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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1942, 7:30 P.M.

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The large and beautiful assembly room furnished us by the management of the Hotel Gibson in the city of Cincinnati was filled with the voice of song and prayer as members of the General Conference Committee, workers representing various denominational interests, and brethren and sisters from nearby churches gathered at 7:30 Tuesday evening, October 20, for the first service of the 1942 Autumn Council.

We were reminded by the motto, "Greater Efficiency -- Deeper Consecration," which hung above the platform, that this was to be more than a business meeting. It should be a meeting not only for the laying of plans and adopting of policies, but a time for seeking a deeper spiritual experience and making a more wholehearted consecration to God and His work.

In addition to the members of the General Conference Committee who are resident in North America, there were present a number of members and former members, as well as other representatives who are now or have been recently connected with the work in South America, Inter America, China and the Far East. There were also present the local conference presidents in North America, union treasurers and auditors, union Negro secretaries, senior and junior college presidents, representatives of the College of Medical Evangelists, publishing houses representatives, and groups of workers who had been in attendance at pre-Council meetings.

## OPENING ADDRESS:

The opening address to the Council was delivered by Elder W.H. Branson, who has been serving as Acting President of the General Conference during the enforced absence of Elder McElhany because of illness.

Elder Branson stressed the fact that the work of the third angel's message is not to be considered as closing up because a few of our missionaries under present world conditions have had to leave their posts and return to the homeland. Rather, in spite of untoward conditions, in many places the work is making greater progress than ever before. He also emphasized the importance of making preparation for still greater advance in the future. He began with the text in Isaiah 60:1-3: "Arise,

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shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." We give a few extracts from his stirring address:

Surely it can be said today that spiritual darkness like a funeral pall has settled down over the earth, and that gross darkness such as this world has never known, has covered the people. The darkest hour of the night is usually just before the dawn, and so it is with the spiritual darkness which now envelops the earth. Its very intensity clearly indicates that the morning of eternity is about to break. We read that "The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." I understand by this that the light that God gives the church, and which the church is to reflect to the world, is not to become increasingly dim as we near the end, but rather increasingly bright.

We are told that the truth is to go forth among the nations as a lamp that burneth; and that just before the end, when the Spirit of God is poured upon His people in the form of the latter rain, the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of God through the preaching of His message to the world. Also, that "As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remotest corners of the globe, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth." Again, in Vol. 5, page 383, "The third flying in the midst of heaven and heralding the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, represents our work. The message loses none of its force in the angel's onward flight." In giving this glorious light to the world the angel is to fly on until it has accomplished its entire purpose. The flight of the angel is not to be hindered, not to be checked or stopped. John sees the onward flight of this message increasing in strength and power until the whole earth is lightened with its glory. That should give us courage in an hour of unusual crisis such as this. "We must have a true and abiding faith, that this message will go forth with increasing importance until the close of time.

Some one has said recently that this is not the twilight of missions, but this is the noontide of missions. So far as I am able to judge the situation there has never been a time when opportunities for real progress in the preaching of this message throughout the nations of the world, with but a few exceptions, have been so great as at the present time. Never in all our history have we heard of such wonderful providences of God in connection with the preaching of the message, nor such wonderful successes as are now being experienced by our workers.. Some have felt a bit discouraged because a few of our missionaries have had to come home; but not many of them, comparatively speaking, have had to leave their posts. The majority of our mission staff is still in the field, holding up the banner of truth as before, and they are full of courage and meeting with wonderful success in the number of souls won to this message.

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I do not believe we need to waste any time talking about and waiting for a time of peace and prosperity in which to finish the work of God. I believe we are going to see the greatest work accomplished in the immediate future that God has ever accomplished in this world, but that it will be accomplished in a time of crisis, under the most forbidding and discouraging circumstances. If necessary, it can be done during a world war, for God is not limited. His power is omnipotent. He is not bound by circumstances.

I believe that now is the time to begin to plan as we have never planned before for the finishing of this work. Not next year, or the following year -- but now. We must not wait for the war to close, for the future is uncertain. I think the strongest plans we have ever made ought to be made at this Council, for the advancement of the work in the fields where we have freedom to work, as for instance, in Free China, Africa, South America, Inter America, North America, Ethiopia, and many other lands where there is liberty. I believe we ought to strengthen the outposts in these fields now, and make it possible for our work to become so strongly established that if a crisis should come in those fields as it has come in China and other parts of the Orient, the work will be on such a basis that it can go straight forward regardless of the crisis. We need to build churches and hospitals and establish new schools. We need to open new sections in these fields. And we need to plan to do that now.

But that isn't all. I think we ought to plan now for the day when it will be possible for us to resuscitate and revive our work in fields where our missionaries cannot now labor. This does not mean necessarily that I expect the war to end. Ethiopia has reopened her doors during the war, and so has Mexico. God has His own way of opening doors. We are not to consider whether we must wait until this thing or that thing happens. Our God-given responsibility as a church is to prepare now, so that when God opens the door, in His own time and way, we shall be ready to step in without delay.

I believe we ought to plan at this Autumn Council for a fund to be known as a Rehabilitation Fund, of at least a million and a half dollars, for rehabilitating our work in the Far East and in China, in Europe, and in other places where there has been destruction as a result of the war. We ought to ask our people to join us in planning to get such a fund together. Not only must we rebuild institutions that have been destroyed, but we must return missionaries who had to leave the fields, and we must send out scores of new recruits to take up and go on with the work.

We are told that -- "Often the Christian life is beset by dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before, and bondage or death behind. Yet the voice of God says clearly 'Go forward.' We should obey this command even though our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness and though we feel the cold waves about our feet."

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"The obstacles that hinder our progress will never disappear before a halting, doubting spirit. Those who defer obedience till every shadow of uncertainty disappears, and there remains no risk of failure or defeat, will never obey at all. Unbelief whispers, Let us wait till the obstructions are removed, and we can see our way clearly, but faith courageously urges an advance, hoping all things, believing all things."--"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 290.

"Is this the time, O church of Christ, to sound retreat?  
To arm with weapons cheap and blunt  
The men and women who have borne the brunt of  
truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?  
No! rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords!  
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect, and to thy  
kingdom come for such a time!  
The earth, with all its fullness, is the Lord's;  
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,  
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime."

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"Lead on, O King eternal," was sung to close the meeting, and L.H.Christian offered the benediction.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1942, 9:45 A.M.

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W.G.Turner, in the devotional service Wednesday morning, October 21, referred to the fact so evident today, that the nations of earth are marshalling all their material resources for the attainment of victory in the present war, and throughout his study he emphasized the fact that the church must similarly marshal all its resources of spiritual energy if its task is ever to be accomplished. He took as his text Micah 3:8: "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

We hear much today about power, Elder Turner said. The nations of the world base the hope of the success of their armies on the possession of power. Power is just as necessary in the spiritual warfare. The life of the Christian is likened to warfare, the warfare against "spiritual wickedness in high places."

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We are therefore admonished to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. It must be His power and His might. For we are engaged in a battle with supernatural forces, and supernatural power is called for in order to overcome those forces. That power is resurrection power, the power that raised Jesus from the dead.

We are living in an unusual time. It is a time of terror, anxiety, fear, destruction; a time of lowered standards, a time when freedom is disappearing. Before the church there is a tremendous task, which can be accomplished only by the power of the Spirit of God. We have come to this Council better off in material resources than we have ever been before, but without the power of God in connection with these material resources we shall never finish the work He has committed to us. With the power of God, the resources will be more than sufficient to finish the work. Ultimately the victory is not in the possession of weapons or equipment or other material resources, but in the spirit of the men who use the equipment.

There is no substitute for the power of God, no substitute for the Holy Spirit, and no power for the finishing of God's work but God's power.

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Following a song for the opening of the second business session of the Council, W.H.Branson, the Chairman, read from page 601 of "Acts of the Apostles," and prayer was offered by F.C.Gilbert.

#### GREETINGS:

The Secretary presented messages received by cable and letter conveying greetings to the Council from the Australasian Division, the British Union Conference, the believers in Sweden, the Austral Union of South America, the Southern African Division, and the superintendent of the Arabic Union Mission.

Messages were received also from a number of workers who have met with us in former years, but are not able to be with us now, among them J.E.Fulton, Dr. D.H.Kress and J.L.Shaw; also Dr. W.A.Ruble whose duties at the Melrose Sanitarium are holding him there. It was

VOTED, To send the greetings of this Council to our overseas divisions that can be reached with such a message, and to J.E.Fulton, Dr. D.H.Kress, J.L.Shaw, I.H.Evans, G.W.Schubert, Mrs. L.Floria Plummer, H.E.Rogers, and Dr. W.A.Ruble; also to J.H.Roth, of the Kansas Conference, who is ill in one of the Cincinnati hospitals.

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily and Sabbath Program for the Council was adopted:

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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 Session	2:30 -- 6:00
Public Meeting, Committees, or	
Council Session	7:30 -- 9:00

Sabbath

Sabbath School	9:30 -- 10:45 A M
Church Service	11:00
Afternoon Service	3:00 P M
Evening Service	7:30

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Suggestions for the personnel of standing committees were presented, and the committees were appointed as follows:

Guiding Committee:

J.L. McElhany, Chairman  
W.E. Howell, Secretary

W.H. Branson	E.D. Dick	W.G. Turner
L.H. Christian	H.T. Elliott	W.H. Williams
H.H. Cobban	T.J. Michael	J.F. Wright
A.W. Cormack	W.E. Nelson	

Music Directors:

R.A. Anderson	J.L. McConaughy
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Platform Committee:

E.F. Hackman	W.P. Bradley	C.A. Scriven
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Distribution of Materials

H.T. Elliott, Chairman  
J.A. Stevens, Assistant

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C.L. Bond	W.A. Scharffenberg	S.A. Wellman

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W.E. Nelson, Secretary

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W.H. Williams, Secretary

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H.M. Blunden	R.M. Harrison	M.L. Rice
W.H. Branson	J.K. Jones	W.C. Raley
T.G. Bunch	C.H. Kelly	F.H. Robbins
C.M. Bunker	L.E. Lenheim	W.A. Spicer
M.V. Campbell	J.L. McElhany	J.A. Stevens
H.G. Childs	T.J. Michael	J.W. Turner
H.H. Cobban	O. Montgomery	W.G. Turner
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E.D. Dick	J.W. Nies	F.M. Wilcox
L.K. Dickson	E.L. Neff	N.C. Wilson
H.T. Elliott	J.J. Nethery	I.J. Woodman
		J.F. Wright

Distribution of Labor:

W.G. Turner, Chairman

H.T. Elliott, Secretary

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R.A. Anderson	E.D. Dick	W.B. Ochs
V.T. Armstrong	L.K. Dickson	G.E. Peters
H.M. Blunden	R.R. Figuhr	W.E. Read
C.L. Bond	F. Griggs	M.L. Rice
N.F. Brewer	E.F. Hackman	F.H. Robbins
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I.E. Evans	T.L. Oswald	I.J. Woodman
R.R. Figuhr	G.E. Peters	J.F. Wright
L.E. Ford	R.H. Pierson	*W.H. Teesdale
O.T. Garner	W.E. Read	*T.J. Michael

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H.K.Christman	H.E.Lysinger	R.B.Thurber
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Suggestion was made that any names that should be added to these committees be handed to H.T. Elliott. [Names thus submitted were added to the committees as herein listed.]

#### WAR SERVICE COMMISSION:

VOTED, That in harmony with the request of the War Service Commission, a member of the Home Missionary Department be added to the Commission.

#### OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to give study to the request arising from the field that Oakwood Junior College be raised to the status of a senior college, said committee to report back to the Council.

Committee appointed: H.A. Morrison, W.G. Turner, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Branson, J.F. Wright, H.T. Elliott, J.K. Jones, M.L. Rice, J.J. Nethery, F.H. Robbins, G.E. Peters, F.L. Peterson, J.L. Moran, A.E. Webb, D.E. Rebok, E.E. Cossentine, E.D. Dick, K.A. Wright.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT:

Statistical summaries for the year 1941 were presented by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary. Among other features, he called attention to the following:

The records for 1941 show that Seventh-day Adventists were conducting work in 810 languages and dialects in 413 countries and island groups. This work was administered in 69 union and 137 local conferences, 193 regularly organized mission fields, and 9,105 churches. The world membership at the close of 1941 was 520,644, an increase of 15,892, or 3.1% over 1940. Of this church membership, 191,333 were in the North American field, and 329,311 in other divisions.

There were 13,899 laborers engaged in evangelistic activities in 1941, and 14,436 more workers in schools, sanitariums, publishing houses and other institutional work. Of these 28,335 workers, 10,131 were in North America, and 18,204 in other division fields.

The total number of institutions in the world field was 535 in 1941, including schools above the elementary grades, sanitariums, hospitals and dispensaries, publishing houses, and food factories. The investment value of these institutions in 1940 was \$24,491,406.26, and the entire asset valuation of all denominational properties including churches was \$64,704,751.82.

Total funds contributed to the work of Seventh-day Adventists in 1941 were the largest in their history, amounting

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to 16,205,388.19. This sum is an increase of \$1,979,058.61 above 1940, or 13.9%. Of the \$16,205,388.19, \$9,467,574.28, or 58.4% was tithe; \$4,303,444.96 - 26.6% - mission donations; and \$2,454,368.95 - 15% - home offerings. Seventy-three per cent of all funds received in 1941 came from North America, and 27% from other divisions.

Throughout the world field each church member in 1941 paid in tithe and mission and home offerings an average of \$1.13. In North America alone the per capita average was \$1.80; and in other fields the annual contribution from each member was 15.51.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Financial summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for the year 1941-42 were also presented by the Statistical Secretary. The Secretary stated that never in the history of Seventh-day Adventist educational endeavor in North America have the financial and operating results shown so favorably as for the school year 1941-42. Four senior colleges, three junior colleges, and eleven academies -- eighteen institutions out of a total of fifty-two -- reported operating gains without any outside assistance; and the whole group of schools and their connected industries, registered a net profit, without subsidies, of almost \$42,000. Colleges and academies taken together in 1942 owed an amount equivalent to 9.4 cents of each dollar of assets. This is more than a cent less than in 1941, and 5 cents below 1939. The ratio of liabilities to assets in 1942 is the lowest that the schools have ever reached. Thirty schools are now on the "Freedom from Debt" roll.

#### AN APPEAL TO BELIEVERS:

VOTED, That the following Appeal as submitted by the General Conference Officers be sent from this Autumn Council to our Seventh-day Adventist believers throughout the world field:

Gathered at the 1942 Autumn Council in Cincinnati, Ohio, our thoughts are of our believers scattered throughout the world field, and we send them greetings.

Never before has the church been called upon to witness for her Lord in such a time as this, for never before has the whole world been so filled with strife and commotion; or the hearts of men so burdened with fear and anxiety.

No longer need we look to the future for the coming of the perils of the last days. They have come, and are in evidence on every hand. We know not in detail what is before us, but this we do know, that the time has come for the finishing of the work of God in all the earth. The great day of the Lord is near. Soon probation will close. Now, the last message of mercy is to be given to a perishing world. We believe that in answer to the prayers of His people, God will give us in this Council the guidance of His Holy Spirit, as we look to Him, remembering His admonition, "Occupy till I come." Luke 19:13.

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Facing this crisis hour of responsibility and opportunity our first call to our people everywhere is that they heed with us the Lord's exhortation of love and mercy to His people, to turn to Him with all their hearts.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:6,7.

It is a call to repentance, dear brethren and sisters,--to the putting away of sin, and to the acceptance of Jesus as a personal Saviour.

Wholeheartedly, we turn to the Lord in response to His gracious invitation, and, at the beginning of this Council, we call to our people throughout the wide harvest field to join us in a new surrender of heart and life to the Lord, and to His service.

Of the many things that concern the church in this time of extreme emergency, we consider this to be the thing of greatest importance and urgency,--that His people shall turn unto the Lord with repentance and contrition of heart, for His mercy and His pardon and His peace and His power.

It is an individual matter and we earnestly entreat our people everywhere to recognize it as such, and to yield their hearts to God in full surrender. We invite each and all to contemplate anew the marvelous beauty and the wonderful simplicity of the plan of salvation as brought to view in such scriptures as the following:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: no. of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8,9.

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matt. 11:29,30.

Let us thank God that now, when the end of all things is at hand, probation's hour still lingers, God's mercy still beckons us. By accepting Jesus we may make our calling and election sure, and, as laborers together with God, participate with His people in the great closing work of the third angel's message.

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Now is the time when the Elijah message is to have power among God's remnant people, when parents and children are to draw near to God and to each other in preparation for the coming of the Lord. We appeal to our people at this time, therefore, to respond as families to the Lord's call to repentance and reformation, that through the grace of God every Adventist home may be a beacon amid the darkness, for the dissemination of the light of the gospel.

And, shall we not, dear brethren and sisters, in such an hour as this cherish with new appreciation the privilege that is ours of membership in the church of the Lord Jesus, doing our part as earnest, active members to advance its work and interests and discouraging at all times within the church anything that savors of disharmony or disunity. For notwithstanding its imperfections, the church is "the object of Christ's supreme regard." He "gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27.

Let us then in true humility, and with thanksgiving, submit ourselves to the constraining power of the love of God as manifested in the gift of Jesus, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5:21.

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At this point the Chairman introduced Mr. James G. Stewart Mayor of Cincinnati, who addressed the Council, extending to us a cordial welcome to the city.

Elder Branson responded, expressing our pleasure in being here, and our appreciation of the accommodations that have been provided us and the very kindly treatment we are receiving.

Following the address by the Mayor, Mr. Wm.C.Fitzgibbons, a personal representative of Secretary Morgenthau of the United States Treasury, was introduced, and spoke to us on the question of helping to bring about the restoration of peace to the earth by investing in the savings bonds that the government is offering. He drew attention to the fact that large sums of money will be required for the saving of life even in the midst of war.

Elder Branson assured Mr. Fitzgibbons that while Seventh-day Adventists are noncombatants, we are not conscientious objectors, and that we have always stood ready, in peace or in war, to cooperate with the government to the fullest extent of our ability, with the one exception of taking life. We are glad, he said, to buy these bonds, and to contribute in every way that we can to the support of the government in this crisis hour.

The meeting was closed with prayer, by E.D.Dick.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1942, 2:30 P.M.

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Opening the third session of the Council, at 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 21, W.H. Branson, the Chairman, read extracts from "Testimonies," Vol. 5, pages 752-754, and prayer was offered by F.H. Robbins.

## TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION: ✓

Having learned by the newspapers that the prohibition issue is being introduced into Congress by a proposed amendment to the new draft bill, which amendment would prohibit the sale of alcohol in army camp areas, the following draft of a resolution was submitted to the Council and adopted, with the understanding that a copy be sent at once, with a covering letter to every member of the United States Congress:

WHEREAS, The increasing consumption of liquor is undermining the health, lowering the morale, and decreasing the efficiency of our Army and Navy in this war, thus doing much to jeopardize and delay its rapid and victorious conclusion; therefore

Resolved, That we, the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists assembled in Autumn Council in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20-28, 1942, do hereby respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which will effectively banish the sale of liquor from the Army and Navy training camps and prescribed areas surrounding these camps, as set forth in Senator Josh Lee's Amendment to the new draft bill which selects our boys who are yet in their teens for military service. We believe that such a measure is absolutely necessary not only to protect minors in our military forces, but the entire Army and Navy personnel for the duration of this emergency. The use of liquor among men in uniform in this critical hour is one of the greatest menaces and liabilities to our armed forces. We therefore request our government in this hour of national crisis not to permit the liquor industry to capitalize upon the weaknesses of humanity, while all other industries are controlled and restricted in their normal operations.

## 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, 1942, as follows:

[See four pages following]

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
OPERATING STATEMENT  
For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1942

INCOME

TITHE

North America:		
Union Conferences	54 268 36	
Per Cent of Tithe	948 024 77	
Miscellaneous	<u>4 095 81</u>	1 006 388 94
Overseas:		
European Tithe of Tithe	857 21	
European Per Cent of Tithe	10 715 78	
Other Divisions	<u>4 971 82</u>	<u>16 544 81</u>
Total Tithe		1 022 933 75

MISSION OFFERINGS

North America:		
Forty-Cent-a-Week Fund	2 330 224 26	
Miscellaneous Missions	<u>24 864 84</u>	2 355 089 10
Overseas:		
European Misc. Missions	67 223 36	
Other Divisions	<u>130 055 66</u>	<u>197 279 02</u>
Total Missions		2 552 368 12

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Dividends and Interest	44 439 40	
Surplus Tithe	14 000 00	
Reclaimed Funds	11 623 00	
Specific Mission Offerings	5 639 97	
Royalties	<u>103 77</u>	75 806 14
Revertible Missions		<u>403 669 70</u>
Total Miscellaneous		<u>479 475 84</u>

TOTAL INCOME

4 054 777 71

EXPENDITURES (See Next Page)

Total Expenditures

3 868 873 32

INCOME EXCEEDS EXPENSE

185 904 39

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Salary and Expense of Depts.	207 772 24		
Transportation Agents' Expense	8 678 16		
Maintenance and General Expense	<u>14 383 12</u>		230 833 52

APPROPRIATIONS

Overseas Regular Base Appro.	1 564 533 28		
Home Regular Base Appropriations	173 333 36		
Special Approp. -- Overseas	384 189 36		
Special Approp. -- Home	<u>100 666 64</u>	2 222 722 64	

MISC. AND FIXED APPROPRIATIONS

Emergency Appropriations:			
Overseas	175 740 57		
Home	74 066 66		
Sick Benefit	6 211 85		
13th Sab. Overflow	23 919 80		
Harvest Ingathering Exp.Provision	53 333 36		
Missions Promotion Exp.	4 830 65		
Appointees' Expense	4 231 86		
Permanent-Return Wkrs.Fd.Appro.	20 463 63		
Retired Workers' Exp.& Salary	6 117 76		
Overseas Specific Mission Offer'gs.	5 639 97		
Sustentation Appropriation	27 205 45		
Specific and Fixed Appropriations	<u>19 496 45</u>	421 258 01	

APPROPRIATIONS BY REVERSION

Institutional Comeback	376 530 58		
Alaska & Hawaii by Reversion	34 523 01		
Harvest Ingathering Overflow	<u>149 603 74</u>		
Total Home Reversions		560 657 33	
Spring in Tithes and Offerings--			
Overseas	29 732 12		
Overseas Missions by Reversion	<u>403 669 70</u>	<u>433 401 82</u>	<u>3 638 039 80</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			3 868 873 32



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

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>Incr. or Decr.* 1942 over 1941</u>
Tithe	436 269 39	765 325 45	1 022 933 75	257 608 30
Mission Offerings	1 169 401 21	2 010 857 34	2 552 368 12	541 510 78
Misc. Income	<u>420 184 56</u>	<u>442 689 08</u>	<u>479 475 84</u>	<u>36 786 76</u>
Total Income	2 025 855 16	3 218 871 87	4 054 777 71	835 905 84
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Administrative Expense	191 676 88	200 639 95	230 833 52	30 193 57
Appropriations	<u>2 005 924 40</u>	<u>2 878 470 95</u>	<u>3 638 039 80</u>	<u>759 568 85</u>
Total Expense	2 197 601 28	3 079 110 90	3 868 873 32	789 762 42
Expense Exceeds Income	171 746 12			
Income Exceeds Expense 1941 & 1942		139 760 97	185 904 39	
Net Improvement 1942 over 1941 (On a cash basis)				46 143 42

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PROPORTIONAL COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>Incr. or Decr.* 1942 over 1941</u>
Total Income	3 218 871 87	4 054 777 71	835 905 84
Less Harvest Ingathering 1942 Excess (*)	<u>3 218 871 87</u>	<u>328 256 24</u>	<u>328 256 24*</u>
	3 218 871 87	3 726 521 47	507 649 60
Total Expense	<u>3 079 110 90</u>	<u>3 868 873 32</u>	<u>789 762 42</u>
Income Exceeds Expense	139 760 97		
Expense Exceeds Proportional Income		142 351 85	
Net Impairment 1942 over 1941 (On a proportional basis)			282 112 82*

(\*) Due to the earlier Harvest Ingathering campaign date there has been a shift in the financial status of the General Conference as of August 31, 1941 and 1942. This proportional comparative statement shows an impairment of \$282,112.82 after taking into account the approximate Harvest Ingathering net excess of \$328,256.24 over the corresponding month of August 1941 due to a difference in campaign dates.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
BALANCE SHEET  
August 31, 1942

ASSETS

Cash and Banks		1 259 044 17	
Securities		2 873 182 74	
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>			
Divisions	320 859 17		
Publishing Houses	71 765 50		
Transportation Agencies	10 084 33		
Personal Accounts	16 506 37		
Gen. Conf. Corp. & Misc.	309 382 66		
Advances on Spec. Appro'ns.	<u>220 328 27</u>	948 926 30	
Inventories--Supplies and Misc.		32 445 56	
Library	5 279 28		
Less Reserve	<u>3 775 99</u>	<u>1 503 29</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS			5 115 102 06

LIABILITIES

<u>Accounts Payable</u>			
Divisions	253 030 34		
Publishing	914 21		
Personal Accounts	66 482 38		
Miscellaneous	<u>27 097 27</u>	347 524 20	
Trust Funds	814 625 82		
Unexpired Subscriptions	2 813 15		
Accrued Expense Reserves	<u>40 399 25</u>	<u>857 838 22</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>1 205 362 42</u>
NET WORTH, August 31, 1942			<u>3 909 739 64</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET WORTH

Surplus January 1, 1942	3 538 367 69		
Increase Eight Months (Jan. 1 to Aug. 31)	<u>185 904 39</u>		
Total Surplus Aug. 31, 1942	3 724 272 08		
Surplus Exchange Reserve:			
On Hand Jan. 1, 1942	154 137 79		
Increase during 8 mos.	<u>31 329 77</u>		
Balance Surplus Exchange Res.	<u>185 467 56</u>		
Total Net Worth, Aug. 31, 1942			3 909 739 64

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## SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS IN NORTH AMERICA:

A report was submitted by Claude Conard showing the financial and operating standing of the Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums and hospitals for the year 1941 and the first eight months of 1942. This report showed that the volume of income of the fourteen sanitariums and hospitals in North America that have regularly submitted monthly statements to the General Conference in 1941 was \$6,191,634.09. The growth in operating receipts over the previous year of \$884,684.41 - 16.7% - is by far the largest increase that has ever been recorded for these institutions. Operating expenses were \$5,943,481.02 in 1941, which was \$847,283.69 above 1940. The 1941 sum of net gains was \$268,153.07, which is considerably larger than any annual gain since summarized totals were first kept in 1927. During the first eight months of 1942 sanitarium and hospital receipts were \$4,659,570.15. The increase over the corresponding period in 1941 was \$737,600.25, or 18.8%. This increase was almost twice as much as was 1941's eight month income gain over the previous year. Operating expenses for the eight months were \$4,373,417.10. The net gain for eight months of \$286,153.05 was by far the largest gain to the end of August that has yet been registered. Better than four out of every five beds in the fourteen Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums and hospitals in North America were occupied by patients during the entire eight months to August, 1942.

## EMERGENCY PREPARATION OF WORKERS FOR FOREIGN SERVICE: ✓

A series of recommendations from the General Conference Officers, on Emergency Preparation of Workers for Foreign Service, was presented, and adopted as follows:

In the exigencies growing out of war, our work in some of the great mission fields of the world has been considerably affected by the withdrawal of some foreign workers and the closing of a few of our institutions. We have been deeply grateful that under these conditions it has been possible to lay more responsibility of leadership on our loyal national workers. But the temporary return of a comparatively small percentage of the total number of our missionaries to the homeland from certain war-swept countries, is no indication that our work in the foreign fields is closing up, and that it is not necessary to continue our sacrificial giving. None of us is wise enough to know how God may lead the advent movement to victory, but we are definitely admonished by the Master Himself, "Occupy till I come." The Spirit of prophecy advises us to plan as if we had years ahead in which to do our work, but to work as if the end might come tomorrow. We have been warned further that our work is "years behind" where it ought to be at such a time as this, and that "the work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she must accomplish in a terrible crisis, under the most discouraging and forbidding circumstances."

In the prosecution of our work, we must not wait for peace to return to the earth. Such a time may never come. In fact, we

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were warned years ago that a "time of trouble which is to increase until the end is very near at hand." (Mrs. E.G. White, in the Review and Herald, Nov. 24, 1904,) Instead of waiting for more favorable conditions, we should lay broad and comprehensive plans now for the finishing of our work even in the midst of the world crisis.

"God's promise is that at the time when darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people, His light and truth shall shine out the brightest among the nations, and the entire earth shall be lightened with the glory of His message." We are also assured that "the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done." ("Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 21.)

We feel therefore that we can confidently expect that, even in the midst of the troubles of these last days, He who still overrules in the affairs of the nations, will bring about such changes as to reopen the doors of many countries, beckoning us to enter and quickly finish our task of preaching the message under the mighty power of the Holy Spirit in the fulness of the latter rain.

Our hearts are therefore deeply stirred to devise every means possible of carrying our work forward in much stronger and more speedy lines than heretofore. We feel impelled to step into every opportunity still open to us to press our work in more constructive and aggressive ways. It would be little short of a calamity not to be ready to throw new forces of men and means into the fields that have had to suffer so much from the ravages of international conflict just as rapidly as God opens the way.

One of the great barriers to prosecuting our work already begun and to the entering of new fields of endeavor is the language of the people we want to help. The past summer the General Conference Committee instituted a new plan in our colleges to attract our young people to the study of mission field languages in preparation for foreign service in particular language areas. This has resulted in the establishment of regular classes in six of the major languages in five of our colleges, with a very promising enrolment of voluntary students. This will provide recruits for the fields as our young people come to graduation, and will help greatly to keep alive and stimulate the spirit of missions in our student bodies and in the homes and churches from which they come. In our Seminary provision has been made for full-time intensive study of Arabic by ten appointees and their wives in preparation for work in Moslem fields. In all these schools, plans have also been laid for the translation of literature into the same languages by returned missionaries and nationals for mission lands where it is difficult to produce literature.

On the other hand, we have urgent need of training more mature workers in a specific and intensive way to enter fields still open to us, and to have ready to throw into fields that are now restricted as soon as Providence opens the way. Owing to the ravages of war, older fields like Europe, including

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Russia, will be in grave need of accessions to their working forces. More open fields like Latin America are now suffering from shortage of workers. The vast Mohammedan world lies too little touched by the great message we have to give.

In the light of these circumstances and needs,

We recommend, 1.a. That the General Conference Executive Committee expand the work already begun by giving special study to ways and means of further expediting our work in these needy fields by selecting and placing under appointment such additional number of workers as may seem advisable, to enter immediately on intensive study of such major languages as would appear to serve the needs of the work most effectively, thus preparing them for immediate entry into the various fields of the world as rapidly as God shall open the way for them to go forward.

b. That the Budget Committee be asked to make suitable provision for financing this plan for the emergency preparation of workers for foreign service.

In order to facilitate the securing of an adequate supply of our Medical College graduates as appointees for medical missionary work in overseas fields;

We recommend, 2. That arrangements be made for General Conference representatives to visit the Medical College more frequently for the specific purpose of cultivating the definite interest of medical students in foreign mission service.

3. That the Appointees Committee be authorized to select for appointment by the General Conference Committee a number of Medical College graduates each year for missionary service. It is understood that these appointments will be on a deferred basis to be consummated in each case when an actual vacancy exists in the mission field and when it is possible to arrange for their transportation.

4. That these specially selected medical missionary appointees, while not in any way being supported by the General Conference, shall be guided and counseled in planning for their internships, so that they may obtain the kind of training and experience most needed in connection with their future mission field service.

5. That our medical institutions be earnestly invited to cooperate with the General Conference in making this plan successful by employing, where at all possible, these deferred medical missionary appointees after their internships and while waiting for their appointments to be consummated, in such a way as to contribute definitely to the experience of most value to these young medical workers in the mission fields.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE: ✓

An appeal to believers everywhere on Sabbath Observance, from the General Conference Officers, was presented and adopted as follows:

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"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

If there were not real danger of our forgetting, surely the Lord would not have begun the fourth commandment with the word "remember" -- "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

We are bearing to the world the gospel message of preparation for the judgment hour and the second coming of our Lord. In the very forefront of that message the prophecy has placed the call to Sabbath reform. To us, therefore, comes the word of caution, "remember." We dare not be forgetful. We are not only to remember that God made the seventh day holy and that it comes to us every week just as holy as when the Lord blessed it and made it holy in Eden, but we are also to remember that the people of the prophecy who bear the last gospel message to the world, are to keep the day holy.

Only the grace of Christ can enable us to do this. We dare not enter upon this holy time in forgetfulness of what it means to keep the day holy. In these days of hurry and rush, with distraction and a worldly spirit in the very atmosphere about us, we need to review constantly what it means to be called of God to lift up the standard of Sabbath reform as a testing truth of the gospel of Christ's preparation.

We appeal to believers everywhere to "remember" -- to keep in mind the principles of Sabbath keeping as touching our personal and home and church relationships. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is God's word to us today. In thus remembering the Sabbath heed should be given to such matters as the following:

1. Carefully guarding the edges of the Sabbath, making full preparation for its sacred observance by having food and clothing in readiness, by putting away secular papers, and by closing the radio, except for religious programs.
2. Welcoming the blessed day by worship around the family altar, and again at the close of the Sabbath rededicating ourselves and our children to the Lord.
3. Refraining from automobile and pleasure trips not in harmony with the proper observance of the Sabbath.
4. While we recognize that marriage is a divine institution, yet because of the arrangements that are unavoidable before and after the ceremony, which lead possibly to that which is contrary to proper Sabbath observance, we would counsel that weddings be held on days other than the holy Sabbath.
5. In connection with funerals, there are inevitably work and arrangements which should not ordinarily be done on the Sabbath, and we would, therefore, earnestly counsel our brethren and sisters and all our workers to plan for the conduct of funerals on some other day than the Sabbath, except where local conditions or regulations make Sabbath burials unavoidable.

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6. We would re-emphasize the need of exercising much greater carefulness in the manner of raising money, of disposing of literature and the promotion of campaigns in connection with our Sabbath services.

7. We urge an earnest and constant study of the foundation truths of the Sabbath institution as taught in the Holy Scriptures and emphasized in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. We advise a more faithful study of our Sabbath literature and we also urge our ministers and church elders to frequently present to our churches the Sabbath truth in its relation to the message for this day and generation.

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The meeting closed with prayer, by F. Griggs and J. F. Piper.

W. H. Branson, Chairman.  
E. D. Dick, Secretary.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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"Christ the Answer to all our Needs," was the subject of W. B. Ochs' study in the devotional hour Thursday morning, October 22. His text was 2 Cor. 12:9: "And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Our greatest need, said Elder Ochs, is the need for the power of Christ. One religious leader has said, "The church has wealth, the church has culture, she has numbers; but what the church needs is to climb the stairs again to the upper room, there to be endued with that power from on high."

We may have knowledge, but knowledge can be our ruination. We may have machinery, but machinery may mean our destruction. Methods, machinery, plans are good, they are vital, they are important in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ in all parts of the world. But let us ever remember that the Spirit of God does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come upon machinery, but upon men. He does not anoint plans, but men.

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Christ and His power are inseparable. To need one is to need the other. To have one is to have both. The saddest condition that can come to an individual or to an organization is to not recognize the need of Christ and His power. Christ is the answer to all our needs. We need Him to guide us through the uneven paths of life. We need Him to keep our missionary spirit aglow. We need Him to solve our many problems.

Some years ago the Ladies' Home Journal offered a prize for the best essay on the maintenance of world peace. Among the thousands submitted, one had just two words: "Try Jesus." Every plan or scheme for preserving the peace of the world has failed, because Christ has been left out of the reckoning. Christ is the answer to the needs of a sinsick, sorrowing world.

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Taking up the business in the fourth session of the Council, a motion prevailed to reconsider the recommendations on Sabbath Observance which were adopted in the previous meeting. By action, recommendation number five was amended, and it was agreed that the recommendation should appear in the minutes of the previous meeting as thus amended.

GREETINGS TO DR. P.T.MAGAN:

Reference was made to the fact that Dr. P.T.Magan, who has attended our Councils for many years, is not able to be with us this year, and it was

VOTED, That the Secretary be instructed to send greetings from the Council to Dr. Magan.

The Council then adjourned, and a special meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists was called by the Chairman, Frederick Griggs, the purpose of the meeting being to arrange for revision of the constitution so as to provide for enlargement of the constituency and for additional members of the Board.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.  
T.J.Michael, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1942, 9:45 A.M.

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F.H. Robbins in the devotional service Friday morning, October 23, began his study by reading the beautiful and comforting promise in John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Following are a few of the thoughts presented by Elder Robbins:

The glory of the second coming of Christ will transcend anything that has ever taken place on this earth. We are living in the end of the world, but before Jesus comes we shall have many serious issues to face. We read in the Spirit of prophecy: "Angels are now restraining the winds of strife. . . . But a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth, and when God bids His angels loose the winds there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture."—"Education," pp. 179,180.

Today a serious world wakes up every morning to face more serious situations than the day before. The heads of the nations are struggling and wrestling with gigantic problems, of which we know but little. There is uncertainty on every hand in the world, but there is no uncertainty with God. We have a message that holds us steady, a message that we can depend upon. God is leading this movement, and He is going to lead His people into His kingdom.

In every crucial hour of the ages God has had men of strong character who did not fear to proclaim His warnings as well as the message of mercy and hope. There was Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Daniel, Moses, Paul,—all were used of God in critical periods of the world's history. Today, in the most critical hour of all, God has raised up this movement of the third angel's message to proclaim the near approach of the second advent of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, Lord of lords and King of kings.

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"Jesus, the Light of the World," was sung to open the fifth session of the Council, and prayer was offered by C.B. Haynes.

As this was the hour appointed for certain legal meetings, the Council recessed, and these meetings were called in their order as follows:

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## OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE AND RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood Junior College was called by J.K.Jones, the Chairman of the Board. A report concerning the college, by J.L.Moran the President, and a financial statement were presented. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the election of a Board of twenty-four members, after which the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital was called by J.K.Jones, the Chairman of the Board, and a report of the work of the Sanitarium was given by Dr. Carl Dent, the Medical Director, and a financial statement was presented by C.O.Franz. The Nominating Committee for the Council was asked to bring in nominations for a Board of Trustees, and the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

## INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the President, J.L.McElhany. A report of the business of the company was rendered by W.A. Benjamin, the Secretary. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the election of five trustees, after which the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

## CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the constituency of the newly incorporated Christian Record Benevolent Association was called by the Chairman, H.C.Wilson. A report of the Corporation was presented by D.D.Rees, the Manager and Secretary, and a financial statement was submitted by S.J.Lashier, the Treasurer. The Nominating Committee for the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the election of a Board of Trustees, after which the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

The Council resumed.

## REVISION OF "DANIEL AND REVELATION":

The Chairman called on W.E.Howell to make a report for the committee that has been working on the revision of the book "Daniel and Revelation," of which committee he has served as chairman. Professor Howell reviewed the history of the book from its beginning in a series of articles that appeared in the Review and Herald, in 1862. In 1912 the book was somewhat revised, but gradually it was displaced until in later years it has been used principally as a text book in our schools. The stirring times of the past few years have led to a request from the field for a new and improved edition of the book adapted for sale as a subscription book, and at the Autumn Council of 1941 a committee was appointed to undertake the work of revision, the final work being done by a committee of seven, consisting of W.E.Read, A.W.Cormack, H.M.Blunden and W.E.Howell of the General Confer-

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ence, James Shultz of the Southern Publishing Association, M.R. Thurber of the Review and Herald, and Merlin Neff of the Pacific Press.

Professor Howell reported that during the five weeks this committee sat together, the work was carried on in a spirit of unity and brotherly love, the work being done in the Seminary building, away from all disturbances, and they felt that they had had special help in the task. An agreement was entered into at the beginning of the work that in all matters touching doctrine or the rights and privileges of the author, no action would be recorded to be carried out until it could be made unanimous in the committee, and that resolution was carried through, there being unity and harmony throughout the work.

The work of the committee is now practically done, and soon after the close of this Council the dummy will be sent to the Southern Publishing Association, and it is expected that the book will be brought out some time next summer.

The meeting was closed with prayer, by Meade MacGuire.

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

## EVENING AND SABBATH MEETINGS

## AT THE COUNCIL

In addition to the special messages that came to the Council from Elder W.H.Branson on the opening night and Elder J.L.McElhany on Sabbath morning, there were given during the time of the meeting other spiritual messages in the evening hour and on Sabbath afternoon that were of particular interest and helpfulness to all present, and the attendance at these services was excellent.

On Wednesday evening, Elder Glenn Calkins, the President, with other representatives of the Inter-American Division, brought to the Council a very helpful and interesting report of our work in that field; and on Thursday evening Elder R.R.Figuhr, the President of the South American Division, told of opportunities and needs in the work in the South American countries, and of interesting providences that had come to the workers and people there.

On Friday evening, Elder W.A.Spicer spoke to a large and appreciative audience in the Taft Auditorium, taking as his text 2 Timothy 1:8: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." A number of Scriptures used by Brother Spicer in presenting a particularly helpful message from the faith and experiences of Paul included the 12th verse of this chapter: "For I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day," Proverbs 22:20; Ephesians 4:21, and Acts 26:22. Paul not only had implicit confidence in the message that he was privileged to preach and was not only sure of the doctrinal side of his message, but he knew Jesus the Author of the message as a personal friend and Saviour. Paul **knew** how to preach the doctrines by preaching Christ. In determining to know nothing among those for whom he labored **"save** Jesus Christ and Him crucified," he did not in any way neglect the doctrinal side of his message, for before Festus and King Agrippa, he reasoned that his message was in harmony with that "which the prophets and Moses" taught. In closing, Brother Spicer invited all to march forward with the remnant church in faith and confidence to the city of God.

Sabbath afternoon was given over to what proved to be a very interesting and encouraging symposium, in which missionaries from three overseas divisions participated. These were: N.F.Brewer and A.L.Ham from China, both of whom were not long since interned in Hongkong; V.T.Armstrong and W.P.Bradley from

the Far Eastern Division; and N.C.Wilson and R.H.Pierson from Southern Asia. Elder E.D.Dick led out in this service, which, with the reports brought by these missionaries, was indeed inspirational.

Saturday night, Elder N.F.Brewer, who, as President of the China Division, had recently returned with other repatriates from Hongkong, spoke to a large congregation concerning our work in China. He spoke of the many providences of God that had safeguarded and in many situations advanced the work in China in spite of war and difficulties, and made special mention of the loyalty and faithfulness of our Chinese workers who have so nobly undertaken increased responsibilities in these trying and perplexing times.

The Voice of Prophecy group occupied the Sunday evening hour when there were present many visitors from outside as well as our representatives who were in attendance at the Council. Listening to H.M.S.Richards and his associates, we were assured that God is mightily using this modern and miraculous means of radio broadcasting for the giving of the third angel's message.

On Monday evening, Brother L.M.Evans occupied the hour, and brought to us a stirring message concerning the office and work of the Holy Spirit. He reminded us of the great need of the church in these days of crisis. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that gives men success in the work of soul winning. Without the Holy Spirit there can be no power for witnessing. Jesus said: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me." The speaker appealed to all to make more room in their plans and methods of labor as well as in their hearts and lives for the power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit,--the heavenly gift that brings "all other blessings in its train."

On Sabbath morning, October 24, Elder J.L.McElhany spoke to a capacity congregation in the large Taft Auditorium. As his introductory text he read: "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Songs of Solomon, 6:10.

The church militant, contending with the forces of evil in a world of sin, awaits with confidence and expectation the hour of her deliverance. She is to wait, however, not in passive inactivity, but as a marching, well-ordered army, equipped from the armory of heaven with the weapons of her warfare.

A great work is yet to be accomplished by the remnant church in preparation for her Lord's return, and her greatest source of power will be found in her withdrawal from all allegiance to the world and the putting on of the robe of Christ's righteousness. Ours is the time when "the church is to arise and clothe herself with power." Not the ministers and workers only, but also the church as a whole, is to participate in the finishing of the work. In preparation for this privileged participation church members must have in their hearts repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

In closing his soul-stirring address, Elder McElhany read "An Appeal to Our Believers," an impressive message addressed by the 1942 Autumn Council to our people everywhere. The whole congregation, it seemed, stood in response to Elder McElhany's invitation to us to pledge in this way our reconsecration to God, and Elder O. Montgomery sought the Lord in prayer in behalf of the waiting congregation and of our people the world over.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1942, 9:45 A.M.

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"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him," (Ps. 50:3) was the text chosen by G.E. Peters as the basis for the study in the devotional hour Sunday morning, October 25. He said in part:

The promise concerning the second coming of Christ was made two thousand years before His first advent. The statement in Genesis 3:15, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, shows clearly that the second advent was not an after thought with God, for it is at Christ's second coming that Satan's power will be finally crushed.

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That Jesus is coming to this earth the second time is not a mere theory, it is a fact. We find the promise of His coming in the Old Testament. We find it in the New Testament. The first advent was foretold, and it came to pass. All the prophecies concerning the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ were fulfilled. So also will be fulfilled all the promises concerning the second advent. The second coming of Christ was preached before the first advent. It was preached by Enoch. It was declared by the prophets. It was preached by Jesus Himself when He was upon the earth. He declared, If I go, I will come again. The angel said, "This same Jesus that ye saw go into heaven, shall so come again in like manner." The second coming of Christ was preached by such reformers as Martin Luther, Melancthon, Calvin, Knox and Ridley, and for more than one hundred years Advent believers have been preaching that His coming is near, offering as proof the signs in the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of prophecy warns that some are looking too far off for the coming of the Lord, that because time has continued a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it will continue a few years more. It is a dangerous thing to put off the soon coming of Jesus. Many years ago the servant of the Lord propounded these questions to the church: "Do we believe with all the heart that Christ is soon coming, and that we are now seeing the last message of mercy that is ever to be given to a wicked world? Is our example what it should be? Do we by our lives and conversation show to those around us that we are looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who shall take our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His glorious body?"

Before we are prepared for translation, to go with Jesus when He comes, we must be sealed with the seal of the living God, and we are told in "Early Writings" that those who receive the seal of God must reflect the image of Jesus fully.

J.H.Wagner, of the Columbia Union, sang "Watching and Waiting," to close the service.

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To open the sixth business session of the Council, prayer was offered by Frederick Griggs.

E.D.Dick, the Secretary, read a number of further messages that had been received from brethren overseas; one from E.E. Andross and H.L.Nielsen, bringing greetings from the Caribbean Union Conference; one from H.W.Lowe of England, telling of the highest amount ever gathered in an Ingathering Campaign, £16,000; a cable from A.V.Olson and W.R.Beach, conveying greetings from the Southern European Division, soliciting prayer in behalf of those suffering bitter persecution in the southeastern part of the division, telling of publishing houses, churches closed, school confiscated, and 900 brethren and sisters in prison for Christ, and in spite of all stating that, with grace abounding, their courage is good. A letter was also read from A.F.Tarr, of the

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Southern Asia Division, containing messages from our German brethren of the Netherlands East Indies who are in an internment camp in India.

#### MISSIONS LANGUAGE PROJECT IN THE COLLEGES:

The Chairman called on W.E.Howell to tell what is being done by the Spirit of Missions Committee in promoting and fostering the study of languages in our colleges as a part of the preparation of young people for service in the mission fields. Professor Howell reviewed the plan as adopted by the Committee, and outlined the steps that have been taken to put the plan into operation. He reported that at Emmanuel Missionary College, with Daniel Augsburgers assisting Dr. Ella Edwards, the French language has been put on a missions project basis of joint teaching by an American and a French national. Sixteen are enrolled in the first-year French and thirty-two in the second-year, with a smaller number in the junior and senior years.

At Union College Mrs. I.F.Blue is teaching a class of seven students in the Urdu, with P.K.Simpson associated in teaching and giving most of his time to translation work. In Russian, Mrs. Ivanoff, a native Russian, has a class of nine students, including one faculty member, and Mr. Ivanoff is busy with translation work.

At Pacific Union College there are two classes of eleven in Chinese, including also a faculty member, taught chiefly by David Lin, who is well qualified in the Mandarin Chinese. He is associated with R.M.Cossentine, who will carry the translation work primarily.

At Walla Walla College, where S.H.Lindt is the principal teacher in the second project in Chinese, fifteen students are enrolled in the class. There is also a class of fourteen students studying the Malay, under Mrs. V.E.Hendershot, who has associated with her Timothy Siaw, a native to the language.

At the Theological Seminary there is a class of ten couples who are under appointment to Arabic-speaking fields in the Near and Middle East, giving their full time to the study of the language and allied subjects. Their teacher at present is Khalil Ibrahim, a native of Iraq. Elder George Keough, of the Arabic Union, is expected to join Brother Ibrahim soon in teaching, translation and other instructional work.

At Madison College there is a class of twenty in Japanese, with Dr. P.A.Webber in charge, and with Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Seino, well educated Japanese, as associates.

The students are responding most encouragingly to this definite challenge to a preparation for service, and it is anticipated that the leaven of interest in missions will spread from the schools to all our homes and churches.



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## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: ✓

A partial report from the Committee on Nominations was submitted and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That N.F.Brewer be invited to connect with the General Conference to serve as a Field Secretary of the General Conference.

2. For Vice-President of the General Conference for the Southern Asia Division, A.L.Ham.

3. For Associate Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, D.E.Rebok, to take effect at the close of the present school year.

4. For additional member of the Theological Seminary Board, W.P.Elliott.

5. That the following constitute the personnel of the North American Radio Commission: W.G.Turner, H.M.S.Richards, W.H.Williams, H.T.Elliott, R.A.Anderson, W.H.Branson, H.H.Votaw, C.B.Haynes, E.D.Dick, M.L.Rice, F.H.Robbins, N.C.Wilson, J.J.Nethery, M.V.Campbell, E.L.Neff, L.K.Dickson, J.K.Jones, J.W.Turner, W.P.Bradley, F.W.Detamore, W.B.Ochs, A.E.Lickey, J.L.Tucker, R.G.Strickland; and one local broadcaster from the Middle States to be chosen by the General Conference Committee.

## DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the Central Union and the Missouri Conference be requested to release E.A.Moon, to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as Manager.

2. That the Pacific Union be requested to release A.L. Baker to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as Editor.

3. That the College of Medical Evangelists and White Memorial Hospital be requested to release Dr. E.G.Hoxie to connect with the Porter and Boulder Sanitariums for pathology work.

4. That O.A.Hall, returned from China, be invited to connect with the Pacific Union for labor in the Northern California Conference.

5. That the Southern Publishing Association be requested to release Miss Ruth Williams to connect with the Michigan Conference for stenographic work.

6. That the Central Union and the Kansas Conference be requested to release D.L.Olsen to connect with the Southwestern Union for service in the Texas Conference.

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7. That the Pacific Union and the St. Helena Sanitarium be requested to release Harry Hoffman to connect with the Loma Linda Sanitarium as pharmacist.

8. That L.E.Hunter, returned from Southern Asia, be invited to connect with the Southern Union for labor in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

9. That the North Pacific Union and the Idaho Conference be requested to release Virgil Larson to connect with the Canadian Union for district work in the Maritime Conference.

10. That the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be requested to release Mrs. David Heslip to connect with the Canadian Union for service in the Ontario-Quebec Conference. ←

11. That the Pacific Union and the Glendale Sanitarium be requested to release Dr. R.F.Waddell to connect with the Central Union for service as Medical Director of the Boulder Sanitarium.

12. That the Pacific Union and the Glendale Sanitarium be requested to release Mrs. Ada May Bunch to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium as dietitian.

13. That the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference be requested to release Miss Theda Ebert to connect with the Northern Union for stenographic work in the North Dakota Conference office.

14. That the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference be requested to release S.A.Douglas to connect with the Southwestern Union for service in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference; and that the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference be requested to release J.G.Dasent to connect with the work in the Northern Union for service in the Minnesota Conference.

15. That the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference be requested to release C.B.Caldwell to connect with the Lake Union for service in the Indiana Conference; and that the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference be requested to release A.E.Mobley for service in the Minnesota Conference.

16. That the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference be requested to release L.W.Pettis to connect with the Southern Union for service in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference; and that the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference be requested to release T.S.Copeland to connect with the Central Union for service in the Nebraska Conference.

17. That the British Union Conference be requested to release A.J.Raitt, and that he be appointed for service in the Inter-American Division for school work in the Jamaica Conference

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18. That H.G.Rutherford, of the Arabic Union, be placed under appointment as superintendent of the Ethiopian Mission.

19. That Dr. R.G.Turner, of Vancouver, British Columbia, be placed under deferred appointment for medical work in the Ethiopian Mission, it being understood that he will go forward when transportation is available.

20. That Dr. T.R.Flaiz, of Wapato, Washington, be placed under deferred appointment for medical work in the Southern Asia Division, it being understood that he will go forward when transportation is available.

21. That W.E.Read be placed under appointment for service in the Inter-American Division as president of the Caribbean Union Conference.

22. That the Central Union and the Missouri Conference be requested to release L.H.Lindbeck, and that he be appointed to the South American Division as Division Radio Secretary.

23. That the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference be requested to release W.A.Priebe, and that he be appointed for service in the South American Division as a worker in the North Brazil Union Mission.

24. That the British Union Conference be authorized to act in behalf of the General Conference and place under appointment two missionary families and a nurse for service in Nigeria.

25. That the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference be requested to release Miller Brockett, and that he be placed under appointment for service in the Colombia-Venezuela Union of the Inter-American Division, as superintendent of the Atlantic Colombia Mission.

26. That the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference be requested to release W.E.Anderson and wife, and that they be appointed for service in the Inter-American Division as teachers in the Caribbean Union Training School.

#### RADIO:

W.H.Branson was asked to take the chair, and a report concerning our radio work was called for, the Voice of Prophecy group participating in the report. A number of selections by the King's Heralds Quartet were interspersed through the report.

W.G.Turner, the Chairman of the Radio Commission, spoke of the work which has been accomplished by the Commission since authorization was given by the Autumn Council a year ago to undertake a national chain broadcast of the third angel's message. He referred to the first budget that was set up, and to increases made from time to time in order to make possible additional station coverage, until by the first Sunday in October, 1942, in-

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stead of 67 stations as provided for originally, we were on 204 stations in the United States, and by transcription in English, on Panama, Newfoundland, Alaska, Hawaii, and Quito, Ecuador. Letters have reached the office in California from the forty-eight states, most of the Canadian Provinces, from Mexico, Alaska, Panama, Hawaii, and Bermuda. With Quito now on the air, we may expect to receive correspondence from South Africa, Asia, Australia and elsewhere, for these lands are all within the hearing of this powerful short wave station. The Bible Correspondence School of the Air, launched in February, has proved most successful. It is probably from the angle of enrollment, the largest correspondence school in the world. In March, the Book-of-the-Month Club was introduced, and by August more than 12,000 individuals had become sustaining members by subscribing \$1.00 per month or more. In January the staff in Glendale numbered approximately 15. At the end of September it had grown to 40, and further help is urgently needed. The offerings from radio listeners have exceeded all early expectations. The actual offerings from listeners have amounted to above an average of \$500 a day from the first day of the broadcast.

W.H. Williams presented the Operating Statement of the Voice of Prophecy, Inc., for the eight months ending August 31, 1942, which showed an expense of only \$12,462 in excess of the budget estimate, and it is expected that this will be more than made up by returns from the second appeal just recently sent to our own church membership.

W.P. Bradley, the Secretary of the Radio Commission, spoke of plans that are being worked out for broadcasts in the South American and Inter-American Divisions during 1943. He reported that it has been found possible to engage time on some of the powerful radio stations in Central and South America. These broadcasts will be by transcription. The records will be prepared in Glendale. H.G. Stoehr has been asked to serve as director of the Latin-American broadcasts. Two or three young ordained ministers from Brazil and Cuba who speak the Portuguese and Spanish will be associated with him, and these men, with real Portuguese and Spanish voices, will make the records. It is planned to be on the air the first Sunday in January. It is intended to launch the Bible Correspondence School in connection with these Latin-American broadcasts, for this seems to be the best follow-up plan in connection with radio evangelism. The General Conference has provided a budget for two radio secretaries, one for South America and one for Inter America, who will give their full time to this work.

F.W. Detamore, of the Voice of Prophecy group spoke enthusiastically of the work of the Bible Correspondence School. He related many, many experiences as reported in correspondence coming to the Voice of Prophecy office from interested listeners. These letters have brought great encouragement and joy to the broadcasters. He stated that plans are now being perfected for a Junior Bible Correspondence Course which will soon be offered for the children.

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At this point D.D.Rees of the Christian Record Benevolent Association asked to be recognized. He expressed gratitude for what the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts are doing for the sightless of our country. He stated that the Christian Record is ~~issuing~~ the Bible Correspondence lessons in the Braille for the blind. As a tangible expression of their appreciation he said the Association had written a check for five thousand dollars. This check was presented by S.J.Lashier, the Treasurer of the Association, and accepted with thanks by W.G.Turner on behalf of the Voice of Prophecy.

F.M.S.Richards stressed particularly the desirability of our workers in the conferences making personal contact with the interested listeners in their respective territories, and he solicited the cooperation of the radio secretaries in the union and local conferences.

The Lord says, "My word shall not return unto Me void." When that word goes out over the air by radio it has power to convert men and women, and it has power to bring men and women to a decision for this truth.

Adjournment was taken to Monday morning, October 26, and the meeting closed with prayer, by G.W.Wells.

J.L.McElhany,  
W.H.Branson, Chairmen.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1942, 9:45 A.M.

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D.E.Rebok in the devotional service Monday morning, October 26, called attention to the thinking in religious circles with reference to the relationship of the church to the future world order that so many are looking forward to. Many of the Christian leaders of the church are laying plans for the development of a great federation of churches, looking to new political social and economic devices to bring about a new and better world whereas what is needed on the part of the church is a return to the simple way of the Gospel, the preaching of the word of God as found in the Holy Scriptures. The office of the church is not to work for a new political, social and economic world; the supreme work of the church is to preach Christ and Him crucified, by which preaching men and women will be prepared to enter that better and heavenly kingdom which God is preparing for His people.

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Religion is a very practical thing, said Elder Rebok. It has to do with the mind and the heart. It is not a mere creed it is not a set of doctrines. Christianity is uniting with Christ in fellowship.

Ancient Israel depended upon the nation, upon the city of Jerusalem, the temple, the ark, the law on the tables of stone, whereas true religion is an affair of the heart and the mind. Jeremiah 17:10: "I Jehovah, search the mind; I try the heart." By practical religion in the affairs of every day life we give evidence of a living, vital connection with God.

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"I would be Like Jesus" was sung to open the seventh business session of the Council, and after the reading of a Scripture by Elder McElhany, prayer was offered by N.C. Wilson.

Immediately after the opening, the Council recessed, and constituency meetings were called for the purpose of receiving reports from the Nominating Committee.

#### OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE AND RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, a joint Board of Trustees for the Oakwood Junior College and the Riverside Sanitarium was elected as follows:

J.K. Jones, W.G. Turner, Dr. H.M. Walton, W.H. Williams, H.A. Morrison, C.O. Franz, C.V. Anderson, H.J. Capman, K.A. Wright, M.L. Rice, J.J. Nethery, F.H. Robbins, J.W. Turner, G.E. Peters, H.D. Singleton, Anna Knight, J.L. Moran, Carl Dent, M.D., L.E. Ford, T.H. Coopwood, J.H. Wagner, T.M. Rowe, A.E. Webb, H.W. Kibble.

#### CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, the following persons were elected a Board of Trustees for the Christian Record Benevolent Association: N.C. Wilson, D.D. Rees, S.J. Lashier, W.G. Turner, W.E. Nelson, H.T. Elliott, F.W. Schaeffer, M.V. Campbell, M.L. Rice, J.J. Nethery, J.W. Turner.

#### INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, the following trustees of the International Insurance Company of Maryland, whose terms expire in 1942, were reelected: J.L. McElhany, E.D. Dick, W.E. Nelson, H.T. Elliott; and W.B. Mohr who had placed his resignation before the Board, because of a change in his work, was asked to continue to serve as a member of the Board until the expiration of his term in 1943.

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## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

A meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists was called by Frederick Griggs, the Chairman, and a report from the Committee on Constitution was adopted, amending the By-Laws to provide for a greatly enlarged constituency in the United States and Canada, and adding to the membership of the Board of Trustees.

The legal meetings were each adjourned sine die as they completed their business, and the Council resumed.

## DEBT REDUCTION:

W.E. Nelson, the Treasurer, asked for reports from the union conference presidents on the progress being made in the matter of debt reduction. He remarked that this is a good time, when money is plentiful, to set our financial house in order. The reports from the union presidents were most encouraging, and indicated that the matter of debt reduction is not just a theory, but that earnest effort is being made to reach the goal of complete freedom from debt.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION: ✓

Certain amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Religious Liberty Association were proposed and by vote adopted. **The Constitution and By-Laws as amended, reads as follows:**

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Name

1. The name of this Association shall be Religious Liberty Association.

Principles

2. The principles of this Association are set forth in the following declaration:

a. We believe in God, in the Bible as the Word of God, and in the separation of church and state as taught by Jesus Christ.

b. We believe that the ten commandments are the law of God, and that they comprehend man's whole duty to God and man.

c. We believe that the religion of Jesus Christ is founded in the law of love of God, and needs no human power to support or enforce it. Love can not be forced.

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d. We believe in civil government as divinely ordained to protect men in the enjoyment of their natural rights and to rule in civil things, and that in this realm it is entitled to the respectful obedience of all.

e. We believe it is the right, and should be the privilege of every individual to worship or not to worship, according to the dictates of his own conscience, provided that in the exercise of this right he respects the equal rights of others.

f. We believe that all religious legislation tends to unite church and state, is subversive of human rights, persecuting in character, and opposed to the best interests of both church and state.

g. We believe that it is not within the province of civil government to legislate on religious questions.

h. We believe it to be our duty to use every lawful and honorable means to prevent religious legislation, and oppose all movements tending to unite church and state, that all may enjoy the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty..

i. We believe in the inalienable and constitutional right of free speech, free press, peaceable assembly and petition.

### Objects

3. a. The object of this Association shall be to secure and maintain the complete separation of church and state, to protect all men in the exercise of freedom of worship, to preserve the constitutional right of free speech, of free press, the right of petition, and of peaceable assembly, to discourage both the teaching of religion in the public schools and the appropriation of public funds for sectarian purposes, and thus to preserve these inalienable rights to all men.

b. This Association shall have the right to receive gifts, bequests and legacies; to hold title to the same and have the power to convey, it being understood that all gifts, bequests and legacies shall be used and expended by this Association solely for the advancement of its objects.

### Members

4. a. The regular members of this Association shall consist of those who are members in good and regular standing in



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a Seventh-day Adventist church. Only regular members shall have voting privileges in this Association.

b. An Associate member shall be any person not included in the previous section who desires to assist in carrying out the objects of this Association, and who believes in and subscribes to articles d - 1, of the principles, and who pays an annual associate membership fee of one dollar.

#### Sessions

5. a. This Association shall hold its regular sessions at the time of the sessions of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to elect officers and transact any other business that may properly come before this Association.

b. Special sessions, for the transaction of current business and to meet emergencies which may arise, may be held at such time and place as designated by its executive committee.

#### Officers

6. a. Only regular members of this Association shall be eligible as officers and members of its executive committee. The officers of this Association shall be nominated and elected by the delegates in attendance at the regular session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

b. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and one or more Associate Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Associate Treasurer.

#### Executive Committee

7. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the members of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference and four other members to be elected at the time and place that the officers are elected.

#### Vacancies

8. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in its membership.

#### Duties of Officers

9. a. The duties of officers shall be such as usually pertain to such officers, and such other duties as the Executive Committee may prescribe.

b. The Executive Committee may appoint such representatives, agents, employees and assistants as it may deem best for the work of this Association. The persons so appointed may be removed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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Branches

10. The Association shall have branches in each union and local conference of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and such branches as can be organized in other divisions of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Funds

11. This Association, being educational, charitable and philanthropic in character, it is expressly declared that no funds shall ever be used for personal profit or gain, but all funds received shall be used in carrying out the principles and objects for which this Association is formed.

BY-LAWS

1. The Religious Liberty Association shall be empowered to amend its By-Laws at any of its regular and duly called sessions, or jointly by the General Conference Committee and its Executive Committee.

2. Liberty, A Magazine of Religious Freedom, published at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., shall be the official organ for the Association to set forth its principles and work.

3. The Association, with the approval of the General Conference Committee, shall issue such other literature from time to time as is needed to meet emergencies and to carry forward its educational work.

Quorum

4. A quorum shall consist of five members of the Executive Committee, one being a general officers, who shall preside.

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Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, with the closing prayer  
by T.C.Bunch.

J.L.McElhany,  
J.F.Wright, Chairmen.

E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1942, 9:45 A.M.

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The subject of the devotional study Tuesday morning, October 27, by L.H. Christian, was the tragic decline and downfall of Protestant civilization, and he called attention to the attitude of the churches towards the making of the peace following the war, and the future world order. One church council after another has declared that this is a religious war, and that the only durable peace must rest on a religious foundation.

Thinking men and women everywhere are turning to the church with reference to the matter of peace. They know that in Europe as well as in other parts of the world only one thing has held. Cities, boundaries, rulers, governments, trade, and many other things have broken. The church alone has held strong. We witness that fact in Norway, Holland, Poland, and in fact in every country, including Germany. This leads men everywhere to stress the importance of religion as a basis for a lasting, durable peace, and churches are uniting with the idea of endeavoring to bring about such a peace.

I believe in church unity, said Elder Christian. The saddest spectacle in modern Christianity has been the strife between conflicting church groups. But the only church unity worth while is a spiritual unity based on the teaching of the Bible. Mere church affiliation or the mere federation of large ecclesiastical groups is not the unity for which the Saviour prayed, and the unity that will bring relief. These large religious combinations have always been enemies of freedom. They have themselves been as intolerant as any political tyrannies of history. The best contribution that the churches today can make is not a confederacy of church powers. We can make the most helpful contribution by teaching the great Bible truths which will unite the hearts of men in love. Only by love can hatred be overcome. The present world situation which has brought Christian civilization to the present great crisis, is convincing evidence that things earthly have failed, and that the kingdom of God, not in a political church federation, but in the hearts of men, and the return of Jesus Christ, are close at hand.

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Following the devotional service, "Redeemed, how I love to Proclaim It," was sung before proceeding with the business of the eighth session of the Council.

## RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE: ✓

A resolution of Gratitude to God, coming from the Plans Committee, was adopted by a standing vote, as follows:

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WHEREAS, The blessing of God has been seen in abundant measure in His work in all parts of the world, notwithstanding the disruption and devastation caused by global war; and,

WHEREAS, Amidst the whirlwind of destruction which has swept so large a part of the earth's surface, God has graciously preserved the lives of His people and thrown the mantle of His protecting care around those compelled to evacuate from their fields of labor, and guided them in safety across the mighty and perilous deep; and,

WHEREAS, Even in lands where confusion and perplexity have been so manifest, God has caused the wrath of man to praise Him and has led His work forward in triumph, accompanied by wonderful demonstrations of divine providence and a large harvest of souls in many lands; and,

WHEREAS, In these days of crisis amidst the most appalling suffering and want in many parts of the world, God has richly blessed His people, with the result that in so many countries is seen a remarkable increase in tithes and offerings, thus making possible a further expansion of His work at home and in distant lands; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the mercy and goodness of God and record our deepened devotion to the Lord and to His cause, unitedly yielding ourselves in new and unreserved surrender to Him for the finishing of the great task committed to us of carrying the three-fold message to the ends of the earth in this generation.

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While the delegates remained standing, the Chairman called on C.E.Weaks to offer prayer.

EVANGELISM: ✓

A Call to Evangelism, from the General Conference Officers, was presented and adopted as follows:

Since renewed emphasis was given to the launching of a larger evangelism at the time of the Omaha Autumn Council in 1930, we have witnessed a marked advance annually in soul winning throughout the world. Conferences and mission fields everywhere have put forth most earnest efforts to spread the message, and these efforts have through the years brought an excellent fruitage. Also, the call for lay evangelism has met with a whole-hearted response, many of our able lay brethren having conducted well-organized efforts from year to year, which efforts have been signally blessed of God in souls won to Christ. Indeed, all of these efforts have materially increased our membership, our tithes and our offerings. For this cheering advance and for the unreserved cooperation given by our conference leaders, our ministry, and our lay preachers, we feel to express our profound gratitude.

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The End is Near

We do, however, believe with all our hearts that we have now come into the perils of the very last days. These times of unwonted fearfulness constitute a complete fulfillment of many prophetic utterances of the ancient prophets concerning the times of the end. It is therefore evident to us that the coming of our Lord the second time in power and glory is just at hand.

No Time to Lose

Fifty-two years ago, during a period of comparative peace, the Lord's messenger bore to the church the solemn warning:

"The tempest is coming, and we must get ready for its fury, by having repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near; probation is closing."--Mrs. E.G. White, in Signs of the Times, April 21, 1890.

Again in 1902, the message was repeated:

"The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another--fire and flood and earthquakes, with war and bloodshed. Something great and decisive will soon of necessity take place." -- "Life Sketches," p. 413 (Nov. 12, 1902).

Then two years later in 1904 the following earnest appeal came to the church:

"Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations--trouble that will not cease until Jesus comes. As never before, we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His throne in the heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. God has not forsaken His people, and our strength lies in not forsaking Him. The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfillment."--Mrs. E.G. White, in Review and Herald, Nov. 24, 1904.

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Today we see these fearful predictions fulfilling before our eyes and we are made to realize, as never before, that truly "the end is near, probation is closing," and that "we have no time to lose."

### God's Work to Close in Power

It is at this time of awful world crisis that God has promised to perform His greatest work in the world. This work will be performed through His commandment-keeping church and under the power of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God's final message and thousands are to be converted in a day.

"By thousands of voices all over the earth the warning will be given." -- "Great Controversy," p. 612

"The third angel of Revelation 14 is represented as flying swiftly through the midst of heaven crying, 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Here is shown the nature of the work of the people of God. They have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the last message. There are no more to follow; no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation."-- "Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp.206,207.

### A Call to Evangelism

The Lord has revealed to His people repeatedly that the most effective method of giving the bread of life to the famishing, dying world is that of public and personal evangelism. It is through the foolishness of preaching that it has pleased God to save men. As to how such a program should be carried out, the messenger of the Lord has given the following instruction:

"The large halls in our cities should be secured, that the third angel's message may be proclaimed by human lips. Thousands will appreciate the message. . . .They know not what the faith of Seventh-day Adventists is. . . .Why is there not something being done in a larger measure than has been done? . . . The plea is, 'There will be a saving of money and labor.' Let the saving be done in other lines. But when souls are to be labored for, and the truth is to come before those who know it not, let us not talk of limiting on this line. A world is to be warned."--Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 7, p. 63.

Therefore, in view of the solemn conviction that we have now reached the closing hours of probation and that what we do to save men must be undertaken at once, we would earnestly renew the call to our conference and mission organizations the world over immediately to lay definite and well-devised plans for the greatest soul-winning effort ever undertaken by the church of God since the fall of man, by--

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1. Organizing their entire ministerial forces for public evangelistic work in halls, tents, tabernacles, and churches and other meeting places.
2. Encouraging full cooperation on the part of our churches with the evangelists in their public efforts and in the national and local evangelistic radio programs.
3. Organizing their entire membership for personal evangelistic work in their respective neighborhoods.
4. Putting forth a special effort to reach the rich and cultured classes as well as the poor and unlearned.
5. Enlarging the program for the development of lay preachers at home and abroad.
6. Conferences ever keeping in mind and recognizing the clear, solemn instruction which the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy have given concerning the use of the tithe, one of its primary purposes being that of making possible strong evangelism at all times; and in arranging the annual budgets, each field at home and abroad making ample provision for the carrying forward of this larger evangelism.
7. Wherever possible, young ministers and young Bible workers during their early experiences being associated with efforts held by experienced evangelists for further training and development.

#### An Appeal to Field Leaders and All Ministers

In order to give impetus to this plan for a great soul-winning effort in 1943, and in order to provide a fresh evangelistic experience for our conference and mission leadership, we earnestly call upon our leaders in General, Union and Local Conference and Mission Field organizations throughout the world personally to lead out in public evangelistic efforts early in 1943 and to lay definite plans for all ordained and licensed ministers likewise to engage in such efforts throughout the year.

#### A Call to Prayer

We appeal to all our people throughout the world to join in continual intercessory prayer that the signal blessing of God may rest upon our renewed efforts to finish our task of world evangelization and that the latter rain, without measure, may fall upon us as we seek quickly to gather the whitened harvest for the heavenly garner.

Let us work while it is called today for the night cometh when no man can work.

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

RADIO CORRESPONDENCE BIBLE COURSE EVANGELISM: ✓

WHEREAS, The radio Bible correspondence course method of evangelism offers widespread opportunities for winning souls to God's message; and,

WHEREAS, There is need of a wider and more careful use of this method;

Resolved, That such courses be launched and conducted in harmony with the following plans:

1. That radio Bible correspondence course work among non-Adventists be not regarded as a substitute for public evangelism or personal effort, but rather as an additional means of reaching scattered interests and of making more effective the follow-up of radio contacts.
2. That before any radio correspondence course plan is launched with the public by any worker or church, authorization be secured from the respective local conference and union committees; and that where such schools have already been launched, local and union committees make a survey of the situation and bring all such activities into conformity with the provisions of this policy.
3. That in order to safeguard radio Bible correspondence schools, and to insure continuity of operation, local and union conference committees give study to the plan of conducting the work of the school as a unified enterprise from the local conference office.
4. That all radio Bible correspondence lessons intended for use in radio work, and all certificates to be given to those who complete courses be approved by the North American Radio Commission before publication.

PERMANENT NAME FOR BIBLE WORKER CREDENTIALS: ✓

WHEREAS, The 1941 Autumn Council authorized separate credentials for Bible workers, to supersede the former plan of including them with other groups receiving the general missionary license, but with issuance of such credentials contingent upon the selection of a new name for those heretofore known as "Bible Workers"; and,

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Association was authorized to take a representative poll of the groups most vitally concerned in the name to be chosen--evangelists, pastors, Bible workers, conference presidents, and institutional Bible teachers; and,



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In response to the request of the Bible worker group, and in view of the various factors involved, and the results of the poll recently taken;

We recommend, 1. That the name Bible Instructor be placed on the new credential card for those heretofore called "Bible Workers"; and,

2. That our conferences and institutions be invited to employ this name for this group, especially when such workers are laboring for those not of our faith.

#### LAY EVANGELISM IN FOREIGN SPEAKING CHURCHES: ✓

WHEREAS, In harmony with our plan "to enlist the services of many of our laymen" and "that we undertake to train every church to carry on active soul-winning work in its community by distribution of literature, by conducting cottage meetings and Bible readings; and that wherever there are persons having proper talent, they be encouraged to undertake small public efforts for those not of our faith"; and,

WHEREAS, There are many of our lay members in the foreign language churches in America that could do this work if properly trained; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That home missionary institutes be conducted in these churches, to train the members in this soul-winning work.

2. That a strong lay evangelistic work also be organized, utilizing literature bands, Bible training classes, lay preacher work, projector film work, and other lines of progressive missionary endeavor.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE WORK: ✓

WHEREAS, There are unlimited opportunities for carrying the message to the unwarned millions of foreign speaking peoples in the North American Division through our literature;

We recommend, 1. That diligent efforts be put forth by our foreign language workers and churches to enlarge their soul-winning activities among the people of these nationalities by a greatly increased circulation of our literature.

2. That we secure the cooperation of our English churches in giving study to the foreign speaking mission fields in their neighborhoods and of laying definite plans for a systematic distribution of literature among these peoples.

3. That greater efforts be put forth by the foreign language workers, in cooperation with the conference field missionary secretaries, to find suitable talent in the churches, to engage in full or part time colporteur work with our books and magazines in these respective languages.

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## LAY PREACHING:

WHEREAS, God has signally blessed the efforts of our faithful lay preachers, and hundreds of souls have embraced the message as a result of their work; and,

WHEREAS, There are in our churches many more men of consecration who are capable of presenting the message publicly if they are given encouragement and training,

Resolved, 1. That we set as our goal for 1943 in North America one thousand active lay preachers.

2. That our conference and mission field committees give study to the holding of lay preacher institutes during the year 1943, and that our foreign language members be urged to participate in these institutes.

3. That district superintendents and pastors, in counsel with church boards, be encouraged to select men in their churches who give promise of becoming lay preachers, and help them to gain higher efficiency in this work:

a. By arranging for practical training to be given in the church or district in the form of classwork with actual demonstrations, or by the holding of seminars.

b. By encouraging these men to enroll, singly or in groups, for the Home Study Course in Lay Preaching.

c. By helping them to find suitable openings for the holding of lay preacher efforts.

d. By sending the names of all prospective lay preachers to the conference president and home missionary secretary, so that these leaders may be in a position to render all possible assistance to the district superintendent in fostering this work.

4. That each division committee give earnest study to the question of setting goals in their lay preacher evangelistic work for 1943.

## SOUL-WINNING SABBATH: ✓

We recommend, That Sabbath, January 2, 1943, be appointed as Soul-Winning Enlistment Day.

JOINT COUNCIL OF UNION AND LOCAL CONFERENCE ✓  
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES:

WHEREAS, It has been more than five years since the union and local conference Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the North American Division have had opportunity

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to meet together in council, and during this period there have been many changes in the personnel of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments throughout this division; and,

WHEREAS, Present world conditions have multiplied the problems of workers for youth, thus making it necessary that they have opportunity for counsel together;

We recommend, That a joint council of union and local conference Missionary Volunteer and Educational secretaries and superintendent be authorized to be held early in 1943, and that the date and place of the meeting be arranged in counsel with the General Conference Committee.

#### YOUTH SUPPORT OF BROADCASTING EFFORTS: ✓

WHEREAS, "Workers for Christ are needed everywhere. There should be one hundred earnest, faithful laborers in home and foreign mission fields where now there is one . . . The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth"; (Fundamentals of Christian Education, p.488 ); and,

WHEREAS, In many communities people are becoming interested in present truth through listening to the Voice of Prophecy;

We recommend, 1. That the executive committee of the Missionary Volunteer Society in every area where the Voice of Prophecy is heard, undertake through its band organizations to distribute literature and to call the attention of the people in its neighborhood to the Voice of Prophecy broadcast.

2. That the Missionary Volunteer Society service bands seek out and encourage these interested ones to become members of the Bible Correspondence Course and follow up their interest with Bible readings and gospel meetings.

3. That under the direction of the society superintendent the members of Junior Missionary Volunteer Societies seek especially to obtain enrollments for the Junior Bible Correspondence Course.

4. That similar arrangements be made to follow up the work of local broadcasting efforts.

#### ORGANIZING AND TRAINING THE YOUTH FOR SERVICE: ✓

WHEREAS, Profound and rapid changes are taking place among the nations, opening new and vast fields for mission endeavor abroad and at home; and,

WHEREAS, A strong army of devoted, trained young people must be prepared to enter these fields of service; and,

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WHEREAS, The messenger of the Lord, in calling upon the youth of the church to organize themselves for service has clearly set forth three distinct lines of endeavor, namely,

1. To help and win unconverted youth belonging to the families of the church, and in a very special way to give leadership, inspiration, and help to juniors.

2. To help the church by attending its services; the prayer meeting, the quarterly meeting, the Sabbath school, the Young People's Society, and by being faithful in the payment of tithes and offerings, thus by their influence and loving service encouraging and strengthening others in the church.

3. To work for those who are not of our faith, by leading them into a knowledge of present truth and winning them to Christ; and,

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has given us the following definite instruction regarding the training which ought to be given to young people in every church:

"When the youth give their hearts to God, our responsibility for them does not cease. They must be interested in the Lord's work, and led to see that He expects them to do something to advance His cause. It is not enough to show how much needs to be done, and to urge the youth to act a part. They must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ. Teach them to try in a quiet, unpretending way to help their young companions. Let different branches of missionary effort be systematically laid out, in which they may take part, and let them be given instruction and help. Thus they will learn to work for God." ( "Gospel Workers," p. 210); therefore,

We recommend, 1. That in harmony with this instruction, young people in our churches be organized into study groups to be "trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ."

2. That the following procedure for carrying out this plan be suggested:

a. That the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, in counsel with the district leader, select a church, and in cooperation with the district leader, the local church board, and the local Missionary Volunteer Society executive committee, lay plans for the organization in that church of a study group.

b. That the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary conduct a series of revival meetings of from seven to ten days for the youth of that church, to inspire and prepare their hearts for the soul-winning service to which they are called.

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c. That he, in counsel with the district leader, local church board, and society executive committee, choose an instructor to teach and to lead the young people of the church in their study of the true objectives of the Young People's Society, Bible doctrines and the art of giving Bible studies.

d. That the "youth who really love Jesus" be enlisted in one of the following service bands: Christian Help, Literature and Correspondence, Prayer and Personal Workers', Gospel Meeting, Temperance and Sunshine or Singing Bands.

e. That concurrently with their study, the members be encouraged to engage in actual soul-winning endeavor, thus strengthening their abilities and striving to reach the objectives of the bands of which they are members.

f. That frequent opportunity in the society meeting be given to young people to tell what they have tried to do for the Saviour. If the society "meeting were made an occasion for bringing in such reports, it would not be dull, tedious, and uninteresting. It would be full of interest, and there would be no lack of attendance." ("Gospel Workers," p. 211.)

g. That as these study groups pursue their work they be encouraged and fostered by the district leader and the elder of the church.

3. That the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference enlarge this type of work in his field by organizing where practicable study groups in every church.

THE HOME STUDY INSTITUTE: ✓

WHEREAS, The officers of our churches, Sabbath schools, and Missionary Volunteer Societies are carrying important responsibilities in the denomination; and,

WHEREAS, The large number of them have not received the systematic and thorough training needed for their work as under-shepherds, and it is not possible to give them such training in week-end institutes; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge all such officers, young and old, to avail themselves of the Home Study courses in Spiritual Leadership and Pastoral Training, prepared by a group of experienced teachers and field men at the request of leading pastors, and used with marked success in many of our churches; and

WHEREAS, There are in our churches thousands of lay members possessed of natural teaching ability, who by undergoing proper training at the hands of skilled educators might become able to render valuable help to our ministers in carrying on a series of public meetings; and,

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WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that this training can be given through the Home Study Institute; therefore,

Resolved, That we request pastors and conference workers in general to interest themselves in men and women who show natural talent, and encourage them to place themselves under the guidance and training of the Home Study Institute.

WHEREAS, Our ministerial interns will do better work in the ministry if they are careful to preserve the study habit by devoting at least half an hour daily to advanced work in their own particular field;

Resolved, That we encourage them to enroll with the Home Study Institute for upper division courses in such subjects as Hebrew, New Testament Greek, Pauline Epistles, and Pastoral Problems. And,

WHEREAS, The plan for advanced study will be beneficial to our young men in the army and also to other groups such as those engaged in our business offices,

Resolved, 1. That we invite camp pastors and other workers who meet our boys in training, individually and in groups, to encourage them to carry some line of advanced study through the Institute, and thus be prepared to fill some position of trust.

2. That we invite the managers of our institutions the union auditors, and other men carrying business responsibilities to encourage the young men who assist them, to give their leisure time to the mastery of the courses in Bookkeeping and Higher Accountancy offered by the Home Study Institute.

NAME OF NEGRO DEPARTMENT: ✓

WHEREAS, The Negro Department Advisory Council assembled in session October 19 decided that the present term "Negro Department" is inappropriate to represent the group thus named; therefore

Resolved, That the name "Colored" be substituted for the term "Negro" and that the department be known henceforth as the North American Colored Department of Seventh-day Adventists.

CAMPS FOR COLORED YOUTH: ✓

WHEREAS, Much good has come to thousands of our junior and senior youth throughout North America as the result of the annual camps; and,

WHEREAS, There are excellent prospects for winning and holding our Colored youth to the cause through such camps,

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We recommend, That in all our conferences plans be laid so that our colored youth may have the inspiration and blessing of these young people's camps, and that every effort be put forth to train workers to carry on this feature of our work for the colored youth of the cause.

Adjourned at noon, with prayer by T.J. Michael.

J.L. McElhany,  
W.G. Turner, Chairmen.

T.J. Michael,  
H.T. Elliott, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1942, 2:30 P.M.

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The ninth session of the Council convened at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 27. After the opening song, prayer was offered by J.B. Ochs.

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

YOUNG MEN CALLED TO ARMY SERVICE: ✓

In order that our young men who will soon be called in- to military service in the United States may better be fitted to meet the responsibilities and problems of army life;

We recommend, 1. That a special effort be made in all our churches, schools, and other institutions to lead these young men to a full surrender of their lives to God.

2. That our union and local conferences immediately arrange for Medical Cadet Corps training in our colleges and academies, making this training available to all young men of sixteen years of age and over who have not had it.

3. That arrangements be made for giving intensive courses in Medical Cadet Corps training at suitable times and places for the young men of the denomination who are not in our schools.

4. That persistent effort be made to distribute the printed materials prepared by the War Service Commission for our men affected by the draft.

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WHEREAS, The call of young men who are 18 and 19 years of age to army service may prevent the majority of them from entering our colleges, thus placing on our academies the heavy responsibility of giving these young men the intellectual and spiritual training they might be able to obtain before being called upon to meet the responsibilities and problems of army life,

We recommend, 1. That the Theological Seminary in the summer of 1943 offer special courses of instruction in Medical Cadet Corps leadership and in the relationship of Christians to civil government and war.

2. That arrangements be made for the academy Bible teachers in the North American Division and as many of the principals as possible, to enroll in these courses, in order that they may be better prepared to give necessary guidance and instruction to these young men.

WHEREAS, There are many of our young men not in any of our schools,

We recommend, That an extraordinary effort be put forth to enroll all our young people in our own denominational schools.

WHEREAS, The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 makes provision by law for the noncombatant status of all I-A-O registrants and this status is jeopardized by those who voluntarily enlist;

We recommend, That our young men be advised to await their call and induction through the processes of the Selective Service System.

TIME OF NEXT AUTUMN COUNCIL: ✓

We recommend, That the Autumn Council for 1943 be held from October 19 to 27.

SELECTION OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS: ✓

We recommend, That in order to safeguard the future interests of the sacred work of the gospel ministry, the faculties of our recognized Theological Schools make careful investigation of the character and scholarship record of each matriculant, giving attention to outward evidences of fitness, aptitude, inclination toward, and interest in the things that pertain to the work of God.

SERVICE MEN'S LIBRARIES: ✓

We recommend, 1. That financial provision be made for the contribution to service men's libraries in induction stations, reception centers, replacement centers, base hospitals, army camps, recreational and USO centers, naval bases, ships' libraries, and naval hospitals, of denominational periodicals and a set of ten of our books consisting of the following titles:



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| 1.  | "The Desire of Ages"            | E.G.White             |
| 2.  | "In the Beginning--God"         | M.L.Andreassen        |
| 3.  | "David Dare"                    | E.A.Rowell            |
| 4.  | "How Men are Saved"             | W.H.Branson           |
| 5.  | "Steps to Christ"               | E.G.White             |
| 6.  | "Dragon Tales"                  | Celia Richmond Brines |
| 7.  | "Life Begins with God"          | M.L.Neff              |
| 8.  | "Mount of Blessing"             | E.G.White             |
| 9.  | "Fighting Africa's Black Magic" | Madge Haines Morrill  |
| 10. | To be decided later.            |                       |

2. That in connection with this plan we request our churches and people throughout the North American Division to join with us in donating copies of our books from their church and home libraries.

3. That we ask our Missionary Volunteer Societies to promote this book collection program, assembling the contributed volumes in each local church and sending them to union conference headquarters in care of the Regional Secretary of the War Service Commission.

4. That the Regional Secretary of the War Service Commission, together with the camp pastors in each union conference, be charged with the responsibility of placing the contributed books in the service men's libraries in each respective territory.

5. That the General Conference contribution to this plan be limited within the budgetary provision which can be made available up to 2000 sets of ten books each, or a total of 20,000 volumes; also up to 2000 subscriptions to each of the following periodicals:

- "Liberty"
- "The Signs of the Times"
- "Watchman" or Canadian "Signs of the Times"
- "Youth's Instructor"
- "The Message Magazine" for colored troops

6. That a definite allotment of sets of books be made to each union conference area, based upon reports from the Regional Secretary of the War Service Commission, as to how many sets can actually be placed in service men's libraries in that territory and the proportional number of sets that can be made available for each territory out of the full number of 2000 sets.

"REVIEW AND HERALD" CAMPAIGN: ✓

WHEREAS, Our church paper, The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, is more urgently needed now than ever before as a unifying agency, and for the instruction of believers, warning them against deceptions and exhorting them to more godly living, more active missionary zeal, and more sacrificial liberality; and,

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WHEREAS, The Review and Herald in every family of believers is a reasonable goal, nearly attained in 1942 with the largest subscription list in the history of our church paper,

We recommend, That conference administrators plan definitely for the efforts needed during the month of December to build the Review circulation up to the every-family goal, giving special attention to the needs of new believers, and using, as far as is practicable, the easy payment plan that has proved so successful in recent years.

PARENT AND HOME EDUCATION WORK ✓

WHEREAS, The family is the greatest of all educational agencies and the home is where the education of the child begins; and,

WHEREAS, The Christian home is the foundation of the church and determines to a large degree the character and strength of the church;

Resolved, 1. That as delegates assembled in Autumn Council, we pledge ourselves to recognize the place which the Christian-home should occupy in our work, and to that end we unite more fully in seeking to aid parents in the solution of their problems and in the discharge of their heaven-appointed responsibilities.

We recommend, 2. That our ministers and other workers qualify themselves by earnest study to set forth more clearly and effectively the instruction which has been given us in the Spirit of prophecy regarding the home.

3. That the present organizations in our churches such as the Home and School Associations and the Christian Home Councils be strengthened and utilized toward the up-building of our Christian homes.

4. That all our parents, and other members of our churches as far as possible, be urged to avail themselves of the special lessons that have been prepared by the Department of Education and are available through the Home Study Institute.

5. That we encourage the local conferences in planning for their annual camp meeting program to make parents' meetings a definite part of that important gathering.

6. That the educational superintendent of the local conference be encouraged to conduct institutes in different parts of the conference in the interest of parent and home education work.

COLORED ASSISTANT FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARIES: ✓

WHEREAS, Experience is proving that the colporteur work is strengthened by the employment of colored assistant field

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missionary secretaries in territory where the colored population is adequate to warrant this program; therefore,

We recommend, That conference leadership and the Publishing Department cooperate in the selection and training of suitable colored workers for fields where the colored population and conditions indicate the need for colored leaders in our colporteur work in local conferences.

#### EVANGELISTIC COUNCILS: ✓

We recognize the value to our workers of periodic evangelistic councils wherein they may be instructed in better methods in soul winning; be edified by spiritual instruction and find helpful inspiration in the company of their fellow laborers. Eight years have passed since such councils were conducted for the evangelists in the North American Division. Never has a more opportune time for stronger and more fruitful soul-winning effort faced our evangelists and ministers than the present hour.

To many of our workers in this field of service and to a number of our leaders in North America it had appeared desirable that a series of regional councils be conducted at the close of 1942 and the opening weeks of 1943. Plans have been laid, leaders selected and centers chosen for such meetings. However, war emergency conditions of late have developed to such a degree as to make large gatherings and extensive travel by road and rail difficult, and hotel accommodations both expensive and hard to obtain, and therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the three North American regional evangelistic councils called for by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at a meeting held in June be indefinitely postponed.

2. That where union conference leaders may find the way clear to conduct a union meeting for their evangelists in a center entailing less travel and calling for less hotel accommodation, every effort be made to hold such a meeting as early as possible, and that the General Conference be invited to provide workers from their staff to lead in such councils.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: ✓

WHEREAS, We are facing many dangerous attempts to violate the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty and to bring a new order to the relationships of church and State and

WHEREAS, There is being taught entirely at variance with the ideals held by the founders of the American republic, a political philosophy with respect to religion and politics such as:

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- a. The opening and continuing of diplomatic relations between the government of the United States and the Vatican.
- b. The attempts to compel all citizens to observe Sunday under the threat of punishment by certain provisions of the penal codes.
- c. The efforts to teach religion in the public schools in many parts of the country.
- d. The use of public tax funds to support private and parochial schools.
- e. The enactment of statutes to prevent the circulation of religious literature and the requirement of excessive municipal taxes as a pre-requisite for the sale of literature.

Since all of these are in direct violation of the spirit and intent of the Constitution of the United States,

Resolved, That the members of the Religious Liberty Association of America protest against these encroachments upon our fundamental liberties and ideals as set forth in the Bill of Rights. To make the program of protest effective,

We recommend, 1. That each union conference appoint a religious liberty secretary.

2. That goals for subscription to the Liberty magazine for each conference equal the church membership of the conference.

3. That definite provision be made to teach the fundamental principles of religious liberty in all our colleges and academies.

4. That our evangelists be urged to include in their series of subjects, the presentation of the subject of Religious Liberty.

YOUTH AND TEMPERANCE: ✓

WHEREAS, There is a concerted effort on the part of the liquor interests through the medium of advertising by press and radio to cultivate the drinking habit among the youth both in and out of military service; and

WHEREAS, The rising tide of sentiment against such methods at this time, presents to our young people an unprecedented opportunity to enter into a great educational campaign to expose the evil effects of drinking intoxicants and the insidious machinations of the liquor traffic; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That temperance mass meetings be held throughout the country for our youth, and that they be encouraged to invite their fellow-youth to these meetings.

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2. That appropriate temperance programs be continued in the local Missionary Volunteer societies.

3. That wherever possible local Missionary Volunteer groups be encouraged to give temperance programs in schools, clubs, societies and other churches.

4. That an intensive temperance literature campaign be conducted by our youth.

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 TEMPERANCE MAGAZINE: ✓

Following the adoption of the recommendations under the head of "Youth and Temperance," a recommendation was introduced from the floor, and by vote adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a great demand on the part of our people for a temperance magazine, and feeling the need of such an organ to educate the young people not only of the Seventh-day Adventist church, but of all denominations;

We recommend, That a representative committee be appointed to give careful consideration to the publication of a temperance magazine in the very near future, and that this committee be asked to present a definite plan for the launching of this magazine to the 1943 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

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 Continuing consideration of the report from the Plans Committee, the following recommendations were adopted:

TE. PERANCE SOCIETIES: ✓

WHEREAS, The present deplorable situation regarding the use of intoxicants in our country demands that we enlist all of our people in a great battle against the liquor traffic; and,

WHEREAS, In the past temperance societies within our churches have functioned effectively,

We recommend, 1. That temperance societies be organized in every church with the necessary complement of officers.

2. That secretaries best fitted for this work be appointed in all conferences where no assignment has as yet been made.

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## AMENDMENTS TO PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT POLICIES: ✓

We recommend, The following amendments to Publishing Department Policies:

Section 77

That Section 77 of Publishing Department Policies be amended to read as follows:

That in all cases of a shipment of goods whether domestic or foreign, or whether freight is prepaid or not, the house making the shipment be responsible for its safe delivery; providing only that in time of war, war risk insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, excess freight by the shipper, and other extraordinary expenses shall be subject to negotiation between the publishing house and the purchaser.

Section 143. I

That Section 143. I. read as follows:

The weekly and monthly colporteur summaries shall contain only such sales as are made by colporteurs who make regular reports to the Field Missionary Secretary. Such sales of denominational literature as are made by public school salesmen shall be included in the union monthly report as colporteur sales. Bookmobile sales shall be regarded as an extension of the Book and Bible House, and shall not be included in colporteur sales.

Discounts

That the regulations for discounts on books and tracts, Section 65 of the Publishing Department recommendations, be amended to read as follows:

1. That discount to workers on Testimonies or Conflict of the Ages Series purchased at any time be 15%.

2. That discounts on Testimonies and Conflict of the Ages Series purchased by our people at camp-meeting time or holiday season be 15%.

Section 144

We recommend, That Section 144 of the Publishing Department Policies be deleted, and that the following take its place:

A "regular" colporteur is defined to be one who works a minimum time of thirty (30) hours per week, or 120 hours per calendar month for a man; and a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours per week, or 100 hours per calendar month for a woman

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Only "regular" colporteurs shall be eligible for colporteur courtesies and sustentation benefits. To be eligible for sustentation benefits the colporteur's time shall be computed on a year of ten months, or a minimum of 1200 hours for men and 1000 hours for women, this being the aggregate time from at least forty reports per annum.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by H.M. Blunden.

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

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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1942, 7:30 P.M.

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After the song for the opening of the tenth session of the Council, W.G. Turner, the Chairman, read a selection from "Steps to Christ," and prayer was offered by F.C. Gilbert.

A recommendation from the General Conference Officers and the union and local conference presidents, on the Tenure of Office Policy, and one from the General Conference officers on Internships for Experienced Workers, were adopted as follows:

TENURE OF OFFICE POLICY ✓

We recommend, That the following be substituted for the present Tenure of Office Policy as found on pages 55 to 59 of the General Conference Working Policy booklet:

Nominating committees at all conference sessions are counseled to observe such guiding principles as are set forth by the Spirit of prophecy with reference to the continuance of men in positions of responsibility and leadership, as found in the following statement from "Gospel Workers":

"The question is asked me if it is not a mistake to remove the president of a State conference to a new field when many of the people under his present charge are unwilling to give him up.

"The Lord has been pleased to give me light on this question. I have been shown that ministers should not be retained in the same district year after year, nor should the same man long preside over a conference. A change of gifts is for the good of our conferences and churches.

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"Ministers have sometimes felt unwilling to change their field of labor; but if they understood all the reasons for making changes, they would not draw back. Some have pleaded to remain one year longer in the same field, and frequently the request has been respected. They have claimed to have plans for accomplishing a greater work than heretofore. But at the close of the year there was a worse state of things than before. If a minister has been unfaithful in his work, it is not likely that he will mend the matter by remaining. The churches become accustomed to the management of that one man, and think they must look to him instead of to God. His ideas and plans have a controlling power in the conference. . . .

"Many are strong in some points of character, while they are weak and deficient in others. As a result, a want of efficiency is manifest in some parts of the work. Should the same man continue as president of a conference year after year, his defects would be reproduced in the churches under his labors. But one laborer may be strong where his brother is weak; and so by exchanging fields of labor, one may, to some extent, supply the deficiencies of another.

"If all were fully consecrated to God, these marked imperfections of character would not exist; but since the laborers do not meet the divine standard, since they weave self into all their work, the best thing, both for themselves and for the churches, is to make frequent changes. And, on the other hand, if a laborer is spiritually strong, he is, through the grace of Christ, a blessing to the churches, and his labors are needed in different conferences." -- pp.419-421.

The gospel ministry is the most important work ever intrusted to men, and those who are ordained to this sacred work should beware of the spirit of office seeking, ever regarding the preaching of the word in soul-winning service as of chief responsibility and highest honor. They should recognize that while ordination to the ministry is for life, the call to administrative service is temporary; therefore, those chosen for administrative responsibility from time to time, should ever hold themselves in readiness cheerfully to engage in full-time ministerial service when called again to do so.

#### INTERSHIPS FOR EXPERIENCED WORKERS: ✓

We recommend, That the Ministerial Internship Policy as found in paragraph 2 on page 105 of the General Conference Working Policy booklet be amended by the substitution of the words "denominational work" in place of the words "public ministry." The last sentence of this paragraph will then read as follows:

It is understood, of course, that this provision shall not include those whoses years of experience or service in other lines of denominational work qualify them to enter the ministry or Bible work with a reasonable assurance of success, and for whom such a period of training is unnecessary.



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The following partial report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

COMMITTEE TO STUDY FINANCIAL POLICIES  
RELATING TO PER CENT OF TITHE, MISSION  
OFFERINGS, COMEBACK, ETC.:

We recommend, 1. That a committee of 38 be appointed to give careful study to our present financial policies relating to percentage of tithe, mission offerings, and comeback, and that said committee report to the 1943 Autumn Council.

2. That this committee consist of the following:

10 Local Conference Presidents, one to be appointed by each Union Conference Committee.

10 Union Conference Presidents

2 Union Treasurers, to be appointed by the General Conference Committee.

2 Local Conference Treasurers, to be appointed by the General Conference Committee.

2 General Conference Auditors, to be appointed by the General Conference Committee.

4 Representatives of overseas divisions, to be appointed by the General Conference Committee.

The General Conference President.

The General Conference Treasurer.

The General Conference Undertreasurer.

The General Conference Secretary.

The General Conference Vice-President for North America.

The three General Conference General Vice-Presidents.

3. That this committee meet just following the 1943 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

REFUND FROM SUSTENTATION FUND:

We recommend, That a second refund equivalent to the sum paid or due the Sustentation Fund for the first three months of 1941, be made to all organizations contributing to the Fund, it being understood that credit rather than cash will be given to any organization that may be behind on its payments.

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## REDUCTION OF PERCENTAGES TO SUSTENTATION FUND: ✓

We recommend, That beginning with January 1, 1943, the percentage rate to be paid by conferences on tithe income to the Sustentation Fund be reduced from 9% to 8%.

We recommend, That beginning with January 1, 1943, the percentage rate to be paid on pay rolls to the Sustentation Fund by publishing houses be reduced from 11% to 10%.

CANCELLATION OF CANADIAN WATCHMAN ✓  
PRESS SUSTENTATION DEBT:

WHEREAS, Some years ago the Canadian Watchman Press suffered a severe loss for which its Board was in no way responsible and was left at that time with a debt to the Sustentation Fund amounting to \$4,201.96; and,

WHEREAS, The Canadian Watchman Press has faithfully kept up its payments to the Fund since that time,

We recommend, That because of the unusual circumstances which brought about this indebtedness, the Sustentation Fund, the same be cancelled.

## PUBLISHING HOUSE SUSTENTATION PAYMENTS: ✓

We recommend, That the following paragraph be added to the Sustentation Regulation relating to Sustentation Income from publishing houses:

When a publishing house is required by law to pay to its employees time-and-a-half for overtime work, then no percentage shall be paid on the extra half-time bonus but only on the amount that would have been paid for the same work during regular hours.

## SUPPLEMENTARY RATE TO PHYSICIANS: ✓

We recommend, That the Wage Scale of June 2, 1942, be revised by substituting the following for the matter appearing on pages 6 and 7, under the caption, "Supplementary Rate to Physicians":

7. That in view of the heavy expense incurred in securing their education, and the necessity of keeping in close touch with the latest methods of clinical practice, the rate for sanitarium and hospital medical directors, and for men and women staff physicians, be supplemented, according to their experience and years of service, as follows:

a. The rate for medical directors shall be determined by their years of service and efficiency, the maximum base rate to be \$45.25, plus 30% supplementary rate, making a maximum net total of \$59.00 per week.

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b. Men physicians. The following is the graduated maximum wage scale for men physicians based on years of experience after completion of their internship:

First year	\$38.00 per week
Second year	42.00 "
Third year	45.75 "
Fourth year	49.50 "
Fifth year	56.00* "

c. Women physicians. The following is the graduated maximum wage scale for women physicians based on years of experience after completion of their internship:

First year	\$37.25 per week
Second year	38.50 "
Third year	40.00 "
Fourth year	42.00 "
Fifth year	44.00* "

\*These rates are established by adding 30% supplementary rate to the maximum base rate for staff physicians in medical institutions, which base is \$43.00 for men and \$33.00 for women.

We recommend, That (men) be added to the line "staff physicians of medical institutions," page 4 of the Wage Scale.

Also that there be added to page 5 this line, "staff physicians of medical institutions (women)."

EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1943: ✓

We recommend, That the fixed rates of exchange for the interchange of business among our organizations during the year 1943, be as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Exchange Rate, 1943</u>
Australasian	Australian Pound	3.40
Central Europe		
Germany	Reichsmark	.24
Holland	Florin	.55
China		
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Dollar	.25
China	Shanghai Dollar	.07
Manchukuo	yen	.18

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Exchange Rate, 1943</u>
<b>Far East</b>		
British No. Borneo	B N B Dollar	.51
Sarawak	sarawak	.51
French Indo China	piaster	.025
Japan and Chosen	yen	.25
Netherlands Indies	florin	.55
Philippine Islands	peso	.50
Siam	tical	.35
Straits Settlements	Singapore Dollar	.51
<b>General Conference Missions</b>		
Bulgaria	lev	.01204
Egypt	Egyptian pound	4.30
Greece	drachma	.0085
Iran	rial	.04
Iraq	dinar	4.20
Palestine	Palestine pound	4.20
Syria	Syrian pound	.50
<b>Inter America</b>		
Bahamas	English pound	4.20
Barbados	dollar	.87
British Guiana	dollar	.87
British Honduras	dollar	1.00
Colombia	peso	.58
Costa Rica	colon	.18
Curacao	florin	.55
Cuba	peso	1.00
French West Indies	French franc	.025
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00
Haiti	gourde	.20
Jamaica	pound	4.20
Mexico	peso	.22
Nicaragua	cordoba	.21
Panama	balboa	1.00
Porto Rico	peso	1.00
Salvador	colon	.40
Santo Domingo	peso	1.00
Spanish Honduras	lempira	.50
Trinidad	dollar	.87
Venezuela	bolivar	.29
<b>Northern Europe</b>		
British Isles	pound	4.20
Gold Coast	pound	4.20
Liberia	dollar	1.00
Nigeria	pound	4.20
Sierra Leone	pound	4.20
Denmark	krone	.20
Estonia	kroon	.26
Finland	markka	.02
French Cameroons	French franc	.025

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary</u>	<u>Exchange Rate, 1943</u>
Northern Europe		
Fr. Equatorial Africa	French franc	.025
Iceland	krona	.1671
Latvia	lat	.1855
Lithuania	lit	.161
Norway	krona	.225
Sweden	krona	.24
South America		
Argentina	peso	.25
Bolivia	boliviano	.025
Brazil	milreis	.06
Chile	peso	.04
Ecuador	sucre	.075
Paraguay	peso	.00557
Peru	sol	.162
Uruguay	peso	.50
Southern Africa		
Angola	angolare	.04
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.0339
Kenya	pound	4.20
Northern Rhodesia	pound	4.20
Nyasaland	pound	4.20
So. African Union	pound	4.20
Southern Rhodesia	pound	4.20
Tanganyika	shilling	.21
Uganda	pound	4.20
Southern Asia		
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.315
Southern Europe		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.0339
France	French franc	.025
Hungary	pengo	.20
Italy	lira	.05265
Mauritius	rupee	.315
Portugal	escudo	.04
Rumania	leu	.0075
Spain	peseta	.11
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.23
Turkey	Turkish pound	.72
Yugoslavia	dinar	.0215

(No financial transactions during the war with Axis controlled countries.)

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES: ✓

We recommend, That the policy on financial assistance to missionary appointees as found on page 113 of the General Conference Working Policy booklet be amended to read as follows:

Very desirable appointments to the mission field have sometimes been prevented by indebtedness of the prospective appointees. While it is not desirable to send out missionaries who are extravagant or careless in financial matters, there are those who have unavoidably incurred debts in their preparation for service, whom the General Conference Committee would very much like to send to fill pressing calls. The calling of those whose qualifications make them greatly desired, but who otherwise could not respond because of financial obligations, is made possible under the following provisions:

1. When in the judgment of the Committee it seems necessary, appointees shall be allowed to go to the mission field with an indebtedness not to exceed \$250, on condition that assurance is given of satisfactory arrangements having been made between the appointee and the person or institution owed, for liquidating the indebtedness; it being understood that the General Conference does not assume responsibility for the indebtedness or for collections.

2. In special cases arrangements may be made to help those who have indebtedness exceeding \$250 in the following manner:

a. The General Conference Treasury shall set aside a fund of \$5,000 annually to be known as the Appointees' Contingency Fund.

b. This fund shall be disbursed by the General Conference Committee on the recommendation of the Officers.

c. The maximum amount by which any one appointee shall benefit shall be \$500.

d. One fourth the amount appropriated shall be applied on the missionary's indebtedness each year for the first four years of service.

e. That the General Conference Committee be given discretionary powers in administering this policy to permit an appointee to go forward with an indebtedness of up to \$500, when the circumstances of the appointee and the urgency of the need for his services make this seem desirable.

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSE: ✓

We recommend, That the General Conference Working Policy on Medical and Dental Expense (Pages 198-200) be amended to read as follows:

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General Conference workers and missionaries on furlough or on permanent return to the homeland while still receiving salary from the General Conference office, who may have heavy medical and/or dental expense, may be given financial assistance on the following basis:

1. A worker having medical and/or dental expense in excess of one week's salary will be allowed one-half of the amount that is above one week's salary up to and not exceeding \$200. When the expense is more than \$200, two thirds of the expense will be allowed on the amount that is in excess of \$200 and not above \$300, and three fourths of any additional amount that is above \$300; such allowance to be made when the reported expense has been contracted within a twelve month period. Expense for a longer period may be included in cases of continuous illness.

2. It is not intended that this policy shall provide allowances to cover accumulations of small disconnected medical or dental bills.

3. In applying this policy to missionaries on furlough or on permanent return to the homeland, the deduction of one week's salary will not be made on any expense on which an allowance is made, but no expense which is less than the amount of one week's salary will be considered as sufficiently heavy as to require financial assistance from the General Conference.

#### MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSE IN OVERSEAS DIVISIONS ✓

We recommend, To the overseas division committees that they adopt as nearly as possible the following basis for the granting of medical and dental assistance to the national workers within their fields:

1. A worker having medical and/or dental expense in excess of one quarter of one month's wage may receive one half of the bill for an amount remaining above that portion of his wage, up to and not exceeding the equivalent of one month's wage. When the medical and/or dental expense is more than the equivalent of one month's wage, two thirds of any amount between one month's wage and two months' wages will be allowed to the worker, and three fourths of any additional amount, if the bill is for more than the equivalent of two months' wages. The allowance to be made on the foregoing basis when the expense is contracted within a period of twelve months, and may be for a longer period in case of continuous illness.

2. The above allowances are not intended to cover accumulations of small disconnected medical or dental bills.

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FAMILY WAGE RATE: ✓

WHEREAS, Economic and living conditions have greatly changed in both home and mission lands since the adoption of the Family Wage Scale some years ago; and,

WHEREAS, The demand for skilled help in nursing, teaching, accounting, stenography, etc., cannot ordinarily be met by the employment of only single women; and,

WHEREAS, It is impossible because of varying conditions and circumstances in different institutions and sections of the field to follow a fixed policy relating to the salaries to be paid to wives of workers who may be employed;

We recommend, 1. That the Wage Scale Policy be amended to provide:

a. That both married and single women employed regularly and permanently on a full time basis as Bible workers, church school teachers, stenographers, accountants, office secretaries, etc., be listed in the Wage Scale within the minimum and maximum wage brackets for their respective groups.

b. That where local circumstances make it advisable, this policy be considered flexible enough to permit of the employment of married couples on such special arrangement as may be determined by the employing committee or board.

2. That the last paragraph on page 110 of the Working Policy relating to missionary families be changed to read as follows:

The missionary family stands as a unit in the mission field. The wife is regarded as an associate missionary with her husband in influence and service, and is expected to learn the language, and to engage with him in the work as far as is consistent with home duties. It is the practice in mission fields that wives do not receive a separate salary. However, when for the interest and advancement of the work wives who are qualified by training and experience for duties such as teaching, nursing, accounting, or other specific lines of mission service, are employed by governing committees or boards, they may be paid as far as conditions and circumstances will permit, at the same rate as unmarried workers in the same field of service, when assignments of tasks and hours of work are the same.

3. That in the employment of workers our conferences and institutions as far as possible give preference to single women when they are available.

REVISION OF POLICY ON DEBT CONTROL: ✓

We recommend, That the General Conference Working Policy be revised by making paragraph 5, on page 170, under the sub-heading of "Debt Control," read as follows:



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For projects exceeding \$5,000 in any part of the world field, the division committee, or in the case of North America, the union conference committee concerned, shall submit to the General Conference particulars of the estimated cost, and full information regarding the means by which the project is to be financed, together with properly prepared plans and specifications for the building, it being understood that the approval of the General Conference Committee shall be obtained before construction is begun or financial commitments are entered into.

#### MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP ALLOTMENTS: ✓

We recommend, That provision be made for ninety-one ministerial internships in the North American Division for the year 1943, and that allotment be made as follows:

1. That seventy-one internships be assigned to the several unions, as follows:

Atlantic	7	Northern	5
Canadian	5	North Pacific	7
Central	6	Pacific	13
Columbia	10	Southern	5
Lake	8	Southwestern	5

2. That ten colored internships be distributed by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the various union conferences.

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

#### MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN: ✓

We recommend, That in the North American Division the Missions Extension Campaign for 1943 be conducted during the week of April 3 - 10.

#### INGATHERING CAMPAIGN FOR 1943: ✓

We recommend, That the official date for the promotion by the Home Missionary Department of the Ingathering Campaign be May 1 to June 12, it being left to union and local fields to set the time for carrying on the campaign in their respective territories.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER AND WEEK OF SACRIFICE: ✓

We recommend, That the Week of Prayer and the Week of Sacrifice be combined and that the date for this combined appointment be set for the early part of November, 1943, with the understanding that the Week of Sacrifice Offering will be taken on the last Sabbath of this week.

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## VOICE OF PROPHECY: ✓

We recommend, 1. That \$77,500 of the budget of the North American Radio Commission be allocated to the union and local conferences to be provided from operating or other funds, the approximate figures applying to each union conference being as follows:

Atlantic Union	\$ 7,535.26
Central Union	4,715.71
Columbia Union	11,833.53
Lake Union	10,488.12
Northern Union	3,638.79
North Pacific Union	8,380.92
Pacific Union	20,447.07
Southern Union	6,983.81
Southwestern Union	3,476.79
Total	<u>77,500.00</u>

2. That each union conference distribute its portion of the \$77,500 between itself and the local conferences as the union conference committee may decide.

3. That one Sabbath service in 1943, preferably in early October, be devoted to a special program on the radio work, to be presented in all our churches, and that a special offering be taken on that day for the Voice of Prophecy, the same to be devoted toward balancing the budget of the North American Radio Commission, it being understood that should receipts from radio listeners and other sources have made it possible to balance the budget without this collection, then the amount of the same shall be turned back to the respective conferences to apply on the allotments referred to in paragraph 1 of this resolution.

## KEEPING AND PRESERVING SERVICE RECORDS: ✓

We recommend, That paragraph 1 of the resolutions adopted at the 1940 Autumn Council on Keeping and Preserving Service Records be amended to read as follows:

That conference secretary-treasurers file with the official office copy of the conference executive committee minutes the complete annual audit sheet listing all workers, time, salary and expense.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PERMANENTLY RETURNED MISSIONARIES: ✓

We recommend, That paragraph 6, page 139, of the General Conference Working Policy be amended by deleting the last four words. The paragraph will then read:

Workers returning permanently who are not sick, do not have medical examinations at General Conference expense; but those who are ill may have such examinations.

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## RENT TO BE PAID BY MISSIONARIES: ✓

WHEREAS, The General Conference Working Policy now provides that missionaries may pay a maximum of 20% of the family wage as rent in the mission field, and since in actual practice it has become a policy for division fields to provide in most cases that not more than 15% of the worker's wage shall be paid out in rent,

We recommend, That the Working Policy be amended to provide "that a missionary be not required to pay more than 15% of his wage rate as rent."

## SUBSIDY TO COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS: ✓

We recommend, That the General Conference make provision in its budget to care for the Medical College subsidy for 1943, and that in order to make this possible all local conferences in the North American Division having a tithe income of \$130,000 or more in 1942 be asked to pay to the General Conference an additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% on their tithe income, it being understood that all local and union conferences now paying an amount equivalent to  $\frac{3}{10}$  of 1% of tithe income for the support of the College be relieved of such payments, likewise the payments heretofore required of sanitariums. It is understood, however, that the General Conference and the Pacific Union Conference are to continue existing provisions for assistance to the College.

## RECORDING OF CONTINGENT LIABILITIES: ✓

We recommend, That in cases where an association signs or endorses notes or obligations in connection with church investments, the full amount of the obligation be set up as a liability in the association records, and as an account receivable from the church organization.

HOLDING TITLE TO AND  
DEPRECIATING CAMP AND OFFICE PROPERTIES: ✓

WHEREAS, Many of our conferences are acquiring and operating camp meeting properties and junior camp properties, in addition to offices and warehouses,

We recommend, That such properties be recorded at cost value in the books of the association holding title, and that these be depreciated annually at a rate based on the estimated life of such buildings; and further

We recommend, That the conference pay to the association holding such conference property an amount to cover the depreciation and maintenance expenses, or a rental, as may be determined by their committee.

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## DEFERRED ANNUITY EXPENSE: ✓

We recommend, That the action taken in October, 1938, relating to deferred annuity expense, be our policy, as follows:

That deferred annuity expense, that is, the amount paid on annuity contracts in excess of the actual interest earned on the investment of the principal, be not considered as a deferred item listed with the assets, but as a deduction from the principal of the annuity contracts in the liability section of the balance sheet.

## POSTGRADUATE EXPENSES FOR PHYSICIANS: ✓

We recommend, That the policy as found in paragraph 4 on pages 185 and 186 of the General Conference Working Policy booklet, be amended to provide for the following expenses to be allowed in addition to those listed:

f. Textbooks that are specifically required for the course of study authorized.

g. Such instruments as are specifically needed and the purchase of which has been authorized by action of the institutional board concerned. It is understood that the textbooks and instruments thus purchased will become the possession of the employing organization upon completion of the authorized course of study.

## POSTGRADUATE WORK FOR PHYSICIANS: ✓

We recommend, That the policy governing postgraduate work for mission field physicians as found on pages 118 and 119 of the General Conference Working Policy booklet be revised to read as follows:

4. A physician from a home base in the employ of mission division shall be permitted to take postgraduate work, either in the mission field or upon his return to the homeland. Three weeks' time for postgraduate work shall be allowed, and a minimum allowance of \$100.00 shall be made towards postgraduate expense, for each year of mission service, it being understood that any time or financial allowance used for postgraduate work in the mission field shall be deducted from the total credit due to the mission physician upon his return to the homeland.

5. To have postgraduate work authorized the doctor shall submit for approval, to the division committee, if the work is being undertaken in the mission field, or on recommendation of the division committee, to the General Conference Committee if the work is to be undertaken during furlough in the homeland, a budget schedule showing the period of time, the institution where he plans to take his postgraduate work, particulars of the courses to be taken, and the amount of estimated traveling and other expenses involved.

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6. The postgraduate allowances to <sup>the</sup> mission physician when he returns to the homeland are granted in accordance with this policy on condition that the physician definitely agrees to return to the mission field for a further term of service, or undertakes to enter denominational medical work in the homeland upon the completion of the authorized postgraduate work. Should the physician for any reason not feel that he can enter into such an agreement before the postgraduate work is commenced, the General Conference is authorized to adjust the allowances to be made to the physician for postgraduate work on what is considered in each case to be an equitable basis.

7. It is understood that whether in the mission field or in the homeland, the salary of the mission physician shall be continued during the authorized period of postgraduate work.

8. In overseas divisions the division committee is authorized to make an arrangement for national doctors to take postgraduate work within the division territory, the allowances to be granted being set according to the needs in each division, but in harmony with the general principle on which the policy for physicians in North America is based. Should the required postgraduate work not be available within the territory of the division, the division committee may in special cases, arrange for national doctors to take postgraduate work elsewhere, it being left to the discretion of the division committee as to what allowances shall be made in such cases. It is urged, however, that arrangements for national workers to take postgraduate work outside of their division territory shall only be made in cases of emergency or urgent need.

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#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following further report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the Pacific Union be requested to release E.R.Osmunson, to connect with the Southwestern Union for evangelistic work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

2. That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be requested to release Miss Grace Evans to connect with the Southern Publishing Association for stenographic work.

3. That the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference be requested to release G.H.Boehrig, to connect with the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; and that the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be requested to release J.C.Klose to connect with the Iowa Conference.

4. That the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference be requested to release Miss Dorothy Jenkins to connect with the Lake Union for Bible work in the Illinois Conference.

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5. That Charles Larson and wife, returned from the China Division, be invited to connect with the Atlanta Dental Home.

6. That J.E.Frick, returned from the China Division, be invited to connect with the Wyoming Mission for pastoral-evangelistic work.

7. That the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be requested to release H.E.McClure to connect with the Lake Union to serve as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Wisconsin Conference.

8. That L.F.Bohner, returned from the Far Eastern Division, be invited to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium as manager.

9. That the College of Medical Evangelists be requested to release Dr. J.W.McFarland to connect with the Southern Union as a member of the medical staff of the Florida Sanitarium.

10. That the Canadian Union and the Rest Haven Sanitarium be requested to release E.S.Humann to connect with the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference to serve as manager of the Walla Walla Sanitarium.

11. That the Central Union and the Colorado Conference be requested to release J.H.Apigian to connect with the Atlantic Union for evangelistic work in the Greater New York Conference.

12. That the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference be requested to release Clifford Harrison to connect with the Central Union for service in the Missouri Conference.

13. That the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be requested to release Miss Amelia Hand to connect with the Pacific Union to serve as stenographer in the Northern California Conference.

OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE: ✓

A committee that was appointed in an early meeting of the Council to give consideration to the request that Oakwood Junior College be raised to the status of a senior college, presented the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a very rapidly growing membership among our colored people; and,

WHEREAS, It is conceded that it would be greatly to the advantage of our colored youth and to the development of the work among our colored people if such youth had the opportunity of completing a full college course in their own institution at Oakwood;

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We recommend, 1. That we advance the rank of Oakwood Junior College to that of a senior college.

2. That the General Conference Committee appoint a special committee to study the matter and suggest a plan of procedure by which this recommendation can be realized.

CONSERVING OUR MEMBERSHIP GAINS: ✓

The following further recommendations from the Plans Committee, on Conserving our Membership Gains, were presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, The hour has manifestly come for a great forward move in soul winning; and,

WHEREAS, We are confronted by the sobering fact that our losses year by year by apostasy greatly diminish our gains; and,

WHEREAS, The lowered standards of life everywhere about us declare that the church of Christ is facing her greatest test, when those not firmly established in the faith of Jesus will be sifted out and lost; and,

WHEREAS, The heralds of the advent message are soberly admonished in the Spirit of prophecy to live lives of consistent holiness and earnest purpose, thereby emphasizing the truths proclaimed from the pulpit, and recognizing that those who appear to have a burden for souls while preaching to the people and when out of the desk seem destitute of spirituality really deny the truth they profess;

We recommend, 1. That all our workers -- ministers, Bible Instructors, institutional and office workers -- exemplify personally by holy life and conversation the exalted truths we are commissioned to proclaim.

2. That our ministers and all who have a part in instructing new converts be careful, thoroughly to instruct and prepare all candidates for baptism and church membership in all the verities of the third angel's message.

3. That before receiving baptism the candidates be given time to reveal by a transformation of life their understanding of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and that before this ordinance is administered converts become thoroughly conversant with the doctrines and precepts of this message.

4. That our pastors and district leaders recognizing that these new members are only babes in the faith and are therefore deserving of sympathetic care that they encourage these new converts in every way to grow up into the full stature of Christ.

5. That our ministers and church leaders carefully guard against such promotion during the Sabbath worship hour as would militate against the spiritual growth of the flock.

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6. That earnest appeal be made to all our church members to live lives that will rightly represent the truths of this message before these new members, thus helping in the conservation of all our gains.

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The large committee which was appointed last June, on the stabilization of our church schools, submitted their report. The report was discussed at some length, and various amendments were offered. Pending final action on the report, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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

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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1942, 9:45 A.M.

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The devotional service Wednesday morning, October 28, was conducted by W.P. Elliott, manager of the Review and Herald. He spoke of the qualities and virtues which should be possessed by the leaders in God's cause, quoting what some one has said, that "the supreme value of a really great man is that he increases the value of all other men." Though the leaders in God's cause may not be numbered among the great of earth, yet the principle still holds, he felt, that the value and strength of their leadership will be attested to by the effect it has upon those who are being led.

Reference was made to the parallel between the work that Joshua was called to do and that of the leaders in the work of God today. In Joshua 1:6, God bade Joshua "Be strong and of good courage, for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swore unto thy fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous." Joshua, leading the people of God, needed to be a courageous man. He needed to be brave and strong, and God calls for that sort of leadership today. Besides being exhorted to be strong and courageous, Joshua was told to follow with great carefulness day and night the instruction which the Lord had given him through Moses. So the leaders in God's cause in these days must be men who follow instructions, who work in accordance with the blueprints which Heaven has given us.



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God's leaders are to be spirit-filled men, and the fruits of the Spirit ~~of~~ "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, kindness, faith, meekness, temperance." Spirit-filled men therefore will have these qualities in their lives. And the greatest of all these virtues is love. A man may have all the other virtues, but unless he has love he can be of little use in God's cause. The servant of the Lord says, "Love and loyalty to Christ are the mainspring of all our service."

How shall this qualify, so essential for success, be obtained? There is no other way but by beholding Christ. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18. The only men who have ever become intimate with God are men who have taken time to commune with Him. There must be earnest study of the Word of God, and a time and place set apart for meditation and prayer.

By thus absorbing the character of Christ, and reflecting His image, we should as leaders, said Elder Elliott, possess that supreme quality of every successful leader, the ability to increase the value, the consecration, the courage and strength of all men with whom we associate.

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"My Jesus, I love Thee," was sung to begin the eleventh business session of the Council, and C.S. Longacre offered prayer.

#### STABILIZATION OF CHURCH SCHOOLS: ✓

Taking up the unfinished business of the preceding meeting, the first item was the report of the Committee on Stabilization of Church Schools. There was further discussion of the report, and after being amended, it was adopted as a temporary measure for one year, as follows:

WHEREAS, Our elementary school work and its proper development under the direction of our conference organization is vital to the life and progress of the advent movement; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to provide adequately for our teachers' support in the elementary schools; and,

WHEREAS, Conferences are now providing summer employment for a number of their elementary church school teachers through activities and responsibilities, such as, senior and junior camps, primary and junior work at camp meetings, Bible work, tent meetings, colporteur work, etc.,

We recommend, 1. That our conferences and churches provide summer employment for the elementary church school teachers as far as possible.

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2. That where such employment is not available regularly, elementary church school teachers who are not fully employed during the summer be paid at least \$7.00 a week during the summer period of twelve weeks, where funds are available; and further, that when a teacher is sent to summer school, that be taken into consideration.

3. That this summer allowance be applicable only to those teachers who were employed for the previous school year and who are in line for continued employment unless for specific reasons they are notified to the contrary.

4. That where a teacher has received this allowance during the summer period but fails to accept employment for reasons other than illness at the beginning of the next school year, she refund the amount received during the summer.

5. That where a teacher is transferred from one conference to another during the summer period, the conference to which she is transferred pay the full summer allowance.

6. That in order that our church school teachers may be treated similarly to other workers in the matter of graduated wage increases, the following plan be followed:

That the minimum beginning wage for elementary church school teachers (women) be \$16.50 a week for the first year, the wage for each succeeding year to be increased annually toward the maximum, according to the teacher's training, experience and success.

7. That the conference provide from its funds and the church school comeback up to 20% of the teacher's salary and summer allowance.

WHEREAS, In assisting churches in the payment of their elementary church school teachers, some conferences have successfully followed a plan whereby the teacher is paid from the conference treasury, remittances being made to the conference each month by the churches concerned for their share of the teacher's wage; therefore,

We recommend, 8. That we commend this plan to our conferences for study and approval where conference committees feel that its adoption is desirable.

9. That these recommendations go into effect June 1, 1945.

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Following the adoption of the foregoing report as a temporary measure for one year, it was

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VOTED, That the question of a permanent plan for stabilization of our church schools be referred to the large committee appointed to study Financial Policies relating to Percent of Tithe, Mission Offerings, Comeback, etc., with the addition to that committee of two representatives from the General Conference Educational Department, two Union Educational Secretaries, two Local Educational Superintendents, these additional members to be appointed by the General Conference Committee; report to be made to the next Autumn Council.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

The following further report from the Committee on Nominations was adopted:

We recommend, 1. For Secretary of the Bureau of Publicity of the General Conference, J.R.Ferren. ✓

2. As trustees of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation: W.G. Turner, H.M.S. Richards, W.H. Williams, H.T. Elliott, R.A. Anderson, W.H. Branson, H.H. Votaw, F.W. Detamore, W.B. Ochs, J.K. Jones, J.W. Turner, A.E. Lickey, C.B. Haynes, E.D. Dick, M.L. Rice, F.H. Robbins, N.C. Wilson, J.J. Nethery, M.V. Campbell, E.L. Neff, L.K. Dickson, W.P. Bradley, J.L. Tucker, R.G. Strickland; and one local broadcaster from the Middle States to be chosen by the General Conference Committee. ✓

3. Additional member of the War Service Commission, R.G. Strickland. ✓

4. Additional members of the General Conference Committee: Dr. W.A. Macpherson, F.C. Carrier.

5. Additional members of the Latin American Radio Commission: E.D. Dick, L.H. Lindbeck, and the Radio Secretary of the Inter-American Division. ✓

6. To fill the expiring offices in the Board of Regents: Kenneth Wright, Miss Lois Burnett. ✓

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE: ✓

The following report from the Committee on Divorce was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is in the world a growing disregard of the sacredness of the marriage vow, and an alarming increase in the number of divorces, many considering marriage only a temporary social experiment, to be entered upon lightly and abandoned at will; and,

WHEREAS, There is danger that our people be influenced by the spirit of the times and look with complacency upon the laxity prevalent in respect to this sacred relationship, be it

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Resolved, 1. That we recognize adultery as justifiable ground for divorce, with the right of the innocent party to remarry as taught by the Saviour, recorded in Matthew 5:32; 19:9, and Luke 16:18.

2. That in the case of a church member guilty of the sin of adultery, the church take action in the matter, and, in harmony with the counsel of the Lord, disfellowship such a person from the church. Sin must not be passed over or condoned. Through the properly constituted authority the church must administer discipline in the maintenance of a high standard of moral purity and integrity. A solemn responsibility rests upon the church to deal with those who take a course in direct violation of the counsel of the word of God.

3. That a person disfellowshipped from the church for the cause of adultery, and who later gives satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance and confession, may, after a suitable period of time, be readmitted to church membership by rebaptism. In such cases it is understood that the good name and interests of the church as well as those of the individual will be given full consideration.

4. That a church member who is a guilty party to the divorce forfeits the right to marry another and the church does not recognize the right of the minister to officiate at such a marriage. Should such a person marry another, he be not readmitted to church membership so long as the unscriptural relationship continues.

5. That in the case of a divorced member claiming the right to remarry, it is the duty of the officiating minister, in counsel with the church board and conference officers, carefully to investigate all the circumstances and require the applicant to produce satisfactory evidence in support of his or her claim.

6. That in all cases where discord and unfaithfulness threaten to disrupt family ties, the church endeavor to help the affected parties to enjoy an experience in forgiveness and reconciliation that will preserve the home and restore the offending ones.

Note.--It is proposed that this statement be substituted for the paragraphs that appear in the Church Manual, pp.175,176.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by O. Montgomery.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
T.J.Michael, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1942, 2:30 P.M.

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"Take it to the Lord in Prayer," was sung to open the twelfth session of the Council at 2:30 P.M., October 28, and J.W. Turner offered prayer.

## THE BUDGET: ✓

The report of the Budget Committee, totaling well over six million dollars in appropriations, was presented and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the Base and Special Appropriations for 1943 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income:

Regular General Conference Income	\$4 143 037 03
General Conference operating reserve	1 361 601 95
Church Extension Funds	<u>122 166 67</u>
Total estimated funds for Base and Special Appropriations for 1943	\$5 626 805 65

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1943 be as follows:

Australasia	9 000 00
China	409 500 00
Far East	400 600 00
General Conference Missions	176 200 00
Inter America	309 400 00
Northern Europe	100 000 00
South America	333 900 00
Southern Africa	448 200 00
Southern Asia	420 000 00
Southern Europe	222 000 00
Canada	38 500 00
North Pacific (Alaska)	1 200 00
Pacific (Hawaii)	3 500 00
Southwestern	9 900 00
Spanish School	4 000 00
North American Colored:	
Southern	31 700 00
Southwestern	12 400 00
Oakwood Junior College	16 500 00
Riverside Sanitarium	14 900 00

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S.D.A. Theological Seminary	32 800 00
Bureau of Home Missions	103 600 00
College of Medical Evangelists	55 000 00
E.G.White Publications	6 600 00
Radio, Latin America	90 000 00
Miscellaneous & Fixed Administration	511 400 00
	<u>412 200 00</u>
Total Regular Budget	4 173 000 00

2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

Overseas Divisions

China		
Evangelistic Fund	NC	100 000 00
<u>Tibetan Work</u>		
a. One Foreign Family		
Two Chinese Workers		
Expense		
Medical Supplies	"	200 000 00
b. Mission Land, Buildings,		
and Equipment	"	400 000 00
Medical Institutional Subsidy	"	60 000 00
Educational Institutional Subsidy	"	100 000 00
Rehabilitation Funds	"	100 000 00
Special Emergency-- to be allocated		
by China Provisional Division	"	40 000 00
	NC	<u>1 000 000 00</u>
Approximate total China		\$50 000 00
General Conference Missions		
Evangelistic Fund	US\$	2 500 00
To be distributed by Arabic		
Union Committee to non-		
recurring projects	"	15 000 00
Special projects as may be		
allocated by Minority		
Committee of the General		
Conference	"	<u>32 500 00</u>
Approximate total G.C.Mis."		\$50 000 00

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Inter-American Division		
Evangelism	P/	10 000 00
Emergency, Travel Increased, Office Expense	"	10 000 00
New Workers, Caribbean Tr.Sch. Mexican Sch.	"	10 500 00
School Building, Br. Honduras	\$	1 000 00
Colombia-Venezuela Tr. School: Teachers' Cottage (Foreign)	P/	4 000
Cottage (National)	P/	2 000
Normal Bldg.	P/ 4 000	P/ 10 000 00
Mexican Union Tr. School	"	54 545 45
Emergency, Radio, B&B House, and other projects re- quested at Autumn Council, to be allocated by Division Committee	"	<u>41 200 00</u>
Approximate total Int.Am.Div.		\$ 90 500 00
Northern European Division		
Evangelism	\$	4 000 00
British Union:		
Loving College	L	500
College Equipment	"	200
Liberia:		
Headquarters, Monrovia	"	500
Grand Bassa	"	300
North Cameroons:		
Mission School Equipment	"	200
Rebuilding Dogba Bungalow	FFr	30 000
Gold Coast:		
Building and Equipment	L	2000
Nigeria:		
Mission Bldgs., Abeokuta	"	300
To be allocated by G.C.Com. for Northern Europe	\$	<u>18 450 00</u>
Approximate total No.European Div.		\$ 40 000 00
South American Division		
Evangelism	US\$	12 500 00
Three outboard motors for Amazon		10:000\$000
To complete and transport Peru launch	S/	7 894 75
Rio Sanitarium		166:667\$000
Extra cost plane travel to and from U.S.	P/	20 000 00
Brazil Jr.College, Working Capital for Sal.		33:333\$000
Chillian Boys' Dormitory	P/	175 000 00
Brazil Jr.College, Normal Dept.		20:000\$000
Division Hdqtrs. expansion	P/	20 000 00

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South American Division, cont'd		
Belem, Brazil, Clinic-San.		125:000\$000
Iquitos Clinic	S/	26 315 75
One Teacher's cottage, Chillian	P/	50 000 00
One teacher's cottage Brazil Jr. College		20:000\$000
Sao Paulo Clinic		33:334\$000
River Plate Jr. College toward removal	P/	<u>50 000 00</u>
Approximate total South American Division		\$ 75 000 00

## Southern African Division

Angola Union		
Girls Dormitory-Luz Mission	Angs.	22 500 00
Girls Dormitory-Bongo Mis.	"	28 125 00
Congo Union		
Hospital Equipment -Songa	BFr	21 000 00
Hospital Equipment -Ngoma	"	14 000 00
School Building -Lubero	"	53 000 00
Home for Doctor -Songa	"	100 000 00
Kenya Union		
Nurses Home-Kindu Hospital	L	700.0.0
Workers Home-Changamwe	"	700.0.0
South African Union		
Extension Nokuphila Hosp.	"	1 000.0.0
Boys Dormitory-Emmanuel Mis.	"	200.0.0
School Building-Emmanuel Mis.	"	600.0.0
Complete Administration Building, Good Hope Tr. Sch.	"	950.0.0
South East African Union		
Home, New Station-Kasungu	"	800.0.0
Water Tanks-Tekerani, Luwazi	"	120.0.0
Dormitories-Luwazi Mission	"	250.0.0
Equipment-New Kasungu Mis.	"	200.0.0
Tanganyika Mission		
Wards at New Hospital	"	500.0.0
Nurses Cottage at Hospital	"	500.0.0
Dispensary at Hospital	"	250.0.0
Upper Nile Union		
New Home for New Station	"	800.0.0
Equipment for New Station	"	200.0.0
Zambesi Union		
School Building-Inyazura	"	600.0.0
Dispensary-Maun Hospital	"	600.0.0
Worker's Home, Katima Mulilo M.	"	750.0.0
Hospital-Lower Gwelo	"	500.0.0
Medical Equipment for Hospitals	"	700.0.0
Evangelism throughout Division	"	2 400.0.0
To be allocated by Southern African Division Committee	"	<u>1 480.0.0</u>

Approximate total Southern  
African Division

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Southern Asia Division		
Evangelism	Rs	31 746 0 0
Lahore Church School	"	6 000 0 0
Surat Hospital, Emergency for Operating	"	4 500 0 0
Surat Hospital, Workers' Quarters	"	40 000 0 0
Boicer College	"	50 000 0 0
Oriental Watchman	"	8 700 0 0
To be allocated by Southern Asia Division Committee	"	<u>11 784 10 0</u>
Approximate total Southern Asia Division		\$ 50 000 00
Southern European Division		
To be allocated by the Southern European Division Committee	\$	25 000 00      25 000 00
Missions Reconstruction & Advance		125 000 00      125 000 00
Rehabilitation Missions		<u>388 438 96</u> <u>388 438 96</u>
Total Special Appropriations for Overseas Divisions, approximately		\$963 938 96
<u>North American Division:</u>		
Radio, North America	\$	119 000 00
War Service, operating		36 000 00
Educational Dept. 1st Grade Reader		7 000 00
Illinois Conf. Broadview Academy		2 700 00
S. L. A. Theological Seminary		2 500 00
Atlanta Dental Memorial Fund		<u>500 00</u>
		167 700 00
Atlantic Union:		
Atlantic Union College		5 000 00
Greater New York, indebtedness		30 000 00
Ephesus Church, New York City		<u>3 000 00</u>
		38 000 00
Canadian Union:		
Indebtedness		20 000 00
Canadian Junior College		2 500 00
Montreal Church, indebtedness		<u>2 000 00</u>
		24 500 00
Central Union:		
Boulder Sanitarium, indebtedness		15 000 00
Union College Press		<u>2 000 00</u>
		17 000 00
Columbia Union:		
Washington Missionary College Library and Science Hall		10 000 00
Indebtedness		<u>5 000 00</u>
		15 000 00
Lake Union:		
Indiana Conference, indebtedness		7 500 00
Emmanuel Missionary College		<u>7 500 00</u>
		15 000 00

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North Pacific Union:		
Walla Walla Sanitarium		10 000 00
Pacific Union:		
Voice of Prophecy	30 000 00	
Paradise Valley Sanitarium	<u>10 000 00</u>	40 000 00
Southern Union:		
Madison College	<u>2 000 00</u>	2 000 00
Southwestern Union:		
Oklahoma Conference, indebtedness	15 000 00	
Spanish School, Buildings	20 000 00	
Equipment	2 500 00	
Operating	<u>1 000 00</u>	<u>38 500 00</u>
Total Special Appropriations to North America		367 700 00
Total Special Appropriations		<u>1 331 638 96</u>
Total (estimated) Regular and Special Appropriations		5 504 638 96

We recommend, 3. That the following appropriations for 1943 be made from the Church Extension Fund to the Overseas and North American Divisions:

OVERSEAS:		
China		5 000 00
Inter-American Division:		
Mexico City, Mexico	30 000 00	
Bogota, Colombia	<u>5 000 00</u>	35 000 00
Northern European Division:		6 700 00
South American Division:		
Santos, Brazil	2 500 00	
Cordoba, Argentina	3 500 00	
Arequipa, Peru	4 000 00	
Bello Horizonte, Brazil	<u>3 000 00</u>	13 000 00
Southern African Division:		
To be distributed by Division Com.		6 000 00
Southern Asia Division:		
Lahore		<u>6 666 67</u>
Total appropriations to overseas divisions from the Church Extension Fund, approximately		72 366 67

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## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

Atlantic Union:		
Syracuse, N.Y.	3 500 00	
South Lancaster, Mass.	<u>3 000 00</u>	6 500 00
Canadian Union:		
Victoria, B.C.	4 500 00	
Saskatoon, Man-Sask.	500 00	
Medicine Hat, Alt.	800 00	
St. Johns, N.B.	<u>200 00</u>	6 000 00
Central Union:		
Coffeyville, Kans.	2 500 00	
Topeka, Kans.	<u>1 500 00</u>	4 000 00
Columbia Union:		
Bryan, Ohio	500 00	
Winchester, Va.	1 000 00	
Faterson, N.J.	300 00	
Toledo, Ohio	3 000 00	
Cape May Courthouse, N.J.	400 00	
Erie, Pa.	300 00	
Altoona, Pa.	400 00	
Philadelphia, Pa., Italian	300 00	
Philadelphia, Pa., colored	<u>500 00</u>	6 500 00
Lake Union:		
Flint, Mich.	4 500 00	
Sterling, Ill.	300 00	
Freeport, Ill.	<u>1 200 00</u>	6 000 00
Northern Union:		
Wahpeton, N.D.	1 450 00	
Miller, S.D.	550 00	
Virginia, Minn.	1 000 00	
Morris, Minn.	<u>500 00</u>	3 500 00
Pacific Union:		
Oakland, Calif.		4 500 00
North Pacific Union:		
Nampa, Ida.	1 500 00	
Pasco, Wash.	500 00	
Colfax, Wash.	500 00	
Butte, Mont.	<u>1 500 00</u>	4 000 00
Southern Union:		
Memphis, Tenn., colored	1 000 00	
Lexington, Ky.	500 00	
Brunswick, Ga., colored	500 00	
Tallahassee, Fla.	1 000 00	
St. Augustine, Fla., colored	300 00	
Gadsden, Ala.	<u>500 00</u>	3 800 00

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Southwestern Union		
Mercedés, Texas	400 00	
Houston, Texas	4 000 00	
Littlefield, Texico	300 00	
Miami, Okla.	300 00	<u>5 000 00</u>
Total appropriations from the Church Extension Fund to the North American Division,		<u>49 800 00</u>
Total appropriations from the Church Extension Fund, approximately		122 166 67

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Appropriations for 1943:

<u>Base</u> , all divisions		4 173 000 00
<u>Specials</u> :		
Overseas	963 938 96	
North America	<u>367 700 00</u>	1 331 638 96
<u>Church Extension</u> :		
Overseas	72 366 67	
North America	<u>49 800 00</u>	122 166 67
<u>Revertible Funds</u> :		
Overseas, Basis 1941	672 575 40	
North America, Basis 1941	<u>624 158 32</u>	<u>1 296 733 72</u>
Total appropriations for 1943, including reversions 1941 basis		6 923 559 55

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We recommend, That the Minority Committee be authorized to work out and place in the Minutes of the Autumn Council the detail in local currency of projects to benefit by the Special Appropriations to the respective overseas divisions.

(Note.--This detail, as it appears on pages 383-386, was submitted to and approved by the General Conference Committee in its meeting of November 9, 1942.)

We recommend, further, that the General Conference Committee be empowered to make such expenditures from the Rehabilitation Fund as the need demands in the reopening of the overseas divisions now affected by the war.

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Various representatives present from fields that will benefit by these appropriations, as well as others who spoke for China, South Africa, South America and Southern Asia, expressed appreciation for the appropriations made to the respective fields.

The Treasurer voiced appreciation to the North American union and local conference leaders who have had a part in making it possible to vote so large a budget.

The following further recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted:

LITERATURE FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND WAR PRISONERS: ✓

We recommend, That early in 1943, the date to be set by the General Conference Committee, a collection be taken in our churches in the North American Division for the purpose of enabling the War Service Commission to place Christian literature in army camps, naval centers, USO libraries, ship libraries, and in the hands of war prisoners.

INCREASE IN MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL: ✓

We recommend, That beginning with January 1, 1943, the Missions Goal for the North American Division be increased from Forty, to Fifty-Cents-a-Week per member.

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A final report from the Plans Committee was presented, amended, and adopted as follows:

HEALTH EDUCATION: ✓

WHEREAS, The present national health consciousness, in which healthful living and physical fitness are regarded as a patriotic duty, offers a most opportune time for the expansion of the denominational program of health education in our churches and schools; and,

WHEREAS, There is need that a larger number of our lay church membership be trained for home and community missionary service to assist the corps of civilian health personnel in the event of an epidemic or physical catastrophe; and,

WHEREAS, The rising cost of foods and the relative shortage in certain staple foodstuffs serves to increase the need in many homes for a thorough knowledge of how to select an economical adequate balanced dietary; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That an interest in all lines of healthful living, and disease prevention be fostered throughout our ranks.

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2. That all our workers be urged to foster the organization of classes in health education wherever competent teachers are available and that we seek to utilize the services of these teachers in conducting classes in Red Cross First Aid, Health Preservation, and Home Nursing, and in the study of Food, Practical Nutrition and Healthful Cookery.

COUNCIL FOR UNION HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARIES: ✓

We recommend, That the Home Missionary Department be authorized to plan for an annual council of the Home Missionary Secretaries.

SCHOLARSHIP PLAN: ✓

We recommend, That the Scholarship Plan be amended to read as follows:

I 1. That all our denominational colleges, junior colleges and academies join with our publishing houses and Book and Bible Houses and local conferences in offering scholarships at a discount of 30% to all who will earn such scholarships wholly by the sale of denominational subscription books or magazines, these scholarships to cover board, room and tuition.

2. That the discount of 30% be borne by the cooperating organizations on the following basis:

a.	The publishing house	10%
b.	The school	10%
c.	The Book and Bible House	5%
d.	The local conference	5%

3. That in order to qualify for the benefits offered in the scholarship plan, students be required to sign a contract with the Book and Bible House to work a minimum of 400 hours, it being understood that when a student is appointed by the conference to assist in field leadership during part of his summer vacation the time thus spent may apply on this time requirement. And further, that when by recommendation of and prearrangement with one of our denominational schools the student devotes part of his vacation to summer school work, thus shortening the available period of possible service as a scholarship colporteur, the time devoted to summer school work may apply on the time requirement of his contract.

4. That the Bible House in the field where the work is done by the student, be the custodian of the scholarship funds, and turn over the money due any student on his scholarship direct to the school where the student decides to attend, and that it give satisfactory evidence to the school management, the publishing house and the conference that the scholarship has been earned in harmony with the regulations governing this scholarship plan.

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5. That any person working under this plan be entitled to draw the money due him from the sale of literature at any time from the Bible House, should he wish to do so, but in that event he shall receive only the regular colporteur's commission on his sales, it being understood that by drawing his money in this way he withdraws from the scholarship endeavor and places himself upon the same basis as other colporteurs.

6. That the student who fails to earn a full scholarship during the summer vacation shall be eligible for the scholarship discount in proportion to the sales he makes on the following conditions:

a. That he fulfill the time requirement of his contract.

b. That all obligations to the Book and Bible House be settled, and in addition a deposit equal to 75% of the commissions earned be placed with the Book and Bible House to be forwarded by them to the school for the credit of the student.

c. That the amount thus deposited with the school shall represent 70% of the total payment on the student's account from this source. The remaining 30% shall be provided by the various organizations participating in the scholarship arrangement, according to the ratio outlined in paragraph 2.

d. That this partial scholarship shall be available only if the student is able either to provide funds from other sources to meet the balance of the fees required for his year's schooling at the regular charges, or make satisfactory arrangements with the school to cover the balance of his expenses by student labor.

7. That these scholarship benefits be granted to resident students, and also to those who may by the permission of the faculty, arrange for room or board and room outside the school, on the following basis:

The publishing house, the Book and Bible House and the local conference shall each pay its share of the scholarship on the basis of board, room and tuition as charged by the school, and the school shall allow ten per cent scholarship discount on the amount of money paid into the school.

8. That the number of full scholarships a student may earn in a given year be limited to two. By this method, he may build up a credit with the school for future needs.

9. That the only transfer of scholarship permitted be to a member of the immediate family of the one who has earned the scholarship.

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10. That in case a scholarship student leaves a school before the end of the period covered by his scholarship a refund be made, and the Book and Bible House and publishing house and conference shall each be reimbursed for its portion of the discount on the amount refunded.

II That any student who can devote some time to selling books or magazines during the school year and thereby earn a part or whole scholarship be permitted to do so and that when one-half, three-fourths, or a whole scholarship has been earned, he receive the benefits of the scholarship discount, it being understood that this plan does not entitle him to any transportation benefits and that all bills at the Book and Bible House shall have been settled promptly each month in full.

III That when making ~~claims~~ for scholarship premiums in behalf of student colporteurs, our Bible House secretaries submit to the publishing house or branch office in the territory in which the student works, and to the publishers of any magazine used, a complete statement of all book and magazine sales; it being understood that the publisher of the magazine shall bear his proportion of the premium allowed.

IV That the benefits of the scholarship plan be extended to students entering our sanitarium training schools toward the amount of the deposit required.

V That the benefits of the scholarship plan be extended to the students of the College of Medical Evangelists, the discount of 30% to be paid as follows:

a.	The publishing house	10%
b.	The college	10%
c.	The Book and Bible House	5%
d.	The conference	5%

#### VI Scholarship Fares

1. That the maximum inducement offered to an accepted student colporteur who does not return to his home conference to canvass during vacation, shall be his fare to the field, the amount of which may be advanced, and charged to his account until he fulfills the requirements of his contract. When the terms of the contract have been fully met, the student's account will be credited with the amount of his fare which shall be paid by the Book and Bible House.

2. That when the time requirement of the contract has been fulfilled, even though the student does not earn a full scholarship, his return fare to the school shall be paid by the conference.



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3. That where conditions are such that it seems advisable for a student to work in a field other than his home conference, arrangement be made for such transfer by a committee consisting of the principal of the school, the local presidents concerned, and the union and local Field Missionary secretaries of such fields in which the courtesies mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply.

VII That the entire North American field adhere strictly to this scholarship plan and that union and local conferences refrain from setting up programs for student scholarships offering terms and inducements different from or in addition to those provided in these recommendations.

BONUSES TO COLPORTEURS: ✓

We recommend, 1. That colporteur bonuses on subscription books be restricted to "regular" colporteurs who sell in scattered rural territory, and that these payments be computed on a monthly basis of a minimum of 120 hours a month; and further,

2. That no colporteur shall by bonus benefits raise his income above \$1.25 per hour for time spent in canvassing and delivering. The value of deliveries as well as the time factor shall be a basis for bonus allowances.

INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS: ✓

We recommend, That union conference committees give serious and careful consideration to the policy relating to "Independent Publications" in the General Conference Working Policy booklet, page 62, with a view to a more strict application of these guiding principles in the production of the publications we issue to the world.

UNAUTHORIZED LITERATURE: ✓

WHEREAS, There is an increasing tendency in our Book and Bible Houses to expand their business by the sale of literature which has not been published by our own houses nor approved by any authorized committee; therefore,

Resolved, That we reaffirm our position relative to the work of Book and Bible Houses, which has been stated as follows:

"WHEREAS, Our tract societies are denominational agencies created for the express purpose of forwarding this movement; therefore

We recommend, That our tract societies and churches promote the circulation of only those books, pamphlets, tracts, periodicals, and magazines which are regularly printed under denominational direction or are furnished through our publishing houses."

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We further recommend, That union and local conference committees investigate the situation in the Book and Bible Houses in their territory, with a view to confining their work to the plan and purpose for which they were founded as outlined in this policy.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RESOLUTION: ✓

WHEREAS, It is necessary in every emergency for all to make unusual sacrifices and to surrender privileges normally enjoyed in times of peace, but fundamental principles, moral standards and inalienable rights are never to be surrendered; and,

WHEREAS, There is a tendency in every national crisis for human nature to exercise absolute power and authority in governmental matters and thus<sup>to</sup> override delegated and constitutional authority and to trample upon the natural God-given rights of man; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the constituent members of the Religious Liberty Association of America, assembled in Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20-28, 1942, do hereby request the Congress of the United States, and all national and state administrators of civil government, jealously to observe the provisions of the Bill of Rights as set forth in the Federal and State Constitutions so that the inalienable rights of the individual as conceived by our founding fathers may be preserved inviolate in times of war as well as in times of peace. Our Constitution was framed and our natural inalienable rights were guaranteed to us at a time when our forefathers faced a grave emergency. Likewise, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision in the Ex Parte Milligan Case, when our Union was threatened as never before with complete dissolution, which expressly stated: "The Constitution of the United States is a law for rulers and people, equally in war and in peace, and covers with the shield of its protection all classes of men, at all times, and under all circumstances. No doctrine, involving more pernicious consequences, was ever invented by the wit of man than that any of its provisions can be suspended during any of the great exigencies of government. Such a doctrine leads directly to anarchy or despotism, but the theory of necessity on which it is based is false; for the government, within the Constitution, has all the powers granted to it, which are necessary to preserve its existence." All citizens need to be reminded in times of stress that the Constitution cannot be changed by emergencies, nor by Congress, nor by the Chief Executive, nor by the Supreme Court of the United States, but by the people of the United States only.

WAR SERVICE COMMISSION: ✓

With the establishment of the War Service Commission due to the present emergency, there have arisen many problems and questions regarding the division of responsibility. In order not to over-burden the already heavily loaded local conference departmental secretaries,

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We recommend, 1. That the union and local conference committees arrange for local and union departmental secretaries to share in the promotion and fostering of Medical Cadet Corps Training.

2. That these Cadet Corps be organized with local lay leadership, so experienced and so trained, that it shall not be necessary for any local conference secretary to engage in the actual training of cadets.

3. That in the War Service Commission work it shall be the duty of local conference Missionary Volunteer departmental secretaries to counsel our young men in the churches concerning their problems arising under the Selective Service Act.

4. That when a young man is transferred by induction from the jurisdiction of the Selective Service System to that of the Army or Navy, the primary responsibility for his welfare shall pass to the regional secretary of the War Service Commission and the camp pastors associated with him.

#### UNIFIED PLAN FOR LARGER LITERATURE EVANGELISM: ✓

WHEREAS, There are in our fields many counties and sections where there are no Seventh-day Adventist churches or companies; and,

WHEREAS, There are unlimited opportunities for service even in fields where we have groups of believers; and,

WHEREAS, God's call to His people is to seek and save the lost;

We recommend, 1. That we intensify our efforts to evangelize the unentered as well as the previously entered areas.

2. That we seek to enlist our people in the systematic house to house distribution of appropriate literature, by mailing such literature to rural sections and also by circularizing city residents, and enrolling interested individuals in Bible study courses.

3. That in developing such soul-winning endeavors, we make use of such courses of study as the Home Bible Study League, the Bible Readers' Circle, the 20th Century Bible Course, the Home Bible Course, and such other aids as may be arranged by the General, union and local conferences.

4. That wherever possible, personal contacts be made with interested individuals by a conference or lay worker so as to bind this follow-up program closely to the work of the church and the conference.

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5. That we request the publishers of our missionary periodicals to insert in these papers announcements concerning these Bible study plans, offering such courses free to all who enroll, it being understood that the names of those who respond will be sent by the publishing house to the conference in whose territory such individuals reside.

6. That we suggest to our workers that they follow the plans set forth in the new Evangelistic Bible Course manual in inaugurating a more intensive work in Bible evangelism.

## APPRECIATION: ✓

Resolved, 1. That the Secretary be asked to convey to the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce our appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown in making available to us the Taft Auditorium for our week-end meetings.

2. That the Secretary be asked to pass on to the management of the Gibson Hotel our appreciation for courtesies extended to our delegates and for providing accommodations for our committees and other meetings.

3. That C.B.Haynes be asked to convey to the Press of Cincinnati our appreciation for the publicity given in connection with this Autumn Council.

4. That we express to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference Committees our appreciation for their helpful cooperation, and the many courtesies accorded us in arranging for the holding of the Council in Cincinnati.

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The Council adjourned sine die. F.M.Wilcox offered the benediction.

J.L.McElhany,  
L.H.Christian, Chairmen.

E.D.Dick,  
A.W.Cormack, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Cincinnati, Ohio, October 28, 1942, 4:30 P.M.

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The meeting was held in the Assembly Room of the Hotel Gibson, immediately following the adjournment of the Council.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

A large number of the Committee members were present who had been in attendance at the Council.

## CALLS FOR R.H.NIGHTINGALE:

VOTED, To pass on to R.H.Nightingale, through the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference, for his consideration, the following two calls: From the Atlantic Union, to connect with the Southern New England Conference for work in Boston; and from the Columbia Union, to connect with the work in the New Jersey Conference.

## M.A.MALONEY--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference the call from the Pacific Union for M.A.Maloney to connect with the Northern California Conference for Italian work.

## W.A.HIGGINS--CANADIAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Canadian Union for W.A.Higgins to connect with that union as union Field Missionary Secretary.

## LOUIS BRANTLEY--OHIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Louis Brantley to connect with the Ohio Conference as assistant Field Missionary Secretary.

## MISS GRACE COYL--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Grace Coyl to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference for Bible work.

## W.A.DESSAIN--MINNESOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Northern Union for W.A.Dessain to connect with the work in the Minnesota Conference.

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## JAMES BARKLEY--IOWA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Northern Union for James Barkley of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, to connect with the Iowa Sanitarium as business manager.

## M.V.TUCKER--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and the Southern Publishing Association the call from the Pacific Union for M.V.Tucker to connect with the Northern California Conference as Field Missionary Secretary.

## R.M.WHITSETT--RADIO SECRETARY FOR INTER AMERICA:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference to release R.M.Whitsett, and that Brother Whitsett be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division, as Division Radio Secretary.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

M.L.Andreasen, Pacific Union, approximately one month, from mid-November to mid-December, stopping in Oklahoma for a week on the return trip.

Frederick Griggs, Southern Junior College, Madison College, Southwestern Junior College, en route home from the Council.

W.A.Butler, Lay preachers' institutes, Michigan, October 29 to November 2; Chesapeake, November 7; Illinois, November 11-16; New Jersey, November 21.

J.J.Strähle, Southwestern Union Field Missionary Secretaries' Council, November 16-18.

J.A.Stevens, Sabbath School Institute for the Lake Union at Hinsdale, November 17-19.

V.T.Armstrong, visit churches in Minnesota, October 31 to November 8.

J.L.Shuler to Indianapolis, in connection with preliminary plans for effort to be held there, en route home from the Council.

A.W.Peterson, Youth's Rally in Philadelphia, November 7. Central Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council, Lincoln November 9-11; Pacific Union M.V.Secretaries' Council, Glendale, November 14-16; North Pacific Union M.V.Secretaries' Council, Walla Walla, November 19-20; and local conventions until time of the Week of Prayer at Boulder, November 27-December 5.

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C.L.Bond, Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council, Columbia Union, November 4,5; Southern Junior College, Week of Prayer, as arranged, in November.

G.W.Wells, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, November 20 to December 6.

N.F.Brewer, Pacific Union, December and February; North Pacific Union during the month of January.

E.E.Franklin, colporteur rally at Brookfield, October 31 to November 1.

S.A.Wellman, Sabbath School Secretaries' Council, North Pacific Union, November 17-18, in connection with trip already authorized to the Pacific Union.

T.J.Michael, Week of Prayer at Atlantic Union College, November 8.

H.M.Blunden and J.J.Strahle to attend a Field Missionary Secretaries' and Book and Bible House Institute in the Southern Union, November 20-23.

#### SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES OF H. BOEX:

Word was received through the Southern European Division of the death of H.Boex, our book leader for many years in Central Europe.

VOTED, That we hereby record our appreciation of the faithful service of H.Boex in connection with our work in Europe, and that the Secretary be asked to send a message of condolence from this Committee to Sister Boex and the children.

Adjourned.

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