

AUTUMN COUNCIL  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Lincoln, Nebraska, October 11 - 16, 1939

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Also Meetings of the Committee, October 2, 4, and 16, 1939

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## THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 2, 1939

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, C.E. Weaks, H.L.Rudy, T.J.Michael, J.J.Ireland, D.A.Ochs, J.A.Stevens, C.S.Longacre, A.W.Spalding, H.H.Votaw, W.K.ising, W.H.Teesdale, G.W.Schubert, S.A.Wellman, H.E.Rogers, W.H.Bergherm, M.A. Hollister, A.W.Peterson, Steen Rasmussen, H.A.Morrison, Miss Jensen, Dr. H.M.Walton.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, W.L.Burgan, Claude Conard, H.W. Barrows, W.E.Phillips, Miss Lora Clement, M.R.Thurber, Frederick Lee, F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by G.W.Wells. Minutes of the meeting of September 28 were approved.

## E.H.WILCOX--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, To invite E.H.Wilcox, returned from South America, to attend the Autumn Council.

## E.NEY--IRAN:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division to release E.Ney, of Estonia, to connect with the Central European Division, Section II, for work in Iran.

## W. LESOVSKY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To approve of the permanent return of W.Lesovsky from Damascus to the Central European Division, Section I.

## D.R.COLVIN--MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP:

The application of D.R.Colvin for ministerial internship was submitted to the Committee, because of Brother Colvin's being past the thirty-year age limit. It was

VOTED, That ministerial internship be granted to D.R. Colvin, for Spanish work in the Southeastern California Conference, under the Bureau of Home Missions allotment.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.E.Weaver to attend elementary teachers' institutes in Wisconsin and Illinois, October 22-29.

A.W.Spalding to meet appointments in the Lake Union, October 14 to November 4.

Extension of S.A.Weilman's itinerary in the Southern Union, in November.

L.H.Christian to the North Pacific Union, the dates to be arranged.

W.H.Bergherm to Madison, Wisconsin, and to the North Pacific Union, following the Autumn Council.

## COST OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON QUARTERLIES:

Some consideration was given to the question of the cost of printing the foreign-language Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies, and it was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of five, composed of representatives from the Treasury and Sabbath School Departments, to give study to the cost of providing the Sabbath School Lessons and other Sabbath School supplies in foreign languages.

Appointed: W.H.Williams, J.A.Stevens, A.W.Cormack, Steen Rasmussen, H.L.Rudy.

## OWEN TROY--SALARY:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to continue salary to Owen Troy for another two months, with the understanding that the question of his future field and work be definitely settled by the expiration of that time.

## PAVILION IN PORTAGE, WISCONSIN:

Request was presented from the Lake Union on behalf of the Wisconsin Conference, for authorization to erect a pavilion at Portage, Wisconsin, to be used for camp meeting and other purposes. Inasmuch as the building plans have been approved by the Building Plans Committee, and the plan for financing the project is within the General Conference policy, it was



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## AMERICAN CEREAL FOOD COMPANY:

A few days ago a request came to the General Conference Corporation from the present operating board of the American Cereal Food Company, that the \$8,000 of first mortgage bonds held by the Corporation on the property and equipment of the company be subordinated to common stock, in order to give further assistance to the company in its present financial situation. The Corporation did not feel willing to comply with this request, but offered to waive interest on the bonds until June 30, 1941. However, the request has been renewed by the company for the subordination of the bonds, and the Corporation asks counsel in the matter. It was

VOTED, To counsel the General Conference Corporation to adhere to their action offering to waive the interest on the \$8,000 mortgage bonds on the property of the American Cereal Food Company until June 30, 1941, but declining to subordinate these bonds to common stock in the company.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 2, 1939, 4 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H.Cobban, J.J.Ireland, L.E.Froom, D.A.Ochs, A.W. Peterson, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, F.M.Wilcox, H.H.Votaw, W.H. Teesdale, H.J.Detwiler, S.A.Wellman, J.A.Stevens, C.E.Weaks, Dr. H.M.Walton, I.H.Evans, G.W.Schubert, T.J.Michael, W.K.Ising, W.H.Bergherm, C.S.Longacre, H.A.Morrison, H.L.Rudy.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W.L.Burgan, D.E.Robinson, W.E.Phillips, Miss Lora Clement

Prayer by D.A.Ochs.

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## GERMAN SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS:

A committee that was appointed on the question of the printing of German Sabbath School Lessons, submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

In view of the existing difficulties in some countries in securing German Sabbath School Lessons; and

In view of the desirability of maintaining uniformity in the Sabbath School Lessons according to the general policy of the General Conference; and

Inasmuch as German Sabbath School Lessons are being published in the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Brookfield, Illinois, from which fields outside of North America can also be supplied,

We recommend, That the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association make German Sabbath School Lessons, for both the senior and primary divisions, available to our German-speaking believers in other countries as well as in North America, until such time as other arrangements may be satisfactorily made.

## "LAY PREACHERS MANUAL":

A committee consisting of J.A.Stevens, L.H.Christian, E.E.Andross, H.L.Rudy and A.W.Peterson, having read and reported favorably on a manuscript that has been prepared for a lay preacher's manual, entitled, "The Lay Preacher and His Work," it was

VOTED, That we approve of the publication of this manuscript by the Home Missionary Department.

## MISS JENSEN TO BOSTON:

VOTED, That Miss Kathryn Jensen be authorized to make a trip to Boston, Massachusetts, in connection with a situation which confronts the New England Sanitarium School of Nursing.

## JUDGE SIMMONS TO COLUMBUS, GEORGIA:

VOTED, That we ask Judge Simmons, of Knoxville, Tenn., to attend the trial in Columbus, Georgia, next Monday, of one of our brethren who has been arrested for working on Sunday, it being understood that the Religious Liberty Department will work out arrangements with the Treasury for the expense involved.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
A.W.Cormack, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 4, 1939

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, E.N.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, J.J.Ireland, M.A.Hollister, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.A.Stevens, F.E.Wilcox, H.H.Votaw, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, T.J.Michael, M.C.Taft, A.W.Spalding, H.J.Detwiler, L.E.Froom, C.E.Weaks, G.W.Wells, A.W.Peterson, H.A.Morrison, C.S.Longacre, W.H.Bergherm, S.A.Wellman, G.W.Schubert.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W.L.Burgan, D.E.Robinson, Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by A.W.Spalding.

## BRAZIL SANITARIUM:

The committee that was appointed on the Brazil sanitarium submitted the following report, which was adopted:

In view of the unanimous decision of the South American Division that the proposed sanitarium for Brazil be located on the school property near Santa Amaro, while in our opinion this location is rather far from the main center of population,

Resolved, 1. That we concur in the plan of the South American Division to locate the institution on the school property near Santa Amaro.

Inasmuch as it appears that the money is already in hand for the rough construction of the whole building and the finishing of the first floor of the proposed sanitarium at Santa Amaro,

Resolved, 2. That we give authorization for a commencement to be made in the erection of the building, it being understood that no work shall be attempted in excess of the actual cash in hand.

## F.L.PETERSON--PITTSBURGH:

VOTED, That F.L.Peterson be authorized to respond to the request for his services in the Pittsburgh colored church, Sabbath, November 11.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Lincoln, Nebraska, October 11 to 16, 1939

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## THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 11, 1939, 10 A.M.

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The 1939 Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee was held in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 11 to 16, most of the meetings being held in the convention room of the Hotel Lincoln. The opening session was at 10 A.M., October 11. "I am coming, Lord," was sung, and I.H.Evans offered prayer.

## PRESENT:

Nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America were present. There were also present the General Conference auditors, the North American Union treasurers, the local conference presidents and union Negro secretaries, senior and junior college presidents, representatives from the three large publishing houses, and a number of other workers from union and local conferences.

Representatives from overseas divisions were present as follows:

China: H.W.Christian.

Far East: M.F.Wiedemann, L.C.Wilcox, Miss Bertha Parker.

Inter-America: Elder and Mrs. G.A.Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W.C.Raley, H.M.Blunden, A.P.Christiansen, C.L.Dinius, A.O.Dunn, J.S.Marshall.

Northern Europe: W.E.Read, T.T.Babienco.

South America: W.E.Murray, L.D.Minner, E.H.Wilcox, G.F.Ruf, C.D.Christensen.

Southern Asia: J.O.Wilson, E.D.Willmott.

Southern Europe: Miss Mae Mathews (of Ethiopia).

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## OPENING ADDRESS, AND AN APPEAL:

An atmosphere of solemnity pervaded the Council hall as Elder J.L. McElhany spoke of the crisis hour in which we find ourselves, both in the affairs of the world and the affairs of the church, and sounded an earnest call to consecration and sanctification for the finishing of the work. We give in his own words some of the thoughts presented. He said:

I do not believe that I exaggerate or overestimate when I say that never before, perhaps, in the history of the church has there been an hour of such supreme importance as the present hour, and it may be most vital in the affairs of the church, its future work and destiny, because of the course that we take as a result of this gathering. If we are satisfied with what we have seen and accomplished in the past, then this hour to a great extent will be recorded as a failure in the history of the church. If, on the other hand, by the help of God we shall find our way to new victories, this hour will go down in the history of the church as one of its most triumphant hours.

I believe that this time is comparable to that hour long ago when God sent His message to Israel through His servant Joshua, as recorded in the third chapter of Joshua and the 5th verse: "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Israel stood on the borders of Jordan. Just across the way was the land of promise. During the years of wandering they had seen evidences of God's great power working among them--their deliverance from bondage, God's leading by the pillar of fire and of cloud, the crossing of the Red Sea, water and food provided in the desert. All these things they had witnessed and experienced. But as they stood on the borders of the promised land, they were not ready to go in. Despite all that God had done for them, there was still something more to be done. "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

The Israel of God stands today on the borders of the land of promise. We have seen God's wonder-working power among us, and we have cause for great gratitude as we review the past and study the development of this movement and the circumstances under which God has led us. Just as Israel of old could recognize the wonder-working power of God in their midst, so we, the Israel of today can look back over our experience and see that God has wonderfully led us.

And now we stand where they stood of old, and as the message came to them that they were to do a work of preparation for the hour when God should lead them over into the promised land, so we need to have a work done for us in preparation for that hour when we shall pass over.

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In the framework of prophecy we have a practically completed picture, so that now surely with a consecrated church, a church filled with the power of His Spirit, God could quickly finish this work in the world today. I believe that the most important thing that can engage our attention at this hour is the call to sanctify ourselves, to inquire of God, and to seek for and obtain an experience that will qualify us as leaders to pass over, and to discharge the solemn responsibility of leading God's people over into the kingdom.

#### AN APPEAL

Elder McElhany then read the following Appeal, which had been prepared by a committee as a result of serious study given by the Officers to the needs of the present hour:

As representatives of this Second Advent Movement assembled in Autumn Council, we express our profound conviction that we have now reached a most critical period in human history. The closing scenes of the last days so clearly portrayed in the prophetic word are now being enacted before our eyes.

"Never since the creation of the world were such important interests at stake as now depend upon the action of men who believe and are giving the last message of warning to the world." -- "Life Sketches," p. 246.

"To sleep now is a fearful crime. The Lord is coming. We are appointed to prepare the way for His coming by acting our part to prepare a people to stand in that great day. Is there one Christian whose pulse does not beat with quickened action as he anticipates the great events opening before us? We hear the footsteps of an approaching God to punish the world for their iniquity." -- "Special Testimonies for Ministerial Workers," No. 11, p. 29.

For years the merciful hand of our Heavenly Father has held in check the winds of strife. Thus has been accorded us a time of comparative peace in which to preach the everlasting gospel message. Have these precious moments, however, been employed in kindling our tapers from the divine altar? Are our lamps filled with the golden oil, and are they sending forth strong, pure, clear rays of heavenly light upon the pathway of sinners?

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Believ/ with all our hearts that "the great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly," and that today we stand on the verge of eternity and that as watchmen upon the walls of Zion it is our solemn duty to be always ready, with our lamps trimmed and burning, we earnestly dedicate ourselves, body, soul, and spirit to the high and holy work of making ready a people prepared for the Lord.

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Inasmuch as it is God's desire "to perfect His household through the perfection of His ministers" (Testimonies, "Vol. 9, p. 151),

WE CALL UPON OUR BRETHERN IN THE MINISTRY to join in whole-hearted consecration to God, pledging themselves anew to a closer fellowship with the Lord.

WE CALL UPON OUR BELIEVERS everywhere to unite with our ministry in this holy covenant; to shun all worldliness, even the very appearance of evil, and to yield themselves wholly and unreservedly to God.

WE APPEAL TO THE PARENTS in our churches to give prayerful thought and earnest effort to the spiritual interests of their children. When in that great day the question is put to parents, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" what will be the response? Let all redouble their efforts in their behalf, resting neither day nor night, wrestling with God in prayer, ever remembering the precious promise of the Lord, "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49:25.

WE APPEAL TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH to give anew their hearts and to dedicate all their powers to Jesus their Saviour. We entreat them to think soberly and seriously of the truth in the following inspired statement:

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before the young which they have not anticipated. They are to be brought into most distressing perplexity. The genuineness of their faith will be proved." -- "Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 269.

We know that the time has come for a mighty revelation of God's power through His commandment-keeping people.

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children." -- "Great Controversy," p. 464.

"Christ has made provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace." -- "Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 19.

Finally, in this last hour, before the Judge of all the earth shall arise and pronounce the sentence that will seal the

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eternal destiny of every soul, we appeal to all our fellow-workers, to our believers, also to our children and youth, to unite in crowning Jesus Lord of all; thus shall we all be ready to welcome our Lord and Master at His glorious appearing.

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 The delegates responded to the Appeal with testimonies of earnest consecration, and expressions of determination to carry the message of the hour, and the Appeal, to our people in the churches.

Adjournment was taken to 2 P.M., with the closing prayer by E.E. Andross.

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

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#### FOUR HUNDREDTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 11, 1939, 2:00 P.M.

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With a Scripture reading by the Chairman, and prayer by F.H. Robbins of the East Pennsylvania Conference, the second meeting of the Council was opened at 2 P.M., October 11.

#### GREETINGS:

The Secretary read a letter from E.K. Slade, sending greetings to the Council. It was

VOTED, To instruct the Secretary to send a message of greeting from the Council to E.K. Slade, and similar messages to M.N. Campbell and J.L. Shaw.

Mention was made of the overseas division presidents, none of whom are present in the Council except the presidents from Northern Europe and Inter-America, and it was

VOTED, That the greetings of the Council be sent to the overseas division presidents, and through them to our people in their fields.



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**DAILY PROGRAM:**

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

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

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Standing Committees for the Council were appointed as follows:

Guiding Committee:

W. E. Howell	W. G. Turner
J. L. McElhany	L. H. Christian
E. D. Dick	W. E. Nelson

Platform Committee:

O. T. Garner	W. A. Nelson	V. G. Anderson
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Music Directors:

J. L. McConaughey	L. K. Dickson
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Seating of Delegations and Distribution of Materials:

H. T. Elliott	J. A. Stevens
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To Assist in Distribution:

W. H. Bergherm	W. E. Phillips
W. A. Butler	J. E. Weaver
D. A. Ochs	S. A. Wellman

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Committee on Budget:

W.E. Nelson, Chairman.

W.H. Williams, Secretary.

V. G. Anderson	I. H. Evans	J. F. Piper
E. D. Andross	R. M. Harrison	Steen Rasmussen
C. L. Bauer	W. H. Howard	M. L. Rice
R. L. Benton	J. J. Ireland	F. H. Robbins
Glenn Calkins	J. K. Jones	H. E. Rogers
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A. W. Cormack	H. A. Morrison	W. G. Turner
H. J. Detwiler	E. L. Neff	David Voth
E. D. Dick	W. A. Nelson	C. E. Weaks
L. K. Dickson	J. J. Nethery	F. D. Wells
H. T. Elliott	W. B. Ochs	F. M. Wilcox
R. T. Emery	E. H. Oswald	

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G. W. Bowers	G. F. Eichman	James Howarth
W. A. Butler	H. T. Elliott	W. E. Howell
Glenn Calkins	I. H. Evans	Otis Hudson
M. V. Campbell	Lewis Ford	J. J. Ireland
H. G. Childs	E. E. Franklin	J. K. Jones
L. H. Christian	C. O. Franz	R. I. Keate
		S. J. Lashier

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J.L. McElhany	J.F. Piper	W.G. Turner
T.J. Michael	W.C. Raley	H.H. Votaw
L.D. Minner	W.E. Read	David Voth
W.B. Mohr	M.L. Rice	H.M. Walton
O. Montgomery	W.M. Robbins	G.W. Wells
J.L. Moran	G.A. Roberts	S.A. Walman
W.E. Murray	J.H. Roth	W.R. White
E.L. Neff	H.L. Rudy	M.F. Wiedemann
J.J. Nethery	A.H. Rulkoetter	S.E. Wight
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I.G. Ortner	W.I. Smith	B.G. Wilkinson
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E.H. Oswald	W.A. Spicer	J.O. Wilson
A.W. Peterson	M.C. Taft	

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C.E. Andross	R.J. Christian	T.M. French
T.T. Babienco	L.H. Christian	L.E. Froom
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G.S. Belleau	T.L. Copeland	P.D. Gerrard
W.H. Bergherm	A.W. Cormack	F. Griggs
Floyd Bralliar	E.E. Cossentine	M.E. Hagen
W.L. Burgan	J.G. Dasent	L. Halswick
C.M. Bunker	C.W. Degering	H.H. Hamilton
C.B. Caldwell	E.D. Dick	W.H. Holden
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H.D. Casebeer	C.L. Dinus	

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H.J. Klooster	W.A. Raley	M.R. Thurber
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L.E. Lenheim	D.N. Reiner	H.W. Walker
C.S. Lysinger	J.J. Reiswig	D.N. Wall
Meade MacGuire	A.V. Rhoads	H.M. Walton
Mae Mathews	G.F. Ruf	C.E. Weaks
J.L. McElhany	G.A. Roberts	J.E. Weaver
T.J. Michael	A.M. Rowe	A.E. Webb
A.E. Millner	W.A. Ruble	F.D. Wells
L.D. Minner	H.L. Rudy	A.L. White
W.C. Moffett	R. Ruhlmg	M.F. Wiedemann
M.E. Munger	G.W. Schubert	L.C. Wilcox
G.A. Williams	E.D. Willmott	I.J. Woodman
		C.S. Longacre

**GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--COMMITTEE:**

The question was introduced as to whether or not it would be advisable to go forward with plans for holding the General Conference Session in 1940, in view of the present uncertainty as to what may be the situation in the world at that time that might make it difficult to hold a representative conference. The question was discussed at some length, quite a number being in favor of a postponement, while others felt it would be well to hold the session at the appointed time. It was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to study the matter in all its phases and bring in a recommendation.

Committee appointed: W.G. Turner, the North American union conference presidents and union presidents or superintendents from overseas, and G.A. Roberts, W.E. Read, W.E. Nelson, E.D. Dick.

**WELCOME FROM MAYOR COPELAND OF LINCOLN:**

Elder J.L. McElhany, the Chairman, introduced Mayor A.S. Copeland, who extended to the Council a hearty welcome to the city of Lincoln, and in doing so spoke of the pleasant relationship existing between our institutions here,--Union College, the Central Union office and the Nebraska Conference office,--and the people of Lincoln. Mr. Harry Kurcz, of the Chamber of Commerce, also welcomed the delegates to Lincoln.

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Elder McElhany responded, thanking the Mayor and Mr. Kurcz for their cordial welcome and assuring them of our pleasure in being here. He also thanked them on behalf of our denomination for the liberality of the people of Lincoln in connection with the erection of the new library building at Union College.

#### ADDITIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

H.T.Elliott, C.B.Haynes and W.C.Moffett were appointed a committee to receive suggestions of any additions that should be made to the standing committees.

(This committee brought in a report later, and the names suggested were added to the committees as listed in preceding pages.)

#### SPIRITUAL HELP FOR THE CHURCHES:

Suggestion was made that study should be given to the best means of providing spiritual help for our churches during the coming winter, and it was

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

Committee appointed: W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, H.T.Elliott, the union conference presidents, A.W.Peterson, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.A.Morrison.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT:

H.E.Rogers, the Statistical Secretary, rendered the Statistical Report for 1938, from which we take excerpts as follows:

At the close of 1938, this work was conducted in 387 countries, islands, and island groups, by 28,084 evangelistic and institutional laborers using 766 languages and modes of speech in their work. This was an increase of 52 languages during the year; and 188 during the past three years, or virtually one new language added practically every five days during the three years.

The membership of the 8,570 Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout the world at the close of 1938 stood at 469,951, a net increase of 17,193, or a gain of 3.80 per cent.

Total funds received for evangelistic work during 1938 were as follows: Tithes, \$7,356,544.01, a per capita of \$15.65; foreign missions, \$3,692,266.87, a per capita of \$7.86; home missions, \$2,093,111.06, a per capita of \$4.45. Total, \$13,141,921.94, or a total per capita of \$27.96.

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The total funds contributed during the 76 years since the General Conference was organized in 1863, amounts to \$266,230,921.29, of which tithes have been \$147,656,465.43 (55.46%); foreign missions, \$78,398,434.76 (29.45%); and home missions, \$40,176,021.10 (15.09%). The contributions now are greater every day than for a whole year in the earlier periods of this cause.

We are now producing literature in 195 languages, the total cost for one copy of each amounting to \$2,485.89. The total value of book and periodical sales for 1938 was \$4,190,330.13. The total record of book and periodical sales since the movement began amounts to \$118,204,678.40. There are now 1,221 laborers employed in producing this literature, and 3,352 engaged in its distribution.

We now have a grand total of 523 institutions, an increase of 124 during the past eight years. In North America we have 10,361 laborers, and outside this country there are 17,723. This makes a total of 28,084, or a gain of 55 during the year.

The 520 conferences and missions employ 3,946 ordained and licensed ministers as its main force of evangelistic workers with 5,807 missionary licentiates and office secretaries assisting in this work. The 2,738 primary and advanced schools employ 6,029 teachers, with 113,257 enrolled as students, and 1,422 entering some line of denominational work at the close of the school year. The 159 sanitariums and treatment rooms, employing 6,481 physicians and nurses in the care and treatment of the sick, expended \$394,770.26 in charity work during the year, and have a capacity of 528,124 patients. Connected with the 79 publishing houses 4,573 are employed in producing and distributing over four million dollars' worth of denominational literature annually. Thirty food companies employ 1,248 persons in the manufacture and distribution of food products.

Thus there are 3,526 employing organizations in the denomination, with 28,084 persons actively engaged, and an annual pay-roll and expenditures exceeding \$40,000,000.00.

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Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., October 12.

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

FOUR HUNDRED FIRST MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 12, 1939, 9:45 A.M.

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"Jesus, I come to Thee," was the opening song for the devotional service on Thursday morning, October 12, and prayer was offered by J.F.Piper.

Elder O.Montgomery, who conducted the service, brought out lessons from the life and experiences of Elijah, with particular reference to the spirit and power of Elijah.

Elijah was the messenger of God in a day of deep darkness in the experience of Israel, of wickedness and extreme apostasy, and his message, his work, was one of reform. He was sent to call the people back to the worship of the true God. Because of his character, because of the spirit and power that characterized his work, and because of what he did under God, he stands out as a type of John, the forerunner of the Messiah at His first advent, and as a type of the work of reform, and the message that is to be given to the last generation of men just before the second advent of Christ. The Advent Movement is the Elijah message to this generation, and under it a great work of reform is to be done.

We are told in the book of James, Elijah "was a man subject to like passions as we are," yet when he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, it rained not on the earth for the space of three and a half years. When he prayed again, the heaven gave rain and the earth brought forth her fruit. Thus was manifested the power of Elijah through prayer.

It was only through earnest, importunate prayer that the power came. Six times he sent his servant to look for the signs of rain, and six times the servant returned and said there was nothing,--no cloud, no sign of rain. In the meantime, we are told by the servant of the Lord, the prophet spent the time, not in confessing the sins of Israel, but in confessing his own sins, and in reviewing his life to see wherein he had failed to honor God. And when he reached the point of complete renunciation of self, clinging solely to the Saviour as his only strength and righteousness, the answer came. The servant appeared, saying, "Behold, there ariseth a little cloud, like a man's hand."

Now, we, the representatives of the Advent Movement, are to pray for rain in the time of the latter rain,--the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is for us to confess and put away sin, and to examine our hearts and lives, to see that no evil thing remains, and to pray, and pray, and pray, so that we may in the spirit and power of Elijah proclaim this last message of mercy to a sinful world.

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"All the followers of Christ have to meet the same malignant foe that assailed their Master. With marvelous skill he adapts his temptations to their circumstances, their temperaments, their mental and moral bias, their strong passions. He is ever whispering in the ears of the children of men, as he points to worldly pleasures, gains, or honors, 'All this will I give you, if you will do my bidding.' We must look to Christ; we must resist as He resisted; we must pray as He prayed; we must agonize as He agonized, if we would conquer as He conquered." --Mrs. E.G. White, in the Review and Herald, Nov. 8, 1887.

The service closed with a season of prayer, led by Elder McElhany.

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Prayer was offered by H.J. Klooster, of Emmanuel Missionary College, at the opening of the third business session of the Council; at 9:45 A.M., October 12. L.H. Christian in the chair.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1938:

H.E. Rogers, the Statistical Secretary, presented the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 1938, showing assets and liabilities of all the organizations and institutions connected with the denomination. The assets were \$48,174,987.96; total liabilities, \$14,737,054.78; net worth, \$33,437,933.18. This indicates a gain of \$406,777.19 in net worth for the year 1938. The total income was \$40,708,114.68; expenditures, \$40,301,337.49. The difference between income and expense being the same as the amount of gain in net worth.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Claude Conard presented in printed form the Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for 1938-1939, from which we quote the following paragraphs:

During the school year 1938-39, three Seventh-day Adventist senior colleges, one junior college, and five academies in North America recorded operating gains without any outside assistance. This total of nine schools of enviable record is four more than in 1937-38. Twenty-nine institutions showed improvement in operating results in 1938-39, as compared with twenty schools the previous year.

The assets for regular colleges and academies in June, 1939, were \$7,052,445.89, the recorded liabilities, \$1,023,049.96 and the net worth \$6,029,395.93. The relationship of liabilities to assets in 1939 was 14.5% which is 1.1 points lower than in 1938. In North America, the assets of Seventh-day Adventist colleges and academies have increased during 1938-39 \$295,370.02 or 4.4% above a year ago. The liabilities at the close of the school year 1938-39 show a reduction of \$41,728.51 - 3.9% - from the previous year. Substantial liability decreases have



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been made both in the senior college and academy groups, but the junior colleges have increased their obligations 13.9% during the year. Twenty-two out of the fifty schools are now on the "Freedom from Debt" list.

#### SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

A Financial Summary for Seventh-day Adventist Sanitariums and Hospitals in North America was also presented by Claude Conard. The fourteen institutions of this class in North America that have submitted monthly statements during 1938 reported an income volume of \$5,010,285.37 for the year. This was \$65,636.05 - 1.3% - less than in 1937. Operating expenses for 1938 were \$4,962,955.92, which was \$32,922.49 below the previous year. The net sum of operating gains was \$47,329.45. These gains were \$32,713.56 less than in 1937, and \$44,533.54 below 1936.

Sanitarium receipts for the first eight months of 1939 were \$3,336,759.29, which was \$3,312.01 more than for the corresponding period in 1938. The expenses for eight months were \$3,253,441.86. While the income was \$3,312.01 above 1937, the expenses were \$13,554.79 less; and the eight months' gain of \$83,317.43 was \$16,866.80 more than to the end of August 1938; but still \$26,314.58 below the eight months' gain in 1937.

At the close of August, 1939, the assets of the fourteen Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums and hospitals in North America making up this report, amounted to \$6,787,527.39. The liabilities were \$1,825,164.06; and the net worth, \$5,067,045.27.

During the year and eight months to August of this year, the medical institutions in North America as a whole reported net gains of nearly \$131,000; have increased assets roundly \$218,000; reduced liabilities \$104,000; and have paid off note indebtedness of \$155,000.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Operating Statement of Income and Expenditures and the Balance Sheet of the General Conference for the eight months ending August 31, 1939, as follows:

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
OPERATING STATEMENT  
For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1939

INCOME

TITHE

North America:

Union Conferences	30 917 28	
Per Cent of Tithe (Detail p. 8)	486 008 79	
Miscellaneous Tithe	<u>1 254 33</u>	518 180 40

Overseas Tithe:

European Tithe of Tithe	2 210 80	
European Per Cent of Tithe	10 708 45	
Other Divisions	<u>5 467 42</u>	<u>18 386 67</u>

Total Tithe

536 567 07

MISSION OFFERINGS

North America:

Forty-Cent-a-Week Fund (Detail p. 4)	1 166 746 97	
Miscellaneous Missions	<u>3 298 14</u>	1 170 045 11

Overseas:

European Misc. Missions	43 263 54	
Other Divisions	<u>161 105 88</u>	<u>204 369 42</u>

Total Missions

1 374 414 53

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Interest	14 467 39	
Exchange Gains	64 725 78	
Surplus Tithe	1 000 00	
Specific Mission Offerings	564 38	
Reclaimed Funds	<u>2 037 44</u>	82 794 99

Revertible Missions

425 541 82

Total Miscellaneous

508 336 81

TOTAL INCOME

2 419 318 41

EXPENDITURES (See Next Page)

Total Expenditures

2 733 410 91

Expense Exceeds Income

314 092 50

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Salary and Dept. Expense	176 261 97	
Transportation Agents' Expense	7 208 75	
Maintenance and General Expense	<u>10 668 88</u>	194 139 60

APPROPRIATIONS

Overseas Regular Base Approp.	1 388 604 96	
Home Regular Base Approp.	150 336 16	
Alaska, Hawaii, by Reversion	17 703 57	
Overseas Specific Miss. Off'g.	564 38	
Special Approp.--Home	32 666 72	
Special Approp.--Overseas	<u>73 766 72</u>	1 663 642 51

MISC. AND FIXED APPROPRIATIONSEmergency Appropriations:

--Overseas	62 377 52	
--Home	38 418 53	
--Sick Relief	<u>7 830 64</u>	108 626 69
Institutional Comeback	211 423 95	
13th Sabbath Overflow Provision	23 333 36	
Harvest Ingathering Expense Pro.	50 000 00	
Missions Promotion Exp. Pro.	8 000 00	
Appointees Expense	233 02	
Retired Workers Expense	4 192 23	
Sustentation Appropriation	27 558 67	
Specific and Fixed Appropriations	<u>16 719 06</u>	450 086 98
Appropriations by Rev.--Overseas	<u>425 541 82</u>	<u>2 539 271 31</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2 733 410 91

CONDENSED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
FOR EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31 OF EACH YEAR AS INDICATED

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>INCREASE 1939 OVER 1938</u>
Tithe	436 269 39	518 175 22	536 567 07	18 391 85
Mission Offerings	1 169 401 21	1 519 133 66	1 374 414 53	55 280 87
Misc. Income	420 184 56	435 049 61	508 336 81	73 287 00
Total Income	<u>2 025 855 16</u>	<u>2 272 358 69</u>	<u>2 419 318 41</u>	146 959 72
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Administrative Expense	191 676 88	192 160 49	194 139 60	1 979 11
Appropriations	2 005 924 40	2 388 278 12	2 539 271 31	150 993 19
Total Expense	<u>2 197 601 28</u>	<u>2 580 438 61</u>	<u>2 733 410 91</u>	152 872 30
Expense Exceeds Income	171 746 12	308 079 92	314 092 50	
Net Excess of Expense 1939 Over 1938				6 012 58

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
BALANCE SHEET  
August 31, 1939

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Banks		1 230 938 83
<u>Notes and Securities</u>		
Securities	1 037 419 65	
Notes Receivable	<u>158 00</u>	1 037 577 65
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		
Divisions	184 862 10	
Publishing Houses	34 967 59	
Transportation Agencies	13 093 28	
Personal Accounts	14 791 13	
Miscellaneous	<u>25 090 18</u>	272 804 28
Inventories--Supplies and Misc.		10 488 05
Library	4 062 95	
Less Reserve	<u>2 305 42</u>	<u>1 757 53</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2 553 566 34</b>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Accounts Payable</u>		
Divisions	5 834 21	
Publishing Houses	795 66	
Personal Accounts	32 878 55	
Miscellaneous	<u>8 127 28</u>	47 635 70
Trust Funds	841 990 67	
Unexpired Subscriptions	4 422 68	
Accrued Expense Reserves	<u>45 196 25</u>	<u>891 609 60</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>939 245 30</b>

<u>SURPLUS</u>		
Surplus, January 1, 1939	1 935 046 79	
Less Surplus Adjustment	6 633 25	
	<u>1 928 413 54</u>	
Less Decrease Eight Months	<u>314 092 50</u>	
<b>Total Surplus</b>		<b><u>1 614 321 04</u></b>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

2 553 566 34

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Following the presentation of his report, the Treasurer called on the union conference presidents, and the two division presidents who were present, for a statement concerning progress in the matter of debt reduction. The reports indicated that nearly \$259,000 of indebtedness had been paid off during the past year.

MESSAGE FROM SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

The Secretary read a message of greeting from the Southern Asia Division.

INVITATIONS FOR NEXT AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The Secretary stated that invitations had been received from a number of cities, for the next Autumn Council, and it was agreed that these be referred to the Minority Committee for consideration when the proper time comes.

Adjournment was taken at noon, to 9:45 A.M., Friday, October 13.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED SECOND MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
October 13, 1939, 9:45 A.M.

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L.H.Christian in the devotional service Friday morning made a plea for a revival of the old-time zeal that was manifested in the lives and preaching of the pioneers of this message. The priests, the ministers of God, should be weeping between the porch and the altar, crying to God to spare His people and give not His heritage to reproach.

While it is important, Elder Christian said, that we should stand loyally for the truth and in harmony with the organization; and while the setting and striving to attain goals, both in numbers and in the matter of giving, is good; and while we must keep before us and maintain the standards set by the founders of this movement, more than all of this, he felt, do we need to preserve the old-time zeal of the men and women of those early days.

Many conditions in the world and in the church today should stir us to more zealous living and preaching. As a result of the destruction and horror and heart-breaking sorrow in

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many lands, men are coming to realize that the only way of peace is in reliance upon God and His Word, and with longing hearts they are looking for some one to show them the way. How zealous we should be to grasp these opportunities to bring to them the saving message for this generation. It was zeal for God and His cause that moved the disciples to bear witness to the gospel with such mighty power.

Another thing that should stir our souls to greater zeal for God is the closing of the doors to religion in many lands, the darkness seeming to grow more dense with every passing day. Truly, as Jesus said, we must work the works of God while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Then there is the loyalty and devotion of our brethren and sisters in many places where conditions are making it especially difficult for them. Many of them have demonstrated that they count not their lives dear for the Lord Jesus. Their loyalty and their zeal should beget corresponding loyalty and zeal in our hearts and lives.

The great need of the hour is for that zeal that will set us on fire with a consuming passion for the salvation of souls, and an insatiable yearning for the power of God in our lives.

After a season of prayer led by L.E.Froom, A.W.Peterson and E.H.Oswald, the service closed with a moment of silent prayer for peace.

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W.E.Murray, of South America, offered prayer for the opening of the fourth business session of the Council.

A message of greeting was read from the Far Eastern Division, signed by V.T.Armstrong, the president of the division, and C.L.Bond, of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, who is at present in that division. The cable reported successful evangelistic meetings being held, gains in baptisms, and many new interests calling for help.

A letter was also read from A.V.Olson, president of the Southern European Division, describing conditions facing the work in that division because of the war in Europe.

The Chairman suggested that it may be necessary to appeal to our people here in America in a special way to help to meet the crises that are arising in connection with our work in these other lands.

This hour having been set for meetings of a number of legal associations, the Council recessed, and these meetings were called in their order as follows:

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## INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the President, J.L. McElhany, and a report of the business of the company was made by W.A. Benjamin. Inasmuch as four directors of the Company were to be elected for a term of three years, the nomination of these directors was referred to the Nominating Committee of the Council, and the meeting was adjourned to 10 A.M., Monday, October 16.

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE AND RIVERSIDE  
SANITARIUM CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS:

A meeting of the constituency of the Oakwood Junior College was called by J.K. Jones, the Chairman, and a report of the work of the College was rendered by President J.L. Moran. A condensed balance sheet and the certificate of audit was also presented, after which the meeting was declared adjourned sine die.

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by J.K. Jones, the Chairman. A report of the work of the sanitarium, together with a brief financial statement and the auditor's certificate, was presented by Lewis Ford, the business manager, after which the meeting was adjourned sine die.

The Council resumed, to receive announcements, and adjournment was taken to 2:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by M.E. Kern.

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

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FOUR HUNDRED THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 13, 1939, 2:30 P.M.  
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The Council gathered for its fifth meeting at 2:30 P.M., October 13, with W.G. Turner in the chair. Prayer was offered by G.A. Roberts, of the Inter-American Division.

## REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

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## MISSIONS EXTENSION FOR 1940:

WHEREAS, Under the blessing of God the plan of Missions Extension has greatly assisted in building up and maintaining in a strong way our Medical, Educational, and Publishing institutions and interests in our overseas divisions; therefore

We recommend, 1. That for the North American Division the Missions Extension goal be \$60,000, with provision for an overflow of \$6,000 for new work, and that the offering be taken April 20, 1940.

2. That all conference and institutional workers and other church members be invited to contribute a day's income or its equivalent to Missions Extension.

3. That all our colporteurs be invited to enter into the plan by taking part in this special Literature Week and, as has been the custom, to dedicate the proceeds of an average day's income to the offering.

4. That the Medical, Educational, and Publishing Departments unite with the Home Missionary Department in all of the promotional work.

5. That the funds received be devoted to the upbuilding and maintenance of the Medical, Educational, and Publishing interests of overseas divisions in proportion to their needs.

6. That April 14-20 be known as Missions Extension Literature Week, and that in their missionary work all of our people be encouraged to sell or use some of the crisis books and other literature especially prepared for that week, donating the profits to the Missions Extension Fund.

## MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP ALLOTMENTS:

We recommend, That provision be made for 82 ministerial internships in the North American Division for the year 1940, and that allotment be made as follows:

1. That 62 internships be assigned to the several unions as follows:

Atlantic	7
Canadian	5
Central	5
Columbia	9
Lake	7
Northern	4
North Pacific	6
Southern	4
Southwestern	4
Pacific	<u>11</u>
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2. That 10 colored internships be distributed by the Minority Committee in counsel with the various union conferences.

3. That 10 internships be assigned to the Bureau of Home Missions for distribution by the Minority Committee in counsel with the various union conferences.

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

#### SYSTEMATIC SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM:

Recognizing the seriousness of the times in which we are living and the need of Seventh-day Adventists having a better knowledge of the information, instruction, and counsel which God has been pleased to give through the Spirit of prophecy, and with a view to promoting among our people a systematic reading of these books,

We recommend, 1. The inauguration of a reading plan for our members to be designated "A Systematic Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program."

2. That this plan call for the reading of approximately twenty pages a week from the Ellen G. White books.

3. That the volumes for 1940 be "The Great Controversy" and "Ministry of Healing."

4. That arrangements be made for a reading outline to appear monthly in the Review and Herald and Youth's Instructor, and a weekly outline in our union conference papers; also that a day-by-day schedule similar to that which is prepared for the Bible Year be issued.

5. That in principle this reading program be world-wide in its application, the selection of books in other divisions being arranged for by the respective division committees as nearly as possible in harmony with those selected for North America.

6. That plans for the promotion of this program be referred to the Minority Committee of the General Conference.

#### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY SABBATH FOR 1940:

We recommend, That Home Missionary Sabbath, November 30, 1940, be designated as "Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath," and that the preparation of a suitable program for the occasion be left to the Minority Committee of the General Conference.

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## BIG WEEK:

We recommend, That for 1940, April 14 to 20 be designated as Colporteur Big Week in North America.

## HARVEST INGATHERING DATE AND GOAL:

WHEREAS, The first Sabbath of each month is known as Home Missionary Day,

We recommend, That for 1940, the opening day of the Ingathering Campaign in North America coincide with the first Sabbath service in August, and that the campaign date be August 3 to September 28.

We recommend, That the individual Ingathering goal for 1940 be the minute man goal.

## YOUTH'S SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLIES:

We recommend, That a Sabbath school lesson quarterly for the Youth's Division, containing the lessons which are now, and will continue to be printed in the Youth's Instructor, be published.

## TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The past five years have demonstrated the appalling and destructive effects of the use of intoxicating liquors under license laws; and

WHEREAS, The situation is growing more alarming every day and threatens to do untold harm; and

WHEREAS, A solemn responsibility rests upon Christian forces everywhere to do all in their power by well directed efforts to remedy the situation; therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Conference Committee and the delegates to the Autumn Council of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, recommend that an intensive revival of temperance education, and of the circulation of temperance literature be carried on by our workers and people, and that special literature on alcohol and narcotics be prepared for use among the youth in educational institutions, and that we encourage our physicians and qualified workers to deliver lectures as they have opportunity in educational institutions, showing to the students the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other narcotics upon the human system; and further

We recommend, That our people cooperate with other temperance organizations in campaigns to advance the cause of temperance by pen, voice, and vote; and that all our people, and especially the youth everywhere be encouraged to sign total

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abstinence pledges against the use of intoxicating beverages, tobacco, and other narcotics.

EVANGELIZING FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES:

RECOGNIZING That in all parts of North America there are large numbers of foreign-speaking people in both rural and urban districts, who, when brought under the influence of evangelistic efforts, will respond to the message; and

RECOGNIZING that each conference organization is vitally interested in, and responsible for, the spiritual welfare of the entire population within its territory, irrespective of language or nationality,

We recommend, To union and local conference committees that they give careful study to ascertaining the extent and nature of foreign-language populations within their conference territories, and that they put forth renewed and increasing efforts with a view to reaching these various language groups with the message:

1. By engaging foreign-language workers, including colporteur evangelists.
2. Through the systematic distribution of foreign-language literature.
3. Through the enlistment of the cooperation of the officers and members of English-speaking churches in an endeavor to establish new groups of believers of the various languages.

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Adjourned.

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

## THE SABBATH MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The Sabbath meetings were held in the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Lincoln, and were attended by a large number of our people. Possibly 2,500 were present at the Sabbath morning services, with most encouraging attendance at all other appointments. These meetings were deeply spiritual and were seasons of inspiration and encouragement to all who were privileged to be present.

Elder Spicer in his characteristic cheerful and encouraging manner led out in the Friday evening service, speaking on the Blessed Hope. No thought is dearer to our Advent believers than the evidences of the early consummation of the message and the soon return of our Lord.

With Elder J.A. Stevens in charge of the Sabbath school and S.A. Wellman assisting, this service in the large and well filled church went forward with order and dispatch. Junior, Intermediate and Primary Divisions of the school were held in adjoining classrooms, while J.E. Weaver and M.L. Andreasen led out in the review and lesson study in the Senior Division in the main auditorium.

Following the Sabbath school, Elder J.L. McElhany addressed the waiting congregation with earnestness and power, pointing out the need of a deeper consecration and true conformity of life on the part of all workers and laity in exemplification of our high calling as Seventh-day Adventists.

The afternoon was a symposium by seven of our missionaries on furlough. The speakers and fields represented were:

A.O. Dunn	Martinique	(Inter-American Division)
M.F. Wiedemann	Philippines	(Far Eastern Division)
L.D. Minner	Chile	(South American Division)
Lyle C. Wilcox		(China Division)
T.T. Babienco		(Northern European Division)
W.E. Murray	Argentine	(South American Division)
H.M. Blunden	Antillian Un.	(Inter-American Division)

All brought messages of progress and cheer concerning the work in the fields reported on.

In the evening following the Sabbath, representatives of the General Conference Departments who had been abroad during the past year made short reports concerning the progress of the

work in the fields visited. These were

Dr. H.M.Walton	China
D.A.Ochs	Southern Europe
E.E.Franklin	Far East
W.H.Teesdale	Northern Europe
A.W.Peterson	Southern Africa
J.A.Stevens	South America.

The reports from missionaries on furlough, and from the General Conference departmental leaders were well received by all. The Union College Choir, and special numbers by other students, and songs by the colored brethren attending the Council were much appreciated.

Altogether these good meetings of the Sabbath contributed much to the entire Council. The Lord met with His people and blessed them.

FOUR HUNDRED FOURTH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 1939, 9:45 A.M.

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All the meetings of the Council on Sunday, October 15, were held in the College View Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After prayer by J.H. Shultz, of the Southern Publishing Association, for the opening of the devotional service, J.L. McConaughy sang, "Is your all on the Altar of Sacrifice Laid."

W.G. Turner, who conducted the service, took for his text Isa. 60:1-3: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

He referred to the preceding chapter, where the Lord plead with Judah to return to Him while there was yet time, telling them how their feet had wandered. They responded, saying, "Our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them." Then the Lord promised, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard again him." And then comes the call to arise and shine.

The parallel was drawn between that time and our day. We profess to be and are called the Israel of God. He has called us from the ways of the world as He called Israel from the bondage of Egypt. He is seeking to lead us in the ways of righteousness, and has revealed to us the way. We know the way, and yet often we do not follow it as God has called us to. As a people we claim to know the prophecies. We claim to know that destruction will soon break upon the world. And as a people we know that provision has been made whereby we may be protected and saved. And yet, we also know, as did Judah, that our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them. It is time for us not only to realize our need, but to know that God has made provision for fully meeting that need. And it is time to let go of everything that ties us to this world, and to arise and shine, that others may see the light, the true light,--Christ, the Light of the world.

Following are some of the further thoughts brought out by Elder Turner in the study:

Jesus in referring to John called him a "burning and a shining light." Burning is giving. Shining is light revealing. All true light shining calls for fulness in life giving. A candle shines, but in shining it gives of itself in burning. The more it gives in burning, the more it shines in light. If we are to shine the brightest, we must give the utmost. Christ was

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Life and Light. The shining of His light came from the burning of His life. We cannot expect to shine with clearness unless we are willing to give in fullness. We must let the zeal of the Lord burn us up, in order that the light of the Lord may shine through us to the glory of His name.

Jesus referred to numerous ways of hiding the light. "Under a bushel,"--business, perhaps. In the Spirit of prophecy we are told, "Satan makes every effort to lead people away from God; and he is successful in his purpose when the religious life is drowned in business cares, when he can so absorb their minds in business that they will not take time to read their Bibles, to pray in secret, and to keep the offering of praise and thanksgiving burning on the altar of sacrifice morning and evening."

"Under a bed,"--physical or mental inactivity or indolence. Either or both of these can obscure the light. Again quoting from the Spirit of prophecy: "Especially should our ministers beware of indolence and pride." "The ministry is no place for idlers." "We are responsible for the good we might have done and have failed to do because we were too indolent to use the means of improvement which were placed within our reach!"

"Covereth it with a vessel,"--the radio, the automobile, magazines, newspapers, sports, travel, property (over-indulgence in these things), the plate, the cup (hiding the light of the knowledge we have as regards eating and drinking).

"In a secret place,"--a vault or cellar, or hiding place. Some fear to show the light because of the environment in which they find themselves. The disciples hid the light behind locked doors, for fear of the Jews. There is danger that because of conditions that surround us, we may hide the light in a secret place.

It is a glorious light that the Lord has given us, and men and women in the world today are longing for the revelation of that light. So we are admonished not to hide the light, but to "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . And the Gentiles [nations] shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

It is time for the nations to come into the circle of the truth of God. It is time for us, if we have allowed anything to obscure the light, to ask for grace and strength to lift up the light and hold it so high that its rays will shine across the pathway of sinners to lead them to the Light of Life.

The service closed with prayer by Glenn Calkins.

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The sixth business session of the Council, held in the College View church at 9:45 A.M., Sunday, October 15, was opened with song, followed by the reading of a selection from the Spirit of prophecy by J.L.McElhany, the Chairman, and prayer by F.Griggs

#### NONCOMBATANT SERVICE:

A committee that was appointed by the Minority Committee on the question of training for noncombatant service submitted a report. Discussion of this report occupied all of the forenoon session, until adjournment at 12 o'clock noon.

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

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#### FOUR HUNDRED FIFTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 1939, 3:00 P.M.

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"Faith is the Victory" was sung to open the seventh meeting of the Council, at 3 P.M., October 15. E.L.Neff of the North Pacific Union offered prayer.

#### TRAINING FOR NONCOMBATANT SERVICE:

Discussion of the report of the committee on Noncombatant Service, submitted in the forenoon session, was continued, and the report as finally amended was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Many Seventh-day Adventists who, in case of draft, would be subject to call by the government need special preparation to enable them to serve their country more effectively in those noncombatant capacities which in former wars have been freely granted members of this faith by the United States Government,

We recommend, 1. That in this training of our youth for times of national emergency we emphasize the importance of loyalty to God in obedience to all His commandments (including the Sabbath) as set forth in the life and teaching of Christ.

2. That the General Conference Committee appoint a special committee to be known as the "Medical Corps Council," to have general oversight and direction of an effort to make available to all our people who may be subject to draft in the United States of America, the opportunity of medical corps or other training; and in behalf of the denomination, and in accord with



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its established noncombatant principles, to work in all possible harmony with the medical and other authorities of the National Government.

3. That union and local conference committees provide leadership and counsel to foster and make effective these recommendations.

4. That the responsibility for fostering the medical corps training and Red Cross courses in both union and local conferences be placed upon a committee of three consisting, preferably, of the Missionary Volunteer secretary, the Educational secretary or superintendent, and the Medical secretary, one of whom shall be designated as chairman by the respective conference committees.

5. That our colleges offer four semester hours of medical corps training consisting of noncombatant principles, basic and medical drill, health principles, and first aid, the details of this course to be worked out by a committee whose personnel shall be the secretary of the Department of Education of the General Conference, the senior and junior college presidents, F.G.Ashbaugh, Dr. E.N.Dick, and Dr. H.M.Walton.

6. That in churches where the regular medical corps training is not available classes in standard and advanced Red Cross courses be organized and conducted under a qualified instructor, so that those completing such courses shall be qualified to receive the Red Cross certificates. Wherever possible these courses shall include instruction in our principles of nursing and hydrotherapy.

7. That whenever there is sufficient demand, the colleges offer their medical corps training in intensive form during the summer, and, in case of national emergency, during the school year.

8. That the General Conference Medical Corps Council provide a uniform certificate to be awarded upon the completion of the college medical corps training, and explore the possibility of securing recognition of this certificate from the proper authorities.

9. That in centers where there are sufficient numbers of young people not in our schools, the leadership in the conferences concerned endeavor to provide regular medical corps training upon the completion of which the certificate will be awarded to such young people.

10. That in the academies there be organized classes in the junior and standard Red Cross courses, with emphasis on our denominational nursing principles as outlined by the Medical Department.

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11. That a booklet of instruction be prepared, under the direction of the General Conference Committee, for the purpose of setting forth

a. The Biblical basis of our belief and position on noncombatancy and Sabbathkeeping.

b. The Christian's relationship and obligation to his government.

c. The general principles of military courtesies.

12. That we ask the General Conference Committee to explore the possibility of securing for our members lines of civilian service acceptable to the government as of national importance in times of emergency.

#### COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

Dr. P.T. Magan gave a short report concerning the work of the College of Medical Evangelists. He referred to some of the difficulties encountered in the effort to conduct a medical college that will meet our needs as a denomination, and with our financial limitations, and at the same time meet the requirements of the medical associations of the country. He was able, however, to point to numerous evidences of overruling providence in our behalf. He was also glad to report many of the graduates of the Medical College now taking up work outside of California, and of increased willingness on the part of many to respond to calls of need from fields overseas.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

The committee that was appointed to give study to the question as to whether or not we should go forward with the plan of holding the General Conference Session in the spring of 1940, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

In view of the probability, because of the prevalence of war, of our not being able to have a representative delegation from our overseas divisions, as is so desirable in a General Conference Session,

We recommend, That the General Conference Session be postponed for one year,--on the understanding that this action go into effect not later than December 1, 1939, in case war conditions continue, leaving it to the Minority Committee to determine whether or not the emergency then exists.

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## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--COMMITTEE:

The following committee was appointed on a special item pertaining to the budget of the College of Medical Evangelists: W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, H.A.Morrison, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, Dr. P.T.Magan, Otis Hudson, L.H.Christian, F.Griggs, W.H.Williams, and the union conference presidents.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE:

In harmony with the Constitutional provision, the following committee was appointed to audit the accounts of General Conference workers: the General Conference Officers, J.K.Jones, H.J.Detwiler, J.J.Nethery, E.H.Oswald, R.L.Benton, J.F.Piper, Glenn Calkins, W.B.Ochs, E.F.Hackman, W.M.Robbins, W.A.Nelson, W.H.Holden, J.H.Roth, M.L.Rice, E.L.Neff.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by Dr. Magan.

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

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## FOUR HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 1939, 7:30 P.M.

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The eighth meeting of the Council convened at 7:30 P.M. October 15, in the College View church. After singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," prayer was offered by W.K.Ising.

## THE BUDGET:

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

We recommend, That the estimated income for appropriations from the mission treasury to overseas and North American Division fields for 1940 be as follows:

Regular General Conference income	\$3,038,023.98
General Conference Corporation Funds	50,000.00
General Conference reserves	<u>56,667.37</u>

Total estimated income for net base appropriation for 1940	3,144,691.35
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We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1940 and 1941 be as follows:

Australasia	\$	9,000.00
Central Europe I (Netherlands Conf.)		3,300.00
Central Europe II		147,183.58
China		325,407.87
Far East		298,130.10
Inter-America		221,349.28
Northern Europe		97,386.25
South America		246,155.89
Southern Africa		246,299.55
Southern Asia		309,961.51
Southern Europe		159,004.98
Southern Europe (Ethiopia)		19,129.00
Canada		31,305.42
North Pacific (Alaska)		1,200.00
Pacific (Hawaii)		3,500.00
Southern Union		3,703.19
Southwestern Union		8,953.28
North American Negro:		
Southern Union Mission		25,000.00
Southwestern Union Mission		10,149.40
Oakwood Junior College		12,000.00
Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital		12,500.00
S.D.A. Theological Seminary		24,500.00
Bureau of Home Missions		85,609.79
College of Medical Evangelists		10,000.00
E.G. White Publications		6,175.80
Miscellaneous & Fixed		416,696.96
Administration		315,909.50
Total regular budget		3,049,511.35

We recommend, 2. That special appropriations be as follows:

Central European Division II:		
Arabic Union Tr. School Press	PL	480
Arabic Union Book Fund	PL	130
China Division:		
Unassigned, apportioned by Div.	Mex.	120,000
Far Eastern Division:		
Manila Sanitarium	p.	15,000
N.E.I. Training School	Fl.	4,700

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South American Division:		
Taquara Training School	Mil.	40:000\$000
East Brazil Academy	Mil.	40:000\$000
Brazil Sanitarium	Mil.	80:000\$000
Southern African Division:		
Zambesi Union indebtedness	L	2,500
Southern Asia Division:		
Spicer College	Rs.	50,000
Division Evangelistic Fund	Rs.	10,000
Southern European Division:		
Italian Training School	Lira	70,000
Madagascar Training School	FF	85,000
Reunion St. Denis School	FF	40,000
Unassigned, apportion by Div.	SF	15,000
Northern European Division:		
Missions Training School	L	1,200
Unassigned, apportion by Div.	L	1,220
Inter-American Division:		
Colombia-Venezuela Tr. School	Col.P	3,450
Cuban Training School	P.	8,000
Initial expense for publication of E.G.White books in overseas divisions, including \$1,000 for "Messages to Young People"		
	\$	<u>5,000</u>
Total special appropriations, approximately		95,180.00
Total estimated regular and special appropriations		<u>\$3,144,691.35</u>

We recommend, 3. The following appropriations for 1940 to the overseas divisions and the North American Division from the Church Extension Fund:

Overseas:

China Division:	
Restoration of churches	10,000.00

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Far Eastern Division:		
Ipoh, Malaya	500.00	
Japan or Chosen, chapel	1,000.00	
Manila	<u>7,000.00</u>	8,500.00
Inter-American Division:		
Bogota, Colombia	4,000.00	
Fort-de-France, Martinique	2,000.00	
Montego Bay, Jamaica	<u>2,000.00</u>	8,000.00
Northern European Division:		
British Union,		
Torquay	1,000.00	
East Nordic Union,		
Göteborg	1,000.00	
West Nordic Union,		
Bangsund	600.00	
Drammen	1,500.00	
Gold Coast,		
Kumasi	250.00	
Koforidua	250.00	
Nigeria	<u>500.00</u>	5,100.00
South American Division:		
La Paz, Bolivia	6,000.00	
Asuncion, Paraguay	<u>2,000.00</u>	8,000.00
Southern African Division:		
Johannesburg	7,500.00	
Eight mission chapels	<u>2,500.00</u>	10,000.00
Southern Asia Division:		
Lahore		8,000.00
Southern European Division:		
Florence, Italy	2,000.00	
Indian Ocean Un. Mission,		
Madagascar Mission	1,000.00	
Mauritius Mission	1,000.00	
Seychelles Mission	400.00	
Reunion Mission	2,000.00	
Fr. Equatorial Afr. Mission,		
Ndoumbi	350.00	
Mission chapels, unassigned apportioned by Div.	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total appropriations from Church Extension Fund to Overseas Divisions		65,600.00

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North American Division:

## Atlantic Union:

Gr. New York, Ephesus (colored)	5,000.00	
Olean, N.Y.	<u>750.00</u>	5,750.00

## Canadian Union:

Montreal, Quebec	3,000.00	
St. John's, N.B.	500.00	
Lethbridge, Alb.	<u>750.00</u>	4,250.00

## Central Union:

Topeka, Kans.	1,000.00	
Denver, Colo.	2,000.00	
Four churches in Wyoming	<u>1,000.00</u>	4,000.00

## Columbia Union:

Takoma Park, Md.	7,500.00	
Wilmington, Del.	400.00	
Pittsburgh, No. 1	400.00	
Scranton, Pa.	400.00	
Erie, Pa.	400.00	
Jersey City, N.J. (colored)	<u>400.00</u>	9,500.00

## Lake Union:

Milwaukee, Wis.	5,000.00	5,000.00
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## Northern Union:

N. Minneapolis, Minn.	2,000.00	
Cherokee, Ia.	<u>800.00</u>	2,800.00

## North Pacific Union:

Pocatello, Ida.	2,500.00	
Hermiston, Ore.	<u>500.00</u>	3,000.00

## Pacific Union:

Hawaii		4,000.00
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## Southern Union:

Atlanta, Ga.	2,000.00	
Spartanburg, S.C.	500.00	
Jackson, Miss.	400.00	
Brookhaven, Miss.	350.00	
Clearwater, Fla (colored)	150.00	
St. Augustine, Fla.	<u>300.00</u>	3,700.00

## Southwestern Union:

Albuquerque, N.M. Spanish	2,000.00	
Shreveport, La.	1,000.00	
Hot Springs, Ark.	<u>500.00</u>	3,500.00

Total appropriations from Church		
Extension Fund to No. American Division		45,500.00

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Total appropriation from Church Extension Fund	<u>\$ 111,100.00</u>
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## Appropriations for 1940:

Base -- all divisions	3,049,511.35
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Specials	95,180.00
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## Revertible:

Overseas	673,270.03
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North America	<u>503,265.85</u>
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Total appropriations for 1940 including reversions	4,321,227.23
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We recommend, 4. That in view of the present situation in Ethiopia, our work having been practically suspended, and believing we should do everything in our power to hold our mission work in that country, that the Ethiopian budget be set up apart from the regular budget of the Southern European Division until the needs can be worked out between the General Conference and the Southern European Division.

We recommend, 5. That the Minority Committee give study to providing ways and means of making a small beginning where special training can be given to Spanish young people, selecting some one of our Spanish schools now being conducted; and that the operating expense of this advanced training work be provided in the budget by the Bureau of Home Missions.

We recommend, 6. That the requests from the union conferences in North America for appropriations from the emergency fund for relief be referred to the Minority Committee.

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Following the adoption of the report of the Budget Committee, different workers spoke in behalf of the overseas divisions, expressing gratitude and thanks to the General Conference for the appropriations made, and to the brethren and sisters in America, whose gifts have made these appropriations possible.

A.W. Cormack, who has just returned from visiting the Southern African Division, felt that though the amount appropriated is small when compared with the great need in the field, as the Lord blessed the loaves and fishes by the sea, so He will bless the funds available to the salvation of many more souls in Africa.



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W.E.Murray of South America was happy for special appropriations that would mean extra help for school and sanitarium enterprises, and make possible the erection of church buildings in La Paz, Bolivia, and Asuncion, Paraguay, thus completing the list of church buildings in the capitals of the countries of the South American Division.

G.A.Roberts said the special appropriation from the Church Extension Fund to Inter-America would enable them to erect church buildings in three important centers, and mean an additional one hundred souls gathered in quickly.

L.H.Christian, speaking for the Northern European Division, said the appropriation granted would be used to a great extent in fostering the large work already started in the African missions of that division. He wished those in the homeland who give of their means for missions, could see with their own eyes what is accomplished by those means in the mission fields. He referred to the sorrow and disappointment in the Central European Division, Section I, because present conditions do not permit of their having a part in the missionary enterprise, and felt that we should count it a great joy that we have the privilege of giving for this work.

Lyle G. Wilcox for the China Division, and H.L.Rudy for the Central European Division, Section II, expressed thanks for the liberal appropriations made to those divisions.

E.D.Dick spoke for the Southern European and Southern Asia Divisions. He felt that due to conditions brought about by the present war in Europe, the Southern European Division will have great difficulty in financing the work in that field, even with the liberal appropriation made. But he was encouraged by the courage of the brethren in Southern Europe in spite of the perplexities which they face. He was sure that the brethren in the Southern Asia Division, which field he has recently visited, would be deeply grateful for the appropriation granted them. Especially would the extra amount appropriated for evangelistic work bring joy to their hearts.

W.E.Nelson, having visited the Far Eastern Division during the past year, brought greetings from the 20,000 Seventh-day Adventists in that division, and on their behalf expressed thanks for the appropriation made. He said the funds given are being used to good advantage, the field having more than doubled its membership during the last eight years.

W.G.Turner, the Chairman, bringing the meeting to a close, said:

"It is remarkable the way the Lord provides the funds for the continuance and progress of His work. We know not exactly what the future holds for us, but we do know that the

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that the world is facing a serious, and possibly a very destructive war, that will perhaps disorganize our work in very large areas of the world. It may be that in the near future the people of this favored land of the United States and Canada will be called upon to make greater sacrifices than any hitherto made. I am sure that should that time come, the members of our churches here will not fail to respond to the call of God in behalf of the work in those other lands. God has greatly blessed us, and I am sure as we sacrifice and give and pray, He will continue to bless, and to send forth His message with victory and on to triumph."

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," was sung as the meeting adjourned, with the closing prayer by E.D.Dick.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1939, 9:45 A.M.

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Following prayer by F.M.Wilcox, for the opening of the devotional service, Monday morning, October 16, Frederick Griggs sang, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Elder I.H.Evans, who conducted the service, based his study on Luke 17:20-21: "And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

This text, Elder Evans said, states a fact that we should understand and stress in connection with our work; that is, that the message we bear calls for a spiritual work in the hearts of men, to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord and translation.

The kingdom of God referred to by Christ in this text, is not the coming kingdom of glory, into which we hope to enter through the resurrection; it is the work of grace performed upon the hearts of men while living in the flesh in this present world. It is the result of a miracle wrought by the Holy Spirit. It means that through the new birth, and the work of regeneration by the power of the Spirit, that kingdom is set up in the

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human heart, and Christ is enthroned there to reign. The man who experiences this regeneration lives no more after the flesh, but after the spirit, and the new life is just as real to him as will be the life that is bestowed at Christ's second coming. He already has eternal life in Jesus Christ, and he can say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

The reality of this new life is manifest by the fruit that is borne. Before, only the works of the flesh were seen, but when the kingdom of God is established in the heart and Christ is enthroned there, the fruits of the spirit begin to appear, and are seen more and more as one becomes more and more experienced in the Christian life. The presence of Christ should be so manifest in the life, that He will become visible to those with whom we come in contact.

This establishment of the kingdom of God in the heart means the full measure of the Holy Spirit resting upon the Christian, so that he has victory over every besetting sin. And with victory over sin will come power in the preaching of the message. There has not been in the gospel age another such movement as we represent, nor such a message as we are commissioned to bear, the objective of which is the preparation of a people for the coming of the Lord. It is for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit until men shall see the power of God in our lives.

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The ninth business session of the Council was called at 9:45 A.M., October 16. Prayer by O. Montgomery.

#### INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

The Council recessed, and a meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the President, J.L. McElhany.

Nominations being presented by the Nominating Committee, J.L. McElhany, E.D. Dick, W.E. Nelson and H.T. Elliott were elected directors of the Insurance Company for a term of three years.

The meeting of the Insurance Company was adjourned, and the Council resumed.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A report from the Nominating Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

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We recommend, 1. That we join the South American Division in acceding to the request of the South Brazil Union for the release of J.L. Brown from the Home Missionary Secretaryship of the division, to take the presidency of the South Brazil Union Conference.

We recommend, 2. To fill vacancies on the Board of Regents, Miss Kathryn Jensen and G.R. Fattic.

Adjourned to 4:00 P.M., with the closing prayer by J.D. Smith, of the Southern New England Conference.

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

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FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
October 16, 1931, 4:00 P.M.

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"Jesus, I come to Thee," was sung to open the tenth session of the Council, at 4:00 P.M., October 16. Prayer was offered by L.H. King, of the West Virginia Conference.

A further report from the Finance Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

GOSPEL ECONOMY:

In view of the Gospel Commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," and in the light of the present marvelous opening providences of God for the advance of the message in many lands, we would earnestly and seriously recommend:

1. That in view of the present world conditions and the difficulty of meeting the financial needs of the ever-expanding Advent Movement, we urge on all, both workers and our church membership generally, the need of exercising the utmost economy in our personal financial expenditures, thus making it possible for greater gifts to be contributed for the proclamation of the Gospel.

2. That all our leaders and workers do their utmost to curtail their outlays and to exercise the strictest economy in all church or mission expenditures, thus making it possible to use less money in local work and contribute more generously for the proclamation of the Advent Message in all the earth.

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3. That all our denominational institutions and organizations, General, division, union, and local, carefully review their expenses at this time with the definite purpose of effecting practical economies in order that more money may be made available for needy fields in other places.

4. That we give earnest heed to and study anew the instruction which has come to us through the Spirit of prophecy on the subject of economy. As an illustration of what the Lord has told us on this timely topic we quote the following sentences:

"Use your inventive faculties in seeking to economize."  
--Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI, p. 451.

"Draw as little as possible from the treasury. Men of faith and financial ability are needed to plan economically."  
--Id., Vol. VI, p. 113.

"In the erection of school buildings, in their furnishing, and in every feature of their management, the strictest economy must be practiced." --Id., Vol. VI, p. 208.

"Some think it beneath their dignity to look after small things. They think it the evidence of a narrow mind and a niggardly spirit. But small leaks have sunk many a ship."  
--Id., Vol. VII, p. 207.

#### BIRTHDAY OFFERING OBJECTIVE:

WHEREAS, For nearly fourteen years the Birthday Offerings received weekly in our Sabbath Schools have been assigned to New Work and New Workers in the mission fields, bringing in more than \$400,000.00 during this period for the work in these distant fields; and

WHEREAS, A period of emergency has again come to our work because of a war involving some of the world's greatest nations and precipitating financial problems in the administration of the work that may become increasingly perplexing; therefore

We recommend, That during the present world emergency due to the war and the inability of several countries to contribute directly to the world-wide missions program, the Birthday Offerings, now being used for New Work and Workers, be devoted to meet <sup>ing</sup> emergency needs for the duration of war conditions.

#### HARVEST INGATHERING GOALS FOR 1940:

We recommend, 1. That the 1940 Harvest Ingathering Basic Goal for North America be the same as in 1939, namely, \$713,735.00.

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We recommend, 2. That the question of a future possible adjustment in the Basic Goal policy be referred to the Minority Committee for study with the suggestion that a representative committee be appointed to make a report regarding the matter at the next Autumn Council.

#### ASSISTANCE TO DENTAL GRADUATES:

WHEREAS, There is opportunity and occasion for a considerable number of our young men to enter the field of the dental profession; and

WHEREAS, The graduates in dentistry are meeting with financial problems in locating themselves; and

WHEREAS, A competent dentist of true Christian experience can be of help in our churches, add materially in the support of conference activities, and wield a greater influence for good when more or less connected with our organized work; therefore

We recommend, That the policy of the General Conference for "locating graduates from our College of Medical Evangelists" also apply in the locating of graduates from well-accredited schools of dentistry with which the General Conference or a union conference has entered negotiations for the acceptance of our young men with Sabbath privileges, and where a dormitory home under Seventh-day Adventist supervision has been established. It should be understood that in the application of this policy, all applicants for financial assistance will be required to furnish the same satisfactory character and scholastic recommendations from the faculty of the college from which they graduate as for applicants from the College of Medical Evangelists, and further, that said graduates shall be fully recommended by the faculty of the dental school from which they graduate.

We further recommend, That the policies relative to "physicians' debts to medical schools" apply also to graduates in dentistry when they connect with our medical institutions on a full-time staff basis.

#### REVISION OF POLICY ON SHARING DENTAL EXPENSE:

We recommend, That paragraph 2, page 136, of the General Conference Working Policy, relating to Medical and Dental Expense, be revised to read as follows:

In special cases financial help may be given workers who find it necessary in order to preserve health to incur heavy dental expense, such as for the extraction of diseased teeth and replacement. The basis of the allowance shall be the same as granted for medical expense, except that no expense of less than \$50.00 will be considered as sufficiently heavy to

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come within the provision for assistance, nor will an accumulation of smaller unrelated dental bills covering an extended period be considered as coming within this provision. If the worker has had medical expense sufficiently heavy to make him eligible for assistance on such expense, and if within the same twelve month period he has heavy dental expense, so that the combined expenses are in excess of \$150.00, then only the equivalent of one week's salary need be deducted from the total in determining the remainder on which the General Conference will share. Should the combined totals be less than \$150.00, the equivalent of one week's salary will be deducted from both dental and medical totals.

#### PROMOTION OF MISSION OFFERINGS:

WHEREAS, The critical and complicated conditions prevailing throughout the world bring greatly enlarged burdens upon the Treasury Department of the General Conference and jeopardize our great world mission program; therefore

We recommend, 1. That through all our ranks, both among our workers and our people, a rallying call be sounded for a mobilization of all our resources, to the end that there be no retrenchment but rather an enlargement in the world program committed to this people by God. In the accomplishment of this--

We recommend, 2. That as workers' and church officers' meetings are held in North America, one of their chief features shall be an earnest and comprehensive study of the status of our work throughout the world in order that all of our membership, workers and people alike, may clearly understand their responsibility for the support of our work in mission lands, and thus be given an intelligent incentive to provide a substantial percentage of increase in all of their mission giving.

We recommend, 3. That the General Conference arrange, so far as possible, to send representatives to these meetings to give information, inspiration, and instruction regarding the developments, the needs, and the present perplexities connected with our world work.

We recommend, 4. That our people everywhere be called to a supreme effort to reach the Forty-cent-a-Week mission goal in 1940, and that in order to accomplish this there be kept in mind the development and enlargement of the following sources of supply:

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a. Sabbath School Offerings. That greater emphasis be placed upon increasing the weekly Sabbath school offerings, and a renewed and sustained effort be put forth to get all our church members into the Sabbath school. In this connection, also, we urge that earnest study be given to Sabbath school objectives in all workers' and church officers' meetings.

b. Second Sabbath Offering. That every effort be made to reestablish on a strong, solid basis the monthly second Sabbath offering for foreign missions.

c. Week of Sacrifice Offering. That conference leaders give careful thought to plans to unite our people generally with our working force in making the Week of Sacrifice a real week of sacrifice in the gift of an entire week's income to the mission treasury, and in such cases where members cannot possibly do this, they all be encouraged to at least join in the effort by giving to the full extent of their ability.

d. Camp Meeting, Midsummer and Annual Offerings. That study be given to ways and means of enlarging our regular annual mission offerings,--those taken at the camp meetings, together with the Midsummer and Annual offerings,--in order that these may be made more productive.

5. That our people everywhere be asked to give serious consideration to world conditions as these affect our world mission work, and pray much in their homes and in their churches that our mission program may be steadily and gloriously maintained through and notwithstanding these perplexing times.

#### EXCHANGE FUND:

We recommend, 1. That the Minority Committee be authorized to make use of exchange gains in meeting extreme emergency conditions that may arise in overseas divisions.

2. That all special appropriations to overseas divisions be made in their respective local currencies.

#### EXCHANGE POLICY:

We recommend, That paragraphs 3 and 4 on pages 142 and 143 of the General Conference Working Policy be revised to read as follows:

3. Since transfers of private funds at fixed rates of exchange which result in a saving to a worker bring a corresponding loss to mission funds, such transfers must of necessity be limited in amount and restricted to transfers of money earned in denominational service while in the mission field, and should not include any money brought into the field by the worker at the time of his appointment or subsequent thereto. Mission workers located outside their native countries may transfer



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their personal funds to their native countries or to the countries from which they received their appointment at fixed rates of exchange to an amount not to exceed 20% of the workers' salary during the time he is in the mission field, except as provided for in the succeeding paragraph. Such transfers may include school accounts incurred in the education of the worker's children, assistance to dependent relatives, imported supplies for personal use only, and personal salary savings. It should be clearly understood, however, that money once transferred may not be brought back to the mission field for transfer a second time at fixed rates of exchange. Such transfers may be made only by credit through the regular channels. Periodicals and books regularly listed by Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses may be secured by all mission workers both national and foreign, at fixed rates of exchange from whatever source obtained.

4. If an employed missionary family has unusual school or other necessary expenses, they may transfer through the regular channels additional funds above the 20% provision upon consideration and action by the division committee on the merits of each individual case. A worker returning on furlough or permanently to his homeland may, upon the approval of his division committee, transfer additional funds to an amount not to exceed 10% of his salary in denominational work during the time he has been in the field, provided he has not previously benefitted from a similar privilege. Such transfer may be made only by credit through the regular channels and at the fixed rate prevailing at the time of his return to the homeland. These funds may include receipts from the sale of household furniture and personal salary savings.

EXCHANGE RATES:

We recommend, That the following fixed exchange rates be adopted for 1940:

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Recommended 1940</u>
Australasian	Australian £	4.00
Central Europe, Sec. I		
Germany	reichsmark	.24
Holland	florin	.55
Central Europe, Sec. II		
Bulgaria	leva	.01204
Egypt	Egyptian £	4.80
Greece	drachma	.0085
Hungary	pengo	.20
Iran	rial	.0641
Iraq	dinar	4.68
Palestine	Palestine £	4.68
Syria	Syrian £	.50
Tanganyika	shilling	.234
Turkey	Turkish £	.80
China		
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	.27
China	Shanghai \$	.12
Manchukuo	yen	.27
Far East		
Borneo and Sarawak	sarawak	.55
French Indo-China	piaster	.025
Japan and Chosen	yen	.27
Netherlands East Indies	florin	.55
Philippines	peso	.50
Siam	tical	.45
Straits Settlements	Singapore \$	.55
Inter-America		
Bahamas	English £	4.68
Barbadoes	dollar	.94
British Guiana	dollar	.94
British Honduras	dollar	.94
Colombia	peso	.59
Costa Rica	colon	.18
Cuba	peso	1.00
Curacao	florin	.55
French West Indies	franc	.025
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00
Haiti	gourde	.20
Jamaica	pound	4.68
Mexico	peso	.23
Nicaragua	cordoba	.22
Panama	balboa	1.00
Porto Rico	peso	1.00
Salvador	colon	.40
Santo Domingo	peso	1.00
Spanish Honduras	lempira	.50
Trinidad	dollar	.94
Venezuela	bolivar	.295

Northern Europe		
British Isles	pound	4.68
Gold Coast	pound	4.68
Kenya	pound	4.68
Liberia	pound	4.68
Nigeria	pound	4.68
Sierra Leone	pound	4.68
Uganda	pound	4.68
Denmark 22.50 to £	krone	.208
Estonia 18 to £	krone	.26
Finland 234 to £	markka	.02
Iceland 28 to £	krone	.1671
Latvia 25.22 to £	lat	.1855
Lithuania 29 to £	lit	.161
Norway 20 to £	krone	.234
Sweden 19.50 to £	krone	.24
Cameroons	franc	.025
South America		
Argentina	peso	.26
Bolivia	boliviano	.04
Brazil	milreis	.06
Chile	peso	.04
Ecuador	sucre	.08
Peru	sol	.22
Uruguay	peso	.45
Southern Africa		
Angola	angolare	.04
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.0339
Northern Rhodesia	pound	4.68
Nyasaland	pound	4.68
South African Union	pound	4.68
Southern Rhodesia	pound	4.68
Southern Asia		
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.35
Southern Europe		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.0339
France	franc	.025
Italy	lira	.05265
Jugoslavia	dinar	.0215
Mauritius	rupee	.35
Portugal	excudo	.04
Rumania	lei	.0075
Spain	peseta	.11
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.23

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On suggestion of J.L.McElhany, it was

VOTED, That the Minority Committee be authorized to adjust any of the fixed rates of exchange in case special emergency arises in any field which may produce a wide difference between the current and fixed rates of exchange as compared to the rates prevailing at the time this action was taken.

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The following report from the Committee on Plans was adopted:

AN APPEAL TO OUR PEOPLE  
FROM THE AUTUMN COUNCIL, OCTOBER, 1939  
ON LOYALTY AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE

With the evidences increasing on every side that tell us in certain tones that we are rapidly coming into the crisis of the great controversy between good and evil, we, members of the Autumn Council of the General Conference, assembled in Lincoln, Nebraska, feel pressed by the conviction that we should remind ourselves and our brethren of the necessity of seeking God for the grace of unquestioned loyalty to the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

We call attention to these fundamental facts of Bible teaching:

1. From the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation the way of the obedience of faith is made plain as the only path to life eternal. All through the pages of Holy Writ we find warnings of Satan's constant endeavor to persuade and force men to transgress the commandments of God. Throughout sacred history, we see the Sabbath lifted up as the sign of loyalty to God. It was made the holy day of rest and worship for man in Eden before the fall. From ancient times it was set forth as the sign of the living God. "Hallow My Sabbaths," He commanded, "and they shall be a sign between Me and you." It is His sign today; and we lift up the standard of truth as unswervingly we keep holy the sacred day before the eyes of God and men.

2. Satan has ever warred against this sign by which the Lord makes Himself known to men as the true and living God. The evil one devised the "falling away" of the early centuries, the great apostasy, in which was fulfilled Daniel's prophecy of the power that was to "think" to change the times and the law of the most High. During long centuries multitudes of men and women of faith refused to bow to this lawless power. According to their light, they obeyed God in the face of persecution and death. Among them were those who held to God's Sabbath, when it meant the giving of their lives. They were among

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Christ's faithful ones who overcame "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Godly men, women and youth, in days of old, maintained the faith as more precious than anything else on earth, and they have passed on the torch of truth to us.

3. Faithful witnessing in times of crisis and stress is not the fruit of a life of carelessness in supposedly little things. We are living in a worldly age, with everything tending to make men careless. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Hebrews 2:1.

This church is raised up to give the gospel message to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, calling upon all men to "fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven and earth." It is a call to worship the Creator, whose sign of creation is the holy Sabbath. The prophecy of Revelation 14 calls us to give the warning against accepting the sign or mark of the apostasy, under the pressure of last-day opposition to God's law. While some are tempted to give way and compromise the truth and thus lose the way to life, it is said of the people of the prophecy: "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." It is this spirit of patient endurance and unyielding obedience that we need today. "My grace is sufficient for thee," Christ assures us.

We are living in a modern and complicated world. Multitudes are struggling for bread, and many lack the bare necessities of life. Commercial competition is growing more and more intense. In many places it is becoming increasingly difficult for our members to hold positions in the business world and at the same time observe the Sabbath of the Lord. These conditions create problems which are difficult of solution. We need not be surprised that questions of principle arise. Just how the Sabbath should be observed and what to do under certain circumstances are questions that need careful study.

To help clarify the situation we submit the following statements concerning

#### Sabbath Observance

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

The Sabbath is not only a sign of God's love to man, but also a sign of man's loyalty to God. In true Sabbath observance is evidenced our fidelity to our Creator and our fellowship with our beloved Redeemer.

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We should earnestly heed the admonition of the word of God to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," not doing our own work, nor finding our own pleasure on God's holy day.

We should dedicate the Sabbath to the worship of God and the uplift of our fellowmen by:

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

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

c. Spending the hours of the Sabbath in visiting the sick and afflicted and otherwise ministering to a sin-sick humanity; teaching the word of God and distributing our truth-filled literature.

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

We should pledge ourselves to renewed consecration in the observance of God's holy day by:

a. Sacredly guarding the edges of the Sabbath, making full preparation for its opening before the setting of the sun as the Sabbath approaches.

b. Welcoming the blessed day by worship around the family altar, and again at the setting of the sun at the close of the Sabbath, rededicating ourselves and our children to the Lord.

c. Putting aside all secular papers, and refraining from the use of the radio.

d. Refraining from unnecessary automobile journeys, and pleasure trips.

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

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

### Vital Principles

Each of the foregoing principles is vital. We admonish our ministry and people not to pass them by lightly. Read them carefully. Study them prayerfully. Let the ministry set an example before the people in reverence and sacred regard for the day of God's choosing. Let them jealously guard the hours of divine worship on the Sabbath that they be sacredly devoted to the worship of God, and let them not fail to feed the flock of God with the heavenly manna. Let no activity, however important it may seem to be, crowd out the word of God. Reserve the church service hour for the worship of God.

At the beginning of the Sabbath, and also at its close, let the family be gathered for worship. On the Sabbath let all secular reading and radio programs not be once mentioned among us. Let the Sabbath be spent in joyous and reverent contemplation of God and His handiwork. Let the Sabbath be a type of the glorious rest into which God's people shall soon enter, the mark and seal of God, the sign of sanctification and holiness.

No true Seventh-day Adventist can consistently enter into compromising business partnership with those who do not regard the holy day of God. He cannot accept a position that demands that he perform labor or services on the seventh day in contradiction of the plain command of God. He may be placed in difficult circumstances; constituted authorities may demand that he violate the sacred day of rest; but with the apostle he will say, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." Acts 4:19. And if the issue is sharply drawn, he will not hesitate to take his stand on a "thus saith the Lord," "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts. 5:29. He will not only have the courage of his conviction, but will unhesitatingly accept the result of his choice, and will not hold his life dear where the question of obedience to one of God's commandments is at stake.

We counsel the ministry to even greater carefulness in admitting to membership in the church of God such as hold positions where it seems to them necessary to work on the Sabbath day, even though such work be minimized and made as light as possible. While it is not possible to lay down rules that will cover every case and all conditions, we warn against the tendency to let down the bars and admit and retain as members such as are unwilling to take a decided stand for the Sabbath of the Lord. Our members should not enter into entangling business alliances, or perform government or community service on the Sabbath which compromise sacred principles. The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. In it we are not to do that which is forbidden by the law of God.

How can any think that he is observing the Sabbath as God would have it observed, when he is working on that day? How can a Seventh-day Adventist attend school on that day, or prepare lessons, or write examinations, or attend public exhibitions or games? How can he listen to secular radio programs

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or dramas, or go to sociables or picnics, or habitually neglect divine service? How can he engage in or plan business ventures, read secular literature, do odd jobs around the house, go shopping, spend an undue amount of time in physical rest, go pleasure riding for selfish purposes, or do any of the many things forbidden both by God and the enlightened conscience of the Christian? The answer of course must be that true Christians can do none of these things.

It may be well to point out that there is a clear distinction between work done on the Sabbath for pay, and work done in the service for God.

The priests of old performed more work on the Sabbath than on the ordinary week day, and Christ approved of this. He declared that while they profaned the Sabbath day so far as the outward form was concerned, they were blameless. And why blameless? Because their work was for the Lord, in connection with His church. (Read Matthew 12:1-8) While the priests of old could slay animals and offer them as sacrifice in the sanctuary service and be guiltless, this was entirely different from what it would have been had they slain these animals, and offered them for sale in the pursuit of an every-day vocation. This principle applies to Sabbath work in church institutions in contrast to similar service in establishments of the world. Therefore, a Sabbath keeper cannot consistently work in any line in a commercial establishment on the seventh day, even if in doing this he minimizes his work as compared with the labor of other days.

While we appreciate the embarrassment which comes to one in giving up his position in order to keep the Sabbath, we cannot regard the suggestion to carry into the Sabbath hours any part of the week's work as other than the subtle philosophy of the enemy to lead him who does it to make no distinction between the holy and the profane, and to lower the high and holy standard of Sabbath observance to the plane of the ordinary holiday or work day.

Following the lead of these specious suggestions, we would soon break down all distinctions between the holy and the common, and could engage in almost any kind of labor on the Sabbath. Gradually we would lose out of our hearts the spirit of all Sabbath observance, and would forsake the Sabbath and the message of which it is a part.

If Satan today could turn Seventh-day Adventists away from Sabbath observance, or lead them to compromise the stand they have taken through all their history regarding the observance of this day, he would be well pleased. Let us resist his wily suggestions, and remain true to this sign of our allegiance.



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Giving the Trumpet an Uncertain  
Sound

Years ago this statement was made by the messenger of the Lord: "The conviction is gaining ground in the world that Seventh-day Adventists are giving the trumpet an uncertain sound, that they are following in the path of worldlings. -- "Testimonies to Ministers," p. 66. If there was danger of this impression being given the world at the time this word was spoken, there is even greater danger today.

Every influence is being brought to bear by Satan to lead Seventh-day Adventists to compromise their position upon the message for this day and generation. As never before we need to emphasize the great fundamental truths which have brought us into being. These truths which made us Seventh-day Adventists if cherished, will keep us Seventh-day Adventists. We may sympathize with other churches and organizations in their special objectives. We may unite with others in the promotion of the cause of temperance and other moral reforms. But let us never forget for one moment that God has called us to do a distinctive work. He has called us to give the world His message for the last days. And the inspired declaration regarding Israel of old, "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations," is applicable to Israel today. Indeed, this is the position to which God has called His church in every age. His call to the remnant church is to come out from the world and be separate. Only as we maintain this separation, only as we as a people preserve our distinctive character, only as we give faithfully, fearlessly, and uncompromisingly, the gospel message committed to us, can we expect the blessing of God to rest upon our labors.

The observance of the Sabbath is the great sign of loyalty to Christ in this generation. This acid test of faith, love and obedience, will decide the eternal destiny of all who have the light. In such a crisis we must not fail nor must we try to excuse ourselves. God's law, including the Sabbath, is as holy, and should be obeyed as fully, in times of war as in times of peace. In the messages that the Lord has sent to us through the Spirit of prophecy, we read, "No man can be so situated that he cannot obey God." Some have felt that we should not expect our members in less enlightened parts of the world to obey the commandments as fully and loyally as do those in old, civilized countries. In the light of Holy Scriptures we cannot subscribe to this. God's people will be firm wherever they are, provided they have been properly instructed. The Lord rewards faithfulness, and has never forsaken those who trust in Him. In moral courage, spiritual discernment, in keen judgment, in heavenly tact and wisdom, but above all in true obedience to God's commandments, His children are to measure up to the duties of this unusual hour.

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The law of God as exemplified in the life and teachings of our Saviour makes known to men the holiness of God's character, and is a revelation to earth of the law of heaven. It must, therefore, ever remain the supreme law of the church, and the observance of all its holy precepts must constitute the condition of membership in the church. "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12:13. In prosperity or adversity, in peace or in war, it is ever the same.

The Majesty of Heaven who commands our obedience gives us this assurance, saying:

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

The Sabbath is the sign of loyalty to God's holy law, and as such we must at all times, and under all circumstances and conditions keep it holy in harmony with the life and teachings of Christ our Instructor, our Pattern, and our Guide.

He says, "If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in my love: even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." John 15:10.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the foregoing statements be published in pamphlet form for distribution among our people.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

##### ADVANCED STUDY AND SERVICE LEAGUE:

WHEREAS, Our youth find themselves confronted with serious emergency problems in these unsettled times; and

WHEREAS, This development as well as the doing of active soul-winning service at all times calls for a physical, intellectual, and spiritual preparation on the part of our youth which will enable them to stand true to the principles of the message and to serve God and humanity intelligently; therefore

We recommend, That in all our churches, pastors and young people's leaders organize classes among our senior youth for the pursuit of the progressive class work as outlined in the Missionary Volunteer Advanced Study and Service League courses which contain vital instruction in this threefold preparation.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL GOALS:

WHEREAS, Statistics on which the forty-cents-per-member-per-week goal is computed serve for general goal promotion; and

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WHEREAS, Changes in local church membership make necessary an up-to-date goal basis for computing Sabbath-school goals therefore

We recommend, That the Sabbath School Department use the average membership of the four quarters ending September 30 each year as the basis for computing Sabbath School membership and offering goals, in order that these goals may apply promptly with the ensuing year.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The cause of civil and religious liberty is being assailed from many angles and the precious heritage of religious freedom placed in jeopardy,

Resolved, That we, Seventh-day Adventists in conference assembled, maintain our historic position of a complete separation of church and state; the freedom to preach, teach, publish and circulate thoughts and ideas of men not subversive of government instituted by God; the free assembly of citizens for peaceable purposes; the equal protection of all citizens before the law; the equal rights and opportunities of all citizens in the practice of their religious faith and in the acquisition of property irrespective of faith.

Resolved, That earnest study be given to ways and means whereby the blessings of civil and religious liberty may be preserved. To this end, we recommend that whenever possible Religious Liberty conventions be held in the various union conferences where our workers may have an opportunity to restudy the fundamental principles of religious liberty, and how to apply them when issues arise which threaten the overthrow of the cause of freedom. Also

Resolved, That all our people be encouraged to avail themselves of the Liberty Magazine and other religious liberty literature, not only for their own benefit, but for circulation among their neighbors, that able defenders may be raised up to espouse and advance the cause of freedom in these perilous times.

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#### ASSIGNMENT OF ISLAND TERRITORY TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

In harmony with a recommendation from the General Conference Officers, it was

VOTED, To assign to the Southern African Division as part of its territory, the islands of St. Helena, Tristan de Cunha, and Ascencion.

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## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--SUBSIDY:

The committee that was appointed to give consideration to the request of the College of Medical Evangelists for financial assistance, submitted a report, which was discussed at considerable length, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The College of Medical Evangelists is finding increasing difficulty because of the demands made upon them by the medical authorities requiring the school to reduce the number of students each year from approximately 125 to 75; and

That the faculty be considerably enlarged; and

That greatly improved teacher postgraduate work be carried forward; therefore

We recommend, 1. That \$5000 be provided jointly by the General Conference and the College of Medical Evangelists to balance the budget for the year 1939.

2. That provisions be made to increase the operating budget to the College of Medical Evangelists for 1940 to the amount of \$10,000 in the following manner:

a. The General Conference appropriate toward this an amount equal to four-tenths of one per cent of the tithe of tithe received from the union conferences in North America.

b. That the union conferences of the United States pay an amount equal to four-tenths of one per cent of their regular tithe income.

c. That the percentage from the local conferences in the United States be increased from two-tenths of one per cent to four-tenths of one per cent.

d. That all payments from the respective organizations be made to the General Conference monthly; it being understood that from the amount received, the General Conference will remit to the College of Medical Evangelists up to \$10,000 to cover the additional budget, any balance to be retained by the General Conference treasury as a trust fund, for the benefit of the medical school.

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Following the adoption of the report of the committee, it was, on motion from the floor

VOTED, That a survey committee be appointed to survey the College of Medical Evangelists, with a view to endeavoring to find some means of supplying this subsidy, if needed, from

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some other source than the operating funds of the local conferences, such committee to report to the next Autumn Council.

Adjourned at 6:25, to meet at 8 P.M.

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

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FOUR HUNDRED NINTH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1939, 8:00 P.M.

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After the opening song for the eleventh session of the Council, prayer was offered by L.D.Minner, of South America.

LOMA LINDA FOOD COMPANY TO BORROW:

A committee that was appointed on a request of the Loma Linda Food Company, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the request of the Loma Linda Food Company for permission to borrow \$60,514.73, be granted, this loan to care for additional capital needed in developing their rapidly growing business.

CIRCULATION OF THE "REVIEW AND HERALD":

A committee that was appointed on the circulation of the Review and Herald, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Review and Herald subscription list is not keeping pace with our increase of membership; and

WHEREAS, This church organ is most important to the establishment and building up of the faith of this remnant people; therefore

We recommend, 1. That a goal be set of twenty per cent increase in the subscription lists in each union and local conference, the union and local conference committee distributing pro rata the share of this increase to conference workers.

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2. That provision be made for a special endeavor from December 1, 1939, to January 15, 1940, to increase the subscription list of the Review and Herald.

3. That request be lodged with the Review and Herald Board to give consideration to making special club and individual rates for the above-mentioned period of time.

4. That aside from this special endeavor, we ask each evangelistic worker to make every possible effort to see that each candidate for baptism and membership has weekly access to the Review and Herald.

#### SPIRITUAL HELP FOR THE CHURCHES:

The following recommendation from the Committee on Spiritual Help for the Churches was adopted:

WHEREAS, The time is manifestly ripe throughout the world for the sounding of a clarion call for a spiritual revival and reformation in the ranks of our workers and church members generally; and

WHEREAS, Many of our General Conference staff will doubtless be unable to visit overseas divisions during the coming winter months, thus making them available for visitation of churches and institutions throughout North America; we therefore

Recommend, That the officers of the General Conference in collaboration with the presidents of the union conferences throughout North America, outline a comprehensive plan for compassing the territory of the North American Division, with a view to holding for both workers and church members a series of meetings of sufficient duration in each center as to accomplish the greatest results of revival and instruction in such character as to establish all in the present truth and thus to prepare the hearts of our people for the greater crisis that is impending.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

Explanation was made that owing to the pressure of work and lack of time for all committees to meet, there had been no meeting of the Committee on Distribution of Labor. A number of calls for transfers and exchange of workers had been received, however. These were presented by the Secretary, and actions taken as follows:

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R. E. FINNEY, JR.--MONTANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for R. E. Finney, Jr., to connect with the Montana Conference for evangelistic and district leadership work.

H. C. OLMSTEAD--IDAHO

S. W. MUNRO--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for H. C. Olmstead to connect with the work in the Idaho Conference; and to pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Idaho Conference the call from the Pacific Union for S. W. Munro to connect with the work in the Northern California Conference.

LLOYD SELTZER--ALBERTA

E. J. WESTMAN--OREGON:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Lloyd Seltzer to connect with the work in the Alberta Conference; and to pass on to the Canadian Union and the Alberta Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for E. J. Westman to connect with the work in the Oregon Conference.

VESTA CASH--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

PHILIP CHIODO--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Vesta Cash to connect with the work in the Central California Conference; and to pass on to the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Philip Chiodo to connect with the work in the Greater New York Conference

A. W. CLARKE--ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

T. H. COOPWOOD--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for T. H. Coopwood to connect with the work in the Greater New York Conference; and to pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call for A. W. Clarke to connect with the work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

J. BRAUN--NORTH DAKOTA

G. F. THEISS--WISCONSIN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Northern Union for J. Braun to connect with the work in the North Dakota Conference; and to pass

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on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Lake Union for G.F.Theiss to connect with the work in the Wisconsin Conference.

MRS. MARTHA SIMMERMAN--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Board of the Loma Linda Sanitarium the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Martha Simmerman to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as assistant preceptress.

FRANCIS BUSH--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the Southern Union for Francis Bush to connect with the work in the Florida Conference.

C.T.EVERSON--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference the call from the Lake Union for C.T. Everson to connect with the work in the Illinois Conference.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the 1939 Autumn Council of Seventh-day Adventists, assembled in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, do hereby express our sincere appreciation to the following bodies and associations of Lincoln for the use of certain facilities and privileges so kindly granted us during the period of our Council: the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, the public press of Lincoln, the Board of the College View Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Board of Union College, and the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Council adjourned sine die.

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



FOUR HUNDRED TENTH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Lincoln, Nebraska, October 16, 8:40 P.M.

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Immediately on adjournment of the Council, Elder J.L. McElhany, the Chairman, called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.E. Weaver to the Northern Union for an educational convention, October 27-31; and to the Pacific Union for teachers conventions, November 26 to December 6.

Steen Rasmussen to Minnesota for a lay preachers' institute, October 20-22.

Miss Kathryn Jensen to Colorado, for sanitarium field day at Boulder, October 22.

F.L. Peterson to St. Louis for Sabbath, October 21; the Nashville area of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, November 3-10; colored churches in the Chesapeake Conference for the Week of Prayer, and a union meeting at Cheswold.

E.E. Franklin to the Atlantic Union for a publishing council at South Lancaster, November 3-7.

W.K. Ising to Ohio, to meet with the Cincinnati and Hamilton German churches, October 21-22.

R. Ruhling to Milwaukee on the return trip to Washington from the Council.

H.L. Rudy to the Southwestern Union for the Week of Prayer at Southwestern Junior College soon after the Council, then six weeks beginning about November 10, in the North Pacific Union for an itinerary that has been arranged there.

G.W. Schubert to the Columbia Union for the fall Week of Prayer in the German churches in New Jersey.

W.A. Spicer to the Pacific Union for workers' meetings, November 14-22.

W.G. Turner to Union College for the Week of Prayer, beginning October 28.

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L.H.Christian to the Northern Union, Minnesota for the week end of October 20-23, and Iowa, November 2-12.

F.Griggs, general itinerary, visiting colleges as may be arranged.

J.H.McEachern, Pacific Union publishing convention at Glendale, October 22-24.

J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, Dr. H.M.Walton, to the Florida Sanitarium, Orlando, November 13.

B.L.HASSENPFUG--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference to release Ben L.Hassenpflug, to connect with the China Division, for work in the Szechwan Province.

SYMPATHY TO W.E.NELSON:

The Chairman stated that W.E.Nelson, the Treasurer, had been called away to attend the funeral of his brother, Dr. N.C. Nelson, of Sheridan, Wyoming, who had passed away at the Boulder Sanitarium.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Elder and Mrs. W.E.Nelson, and through them to other members of the family, the sympathy of this Committee with them in their loss.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by G.W.Wells.

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