

\*\*\*\*\*

MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
February 2 - March 2, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

# INDEX

February 2 -- March 2, 1939

Appointments and Itineraries	
M.N.Campbell, L.Halswick, G.W.Schubert	1040
E.T.Elliott, J.J.Strahle	1044
Meade Mac Guire	1045
J.F.Wright, Steen Rasmussen	1051
J.E.Weaver, M.E.Kern, F.L.Peterson	1052
G.W.Wells, C.S.Longacre	1054
C.E.Weaks, M.N.Campbell, W.E.Nelson	1056
M.N.Campbell, W.H.Williams, H.A.Morrison	1060
W.A.Spicer, M.A.Hollister, A.W.Spalding	1060
Steen Rasmussen, C.E.Weaks, G.W.Wells	1060
Appropriations	
On account of Hungary to Hamburg Publishing House	1055
\$18,346.10 Mex. to Wuhan Sanitarium	1057
\$60,000 Mex. to China for salaries	1057
\$10,000 for Chillan School	1058
Atlantic Union, M.L.Rice called to presidency of	1041
A uthorization of signature of G.E.Emmenegger	1053
Barrows, Marguerite, to Missionary Volunteer Department	
Released from call	1048
Bartlett, Dorothy, released from call to Seminary	1048
Berntson, Z., to India	1050
Boulder Sanitarium, Dr. C.C.Prince to	1049, 1052
Bureau of Home Missions, revision of Working Policy	1044
Campbell, M.N., released from appointments	1043, 1056
Cardey, Paul, to Greater New York	1039
Released from call	1045
Carrier, F.C., to Southeastern California	1052
Central European Division, Section I	
2708.72 Reichmarks to Hamburg Publishing House	1055
Children's Lessons for Week of Prayer	1043
China Division	
Mrs. G.G.Hamp, extension of furlough	1039
Dr. H.W.Miller, resignation and surrender of credentials	1055
Dr. A.W.Truman, Medical Secretary	1055
E.L.Longway, Home Missionary Secretary	1055
Appropriation for Wuhan Sanitarium	1057
Transfer of funds from Mongolia	1057
Appropriation for salaries	1057
Dr. H.A.Mourer, indebtedness	1058
Christie, Harold, released from call to Philippines	1053
Colburn, H.M., permanent return from South America	1043
Committees	
On promotion of E.G.White Publications	1046
Old Age Security Act	1054
Converts, Instruction Manual for	1040



Editorial Council, date	1040
Editorial staff of Review and Herald publications	1042
Elliott, W.R., to Arkansas-Louisiana	1048
Emmenegger, G.E., authorization of signature	1053
Erickson, Dr. H.A., permanent return from Far East	1040
Ethiopia, H.Hanson, furlough	1039
Evans, Grace, to Southern Publishing Association	1041
Far Eastern Division	
Dr. H.A.Erickson, permanent return	1040
P.A.Webber, permanent return	1050
Mr. and Mrs. Christie released from call	1053
Fisher, H.B., permanent return from South America	1050
Food Company, members of constituency	1044
Fowler, R.W., to Cedar Lake Academy	1039
Released from call	1056
General Conference Session, R.R. rates	1056
General Conference Working Policy, number to be printed, and distribution of	1051
Hamburg Publishing House, settlement of Hungary's account	1055
Hamp, Mrs. G.G., extension of furlough	1039
Hanson, H., furlough from Ethiopia	1039
Health Food Company, members of constituency	1044
Hoag, G.B., released from call to India	1050
Hoen, Peter, death of	1059
Howell, Mrs. W.E., asked to write Children's Lessons	1043
Hungary's debt to Hamburg Publishing House	1055
Instruction Manual for New Converts	1040
Jensen, Kathryn, to W.M.C. for summer school session	1059
Loma Linda Food Company, members of constituency	1044
Longway, E.L., Home Missionary Secretary China Division	1055
MacGuire, Meade, appointments	1045
Manual of Instruction for new converts	1040
Matson, J.J., permanent return from India	1054
McLennan, S.H., to Florida	1054
Meleen, E.M., salary	1048
Miller, Dr. H.W., resignation and surrender of credentials	1055
Mourer, Dr. H.A., recommendation re indebtedness	1058
Northern European Division Working Capital	1056
Old Age Security Act, committee	1054
Pacific Union, Chico church building	1045
Parking privilege	1053
Prince, Dr. C.C., to Boulder Sanitarium	1049, 1052
Rapp, George, to Florida	1048
Review and Herald, appointment of editors	1042
Rice, M.L., president of Atlantic Union	1041



Shuler, J.L., to Theological Seminary	1039
Smith, Dale, to India	1050
Smith, Leslie, released from call to W.M.C.	1059
South American Division	
H.M.Colburn, permanent return	1043
H.B.Fisher, permanent return	1050
G.E.Emmenegger, authorization of signature	1053
\$10,000 for Chillian School	1058
Southern African Division	
J.F.Wright, itinerary	1051
Southern Asia Division	
E.M.Meleen, salary continued	1048
G.B.Hoag released from call	1050
Z.Berntson to Spicer College	1050
Dale Smith to Kottarakara School	1050
J.J.Matson, permanent return from India	1054
Southern European Division	
H.Hanson, furlough from Ethiopia	1039
Spring Meeting, attendance of F.Griggs or Dr. Magan	1051
Strahle, J.J., to Mexico	1044
Sympathy, to family of Mrs. G.W.Wells	1049
To relatives of Peter Hoen	1059
 Theological Seminary, J.L.Shuler to	1039
Tillman, A.M., to Indiana	1052
Troy, Owen, to Missouri	1043
Truman, Dr. A.W., Medical Secretary China Division	1055
 Visits, J.J.Strahle to Mexico	1044
 Webb, A.E., released from call to Africa	1051
Webber, P.A., permanent return from Japan	1050
Week of Prayer, Children's Lessons by Mrs. Howell	1043
Wells, Mrs. G.W., death of	1049
White, E.G., publications	1045
Whitsett, R.M., released from call to Egypt	1059
Woods, Robert, to Atlantic Union College	1059
Working capital for Northern European Division	1056
Working Policy, number to be printed, and distribution	1051
Wright, J.F., itinerary	1051
Zirkle, Dr. T.I., called for by Boulder Sanitarium	1049



THREE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 2, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban,  
I.H.Evans, W.H.Bergherm, Steen Rasmussen, H.H.Votaw, C.L.Bond,  
S.A.Wellman, R.Ruhling, F.M.Wilcox, L.E.Froom, H.E.Rogers, M.E.  
Kern, C.S.Longacre.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows, A.L.White.

Prayer by R.Ruhling. Minutes of meetings held January  
26 and 27 were approved.

PAUL CARDEY--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the New  
Jersey Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Paul  
Cardey to connect with the Greater New York Conference as Home  
Missionary Secretary.

R.W.FOWLER--CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North  
Dakota Conference the call from the Lake Union for R.W.Fowler  
of Sheyenne River Academy, to take the principalship of Cedar  
Lake Academy, in Michigan.

J.L.SHULER--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference the  
call from the Theological Seminary for J.L.Shuler to connect with  
the Seminary as instructor in evangelism.

MRS. G.G.HAMP--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To extend the furlough of Mrs. G.G.Hamp, of China  
sufficiently to allow her two children to finish their school  
year.

H. HANSON--FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That we approve of a furlough being granted to  
H.Hanson, of Ethiopia, and of the furlough being changed to a  
permanent return in case it should be found impossible for him  
to re-enter Ethiopia.



February 2, 1939

## DR. H.A.ERICKSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with his request, the return of Dr. H.A.Erickson from the Far Eastern Division be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell and L.Halswick be authorized to meet with the Danish-Norwegian church in Brooklyn, for a special service on Sabbath, April 8.

VOTED, That G.W.Schubert be authorized to spend a month visiting German churches in the Pacific Union, beginning about February 3.

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR NEW CONVERTS:

M.E.Kern reported that the committee on an instruction manual for new converts had prepared a manuscript for a pamphlet and were ready to submit the same. It was

VOTED, To ask the Secretary to take the responsibility of placing the manuscript in the hands of members of the Committee for reading, before authorization is given for printing.

## EDITORIAL COUNCIL--DATE:

The 1938 Autumn Council in recommending that an Editorial Council be held in Washington next autumn, suggested September 1 to 12 as the date, at the same time recommending that organizations sending their editors to the Council, arrange for as many of them as possible to attend the summer quarter of the Theological Seminary.

The summer quarter of the Seminary runs from June 7 to August 22, leaving a lapse therefore of more than a week between the closing of the Seminary and the beginning of the Council. In view of this it was

VOTED, That the date for the Editorial Council in Washington be August 23 to 31.

## CENTRAL CHINA UNION

## HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN HANKOW:

Responding to a cable received from the China Division Committee, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the proposed purchase of a headquarters building for the Central China Union, in Hankow, at an estimated cost of \$18,000 gold, the funds being available from the sale of the former headquarters building.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

H.T.Elliott, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 3, 1939

The meeting was held in the President's office, at 10 O'clock, Friday morning.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, M.N. Campbell, H.T. Elliott, A.W. Cormack, H.H. Cobban, I.H. Evans, F.M. Wilcox, H.E. Rogers, J.J. Ireland, S.A. Wellman, H.H. Votaw, M.C. Taft, R. Ruhling, C.S. Longacre, W.E. Howell, C.E. Weeks, C.L. Bond, Steen Rasmussen, M.E. Kern, W.H. Bergherm, W.A. Butler.

Prayer by C.E. Weeks.

## M.L. RICE--ATLANTIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference the call from the Atlantic Union Conference Committee for M.L. Rice to take the presidency of the Atlantic Union Conference.

## MARGUERITE BARROWS--M.V. DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to release Miss Marguerite Barrows to connect with the work in the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

## GRACE EVANS--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Grace Evans, of the Publishing Department, the call from the Southern Publishing Association, to connect with the work of that institution.

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



## THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 6, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

Members of the Review and Herald Board met with the General Conference Committee in joint session, for the purpose of appointing the editorial staffs, and the book committee, for Review and Herald publications.

## PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, F.L.Peterson, H.H.Votaw, L.E.Froom, C.L.Bond, C.E.Weaks, C.S.Longacre, H.E.Rogers, W.H.Bergherm, Steen Rasmussen, W.A. Butler, S.A.Wellman, M.A.Hollister, F.M.Wilcox, E.L.Richmond, L.W.Graham, Frederick Lee, H.W.Barrows, A.L.White.

Prayer by W.H.Bergherm.

## EDITORIAL STAFFS:

The following report from the committee on nominations was submitted and adopted:

REVIEW AND HERALD: Editor, F.M.Wilcox. Associates, W.A.Spicer, F.D.Nichol, Frederick Lee. Special Contributors, J.L.McElhany, C.H.Watson, W.H.Branson, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, A.V.Olson, N.P.Neilsen, H.L.Rudy, J.F. Wright, A. Minck, N.C.Wilson, M.N.Campbell, W.E.Read, G.A. Roberts, V.T.Armstrong.

YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR: Editor, Lora E.Clement. Associates, C.L.Bond, J.E.Weaver, S.A.Wellman, Frederick Lee.

LIFE AND HEALTH: Editor, F.D.Nichol. Consulting Editors, H.M.Walton, M.D., R.A.Hare, M.D., D.H.Kress, M.D., C.H. Wolohon, M.D. Contributing Editors, W.A.Ruble, M.D., W.W. Frank, M.D., G.T.Harding, M.D., A.B.Olsen, M.D., Belle Wood-Comstock, M.D., H.W.Vollmer, M.D., H.A.Green, M.D., C.J.Larsen, M.D., C.E.Nelson, M.D., M.A.Hollister, Kathryn L.Jensen, R.N.

LIBERTY: Editor, C.S.Longacre. Associate, H.H.Votaw. Managing Editor, Frederick Lee.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER: Editor, J.A.Stevens, Associates, S.A.Wellman, W.K.Ising, Rosamond D.Ginther. Assistants, Margaret Weir, Dorothy Ford. Special Contributors, Mrs. L.Flora Plummer, M.Busch, T.J.Michael, R.R.Breitigam, J.L.Brown, E.D.Thomas, M.L. Andreasen, Miss Helena Lewin, Miss Bessie Mount, W.T.Bartlett, L.L.Moffitt, H.Struve, L.L.Caviness, J.H.McEachern.



February 6, 1939

CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE: Editor, T.E.Bowen. Associates, Steen Rasmussen, A.W.Peterson. Assistants, Mrs. Grace D.Mace, Mrs. Marjorie W.Marsh. Editorial Council, M.N.Campbell, M.E.Kern, H.T.Elliott.

PRESENT TRUTH: Editor, F.D.Nichol. Associate, M.R.Thurber.

THE MINISTRY: Editor, L.E.Froom. Associates, J.L.McElhany, I.H.Evans.

BOOK EDITOR: M.R.Thurber.

BOOK COMMITTEE: W.P.Elliott, Chairman; J.D.Snider, Secretary; M.R.Thurber, Assistant Secretary; M.L.Andreasen, E.E.Andross, D.A.Bailey, C.L.Bond, L.H.Christian, Lora E.Clement E.D.Dick, I.H.Evans, E.E.Franklin, L.E.Froom, L.W.Graham, C.B.Haynes, M.A.Hollister, M.E.Kern, Frederick Lee, H.A.Morrison, M.E.Munger, F.D.Nichol, M.E.Olsen, A.W.Peterson, Steen Rasmussen E.L.Richmond, J.A.Stevens, H.M.Walton, C.E.Weaks, G.W.Wells, F.M.Wilcox.

Close of joint session

Minutes of meetings of the General Conference Committee held February 2 and 3 were approved.

OWEN TROY--MISSOURI:

VOTED, That we recommend Owen Troy to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference for work in Missouri, with the understanding that the General Conference will supply his salary for three months.

H.M.COLBURN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On request of the South American Division, that the return of H.M.Colburn from the Inca Union Mission be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

CHILDREN'S LESSONS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER.

VOTED, That on her request, we release Mrs. L.H.Christian from the request to prepare the Children's Lessons for the 1939 Week of Prayer, and that we ask Mrs. W.E.Howell to prepare these lessons.

M.N.CAMPBELL RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENTS

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell be released from meeting appointments away from Washington during the month of February.



February 6, 1939

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That H.T.Elliott be asked to attend the Union College Board meeting, at College View, February 8 and 9, and the constituency meeting of the Southern Publishing Association, in Nashville, February 17-22, in place of M.N.Campbell.

VOTED, That J.J.Strahle be asked to attend colporteur institutes in the Southwestern Union --Arkansas-Louisiana, February 25 to March 2, and Oklahoma, March 4 to 10, in place of C.E.Weaks; and further, that Brother Strahle be authorized to respond to the request for his services in connection with a workers' meeting in Mexico, beginning March 14.

## MEMBERS OF LOMA LINDA HEALTH FOOD COMPANY CONSTITUENCY:

The constitution of the Loma Linda Health Food Company provides that the General Conference shall appoint ten members of its constituency.

VOTED, That we hereby appoint the following ten persons members of the Loma Linda Health Food Company constituency: Dr. P.T.Magan, Dr. George Thomason, Frederick Griggs, I.J.Woodman, M.N.Campbell, J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, Dr. H.M.Walton, F.C. Gilbert, J.J.Strahle.

## BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS--WORKING POLICY:

In order to bring the Working Policy of the Bureau of Home Missions into harmony with the present operation of the work of the Bureau, it was

VOTED, That Section 1 of the Policy be revised to read as follows:

"1. The Bureau of Home Missions shall carry on its work under the direction of a Bureau Committee of seven to nine members, who shall be appointed by the General Conference Committee. The General Conference Treasury shall be represented on the Bureau Committee. Three members of the committee, including the Secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions or some one appointed by him, shall be a quorum."

VOTED, That Section 13 of the Policy be revised to read as follows:

"13. The work and responsibilities of the Bureau of Home Missions secretary and associate secretaries shall be arranged by the General Conference Committee, adjustments being made from time to time as the needs of the work may indicate."

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



## THREE HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 9, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, Steen Rasmussen, M.A.Hollister, C.E.Weaks, L.E.Froom, H.H.Votaw, F.L. Peterson, W.A.Butler, W.H.Bergherm, H.E.Rogers, C.L.Bond, C.S. Longacre, N.F.Brewer, S.L.Frost, S.A.Wellman, M.E.Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W.Barrows, A.L.White.

Prayer by H.H.Votaw.

## CHICO CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Northern California Conference, for approval of the erection of a church building at Chico, with the understanding that the only work to be done now is the roughing-in, which it is estimated will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. This amount is in hand, in cash, labor and materials. It was

VOTED, That we approve of the plans of the Chico church for the roughing-in of their church building, it being understood that they will proceed with further construction no faster than they have the funds in hand, so that no indebtedness will be incurred.

## PAUL CARDEY RELEASED:

VOTED, That Paul Cardey be released from the call to the Florida Conference.

## MEADE MAC GUIRE--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the suggestion made by Meade MacGuire, that he conclude his work in the Southwestern Union, then spend a short time at Loma Linda before going to his home in Modesto to prepare for the trip to Europe.

## E.G.WHITE PUBLICATIONS--PROMOTION:

The following report from the Committee on Promotion of the E.G.W hite publications was adopted:



February 9, 1939

Your committee appointed to give study to the special effort to stress the importance of the Spirit of prophecy writings and to widen their distribution in the North American Division recommend the following:

1. That the objective of the special Spirit of prophecy effort be the creating in the heart of each Seventh-day Adventist an understanding appreciation of his need for and the value and timeliness of the instruction, encouragement, and information presented in the Spirit of prophecy writings; thus leading to the study of the volumes already in the homes of our people; and that we endeavor to place the most needed books in the homes that do not have them, giving special attention to the needs of our new believers.

2. That the time of the effect be May 15 to September 15.

3. That prior to and during this period, conference leaders, ministers, other workers and church officers, set before our church members the importance of having and studying the messages God has vouchsafed to this people through the Spirit of prophecy, for their enlightenment, guidance, and preservation.

4. That one Sabbath prior to the camp-meeting period in each local field, be devoted to the Spirit of prophecy, the time to be designated and the program to be arranged for in each local conference by the local committee.

5. That at the camp meetings special emphasis be placed upon the inestimable value of the Spirit of prophecy to each individual believer and the church as a whole, one or two services being devoted to this and to encouraging the widening of the distribution of the Spirit of prophecy books.

6. That a 20% discount be offered on all trade editions of the E.G. White books from May 15 to September 15, to be shared by the publishing houses granting an additional 5% and the Bible Houses an additional 5% added to the regular 10% camp-meeting discounts.

7. That we request the editors of the Review and Herald Ministry, Church Officers' Gazette, Journal of True Education, and Youth's Instructor to solicit and arrange for the publication of articles which will contribute to the dual objectives of the special effort, and that articles be furnished union and division papers.

8. That we call the attention of our foreign language reading believers in America to the Spirit of prophecy books available in the several respective languages.



February 9, 1939

9. That such advertising circulars as are deemed advisable be issued by the publishers, the expense to be shared proportionately by the three houses.

10. That a general 16-page informative leaflet, setting forth the value of the Spirit of prophecy to each Seventh-day Adventist, and appealing to our church members to avail themselves of this treasure of instruction and help, be issued by the General Conference for general distribution.

11. That Home Missionary Sabbath, December 2, be designated as Spirit of prophecy Sabbath, at which time the summer effort be followed up, the importance of a study of the books be reviewed, and the attention of our people be again called to the Spirit of prophecy books; and that the Home Missionary Department prepare the program for the day to appear in the Church Officers' Gazette.

12. That Elder M.N.Campbell be requested to write a letter to all church elders and workers preceding the summer effort, and that Elder J.L.McElhany be requested to address a letter to the same group preceding the December 2 Spirit of prophecy day.

13. That a representative standing committee be appointed to foster the effort called for by these resolutions.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

The Standing Committee called for in the above recommendation was appointed as follows:

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

M.N.Campbell, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 13, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, M.A.Hollister, F.M.Wilcox, L.E.Froom, C.L.Bond, H.A. Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, H.H.Votaw, S.L.Frost, N.F.Brewer, S.A. Wellman, C.E.Weaks, H.E.Rogers, W.A.Butler, Steen Rasmussen, C.S.Longacre, M.E.Kern, W.H.Bergherm.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Prayer by S.L.Frost. Minutes of meetings held February 6 and 9 were approved.

## E.M.MELEEN--SALARY:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to continue salary to E.M.Meleen, returned from India, for three months from February 5, 1939.

## MARGUERITE BARROWS RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marguerite Barrows be released from the call to connect with the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

## DOROTHY BARTLETT RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Dorothy Bartlett be released from the call to connect with the Theological Seminary.

## W.R.ELLIOTT--ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for W.R.Elliott to connect with the work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

## GEORGE RAPP--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Southern Union for George Rapp to connect with the Florida Conference for the pastorate of the Miami church.



February 13, 1939

## DOCTOR FOR BOULDER-COLORADO SANITARIUM:

A call was presented from the Central Union Conference for Dr. T.I.Zirkle, of the College of Medical Evangelists, to connect with the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium. Inasmuch as Dr. Zirkle is filling an important position on the faculty of the Medical College and his release would mean serious embarrassment to the College, and inasmuch as it is learned that Dr. C.C. Prince is available and can possibly be secured, it was

VOTED, That we inform the Central Union Conference that we do not consider it advisable to pass on their call for Dr. T.I.Zirkle, and that instead we recommend Dr. C.C.Prince to them for the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

## DEATH OF MRS. G.W.WELLS:

Announcement was made of the death of Mrs. G.W.Wells, at the Sanitarium, Sunday, February 12.

Resolved, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Elder G.W.Wells and the members of his family the deep sympathy of the General Conference Committee with them in their bereavement and sorrow. Our prayer is that God may grant them the comfort of His sustaining grace.

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



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 16, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, M.E.Kern, C.S.Longacre, C.L.Bond, H.H.Votaw, W.H.Teesdale, J.E.Weaver, H.A.Morrison, M.L.Rice, F.L.Peterson, W.A.Butler, Steen Rasmussen, M.C.Taft, M.A.Hollister, I.H.Evans.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by M.L.Rice.

## G.B.HOAG RELEASED:

VOTED, That because of unfavorable medical reports, Mr. and Mrs. G.B.Hoag be released from the appointment to India.

## Z. BERNTSON--SPICER COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Z. Berntson, of Seattle Junior Academy, to connect with the Southern Asia Division for teaching work in Spicer College.

## DALE SMITH--INDIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith of Kern Academy, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, Brother Smith to act as principal of the Kettarakara school.

## P.A.WEBBER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we approve of the permanent return of P.A. Webber from Japan.

## H.B.FISHER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division, the return of H.B.Fisher from the Brazil Publishing House be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.



February 16, 1939

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following itinerary for J.F.Wright, the travel expense to be handled in the customary way: March 1 to April 12, Pacific Union; April 20 to May 8, North Pacific Union.

VOTED, That Steen Rasmussen be authorized to attend a Lay Preachers' institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 7 to 9.

## A.E.WEBB RELEASED:

VOTED, That since A.E.Webb does not feel clear, because of his condition of health, to accept the call to West Africa, he be released from the appointment.

## DR. MAGAN OR F. GRIGGS TO SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That inasmuch as there are special problems confronting the College of Medical Evangelists on which counsel may be needed, we suggest the attendance of either Dr. P.T.Magan or Frederick Griggs at the Spring Meeting, March 7 to 9.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKING POLICY:

A committee that was appointed to give consideration to the number of copies of the General Conference Working Policy that should be printed, and to the question of their distribution, made the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, That an edition of 2,500 be printed to be distributed as follows:

1. To each division sufficient for the members of the division committee and a few extra to be distributed by the division officers.
2. To each union in North America sufficient for the members of the union committee and members of boards of union institutions within the union.
3. To members of boards of inter-union and general institutions.
4. That union presidents be informed that copies will be furnished to other individuals who in their judgment should receive them.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
Katie Farney, Recording Sec'y.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 20, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban,  
 I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, R.Ruhling,  
 H.H.Votaw, C.L.Bond, L.E.Froom, H.A.Morrison, J.E.Weaver, H.E.  
 Rogers, W.H.Teesdale, W.E.Howell, C.S.Longacre, M.E.Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Prayer by E.E.Andross. Minutes of the meeting held  
 February 13 were approved.

## DRS. C.C. AND DOROTHY PRINCE--BOULDER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference the  
 call from the Central Union for Drs. C.C. and Dorothy Prince to  
 connect with the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

## F.C.CARRIER--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

A.M.TILLMAN--INDIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana  
 Conference the call from the Pacific Union for F.C.Carrier to  
 connect with the work in the Southeastern California Conference;  
 and to pass on to the Pacific Union the call from the Lake Union  
 for A.M.Tillman to connect with the work in the Indiana Confer-  
 ence.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That J.E.Weaver and M.E.Kern be authorized to  
 attend the National Education Association meeting in Cleveland,  
 February 26 to March 3.

VOTED, That F.L.Peterson be authorized to meet an ap-  
 pointment in Meridian, Mississippi, March 1.

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



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 23, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, J.L.McElhany, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.E.Rogers, W.E.Howell, C.S.Longacre, J.E.Weaver, H.A.Morrison, C.L.Bond, M.C.Taft, H.H.Votaw, F.M.Wilcox, F.L.Peterson.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, W.L.Burgan, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, J.W.MacNeil.

Prayer by I.H.Evans. Minutes of meetings held February 16 and 20 were approved.

## AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE OF G.E.EMMENEGGER:

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to honor checks drawn by the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, when signed by G.E.Emmenegger subsequent to January 5, 1939, and until further notice; it being understood that this action in no way countermands the authorization which we have given for the signature of F.L.Harrison.

RESOLVED, That the First National Bank of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized to honor checks drawn by the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, when signed by G.E.Emmenegger subsequent to January 5, 1939, and until further notice; it being understood that this action in no way countermands the authorization which we have given for the signature of F.L.Harrison.

## APPRECIATION FOR PARKING PRIVILEGE:

RESOLVED, That H.H.Cobban be asked to convey to the Town Council of Takoma Park our appreciation for their courtesy in granting us the privilege of four-hour parking in the vicinity of the church during our church services on Sabbath (Saturday).

## MR. AND MRS. HAROLD CHRISTIE RELEASED:

VOTED, That Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christie be released from the call to the Philippines.



February 23, 1939

## S.H.McLENNAN--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Southern Union for S.H.McLennan to connect with the Florida Conference for the pastorate of the St. Petersburg church.

## J.J.MATSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On request of the Southern Asia Division, to authorize the permanent return of J.J.Matson from India.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That G.W.Wells be authorized to meet with the church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, over the coming week end.

VOTED, That C.S.Longacre be authorized to meet appointments in South Lancaster and Boston over the coming week end.

## OLD AGE SECURITY ACT:

Question was raised as to the attitude we should take toward an amendment being proposed to the Old Age Security Act, which would include religious and educational organization within the provisions of this Act. Other denominations are opposing the amendment on the ground that they have their own adequate system of support for aged and disabled workers, as do we; and also on the ground of the possible danger growing out of any tax by the government on the church. It was

VOTED, That C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell and H.A.Morrison be asked to give study to the matter, and prepare a statement of our position, possibly drafting a resolution to be presented to the committee before which a public hearing is to be held.

M.N.Campbell, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 24, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

The meeting was held in the President's office, at  
9:00 A.M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, H.H.  
Cobban, I.H.Evans, C.L.Bond, M.C.Taft, E.E.Andross, L.E.Froom,  
F.M.Wilcox, H.E.Rogers, J.E.Weaver, W.H.Teesdale, W.E.Howell.

Prayer by M.N.Campbell.

## DR. H.W.MILLER--RESIGNATION:

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Dr. H.W.Miller as  
Medical Secretary for the China and Far Eastern Divisions, also  
the surrender of his credentials, as conveyed by letter addressed  
to the President of the General Conference under date of Feb-  
ruary 19, 1939.

## DR. A.W.TRUMAN--MEDICAL SECRETARY CHINA DIVISION:

VOTED, On nomination by the China Division Committee,  
that we hereby appoint Dr. A.W.Truman Medical Secretary of the  
China Division.

## E.L.LONGWAY--HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY CHINA DIVISION:

VOTED, On nomination by the China Division Committee,  
that we hereby appoint E.L.Longway Secretary of the Home Mis-  
sionary Department of the China Division.

## HUNGARY'S DEBT TO HAMBURG PUBLISHING HOUSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the  
equivalent of 2708.72 Reichmarks to the Hamburg Publishing  
House in settlement of an account of 5417 Reichmarks which they  
have on their books against our work in Hungary.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 27, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, W.A.Spicer, Steen Rasmussen, E.E.Andross, C.E.Weaks, H.H. Votaw, C.L.Bond, H.E.Rogers, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.J.Ireland, L.E. Froom, M.C.Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by Dr. H.M.Walton. Minutes of the meeting held February 23 were approved.

## R.W.FOWLER RELEASED:

VOTED, That R.W.Fowler be released from the call to the principalship of Cedar Lake Academy.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That C.E.Weaks be authorized to respond to the request for his services at Union College, April 26 to May 5.

VOTED, That M.N.Campbell be released from attendance at committee and board meetings in the Atlantic Union, March 1 to 3.

VOTED, That W.E.Nelson be requested to spend what time he is able in attendance at the committee and board meetings in the Atlantic Union.

## RAILROAD RATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

VOTED, That we request G.C.Hoskin to negotiate with the railroads for reduced rates for our delegations at the time of the 1940 General Conference Session.

## NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--WORKING CAPITAL:

The Treasurer presented a request from the Northern European Division for authorization to carry a larger Working Capital than that prescribed in our Working Policy, which is 15% of the annual administrative expense, plus 10% of the Class 1-A appropriations to the fields. The Northern European Division finds this amount inadequate in view of the fact that during the first part of the year their income is very small, while during three or four months in the latter part of the year it is



February 27, 1939

quite large. The action of the Autumn Council makes provision for home bases in Europe to carry a larger Working Capital, if necessary. It was

VOTED, That we authorize the Northern European Division to set up as its Working Capital the average of its funds as of June 30 and December 31; this action being subject to approval by the Autumn Council.

----

J.L.McElhany entered.

WUHAN SANITARIUM--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$18,346.10 Mex. from the Emergency Fund to the China Division, to cover the estimated operating deficit of the Wuhan Sanitarium for the first six months of 1939.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM MONGOLIA:

Inasmuch as the China Division finds it impossible to go forward at the present time under existing conditions with plans that were contemplated for the development of the work on the plains of Mongolia, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the China Division using for the benefit of the work in general in the Division the funds that were appropriated specifically for the work in Mongolia.

CHINA DIVISION--INCREASE IN SALARIES:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make an emergency appropriation of \$60,000 Mex. to the China Division, to enable the Division to add to the salaries for 1938, this being necessary because of the greatly increased cost of living during the last half of the year.

M.N.Campbell, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 2, 1939

\*\*\*\*\*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H.Evans, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, Steen Rasmussen, J.J.Ireland, W.H.Teesdale, L.E.Froom, C.L.Bond, W.E.Howell, H.E. Rogers, W.K.Ising, C.S.Longacre, M.C.Taft, C.E.Weaks, Dr. H.M. Walton.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by G.W.Wells.

## CHILLAN SCHOOL--\$10,000:

Request was presented from the South American Division on behalf of the Chillan School, for an appropriation of \$15,000 to assist in the rebuilding of the Administration Building and Boys' Dormitory, destroyed by the recent earthquake in Chile. The Division is appropriating for razing the Administration Building and repairing other buildings that were only slightly damaged.

Attention was drawn to the fact that our Emergency Fund has already been heavily drawn upon, and with continued drafts there is danger of its being depleted before the end of the year leaving nothing with which to help in other serious emergencies that may arise. It was

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$10,000 to assist in the reconstruction of buildings of the Chillan School destroyed by the earthquake; and that in view of the fact that our Emergency Fund has been so heavily drawn upon, we request the South American Division to give consideration to the possibility of rendering additional assistance from their funds, as may be needed in the rebuilding program.

## DR. H.A.MOURER--INDEBTEDNESS:

The Treasurer made a statement with reference to the indebtedness of Dr. H.A.Mourer, who was called from private practice in California to connect with the work in China about five years ago. Dr. Mourer owes \$181.64 to the Student Loan Fund of the College of Medical Evangelists, and tuition notes to the amount of \$302.50. In accepting the appointment to China he understood that this indebtedness would be cared for, not being



March 2, 1939

aware of the fact that he was not eligible for this consideration inasmuch as he did not enter mission work within the time limit after graduation set by the policy. It was

VOTED, That in view of the years of service Dr. Mourer has given to the China field, we ask the China Division to give favorable consideration to liquidating his \$181.00 indebtedness to the Student Loan Fund; and that we ask the College of Medical Evangelists to cancel the tuition notes, inasmuch as Dr. Mourer understood from the chairman of the College Board that these notes would be canceled.

#### DEATH OF PETER L. HOEN:

Mention was made of the death of Peter L. Hoen, at Angwin, California. Elder Hoen was truly one of our veteran workers. He was born June 18, 1838, and was therefore one hundred years of age last June. He came to America from Norway, accepted the truth in Chicago in 1874, entered the ministry in Wisconsin in 1878, and thereafter labored among the Scandinavian people in many parts of the United States.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to express to Sister Hoen, the widow, and to Prof. R.E.Hoen, the son, of Pacific Union College, our appreciation of this long life spent in the service of God, and our sympathy with them in their sorrow.

#### R.M.WHITSETT RELEASED:

VOTED, That R.M.Whitsett be released from the call to Cairo, Egypt.

#### LESLIE SMITH RELEASED:

VOTED, That Leslie Smith be released from the call to Washington Missionary College.

#### ROBERT WOODS--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Southern Junior College the call from the Atlantic Union for Robert Woods to connect with Atlantic Union College as head of the Mathematics and Physics Departments.

#### KATHRYN JENSEN--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To accede to the request of Washington Missionary College for the services of Miss Kathryn Jensen in connection with the summer school session, May 31 to July 11.



March 2, 1939

## APPOINTMENTS:

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

M.N.Campbell, W.H.Williams and H.A.Morrison to attend the Riverside Sanitarium Board meeting, April 12.

W.A.Spicer to South Lancaster for the week end of April 29.

M.A.Hollister to conduct the Week of Prayer at the New England Sanitarium, March 10-18.

A.W.Spalding, appointments in Southwestern and Southern Unions, March 15 to April 1.

Steen Rasmussen to Cleveland, Ohio, for a Home Missionary Convention, April 14-16.

C.E.Weaks, colporteur institute at Atlantic Union College, March 31 to April 7.

G.W.Wells to the Albany, New York, church, for the Week of Prayer, March 11-18.

M.N.Campbell, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.