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## FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 1, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, O.Montgomery, M.A.Hollister, W.H.Bergherm, W.A.Butler, Steen Rasmussen, Dr. H.M.Walton, M.E.Kern, J.J.Ireland, H.L.Rudy, D.A.Ochs, H.A.Morrison, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, A.W.Spalding, S.A. Wellman, A.W.Peterson, C.S.Longacre, J.E.Weaver, M.C.Taft, W.P.Elliott, M.L.Andreasen, L.E.Froom, G.W.Schubert.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, W.L.Burgan, M.E.Olsen, Miss Lora Clement, A.L.White.

Prayer by M.E.Olsen. Minutes of meetings of December 21, 26 and 28 were approved.

## PUBLICITY OF LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT:

VOTED, That we authorize the Press Bureau to supply copies of the letter addressed by J.L.McElhany to President Roosevelt, to the leading newspaper correspondents of the United States, to the religious press, and to our workers in the local conferences, with the suggestion that it be read in the churches and then given to the local newspapers.

## HOME STUDY INSTITUTE BOARD--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to nominate members for the Board of the Home Study Institute for the ensuing year.

Appointed: G.W.Wells, W.K.Ising, H.T.Elliott, H.A.Morrison, A.W.Cormack.

## SPIRITUAL HELP FOR THE CHURCHES:

A committee that was appointed to arrange for General Conference help in connection with carrying out the plan recommended by the Autumn Council, of spiritual endeavors in the churches during this winter, submitted the following schedule of help, which was adopted, the appointments for the workers involved being hereby authorized:



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## ATLANTIC UNION

M.A.Hollister, one month, beginning February 10.  
C.E.Weaks, one month, February.  
H.D.Casebeer, one month, March.  
A.W.Spalding, one month, beginning last of January.

## CANADIAN UNION

G.W.Wells, January 18 onward.  
W.A.Butler, one month from middle of February.

## CENTRAL UNION

Meade MacGuire, two months, February and March.  
F.L.Peterson, one month, March.  
R.Ruhling, one month, as may be arranged.

## COLUMBIA UNION

W.G.Turner, ten or twelve weeks, beginning February 1.  
W.H.Bergherm, one month, March.  
G.W.Schubert, as may be arranged for German churches.

## LAKE UNION

M.L.Andreasen, one month, March.  
W.K.Ising, one month, February.  
A.W.Spalding, one month, March.

## NORTHERN UNION

H.L.Rudy, one month, February.  
J.J.Strahle, one month, February.  
T.J.Michael, one month, March.  
L.Halswick, one month, March.

## NORTH PACIFIC UNION

L.H.Christian, as arranged, beginning January 24.  
F.Griggs, one month, as may be arranged.  
O.Ziprick, as may be arranged in connection with other work, beginning early March.



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## PACIFIC UNION

E.D.Dick, last of January and month of February,  
institutional centers and Emmanuel Missionary  
College on return.

M.E.Olsen, as may be arranged in connection with other  
work.

Steen Rasmussen, one month, in connection with other work

## SOUTHERN UNION

A.W.Cormack, one month, beginning about February 20.

L.H.Wood, one month, March.

F.L.Peterson, one month, February.

## SOUTHWESTERN UNION

E.E.Andross, from January 20 to end of February.

D.A.Ochs, one month, in Oklahoma Conference, March.

A.W.Peterson, as may be arranged in connection with  
other work.

J.E.Weaver, as may be arranged in connection with other  
work.

## SPANISH SCHOOL:

The recent Autumn Council referred to the Minority Committee the matter of providing ways and means for the beginning of a Spanish training school, and suggested that funds be saved within the Bureau of Home Missions for its operation. In order to aid in accomplishing this, it was

VOTED, That any surplus accruing in the Spanish Department of the Bureau above the average of their savings for the past five years, be held intact for the Spanish school, beginning with the surplus of 1939.

VOTED, further, that any surplus accruing in the Bureau of Home Missions during 1939, above the \$2,500 which is retained by the Bureau according to the policy, in addition to what accrues in the Spanish Department of the Bureau, as outlined in the foregoing paragraph, be also set aside for the establishment of the Spanish school.

## DR. A.N.TONGE RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. A.N.Tonge be released from the call to the Washington Sanitarium.

## T.L.OSWALD--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for T.L.Oswald



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to connect with the Pacific Press as manager of the Book Department.

#### EUNICE WILLIS RELEASED:

VOTED, That Eunice Willis be released from the call to Oakwood Junior College.

#### W.J.McHENRY RELEASED:

VOTED, That W.J.McHenry be released from the call to India, on account of the illness of Mrs. McHenry just as they were about to sail, and that the Treasury be authorized to effect a satisfactory settlement with Brother McHenry, in view of his having lost a teaching position by accepting the call to India.

#### W.H.TEESDALE--ITINERARY:

VOTED, That we approve of the following itinerary for W.H.Teesdale: Atlantic Union College board meeting, January 7-9; inspection of academies in the Pacific and North Pacific Unions, January 20 to February 24; National Education meeting in St. Louis, February 24-29.

#### H.I.PAPER FOR COLORED CONSTITUENCY:

A request having come from the field for a small paper, somewhat similar to the Singing Band Leaflet, for use by our colored constituency in their Harvest Ingathering solicitation, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the publication of an eight-page paper, for the 1940 Harvest Ingathering campaign, especially adapted for use by our colored constituency in their Harvest Ingathering work.

#### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM--"MINISTRY OF HEALING":

The promotion committee on the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program, to whom was referred the question of substituting another book for "Ministry of Healing" in the Program, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That we adhere to the Autumn Council action specifying "Ministry of Healing" as one of the volumes for the Reading Program for 1940, inasmuch as plans for the Health Study Circle in which this volume will be used have not yet been presented to the field in a general way, it being intended that such would be promoted in conjunction with the proposed Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program.

#### O.A.SUCCAR--ADJUSTMENT IN PASSPORT:

VOTED, That we authorize the Greater New York Conference to advance to O.A.Succar the amount of his transportation to some point outside the United States, and return, for the purpose of having necessary adjustment made in his passport.

J.L.McElhany,  
Chairman

H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 4, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.H. Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.A. Hollister, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.J.Ireland, D.A.Ochs, H.A.Morrison, W.K.Ising, S.A. Wellman, L.E.Froom, H.L.Rudy, Steen Rasmussen, G.W.Schubert, F.L.Peterson, M.L.Andreasen, H.E.Rogers, M.C.Taft, W.H.Bergherm.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, M.R.Thurber.

Prayer by F.L.Peterson. Minutes of the meeting of January 1 were approved.

## MRS. RILLA GENTES--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To invite Mrs. Rilla Gentes, of Los Angeles, California, to connect with the Inter-American Division, for work in the division office at Balboa.

## G.P.STONE--APPOINTMENT CHANGED TO INDIA:

VOTED, To change the appointment of G.P.Stone from the China to the Southern Asia Division, Brother Stone having signified his willingness to respond to the call for a man to take charge of one of the schools in the South India Union.

## JOHN MINESINGER--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference to release John Minesinger, of the Plainfield Academy, to connect with the China Division, as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Central China Union Mission.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.L.McElhany, W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick and Dr. H.M.Walton to attend constituency meetings in California, January 22-31.



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F.L.Peterson to attend a union colored teachers' and ministerial institute at Shreveport, Louisiana, February 1-8.

C.S.Longacre to Columbus, Ohio, January 6.

W.A.SPICER--AUSTRALIA:

VOTED, That we hereby authorize the visit by W.A. Spicer to Australia, the action appointing him to attend meetings in that field during this winter having been inadvertently omitted from the minutes early in November.

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

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# FOUR HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 8, 1940

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, H.H. Cobban, O.Montgomery, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, F.L.Peterson, A.W.Spalding, D.A.Ochs, W.K.Ising, L.L.Moffitt (of Africa), H.A. Morrison, L.E.Froom, Dr. H.M.Walton, W.H.Bergherm, E.E.Andross, H.L.Rudy, S.A.Wellman, F.M.Wilcox, J.J.Ireland, G.W.Schubert, M.C.Taft, H.E.Rogers, M.E.Kern, W.P.Elliott, W.E.Howell.

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, M.E.Olsen, M.R.Thurber.

Prayer by O.Montgomery.

### BUDGET FOR HUNGARIAN WORKER:

A request was presented from the Central European Division, Section II, that the General Conference set up a budget for a Hungarian worker who has come into Hungary from Czechoslovakia, and whom the Hungarian Union would like to employ if they had a budget to cover his salary and expenses.

VOTED, That a budget be set up, from the Emergency Fund, to cover the salary and expenses of this Hungarian worker, and that W.E.Nelson, H.L.Rudy, T.J.Michael and H.H.Cobban be a committee to determine the amount.



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## PITCAIRN ISLAND:

The attention of the Committee was called to correspondence which has come to the office from persons interested in the situation on Pitcairn Island, as reported by Admiral Byrd, who stopped there on his way to the Antarctic. Admiral Byrd reported that the people are greatly in need of medical and other supplies, inasmuch as since the outbreak of the war in Europe no steamers have called at the island. These interested persons are soliciting our cooperation in fitting out an expedition to carry relief to the island.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to take under consideration the correspondence concerning relief for Pitcairn Island.

Appointed: E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.E.Howell  
Dr. H.M.Walton, G.W.Wells, H.H.Cobban.

## R.L.JONES--TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern African Division the call from the Central European Division, Section II, for R.L. Jones of the Gitwe Mission Station, in the Congo Union, to take the superintendency of the Tanganyika Mission.

## ELLIS P. HOWARD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Inter-American Division, and because of the condition of his health, that we approve of the permanent return of Ellis P.Howard from Curacao.

## A.N.SHAFER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division and because of the condition of his health, we approve of the permanent return of A.N.Shafer from Jamaica.

## HERBERT HANSON--ORDINATION:

VOTED, That we recommend the ordination to the ministry of Herbert Hanson, returning to Ethiopia, and that arrangements be made for the ordination before he sails from New York.



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## H.P.EVENS--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to H.P.Evens, returned from Japan, the invitation to connect with the Michigan Conference as Book and Bible House secretary, it being understood that the General Conference will meet half the transportation expense from California to Michigan.

## PAUL BARTHOLOMEW--IOWA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Northern Union for Paul Bartholomew to connect with the work in the Iowa Conference.

## C.L.CHASTAIN--KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the call from the Southern Union for C.L. Chastain to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as field missionary secretary.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments:

H.A.Morrison to attend the board meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists, January 28-29.

A.W.Peterson to attend a Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council at South Lancaster, January 8.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

A.W.Cormack, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 10, 1940, 9:00 A. M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, J.J.Ireland, M.A.Hollister, G.W.Wells, W.H.Bergherm, L.E.Froom, O.Montgomery, D.A.Ochs, W.K.Ising, S.A.Wellman, H.E.Rogers, M.L.Andreasen, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.L.Rudy, W.E.Howell, M.E.Kern, A.W.Spalding, M.C.Taft, G.W.Schubert, C.S.Longacre, W.P.Elliott, A.W.Peterson, L.L.Moffitt.



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## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White,  
D.E.Robinson, Frederick Lee, M.E.Olsen.

Prayer by M.L.Andreasen.

## CHINA DIVISION:

Letters were read from the China Division indicating that early this spring a number of workers from the division staff would be returning to the States permanently. After some consideration was given to the question of replacing these workers, it was

VOTED, That the officers be asked to nominate candidates to fill the offices in the China Division which will be made vacant by the return of these workers.

## WUHAN SANITARIUM--CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE:

A letter was read from the China Division, requesting counsel in connection with a proposition to relocate the China Training Institute, whose plant was destroyed at Chiao Tou Tseng, in connection with the Wuhan Sanitarium. The remodeling of the sanitarium into a school plant will necessitate investing mission funds in property that we do not own, and numerous other questions are involved. It was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to give careful study to the proposition of relocating the China Training Institute in connection with the Wuhan Sanitarium.

Committee appointed: A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, H.A. Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, Dr. H.M.Walton, M.A.Hollister, J.L. McElhany, L.H.Christian, I.H.Evans, E.D.Dick, Claude Conard, W.E.Howell, Frederick Lee.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments:

S.A.Wellman to New London, Connecticut, the week end of January 20.

C.S.Longacre to New York over the coming week end.

## WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS FOR 1940:

The committee appointed to give study to the naming of topics and assignment of writers for the Week of Prayer Readings, for December 7-14, 1940, submitted the following report, which was adopted:



January 10, 1940

Sabbath, --"Perils of the Last Days." --F.M.Wilcox.  
Sunday, --"Your Redemption Draweth Nigh."--W.G.Turner.  
Monday, --"The Transforming Power of the  
 Message in the South Seas." --A.G.Stewart.  
Tuesday, --"Providential Deliverances." --A.V.Olson.  
Wednesday, --"Advent Message in all the World,"--E.D.Dick.  
 (Mission Progress)  
Thursday, --"A Covenant by Sacrifice." --W.E.Nelson.  
Friday, --"The Challenge of the Hour  
 to Our Youth." --Steen Rasmussen.  
 (Consecration of the Youth  
 (to Christ for the Unfinished  
 (Task.)  
Sabbath, --"Power for Finishing the Work."--J.L.McElhany.

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

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## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 11, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban,  
 I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister,  
 C.S.Longacre, L.E.Froom, W.H.Teesdale, W.K.Ising, S.A.Wellman,  
 H.E.Rogers, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.L.Rudy, W.H.Bergherm, D.A.Ochs,  
 F.L.Peterson, M.L.Andreasen, M.C.Taft, A.W.Peterson, W.P.Elliott

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White,  
 D.E.Robinson, Frederick Lee, M.R.Thurber.

Prayer by L.E.Froom.



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## G.M.KRICK--SYRIA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference to release G.M.Krick, to connect with the Central European Division, Section II, as an evangelist for Syria.

## ELSIE ARGENT--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division to release Miss Elsie Argent, now at Pacific Union College, to accept a call to the Inter-American Division for work in the division office at Balboa.

## H.A.MILLER RELEASED:

VOTED, That H.A.Miller be released from the call to Emmanuel Missionary College.

## F.L.ABBOTT--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Pacific Union for F.L.Abbott to connect with the Northern California Conference, for the pastorate of the Lodi English church.

## HOME STUDY INSTITUTE BOARD:

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

William E.Nelson, chairman; Harvey A. Morrison, vice-chairman; M.Ellsworth Olsen, secretary-treasurer; L.H.Christian, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, I.H.Evans, M.A.Hollister, W.E.Howell, M.E.Kern, A.W.Peterson, Steen Rasmussen, A.W.Spalding, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Teesdale, J.E.Weaver, B.G.Wilkinson.

## W.J.PUDEWELL--SALARY:

VOTED, That the Southern European Division office be authorized to remit the salary of W.J.Pudewell to him in Germany, while on furlough from Korea, paying him at the rate of a conference president.

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



## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 14, 1949

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, E.D.Dick, A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E. Andross, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, J.J.Strahle, M.A.Hollister, G.W. Schubert, Dr. H.M.Walton, A.W.Spalding, W.E.Howell, W.K.Ising, D.A.Ochs, W.H.Teesdale, H.A.Morrison, H.B.Lundquist (of South America), L.E.Froom, A.W.Peterson, M.E.Kern, O.Montgomery, W.P. Elliott, M.L.Andreasen.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by W.G.Turner.

## COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA SCHOOL:

Request was presented from the Inter-American Division on behalf of the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission, for approval of the purchase of a tract of land on which to establish the training school for the Colombia-Venezuela Union. The tract consists of from fifty to sixty acres, about five miles from the city of Medellin. The elevation is about five thousand feet, the climate ideal. There is a good spring on the land, and a river on one side will provide irrigation in the dry season. The land can be bought for 20,000 pesos, which the union has in hand.

VOTED, That on the recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we approve of the purchase of the proposed site for the Colombia-Venezuela training school, at a cost of 20,000 pesos.

## CUBAN SCHOOL:

Request was presented from the Inter-American Division on behalf of the Antillian Union Mission, for approval of the purchase of a piece of land for the relocation of the Cuban training school, which is now being conducted at Bartle, in a very unsuitable location. The proposed site consists of 160 acres of good agricultural land, on a paved highway, about fifteen miles from the city of Santa Clara. The purchase price is approximately 13,200 pesos.

VOTED, That on the recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we approve of the purchase of the proposed site for the relocation of the Colegio Adventista de Cuba, at an estimated cost of 13,200 pesos.



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## SALE OF BARTLE PROPERTY:

VOTED, That we authorize the Inter-American Division and the Antillian Union Mission to sell the Bartle property, where the Colegio Adventista de Cuba is now being conducted, using the proceeds from the sale in the establishment of the school on the new location.

## TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN VENEZUELA:

In response to a request received from the Inter-American Division, it was

VOTED, That we authorize the Inter-American Division and the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission to use for a church building in San Fernando, Venezuela, the proceeds from the sale of a property in Camaguan, Venezuela, which was formerly used for a school, the amount being approximately 1,200 Bolivars.

## TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN SANTO DOMINGO:

On request of the Inter-American Division, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the sale of the church property in Barahona, Santo Domingo, and the use of the proceeds in the erection of a church building at Hato Mayor, Santo Domingo.

## S.M.KONIGMACHER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern African Division, that we authorize the permanent return to the homeland of S.M.Konigmacher.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.L.McElhany to attend an evangelistic convention in the Atlantic Union, March 11-14.

J.J.Strahle to attend a colporteurs' institute in the Ontario-Quebec Conference, at Oshawa, February 18-26.

A.W.Spalding to be released from appointments in the Atlantic Union, and assigned to meet appointments in the Southern Union.

D.A.Ochs to spend one month in the Atlantic Union, beginning the middle of February.

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



## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 15, 1940, 8:20 A.M.

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The meeting was held immediately following the morning chapel hour.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, H.H.Cobban, W.E.Howell, M.A.Hollister, E.E.Andross, J.J.Ireland, W.K.Ising, W.H.Teesdale, Dr. H.M.Walton, D.A.Ochs, H.A.Morrison, T.J.Michael.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W.L.Burgan, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, M.E.Olsen.

## CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE:

The committee that was appointed on the question of the relocation of the China Training Institute, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Responding to the request of the China Division for counsel concerning their proposal to operate the China Training Institute at Hankow,

We recommend, That while expressing our appreciation of the efforts being put forth by the China Division toward a solution of the educational and medical problems in that field, we counsel them in view of present conditions to continue the China Training Institute in its present quarters until in counsel with the General Conference the Division Committee can give further study to a plan for its relocation.

## MEDICAL EXPENSE OF MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

VOTED, That W.G.Turner as chairman, and the members of the Secretarial and Treasury Departments be a committee to give study to the application of the medical expense policy in the case of workers who have been accepted for the mission field, but who need some slight medical or surgical attention before going.

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



## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1940, 10 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, O. Montgomery, E.E.Andross, M.L.Rice, W.B.Ochs, J.F.Piper, H.J. Detwiler, J.J.Nethery, E.L.Neff, Glenn Calkins, J.K.Jones, R.L. Benton, L.L.Moffitt and J.R.Campbell (of the Southern African Division), W.E.Murray and L.D.Minner (of the South American Division), W.Amundsen (of the Inter-American Division), F.M. Wilcox, M.E.Kern, J.J.Ireland, A.W.Spalding, D.A.Ochs, L.E.Froom, W.K.Ising, W.E.Howell, H.H.Votaw, S.A.Wellman, H.E.Rogers, A.W. Peterson, M.A.Hollister, G.W.Wells, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.L.Rudy, Steen Rasmussen, W.H.Bergherm, M.C.Taft, G.W.Schubert, W.P. Elliott, M.L.Andreasen, C.S.Longacre, T.J.Michael.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, J.L.Shuler, W.L.Burgan, M.R. Thurber, Frederick Lee, W.E.Phillips, Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading from the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians.

Prayer was offered by I.H.Evans.

## M.N.CAMPBELL--CREDENTIALS:

After some discussion of the question of M.N.Campbell's credentials, recess was taken to 2 P.M.

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The Committee reassembled at two o'clock, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

## UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

VOTED, That the question of the time for the union conference sessions be listed for study at the coming Autumn Council.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARIES' COUNCIL:

VOTED, That we authorize the Missionary Volunteer Department to hold a council of union conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries the first week in April, the place to be arranged.



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## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER EVANGELISTIC CONGRESS:

A.W. Peterson of the Missionary Volunteer Department introduced consideration of the question of holding a Missionary Volunteer Evangelistic Congress. Due to the lack of time for study of the question, it was

VOTED, To refer to the Spring Meeting of the Committee the question of holding a Missionary Volunteer Evangelistic Congress.

## CHINA DIVISION--PRESIDENT AND TREASURER:

On report of a nominating committee that had been appointed, it was

VOTED, That we hereby appoint N.F. Brewer Vice-president of the General Conference for the China Division.

VOTED, That we request the Washington Sanitarium to release M.D. Howard, and that we hereby appoint Brother Howard Treasurer of the China Division.

## SPRING MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the date for the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be April 9-11.

## BOARD OF REGENTS--MEETING

VOTED, That the date for the meeting of the Board of Regents be April 7-8.

## NORTH AMERICAN VICE-PRESIDENT'S WORK:

VOTED, That the question of the North American Vice-President's work be referred to the Spring Meeting.

## MEETING OF NURSING ADMINISTRATORS:

VOTED, To authorize the Medical Department to arrange for a meeting of nursing administrators in Washington, May 19-21. This follows a national meeting of nursing administrators in Philadelphia the week preceding.

## MEETINGS OF SANITARIUM ADMINISTRATORS:

VOTED, To approve the suggestion made by Dr. H.M. Walton concerning holding in the sanitariums, meetings of the sanitarium administrators, under the auspices of the Medical Department.



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## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT STUDIES AT UNION SESSIONS:

VOTED, To list the item of Medical Department studies at the union conference sessions, for consideration at the coming Autumn Council.

## REPUBLICATION OF "DANIEL AND REVELATION":

The Chairman stated that the matter of the republication of the book "Daniel and Revelation," was brought up at the last Autumn Council, and in the discussion it was agreed that if the book were to be republished it should be a project undertaken by all the North American publishing houses, and that the book should be modernized. However, although suggestion had not been made that the book be revised, it was agreed that the Southern Publishing Association, if they did revise it, might submit their copy for study, with the idea that the resultant revision be submitted to the various publishing houses and other representative workers in the North American field.

VOTED, That it is the sense of this Committee that the procedure suggested by the Chairman, with regard to the republication of "Daniel and Revelation" be followed.

## M.N. CAMPBELL--CREDENTIALS:

At the time of the last Autumn Council, a statement was made to the assembled workers, by the President of the General Conference, regarding certain indiscretions on the part of Elder M.N. Campbell some years ago. A letter from Elder Campbell was referred to in which he frankly confessed his mistake, and stated that he had long since put this out of his life. He felt that a leader in the cause should be above suspicion, and therefore he should resign his position and withdraw from the work.

Elder Campbell has voluntarily tendered his written resignation as Vice-President of the General Conference for the North American Division, and from all other official positions, and this has been accepted.

Brother Campbell also placed his credentials in the hands of Elder McElhany, and the consideration of the disposition of his credentials has been left until a larger field representation could be present.

We believe that Brother Campbell has done everything possible to repair the injury and reproach to the ministry and the church occasioned by his conduct. The false and misleading reports and rumors which have been circulated are greatly to be deplored. After a very careful consideration of the facts in the case, the following action was taken:



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WHEREAS, While a careful investigation reveals the fact that there is no charge of moral delinquency, or evidence thereof, against Brother M.N.Campbell, yet he has freely confessed his indiscreet attentions to a young woman some years ago, of which they both had long since repented; and

WHEREAS, In evidence of his sincere repentance he has voluntarily surrendered his credentials, placing his future status in the ministry entirely in the hands of the General Conference Committee,

VOTED, That, while we express our confidence in the sincerity of Elder Campbell's repentance and in the present integrity of his Christian character, in disapproval of his indiscretion, we withhold his credentials for six months from date.

M.N.CAMPBELL--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, To recommend the name of M.N.Campbell to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

A.W.Cormack,  
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.

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#### FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 17, 1940, 11:30 A.M.

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M. Wilcox, M.A.Hollister, W.H.Bergherm, Steen Rasmussen, G.W.Wells, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.J.Ireland, D.A.Ochs, L.E.Froom, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, H.L.Rudy, T.J.Michael, M.C.Taft, A.W.Spalding, S.A.Wellman, W.E.Murray.

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, M.R.Thurber.

Prayer by W.G.Turner.

Minutes of meetings of January 4, 8, 10 and 11 were approved.



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## MISSION PROPERTY IN MEXICO CITY:

In view of the situation in Mexico in regard to the confiscation of church properties, the Inter-American Division and the Mexican Union Mission have requested permission to sell our mission property in Mexico City, which has not yet been taken from us.

VOTED, That we grant permission to the Inter-American Division and the Mexican Union Mission to sell the mission property in Mexico City, if they feel that the present situation demands its sale.

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That special appropriations be granted as follows:

To the Central European Division, Section II, \$4250, to provide a 5% bonus to workers' wages.

To the Inter-American Division, \$1000, for evangelistic work and the enlargement of the travel budget in the Central American Union.

To the Central Union Conference for repair work at Union College, \$5,000, it being understood that the union will join in the project of putting the buildings in good shape, to the extent of at least another \$5,000.

## DISTRIBUTION OF RURAL SCHOOLS APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That we approve of the distribution as recommended by the Southern Union Conference, of the \$3000 appropriation made by the 1939 Autumn Council for the Rural Schools.

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSE OF MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

The committee that was appointed to study the application of the medical expense policy in the case of missionary appointees, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the General Conference policy relating to granting assistance on medical and dental expense to missionaries on furlough be applied also to missionaries under appointment who find it necessary to incur medical or dental expense prior to their departure for the mission field.

## BUDGET FOR WORKER IN HUNGARY:

VOTED, That the budget for the Slovakian worker in Hungary be \$725.



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R.A.ANDERSON--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and La Sierra College the call from the Atlantic Union for R.A. Anderson to connect with the Greater New York Conference as pastor of the Temple Church in New York City.

HELEN HAVSTED--LOMA LINDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call for Miss Helen Havsted to connect with the Loma Linda Sanitarium as secretary to H.B. Thomas, the business manager.

W.E.NELSON--MEXICO:

VOTED, That W.E.Nelson be authorized to attend the Mexican Union session at Monterrey, February 29 to March 7.

C.E.WEAKS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That C.E.Weaks be released from the appointments to which he was assigned in the Atlantic Union.

APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments:

J.E.Weaver to attend the National Education Association meeting in St. Louis, February 24-29, and spend March 1-23 in the Lake Union.

W.H.Bergherm to spend January 30 to February 8 in the Southwestern Union, and February 9-18 in the Central Union.

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



## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 18, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack,  
H.H.Cobban, M.A.Hollister, Steen Rasmussen, Dr. H.M.Walton, F.M.  
Wilcox, D.A.Ochs, G.W.Schubert, M.E.Kern, H.L.Rudy, W.K.Ising,  
H.E.Rogers, L.L.Moffitt, S.A. Wellman, J.J.Ireland, H.H.Votaw,  
C.S.Longacre, M.L.Andreasen, W.E.Murray.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, W.E.Phillips, M.R.Thurber, H.B.Lundquist.

Prayer by G.W.Schubert.

F.G.CLIFFORD--DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, On nomination by the Southern African Division Committee, that we hereby appoint F.G.Clifford Home Missionary and Field Missionary Secretary of the Southern African Division.

H.T.ELLIOTT--BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS:

VOTED, That we hereby appoint H.T.Elliott Acting Secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions; also Acting Secretary of the Swedish Department of the Bureau.

T.J.JENKINS--EGYPT:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference to release T.J.Jenkins, to connect with the Central European Division, Section II, for evangelistic work in Egypt.

ARTHUR McCOY--EGYPT:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference to release Arthur McCoy, to connect with the Central European Division, Section II, for evangelistic work in Egypt.

G.B.HOAG--WEST CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the West Pennsylvania Conference to release G.B.Hoag, to connect with the China Division, to serve as field missionary secretary of the West China Union Mission.



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## DR. R.C.FLOREN--INCA UNION:

VOTED, To invite Dr. R.C.Floren, of Rock Hall, Maryland, to connect with the South American Division, for medical missionary service in the Inca Union Mission.

## RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That because of various reasons making it impossible for them to accept, the following workers be released from appointments to the mission field:

L. Hardinge, of England, from the call to Palestine.

J. Baracat, of South America, from the call to Egypt.

Mrs. Rilla Gentes, of Southern California, from the call to the Inter-American Division.

Leon Robbins, of Ohio, from the call to Palestine.

## H.W.CARTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of H.W.Carter from India.

## H.D.STREVER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division Committee, and because of the condition of his health, that we authorize the permanent return of H.D.Strever from India.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

A representative from the Sabbath School Department to attend Sabbath school conventions in Ohio, the first Sabbath in March; East Pennsylvania, February 17; Greater New York, February 24.

L.E.Froom to Southern Junior College, March 7-9; Pacific Union Conference, April 6 to May 16.

L.H.Wood to remain in the Southern Union one week longer than the time previously designated.

H.H.Votaw or C.S.Longacre to attend a colporteur institute in Southern New England, January 23 to February 1.



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Dr. H.M.Walton to attend the constituency meeting of the New England Sanitarium, March 5-7; the American College of Physicians meeting in Cleveland, April 1-5.

C.S.Longacre to Philadelphia over the coming week end.

#### TRANSFER OF CHURCH EXTENSION

##### APPROPRIATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

In response to a request received from the Southern African Division, it was

VOTED, That we grant permission to the Southern African Division to use in connection with the erection of a church hall in Durban, the £ 400 that was appropriated by the last Autumn Council from the Church Extension Fund, for chapels in the mission territory of the division, with the understanding that the Southern African Division will see that the £ 400 is restored for its original use, from their regular appropriations, within a period of four years.

##### DR. A. ROSENTHAL--SALARY AND EXPENSES:

Report was made to the Committee that it seems inadvisable to plan for Dr. A.Rosenthal, of the Central European Division, Section I, to go to China, according to our action of August 10, 1939; and further, that there now seems a possibility of his being able to gain entrance to the United States within a year on the regular quota basis. It was therefore

VOTED, That we rescind the action inviting Dr. A. Rosenthal to go to China, and authorize negotiations for his transfer to the United States, guaranteeing transportation, and support up to two years, said support to begin whenever it seems necessary.

##### RELATIONSHIP TO LABOR UNIONS:

VOTED, That W.G.Turner be appointed a member, and be asked to act as chairman, of the Committee on Relationship to Labor Unions.

The committee as now constituted is as follows: W.G. Turner, W.P.Elliott, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, H.H.Cobban, A.W.Cormack, J.L.McElhany, M.A.Hollister, H.A.Morrison.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 22, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, J.J.Ireland, C.S.Longacre, G.W.Schubert, M.A.Hollister, W.K.Ising, S.A. Wellman, J.J.Strahle, H.L.Rudy, H.H.Votaw, Steen Rasmussen, D.A.Ochs, M.E.Kern, M.L.Andreasen, W.P.Elliott, A.W. Spalding, H.E.Rogers, M.C.Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, M.R.Thurber.

Prayer by J.J.Strahle. Minutes of the meetings of January 14 and 15 were approved.

## G.C.HOSKIN--PACIFIC COAST:

VOTED, That G.C.Hoskin be authorized to make a trip to California and the Pacific Northwest, in the interests of the Transportation Department.

## BOOK FOR MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN:

A manuscript prepared by A.S.Maxwell, entitled "History's Crowded Climax," has been favorably reported on by members of the committee appointed to read such manuscripts. It was

VOTED, That we approve of the publication of the manuscript entitled "History's Crowded Climax," by A.S.Maxwell, as one of the books for use in the 1940 Missions Extension Campaign.

## P. BRANDT--HUNGARY AND BULGARIA:

VOTED, On behalf of the Central European Division, Section II, to request the Central European Division, Section I, for the services of P. Brandt in auditing the books in the Hungarian Union and the Bulgarian Mission.

## W.E.GILLIS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of W.E.Gillis from Korea.



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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.G.Turner to attend a workers' meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, February 4-9.

J.E.Weaver to attend a convention in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, February 2-3, if he can arrange to do so.

A.W.Peterson to attend a Missionary Volunteer convention in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, March 1-3, if he can arrange to do so.

L.H.Christian to meet appointments in the Ohio Conference, April 13-20.

T.J.MICHAEL AND J.J.STRAHLE  
RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That T.J.Michael and J.J.Strahle be released from the appointments to which they were assigned in the Northern Union, in February and March respectively.

V.A.LaGRONE--TEXICO CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for V.A.LaGrone to take the presidency of the Texico Conference.

REPLY TO F.E.BELDEN:

A committee had been appointed to formulate a letter to F.E.Belden, in reply to statements and assertions he had made in correspondence to the General Conference, relative to the use of his songs by the denomination, and his feeling that he did not receive adequate compensation for these songs.

The committee submitted a draft of a letter, informing Mr. Belden that according to our findings, all the arrangements entered into for the use of the songs were mutually satisfactory to him and the denomination at the time the negotiations were carried on.

The letter was approved, to be sent to Mr. Belden.

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



## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 25, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H. Evans, M.A.Hollister, Miss Kathryn Jensen, J.J.Strahle, J.J. Ireland, Steen Rasmussen, D.A.Ochs, S.A.Wellman, W.K.Ising, W.P.Elliott, H.H.Votaw, C.S.Longacre, H.E.Rogers, L.L.Moffitt, H.L.Rudy, T.J.Michael, M.E.Kern, W.E.Murray.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, M.R.Thurber.

Prayer by Steen Rasmussen.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That J.J.Strahle be authorized to attend a colporteurs' institute in Southern New England, January 26 to February 1.

VOTED, That D.A.Ochs be authorized to attend a Missionary Volunteer officers' council, in Atlanta, Georgia, February 2-5.

## LETTER TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

VOTED, That we give authorization to the Religious Liberty Association to send a copy of the letter addressed by J.L.McElhany to President Roosevelt, with a covering letter from the Association hereby approved, to each Senator and Representative in the United States Congress.

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



FOUR HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 29, 1940

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

H.T.Elliott, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, M.A. Hollister, Steen Rasmussen, F.M.Wilcox, J.J.Ireland, W.E.Howell, H.H.Votaw, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, T.J.Michael, W.E.Murray, F.L. Peterson, M.E.Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, M.R.Thurber, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

H.T.Elliott was asked to take the chair.

Prayer by M.E.Kern.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA--CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM:

Request was presented from the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference, for approval of the erection of a camp meeting auditorium on the conference-owned camp meeting grounds at Wescosville, near Allentown. The estimated cost is \$8,981 for a steel structure 90 x 110, wood roof and concrete floor, with a seating capacity of 2,500. The conference has \$7,000 in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the East Pennsylvania Conference for the erection of an auditorium on their camp meeting grounds at Wescosville, with the understanding that construction will proceed only as the funds are in hand, and that no indebtedness will be incurred.

E.L.PLACE--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium the call from the Pacific Union for E.L.Place to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as business manager.

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