of W.E.Murray and/or G.E.Emmenegger, heretofore authorized by this organization. All prior authorizations are hereby annuled and canceled.

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MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECTS FOR 1939:

VOTED, That the following projects, included in the budget as voted by the 1938 Autumn Council, be the beneficiaries of the Missions Extension Fund for 1939:

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Educational</u>	<u>Publishing</u>
<u>Central European Division II</u>			
Arabic Union Training School		\$5,000.00	
<u>China Division</u>			
South China Training School		12,500.00	
<u>Inter-America</u>			
Jamaica School		2,000.00	
Costa Rica School		2,000.00	
<u>North America</u>			
Newfoundland, Educational Work		5,000.00	
<u>Northern Europe</u>			
Educational Work East and West African Missions		6,500.00	
<u>South America</u>			
East Brazil Training School		5,000.00	
"Desire of Ages" Pub. Portuguese Mission Launch	1,400.00		1,000.00
<u>Southern Africa</u>			
Johannesburg Hospital (Dormitory)	7,500.00		
<u>Southern Asia</u>			
Surat Hospital	10,000.00		
<u>Southern Europe</u>			
Medical Inst. N. Africa	2,100.00		
	21,000.00	38,000.00	1,000.00

SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That the date for the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be March 7 to 9, beginning at seven o'clock the evening of March 7.

AUTUMN COUNCIL:

Question was raised as to whether it might not be possible to have a short Autumn Council, with limited attendance, this fall in Washington, in view of the fact that the General Conference will be in session the following spring. It was

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VOTED, To refer this suggestion to the Spring Meeting for consideration.

EDITORIAL COUNCIL--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to give study to plans and arrangements for the Editorial Council, that is scheduled to be held in Washington, September 1-12.

Appointed: J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, F.M.Wilcox, M.E.Kern, H.A.Morrison, I.H.Evans.

DR. A.R.STADIN--PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. A.R.Stadin, returned from Ethiopia, the invitation from the Pacific Union Conference, to connect with the staff of the Paradise Valley sanitarium.

A. SPROGIS--MEETINGS IN CONGO UNION:

VOTED, That we concur in the invitation from the Southern African Division to A.Sprogis, of the Central European Division, Section II, to attend camp meetings in the Congo Union Mission, as may be arranged.

DR. H.G.HEBARD--PENANG:

VOTED, That in harmony with arrangements made by the two divisions, we approve of the transfer of Dr. H.G.Hebard from the Southern Asia Division to the Far Eastern Division, to serve as medical superintendent of the Penang Sanitarium.

J.A.JOHANSSON--BURMA:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division to secure the release of J.A.Johansson, of Sweden, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, as field missionary secretary of the Burma Mission.

ATTENDANCE AT PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS:

VOTED, That Steen Rasmussen and W.A.Butler be authorized to attend the Publishing and Home Missionary Department convention to be held in Nashville.

VOTED, That W.H.Bergherm and W.A.Butler be authorized to attend the Publishing and Home Missionary Department convention to be held at Mountain View.

VOTED, That C.E.Weaks and J.J.Strahle be authorized to attend all of the regional Publishing and Home Missionary Department conventions.

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BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS EVANGELISTS--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That ministerial credentials for the year 1939 be granted to the following general evangelists of the Bureau of Home Missions:

O.Ziprick, S.Demchuk, G.W.Casebeer, J.A.Nordstrom.

M.E.OLSEN--PACIFIC AND NORTH
PACIFIC UNIONS AND EUROPE:

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the Board of the Home Study Institute, we approve of M.E.Olsen's making an itinerary in the Pacific and North Pacific Unions, beginning about February 1; and of his making a visit to Europe next summer, as may be arranged, for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Home Study Institute.

PACIFIC PRESS CONSTITUENCY MEETING
J.L.McELHANY AND M.N.CAMPBELL TO ATTEND:

VOTED, That J.L.McElhany and M.N.Campbell be authorized to attend the constituency meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, January 22-26.

DEATH OF MRS. G.F.JONES:

Word was received by cable from Australia, of the death of Mrs. G.F.Jones. Sister Jones gave many years of service to the cause in pioneer work with her husband in the islands of the South Pacific and the East Indies. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Elder G.F.Jones the deep sympathy of this Committee with him in the loss of his devoted companion, and our appreciation of her years of faithful service.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 9, 1939

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, M.N. Campbell, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, H.H. Cobban, I.H. Evans, M.A. Hollister, G.W. Wells, F.C. Gilbert, F.L. Peterson, D.A. Ochs, H.A. Morrison, C.L. Bond, S.A. Wellman, H.E. Rogers, M.C. Taft, W.P. Elliott, W.E. Howell, C.E. Weeks, Steen Rasmussen, F.M. Wilcox, M.E. Kern, W.H. Bergherm, G.W. Schubert, R. Ruhling.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W. Barrows, A.L. White, Claude Conard, Miss Clement, F.D. Nichol.

Prayer by Claude Conard. Minutes of meetings of December 23, 27 and 29, and January 2 were approved.

E.E. FRANKLIN--HAWAII:

VOTED, That we approve of E.E. Franklin's responding to the request from the Pacific Union, that he spend about two weeks in Hawaii, between boats, as he returns home from the Far East.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

M.N. Campbell and H.A. Morrison to attend a committee and board meeting in the Atlantic Union, March 1-3.

W.K. Ising, Sabbath school convention work in the Central Union, during February, following his appointments in January in the Southwestern Union.

S.A. Wellman, a secretaries' council for the Southwestern, Northern and Central Unions, at Omaha, February 14-16; and Sabbath school convention work and Union council, in the North Pacific Union, February 19 to March 20.

O. Ziprick to conduct an evangelistic effort at Shattuck, Oklahoma, following his effort at Lodi.

H. CHRISTENSEN--\$125:

VOTED, That in addition to meeting the transportation costs on his personal effects, the Treasurer be authorized to

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make an allowance of \$125 to H.Christensen, returned from India, to assist in outfitting the family with necessary winter clothing.

ELLEN G. WHITE PUBLICATIONS--PROMOTION COMMITTEE:

Looking toward the carrying out of the Autumn Council recommendation, that during a suitable period in 1939 consideration be given to stressing the importance to our people of a faithful study of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy and to enlarging their circulation and use, it was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to develop an appropriate plan for carrying out this recommendation.

Appointed: Steen Rasmussen, A.L.White, F.M.Wilcox, M.E. Kern, A.W.Cormack, M.N.Campbell, H.H.Cobban, W.H.Teesdale, C.E. Weeks, C.L.Bond.

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

THREE HUNDRED NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 12, 1939

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, F.M. Wilcox, R.Ruhling, C.E.Weaks, H.A.Morrison, D.A.Ochs, C.L.Bond, H.H.Votaw, H.E.Rogers, C.S.Longacre, S.A.Wellman, M.A.Hollister, G.W.Wells, G.W.Schubert, W.H.Bergherm, M.L.Andreasen, Steen Rasmussen, F.L.Peterson, F.C.Gilbert, M.C.Taft, W.E.Howell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by H.H.Votaw. Minutes of the meeting of January 5 were corrected and approved.

WUHAN SANITARIUM APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to transfer from the China Rehabilitation Fund to the Emergency Fund the charge for the \$9,000 that was advanced to the China Division during 1937 and 1938 for the Wuhan Sanitarium.

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DENTAL EXPENSE:

The committee that was appointed on the question of allowances on dental expense submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That a committee be appointed to give study to the question of revising the present policy on dental expense, the committee to bring a report to the next Autumn Council, and that in the meantime the Committee on Medical and Dental Expense administer the present policy as best they can under existing conditions.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That in connection with his other appointments in Europe, W.E.Nelson be authorized to attend a meeting in Oslo, Norway, February 1 and 2.

VOTED, That G.W.Wells be authorized to attend a special service to be held by the church at Olean, New York, January 21.

FRANK YOST--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the Board of the Theological Seminary for Frank Yost to connect with the Seminary as instructor in Church History, beginning in June, 1940.

DOROTHY BARTLETT--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Board of the Theological Seminary for Miss Dorothy Bartlett, of Forest Lake Academy, to connect with the Seminary, as secretary to the President and to assist in the registrar's work.

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

THREE HUNDRED TENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 13, 1939

The meeting was held in the President's office, at 9:30 A.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, H.E.Rogers, M.N. Campbell, H.A.Morrison, L.E.Froom, W.E.Howell, R.Ruhling, D.A. Ochs, J.J.Ireland, C.S.Longacre, J.J.Strahle, C.E.Weaks, W.H. Bergherm, Steen Rasmussen, S.A.Wellman, M.A.Hollister, G.W.Wells, C.L.Dond, H.H.Votaw, A.W.Cormack.

Prayer by C.S.Longacre.

DEATH OF MRS. FREDERICK GRIGGS:

Word was received by telegram that Mrs. Frederick Griggs passed away Thursday afternoon, January 12, at the White Memorial Hospital, in Los Angeles. Associated with her husband, Sister Griggs carried many important responsibilities in the cause in educational lines, and in recent years in foreign mission service. The many friends to whom she was endeared by her friendly and courageous spirit will join with the General Conference Committee in mourning her loss.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Prof. Frederick Griggs and to Dr. Donald Griggs our heartfelt sympathy in this loss of their beloved wife and mother, assuring them of our prayers that God may comfort and sustain them in their bereavement.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be instructed to arrange for a floral tribute to be sent from the General Conference Committee, for the funeral of Mrs. Griggs.

F.L.BUNCH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On request of the Far Eastern Division, to approve of the permanent return to America of F.L.Bunch, from Singapore.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1939

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack,
H.H.Cobban, G.W.Wells, F.M.Wilcox, M.A.Hollister, R.Ruhling,
C.S.Longacre, H.A.Morrison, L.E.Froom, M.V.Tucker, G.W.Schubert,
M.L.Andreasen, H.E.Rogers, W.H.Teesdale, S.A.Wellman, M.E.Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by M.V.Tucker.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

G.W.Schubert, Jersey City, January 20-21; Chicago,
January 27-29; Milwaukee, January 29-31; Detroit, February 3-4.

G.W.Wells to Wisconsin for workers' meeting, and work
among the churches, two weeks beginning January 25.

M.A.Hollister to attend a meeting of the Hinsdale Sani-
tarium and Benevolent Association, at Hinsdale, January 31.

W.K.Ising, Sabbath school work in the Northern Union,
March 17 to April 16.

H.L.PEDEN--TEXICO

W.B.PONTYNEN--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan
Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for H.L.Peden
to connect with the work in the Texico Conference; and to pass
on to the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference the call
from the Lake Union for W.B.Pontynen to connect with the work
in the Michigan Conference.

O.I.FIELD--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of O.I.Field, of the Southern
African Division, be extended to the end of the school year, in
order that he may complete his college work.

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B.W.ABNEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the return of B.W.Abney from the Southern African Division be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis, since Brother Abney feels that on account of his family situation he cannot return to Africa.

L.R.REISWIG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division Committee, we approve of the permanent return of L.R.Reiswig from India.

RELATIONSHIP TO LABOR UNIONS:

Reference was made to difficulties some of our people are having because of efforts of the Labor Unions to unionize all industrial workers in America. It was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to give study to the question, and make recommendation as to what steps it may be possible to take to secure concessions from the Labor Unions.

Appointed: M.N.Campbell, W.P.Elliott, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, H.H.Cobban, A.W.Cormack, J.L.McElhany, M.A.Hollister, H.A.Morrison.

MRS. L.J.BORROWDALE--MEDICAL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make an additional allowance on medical expense in the case of Mrs. L.J. Borrowdale, now at Berrien Springs, to make it possible for her to be placed under the care of a specialist in Michigan.

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

THREE HUNDRED TWELFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 19, 1939

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, M.A. Hollister, G.W.Wells, F.M.Wilcox, H.H.Votaw, L.E.Froom, H.E. Rogers, Steen Rasmussen, G.W.Schubert, H.A.Morrison, F.L.Peterson D.A.Ochs, C.L.Bond, M.L.Andreasen, S.A.Wellman, M.C.Taft, M.E. Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, A.L.White.

Prayer by C.L.Bond. Minutes of meetings held January 9, 12, 13 and 16 were approved.

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES:

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of A.P. Christiansen, Treasurer, and/or W.C.Raley, for the account of the Antillian Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money, in the place of F.I.Mohr, Treasurer, heretofore authorized.

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signature of W.C. Raley in addition to that of F.I.Mohr, Treasurer, heretofore authorized, for the account of the Central American Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money.

ETHEL JOHNSON RELEASED:

VOTED, That since she does not see her way clear to accept, Miss Ethel Johnson be released from the call to the Solusi Mission, in Africa.

GRACE MAAS--SOLUSI MISSION:

VOTED , To request the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College to release Miss Grace Maas, to connect with the Southern African Division as normal director at the Solusi Mission.

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C.L.STILSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On request of the Inter-American Division, that the return of C.L.Stilson from Inter-America be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

W.F.MILLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in view of his condition of health, the return of W.F.Miller from the South American Division be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

S.W.PALMER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That because of his condition of health, and on recommendation of the Southern African Division, we approve of the permanent return of S.W.Palmer from Africa.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD CHRISTIE--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, To extend to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christie, of Walla Walla College, an invitation to connect with the Far Eastern Division and the Philippine Union Mission, to serve as teachers in the West Visayan Academy.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

M.L.Andreasen to attend a general workers' meeting in Mexico City, February 27 to March 9.

Steen Rasmussen to Cincinnati, January 27-29; and to attend a Home Missionary Convention at Southern Junior College, February 23-25.

Mrs. Grace D.Mace to a Federated Dorcas Society meeting in Indiana, March 19-23.

"REVIEW AND HERALD" CIRCULATION:

The standing committee on the circulation of the Review and Herald submitted the following report, which was adopted:

In order to make the action of the General Conference Committee of January 2, 1939, as effective as possible,

We recommend, 1. That during 1939, the 75th anniversary year of the Review and Herald, a vigorous campaign be carried on throughout the entire year in an endeavor to place our church paper in the homes of all our English-reading believers at the special anniversary price of \$2.25.

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2. That the importance of an increased circulation be brought before the entire staff of workers throughout North America and other English-speaking territories in connection with workers' meetings.

3. That the district-leader plan, which has been followed with good success in a number of places, be used by each local conference throughout the North American Division. This plan aims at securing the names of all non-subscribers and having the district superintendents become responsible for contacting all non-subscribing members in their territory, in an endeavor to secure their subscriptions to the paper.

4. That we endeavor to enlist the cooperation of the ministry in presenting the Review before their churches periodically during the year.

5. That at church officers' conventions, lay preachers' institutes, Missionary Volunteer rallies and conventions, the objectives and importance of our church organ be placed before those in attendance.

6. That we request the church boards to inaugurate a house-to-house canvass of all non-subscribing members in their respective churches, and that plans for financial assistance be made to supply the paper to families who are unable to pay for it themselves. The Dorcas societies may also be called upon to render assistance along this line.

7. That our conferences set aside an amount each year to assist in supplying the paper to isolated members and assist churches which cannot fully provide for their own members.

8. That we ask the Home Missionary Department of each conference to arrange for a tent-to-tent and room-to-room canvass at camp meeting time in order to obtain subscriptions.

9. That our union conference papers provide sufficient space to carry a subscription ad and blank every month in order that the importance of the paper may be held before our believers throughout the entire year.

10. That we request General Conference officers and departmental secretaries, when attending camp meetings, conventions, institutes, or visiting churches to promote the circulation of the Review as opportunity affords.

11. That the publishers send their representatives as may seem feasible into the entire field for the purpose of promoting the circulation of the Review and Herald.

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12. That we request conference officials to communicate to us practical, workable plans which may be in operation for the circulation of our church paper.

"REVIEW" CIRCULATION COMMITTEE--VICE-CHAIRMAN:

VOTED, That Steen Rasmussen be appointed vice-chairman of the standing committee on the circulation of the Review and Herald.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
A.W. Cormack, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

THREE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 23, 1939

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, H.H. Cobban, I.H. Evans, M.A. Hollister, R. Ruhling, H.A. Morrison, H.H. Votaw, G.W. Schubert, Steen Rasmussen, F.L. Peterson, L.E. Froom, H.E. Rogers, C.L. Bond, D.A. Ochs, M.L. Andreasen, J.J. Ireland, W.E. Howell, S.A. Wellman, W.H. Teesdale, M.E. Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L. White, W.L. Burgan.

A.W. Cormack was asked to take the chair. Prayer was offered by I.H. Evans.

DEATH OF IDA THOMPSON:

Word was received of the death of Miss Ida Thompson, at Burbank, California, on Friday, January 20. Miss Thompson was one of our pioneer missionaries in China. She went out to China in 1902, when we had not a single baptized believer in that vast country, and gave almost thirty years of continuous service in behalf of the people she learned to love, until failing health made necessary her return to the homeland in the summer of 1931.

RESOLVED, That we hereby record our appreciation of the devoted Christian life and fruitful service of Sister Ida Thompson in the China field, and to sorrowing relatives and friends who mourn her loss we extend our deepest sympathy.

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T.S.COPELAND--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference the call from the Southern Union for T.S. Copeland to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

G.E.TAYLOR--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, That, arrangements having been worked out between the conferences concerned, we approve of the transfer of G.E.Taylor from the Kansas Conference in the Central Union, to the Northern California Conference, in the Pacific Union.

LESLIE SMITH--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Columbia Union for Leslie Smith to connect with Washington Missionary College, as assistant in the Woodworking Department.

PAUL CARDEY--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference the call from the Southern Union for Paul Cardey to connect with the Florida Conference as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That F.L.Peterson be authorized to attend a Missionary Volunteer Convention in the Boston colored church, February 25.

VOTED, That H.A.Morrison and W.H.Teesdale be authorized to attend a meeting of the National Education Association in Cleveland, Ohio, February 25 to March 2.

P.A.WEBBER--SALARY:

A request had come from Madison College, that the General Conference supply the salary of P.A.Webber, returning from Japan and connecting with the College, until September 17, 1939. On recommendation of a committee that was appointed to consider this request, it was

VOTED, To inform Madison College that, in harmony with our regular policy, P.A.Webber will be allowed three months' salary from the date of sailing from Japan.

A.W.Cormack, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 26, 1939

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, Steen Rasmussen, F.L.Peterson, R.Ruhling, L.E.Froom, D.A.Ochs, H.E. Rogers, N.F.Brewer, H.H.Votaw, S.A.Wellman, M.E.Kern, C.L.Bond, M.A.Hollister, G.W.Schubert, C.S.Longacre, H.J.Detwiler, M.C. Taft, H.A.Morrison.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement, W.L.Burgan.

H.T.Elliott was asked to take the chair. Prayer was offered by D.A.Ochs. Minutes of meetings held January 19 and 23 were approved.

I.M.VACQUER--CHILE:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference to release I.M.Vacquer, to connect with the South American Division and the Austral Union, as pastor-evangelist for Santiago, Chile.

A.E.WEBB--WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Missouri Conference to release A.E.Webb, and that Brother Webb be invited to respond to the call from the Northern European Division for a colored evangelist for West Africa.

GORDON OSS--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to Gordon Oss, returning from the Inter-American Division, the invitation from the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to take the pastorate of the Flint church.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Meade MacGuire to continue his work in the Southwestern Union until such time as he thinks it necessary to return to his home in Modesto, California, to prepare for his European itinerary.

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H.A.Morrison and W.H.Teesdale to Atlantic Union College for survey work, beginning January 27, and to Southern Junior College, February 2.

F.L.Peterson to Chicago, in connection with an emergency situation there.

R.Ruhling to spend some time visiting German churches in the Southern New England Conference, in February or March, as may be arranged.

OVEN FOR HAMBURG FOOD COMPANY:

The Autumn Council made a special appropriation of \$2250 to the Central European Division, Section I, for an oven for the Hamburg Food Company. It has been learned that this is insufficient to purchase the oven in Battle Creek and place it on board ship, where the Central European Division brethren can take responsibility for it; and since they are unable to make any remittance of funds to this country, it was

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$175 to complete the purchase of the oven and cover transportation to New York.

BUILDING FOR ITALIAN CHURCH IN NEW ORLEANS:

Request was presented from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference for permission to purchase a building as a church home for the Italian congregation in New Orleans. This building can be secured, if taken at once, for \$2700. The church has in hand \$400 in cash and \$200 in pledges, and \$1500 has been appropriated from the Church Extension Fund. The conference pledges that not more than \$500 indebtedness will be incurred. It was

VOTED, That we authorize the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference to proceed with the purchase of the building for the Italian church in New Orleans, provided the plan suggested has the approval of the Southwestern Union.

COURT CASE IN IOWA:

The brethren of the Religious Liberty Department reported concerning a case that has been before the courts in Iowa, in which they have been taking an interest, involving the principle of the separation of church and state. The Supreme Court has remanded the case back to the lower court to be re-tried. The Religious Liberty Department desired counsel as to whether or not they should continue their work in connection with the case. They have some funds, contributed by an individual, but possibly not quite enough, to meet the expense involved. It was

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VOTED, To authorize the Religious Liberty Department to continue their work in connection with the court case in Iowa, and that the Treasury be authorized to make available up to \$350 if necessary, to meet the expense involved.

SUNDAY LAW CASE IN ARKANSAS:

C.S.Longacre made report concerning the trial of one of our members, a barber in Arkansas, who had been arrested and tried for working in his barber shop on Sunday. The decision of the lower court being against our brother, it was felt that the case should be carried to the Supreme Court. It was

VOTED, That we agree to share on a one-third basis with the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, in the expense of appealing this case to the Supreme Court of Arkansas.

H.T.Elliott, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

THREE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 27, 1939

The meeting was held Friday, at 10:00 A.M., in the President's room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, L.E.Froom, H.H.Votaw, J.J.Ireland, H.E.Rogers, W.E.Howell, F.M.Wilcox, M.A.Hollister, W.P.Elliott, C.L.Bond, S.A.Wellman, D.A.Ochs, R.Ruhling, M.E.Kern, H.A.Morrison

Prayer by I.H.Evans.

DR. H.W.MILLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On request of the China Division Committee, that we approve of the permanent return to the homeland of Dr. H.W. Miller.

C.L.BLANDFORD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On request from the China Division, that the return of C.L.Blandford be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

SOUTH CHINA SCHOOL--ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

On word from the China Division that they are ready now to go forward with the erection of the administration building for the South China School, for which appropriation was made by the 1938 Autumn Council, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the China Division to proceed with the erection of the administration building for the South China School.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.