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FIVE HUNDRED NINETY--EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 1, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W P Bradley, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W H Williams,
 H H Cobban, M E Kern, N F Brewer, V T Armstrong, E E Andross,
 H H Votaw, W A Scharffenberg, W A Butler, Paul Wickman, W K Ising,
 Claude Conard, H W Barrows, H M Blunden, C S Longacre, G A Huse,
 W P Elliott, E E Franklin, J E Weaver, W E Phillips, M C Taft,
 C L Bond, E W Dunbar.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, R L Benton.

M E Kern was asked to take the chair. Prayer by W.A. Scharffenberg. Minutes of the meeting of September 27 were approved.

JAMES S. RUSSELL--MINISTERIAL LICENSE:

VOTED, That James S. Russell, returned from internment in Germany, be granted ministerial license for the year 1945.

THADDEUS WILSON--LAKE REGION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the North-eastern Conference the call from the Lake Union for Thaddeus Wilson to connect with the Lake Region Conference, to serve as district leader in the city of Gary, Indiana.

DR. J. WAYNE MCFARLAND--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Review and Herald Board for Dr. J. Wayne McFarland to connect with the Review and Herald as editor of Life and Health.

H. J. WESTPHAL--CAROLINA:

VOTED, To pass on to H. J. Westphal, returned from South America, the call from the Southern Union to connect with the work in the Carolina Conference.

H. R. THURBER--CAROLINA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the Southern Union for H. R. Thurber to connect with the Carolina Conference for pastoral-evangelistic work.

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LAURA M. DROWN--ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Laura M. Drown to connect with the Alabama-Mississippi Conference for work in the conference office.

W. J. HACKETT--NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for W. J. Hackett to connect with the Northern New England Conference for pastoral-evangelistic work.

GENEVA BRYAN--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for Miss Geneva Bryan: health inspection of church schools in the Lake Region Conference and the Columbia Union.

R. H. HOWLETT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we approve of the permanent return of R. H. Howlett from the Inter-American Division, on account of the condition of health of Mrs. Howlett.

W. I. HILLIARD--WASHINGTON:

VOTED, That W. I. Hilliard be requested to return to Washington from Georgia, to assist in the consideration of China Division problems.

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to give consideration to the reopening of the Far Eastern Academy in China.

HEALTH MANUAL FOR MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to give consideration to the preparation of a Health Manual for Missionary Appointees.

COMMUNITY CHEST--\$750:

VOTED, To appropriate \$750 to the Community Chest and its affiliated relief agencies.

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W.A.BUTLER--COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That W.A.Butler be appointed to take the place of R.G.Strickland on the following committees:

American Temperance Society
 General Conference Missions Division
 Home Study Institute Board
 Medical Department Advisory Council
 Missionary Volunteer Department Advisory Council
 North American Radio Commission
 Committee on Promotion of Offerings
 Publishing Department Advisory Council
 Religious Liberty Department Advisory Council
 Sabbath School Department Advisory Council
 War Service Commission
 Committee on Space for General Conference Session
 Committee on Introductory Course on Home Nursing.

VOTED, To recommend to the Review and Herald Board that W.A.Butler be appointed to take the place of R.G.Strickland as one of the associate editors of the Church Officers' Gazette.

VOTED, To recommend to the Review and Herald Board that W.A.Butler be appointed to serve in place of R.G.Strickland as a member of the Book Committee.

REQUEST FROM SAINT MATTHIAS ISLANDS:

About a year ago we sent some church and school supplies to our workers in the Saint Matthias Islands, inasmuch as we learned that these islands had been cut off for two years from contact with the Australasian Division headquarters. A request has just been received for some additional materials. Now that the war is over, and there is communication between the island fields and the home office, it was

VOTED, That this and all future requests from the Australasian island fields for supplies be referred to the Australasian Division office.

M.E.Kern, Chairman.
 W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
 E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 4, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J I Robison, H T Elliott, W P Bradley, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, M E Kern, W A Scharffenberg, H H Votaw, P L Williams, J J Ireland, N F Brewer, E W Dunbar, W A Butler, Paul Wickman, V T Armstrong, Claude Conard, H M Blunden, M C Taft, W E Phillips, E E Franklin, H W Barrows, L C Shepard, R S Watts, C B Haynes, E E Andross, C L Bond, D E Rebok, W K Ising.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, J.R.Ferren.

L.E.Kern was asked to take the chair.

Prayer by E.W.Dunbar.

L.F.Bohner:

Information was given that there is great need for more help in the Philippines in the consideration of problems connected with the work of reconstruction, and also of some one to make contacts with officials with reference to securing for our institutions in the Orient some of the war surplus materials that are to be disposed of in Manila. In view of this situation, it was

VOTED, To request L.F.Bohner, who is under appointment to the Malayan Union, to go forward to the Philippines as soon as transportation can be secured, to assist in the emergency situation there for a few months before proceeding to Malaya.

Consideration was also given to L.F.Bohner's family situation, which has caused some uncertainty in his mind with reference to accepting the call to return to the mission field at this time. It was

VOTED, That if by the end of a year it seems unwise for L.F.Bohner's family to follow him to Malaya, he shall be returned to the homeland for placement here.

MURIEL HOWE TO INDIA TEMPORARILY:

Word was received from the Australasian Division that transportation can be secured to India for Miss Muriel Howe, a nurse under appointment to China, but no transportation is as yet available to China.

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VOTED, That the Australasian Division be authorized to arrange for Miss Muriel Howe to go forward to India, for temporary service there until she can proceed to China.

MARTIN KEMMERER--PHILIPPINE UNION:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College to release Martin Kemmerer, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, to serve as business manager of the Philippine Union College and Acting Treasurer of the Philippine Union Mission.

ERNESTINE GILL--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union Conference and the Portland Sanitarium to release Miss Ernestine Gill, and that Miss Gill be invited to return for nursing service in the Far Eastern Division.

RUBY BARNETT--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to release Miss Ruby Barnett, and that Miss Barnett be invited to return for nursing service in the Far Eastern Division.

W.R.HOLLEY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of his family situation, W.R.Holley be released from the call to British North Borneo.

S.M.JEFFERSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of unfavorable medical reports for the family, S.M.Jefferson be released from the call to Costa Rica.

G.D.KING--CARIBBEAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the British Union to release G.D.King, of the South England Conference, to connect with the Inter-American Division as superintendent of the Caribbean Union Mission.

JOHN D.HAYNES--PANAMA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union to release John D.Haynes, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to take the presidency of the Panama Conference.

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W.R.WHEELER--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the South American Division Committee, W.R.Wheeler be granted an extension of his furlough to the end of February, 1946.

D.J.VON POHLE--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That D.J.von Pohle, on furlough from Bolivia, be granted one month's extension of his furlough, or until the end of January, 1946.

A.R.SHERMAN--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of A.R.Sherman, of Venezuela, be lengthened to one year, instead of the regular nine months, in view of the condition of his health.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C.B.Haynes, Atlanta, October 20-28.

W.A.Butler, Lake Union, October 13-20.

R.S.Watts, Syracuse, New York, week end of October 6;
Central Union, October 19-November 4.

W.E.Phillips and H.W.Barrows, Union College in October, for auditing.

J.E.Weaver, Lake Union teachers' institutes, October 8-11; October 28-November 6.

G.E.Peters, workers' meeting, Allegheny Conference, Newark, New Jersey, October 14-16.

E.W.Dunbar, M.V.Secretaries' Council, Columbia Union, Philadelphia, November 28-December 1.

J.C.Dean, regional meeting, Allentown, Pennsylvania, October 26, 27.

C.I.KEYMER--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Central Union for C.I.Keymer to connect with the Central Union evangelistic company.

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C.H. GERALD--ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium the call from the Southwestern Union for C.H. Gerald to connect with the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference as secretary-treasurer.

W.G. CHAPPELL--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the British Union Conference Committee, we approve of the sustentation rate of W.G. Chappell as a beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund of the Northern European Division, being increased to £7-0-0 per calendar month, beginning as of July 1, 1945.

PRAYER FOR MRS. DELLA BURROWAY-STEVENSON:

Mrs. Della Burroway-Stevens, who was for many years a missionary in India, is seriously ill in Australia. A request had been received from her and her husband for prayer in her behalf.

The Committee united with F.H. Votaw and H.H. Cobban in earnest prayer for Sister Stevens.

M.E. Kern, Chairman.
J.I. Robison, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDREDTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W E Nelson, W H Williams, W P Bradley, H T Elliott, J I Robison, J J Ireland, R E Kern, L L Moffitt, H H Votaw, R S Watts, C S Longacre, V T Armstrong, P L Williams, N F Brewer, W K Ising, H M Blunden, W A Scharffenberg, Claude Conard, F H Robbins, B G Wilkinson, E E Andross, W A Butler, H W Barrows, W E Phillips, D E Rebok, C L Bond.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, Miss Lora Clement, D E Robinson.

W.E.Nelson was asked to take the chair. Prayer by L.L. Moffitt. Minutes of the meetings of October 1 and 4 were approved.

W.A.SCHARFFENBERG--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That in order to bring some measure of relief to the few workers who are facing the emergency situation in the Philippine Union, W.A.Scharffenberg, of the Home Missionary Department, be loaned to the Far Eastern Division until the time of the General Conference session, to assist in the work of the Philippine Union College, to counsel in connection with the purchasing of surplus war materials for the Orient, and to help in any other way that may be possible, under the direction of the Far Eastern Division and the Philippine Union Committee. It is understood that Brother Scharffenberg may be free to give attention to a number of Home Missionary Department items while in the Philippines.

WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for them to respond, the following workers be released from appointment:

L.E.Ramsey from the call to serve as cashier of the Middle East Union Mission.

J.P.Habenicht from the call to the Congo Union Mission.

D. Hunter from the call to India.

E.J.Thomsen from the call to Kenya Colony, East Africa.

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GLYDE SMITH--MIDDLE EAST UNION:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Uper Columbia Conference to release Clyde Smith, of the Uper Columbia Academy, to connect with the Middle East Union Mission as cashier

DR. G.C.SCHEPPLER--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To invite Dr. G.C.Scheppler, of California, to connect with the Ethiopian Union Mission, in response to the call for a doctor for Debra Tabor.

E.E.KUNDEL--PARAGUAY:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference to release E.E.Kundel, to connect with the South American Division, for evangelistic work in Paraguay.

DR. BUXTON--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, On request of the Southern Asia Division Committee, to place Dr. Buxton, who is soon to be released from the British military forces, under deferred appointment for service in India.

EDWIN I. EDSTROM--GITWE TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Canadian Union Conference and Oshawa Missionary College to release E.I.Edstrom, to connect with the Southern African Division, to take the principalship of the Gitwe Training School.

D.S.LAURSEN--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That inasmuch as D.S.Laursen had had experience in school work, his appointment to the Southern Asia Division be to connect with the Kottarakana School, rather than to evangelistic work in Orissa as formerly voted.

J.D.HAYNES--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That in harmony with the request of the Inter-American Division Committee, the appointment of J.D.Haynes be changed from Panama to Costa Rica.

E.M.DAVIS--PANAMA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference to release E.M.Davis, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as president of the Panama Conference.

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M.V. CAMPBELL--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION MEETINGS:

VOTED, That M.V. Campbell, of the Northern Union, be invited to attend the Inter-American Division Council, and a series of four union meetings after the Council, this being in harmony with a request from the Inter-American Division that arrangements be made for one of the North American union presidents to attend these meetings.

DEATH OF MRS. O.J. NERLUND:

Word was received of the death last evening of Mrs. Nerlund, wife of Elder J.O. Nerlund, who has been for many years one of the workers in the Bureau of Home Missions.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be asked to convey a message of sincere sympathy and condolence from this Committee to Elder Nerlund, assuring him of our prayers that God may comfort him in this hour of sorrow.

HAROLD YOUNG--BOULDER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the Loma Linda Sanitarium the call from the Central Union for Harold Young to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium as business manager.

SUSIE LEE MANSKER--BOULDER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the Loma Linda Sanitarium the call from the Central Union for Susie Lee Mansker to serve as office nurse for Dr. Smith at the Boulder Sanitarium.

L.E. BIGGS--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the South-eastern California Conference the call from the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists for L.E. Biggs to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists as comptroller and treasurer.

HAROLD DOERING--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the call from the Columbia Union for Harold Doering, to connect with the music faculty of Washington Missionary College as organ and piano teacher.

MURRAY HARVEY--SHILOH ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Allegheny Conference the call from the Lake Union for Murray Harvey to take the principalship of the Shiloh Academy in Chicago.

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A.E.GIBB--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the Lake Union for A.E.Gibb to connect with the Illinois Conference as a district leader.

MISS LOUISE KLEUSER--ATLANTIC UNION:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Atlantic Union for the services of Miss Louise Kleuser, from October 23 to December 1.

J.E.WEAVER--NORTHERN UNION:

VOTED, That J.E.Weaver, who is on an itinerary in the Lake Union, be authorized to respond to the request from the Northern Union for his services in Minneapolis, October 12-16.

MRS. ANNA LILLIAN WILLIAMSON--FINANCIAL GUARANTEES:

VOTED, To extend the financial guarantees required by the United States Government in connection with the application of Mrs. Anna Lillian Williamson and her son Rodney, for immigration visa to the United States.

SALARIES OF STUDENTS IN LANGUAGE GROUPS:

VOTED, That now that the Missions Advance Committee has been discharged, the Committee on Permanently Returned Workers and Allowances be authorized to set the salaries of the students in the various language groups at the Seminary.

BASES NOT TO BE CHANGED BY

SALARY BUDGETS BETWEEN COUNCILS:

VOTED, To rescind our action of June 26, 1944, as recorded on page 1466 of the Minutes, concerning the transfer of salary budgets of language student missionary appointees, and that we reaffirm the general policy, that no base be changed by the transfer of salaries and other exchanges during the interim between Autumn Councils.

W.E.Nelson, Chairman.
W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED FIRST MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 11, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, J I Robison, H T Elliott, A W Cormack,
W P Bradley, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, V T Armstrong, P L Williams,
N F Brewer, J J Ireland, E E Andross, C L Bond, E W Dunbar, E E
Franklin, W A Scharffenberg, L L Moffitt, C S Longacre, M C Taft,
M P Robison, Claude Conard, W E Phillips, H M Blunden, R S Watts,
Dr H M Walton, L E Froom, Paul Wickman, W A Butler, H H Votaw,
W K Ising, M E Kern, D E Rebok.

OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Anderson, H L Shull, R L Benton, Miss Lora Clement,
R E Crawford.

Prayer by E.W.Dunbar. Minutes of the meeting of October
8 were approved.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER COUNCIL:

VOTED, That F.G.Ashbaugh, Mrs. Marjorie Marsh and A.H.
Roth be invited to attend the Missionary Volunteer Department
Council in Grand Rapids, November 9-13.

HOME MISSIONARY COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Wesley Amundsen and Mrs. Grace Mace be in-
vited to attend the Home Missionary Department Council, in
Grand Rapids.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That the following workers be invited to attend
the coming Autumn Council: W.H.Anderson, E.D.Hanson, R.L.Benton,
H.M.S.Richards and the Voice of Prophecy Group, J.Berger Johnson,
Miss Thora Thomsen, F.A.Pratt, Clinton W.Lee, H.G.Stoechr; and
W.E.Guthrie, if he accepts the call to the Manila Publishing
House.

ROOMING ALLOWANCE AT AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That members of the General Conference head-
quarters staff, if accompanied by their wives in attending the
Autumn Council in Grand Rapids, be allowed to report the single
rate quoted on a hotel room for two.

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AUTUMN COUNCIL--CHURCH APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That H.T.Elliott be authorized to arrange for General Conference workers to meet appointments in the churches in the vicinity of Grand Rapids, during the time they are in Grand Rapids, it being understood that this action gives authorization for whatever expense may be involved in meeting the appointments.

WAR SURPLUS MATERIALS--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following named persons be a committee of counsel on the purchase of war surplus materials available to mission societies:

W.E.Nelson, N.F.Brewer, R.L.Benton, W.H.Williams, W.A.Scharffenberg, P.L.Williams, W.P.Bradley, V.T.Armstrong, D.E.Rebok, E.C.Wood.

MRS. MARIE FANSELAU---PERMANENT RETURN
AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEES:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, to authorize the permanent return of Mrs. Marie Fanselau from Guatemala to the United States, and that we extend the financial guarantees required by the United States Government in connection with her application for permanent residence status in the United States for herself and her three sons.

DR. KENNETH FISHER--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Fisher to the Inter-American Division be changed from Costa Rica to Mexico.

DR. H.E.BUTKA--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place Dr. H.E.Butka, of California under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, for service in Costa Rica.

E.L.BECKER--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To invite E.L.Becker, who is being released from military service, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, to serve as cashier and assistant auditor for the division.

J.R. COX, Sr. --MIAMI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference the request from the Southern Union for J.E.Cox, Sr. to attend a special anniversary service of the Miami colored church, it being understood that the church is meeting the expense involved.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

L.L.Moffitt, Carolina Conference workers' meeting, October 24, 25.

S.Kaplan to Takoma Park, on Ingathering matters.

W.A.Butler, Pacific Union, three weeks in December, as may be arranged.

E.W.Dunbar, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, November 2, 3; North Pacific Union, December 5-18.

H.M.S.Richards and D.A.Delafield, New York City, November 6.

C.L.Bond, Southern Union Missionary Volunteer Council, December 11-15.

FRANCIS W.WERNICK--TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Francis W.Wernick to connect with the Texas Conference for district work.

M.A.WYMAN--TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for M.A.Wyman to connect with the work in the Texas Conference.

W.A.NELSON--TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for W.A.Nelson to connect with the Texas Conference as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

WILLIAM CROFTON--ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Southern Union for William Crofton to connect with the Alabama-Mississippi Conference as associate publishing department secretary.

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MINIMUM WAGE BILL:

Inasmuch as the proposed Minimum Wage Bill before Congress, if enacted into law, will seriously affect our school industries, it was

VOTED, That the following named persons be a committee, with power to act, to care for our institutional interests at the hearings that are now being held on this proposed bill: H.A. Morrison, H.H. Votaw, J.P. Neff, H.L. Shull and D.E. Rebok.

HAWAIIAN MISSION--BUNGALOW:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Hawaiian Mission, for approval of the erection of a bungalow for the mission, at an estimated cost of \$6,500, funds being in hand to cover the cost.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the bungalow as proposed by the Hawaiian Mission.

CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING AT GARDENA:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Southern California Conference for approval of the erection of a church school building for the church at Gardena, at an estimated cost of \$10,000, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church school building for the Gardena church.

WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE--SCIENCE HALL:

Request was presented from the Columbia Union on behalf of Washington Missionary College, for approval of the erection of an addition to the Science Hall. It is estimated that the cost will be between \$65,000 and \$75,000. Funds are in hand to the extent of \$35,000, and the balance will be provided by the union.

VOTED, That we approve of the proposed addition to the Science Hall of Washington Missionary College, with the understanding that if there is any change in the estimate the matter will be brought to our attention.

CHINA DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATE:

VOTED, That the rate of exchange to be used by the China Division in reporting tithes and mission funds to the General Conference for the year 1945 be 200 to 1.

W.E. Branson, Chairman.
J.I. Robison, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED SECOND MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, W P Bradley, H T Elliott, A W Cormack, J I Robison, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, J J Ireland, E W Dunbar, Miss Lois Burnett, E E Franklin, V T Armstrong, C L Bond, P L Williams, H A Morrison, N F Brewer, W I Hilliard, H H Votaw, Dr H M Walton, L Halswick, W A Scharffenberg, L L Moffitt, C S Longacre, H M Blunden, G E Peters, Paul Wickman, W K Ising, G A Huse, R S Watts, M E Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

R L Benton, J R Ferren.

Prayer was offered by W.I.Hilliard and H.A.Morrison, especially remembering Elder A.R.Bell, who is facing a serious operation and for whom prayer had been requested.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL--ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEE:

Inasmuch as our other institutions and organizations will be affected by the Minimum Wage Bill if it should become law, as well as our school industries, it was

VOTED, That J.H.Nies of the Washington Sanitarium, and W.P.Elliott of the Review and Herald, be added to the committee appointed to care for our interests in connection with the hearings on this Bill.

J.F.STREET--TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Arizona Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for J.F.Street to connect with the work in the Texas Conference.

W.P.LOCKWOOD--CALLS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference calls for W.P.Lockwood as follows: from the Lake Union to connect with the Michigan Conference; and from the Columbia Union to connect with the Potomac Conference.

DAVID JOHNSON--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the Lake Union for David Johnson to connect with the Illinois Conference as a district leader.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

L.Halswick, Leominster, Massachusetts, October 27.

J.E.Weaver, Central Union, October 18-28.

Dr. H.M.Walton, L.K.Dickson, W.H.Williams, H.T.Elliott, Lake Union Constituency Meeting at Hinsdale, October 23.

W.E.Nelson and Dr. H.M.Walton, Orlando, Florida, time to be arranged.

C.S.Longacre, Syracuse, New York, October 20; Albany, New York, October 27.

M. E. OLSEN--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That we approve of M.E.Olsen's responding to the invitation from the Inter-American Division Committee, to make a visit to Jamaica.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT:

VOTED, That in connection with their trip to China, W.E.Nelson, H.M.Blunden, H.A.Morrison and Dr. H.M.Walton be authorized to visit any of the Far Eastern Division fields that may be open for visitation.

MRS. THEODORA WANGERIN--KOREA:

VOTED, To request the North American Radio Commission to release Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, of the Voice of Prophecy office staff, and that Mrs. Wangerin be invited to return to service in Korea.

DR. SAMUEL PHANG--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Dr. Samuel Phang, of the White Memorial Hospital, and that we renew the call to Dr. Phang to return to China, his homeland, on completion of the work he is now doing for the Advanced Degree of the American Board of Internal Medicine; and further, that he be assured that we look favorably on the plan of establishing a center in connection with one of our medical institutions in China, where our doctors in mission service may come for refresher courses in medicine.

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R. S. WATTS--KOREA:

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America is arranging for a group of former missionaries to make a visit to Korea as soon as transportation can be secured, to make contact with the interests of the various mission societies that were working in Korea before the war, in order that they may bring back a firsthand report of conditions and of the needs. They have asked that we appoint a representative of our Society as one of this group.

VOTED, To submit the name of R.S.Watts to the Foreign Missions Conference, as our representative in the group that is to visit and report on conditions in Korea,

H. R. EMMERSON--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That H.R.Emmerson, under appointment as builder to the Far Eastern Division, be invited to attend the Autumn Council, in order that he may have opportunity to counsel with Far Eastern Division representatives relative to the building plans of the division.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, That the following named persons constitute the Committee on Physical Arrangements for the General Conference Session:

W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, Claude Conard, N.C.Wilson, G.E. Hutches, Leon Robbins (or the pastor of the St. Louis church), H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, G.E.Peters.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--COMMITTEE ON SPACE:

VOTED, That the following named persons be a committee on Space Needed for the General Conference Session:

W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, J.L.McElhany, L.K.Dickson, Claude Conard, H.M.Blunden, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.A.Morrison, J.A.Stevens, H.H.Votaw, A.W.Peterson, W.A.Butler, L.E.Froom, C.S.Longacre, L.Halswick, G.E.Peters, J.R.Ferren, Paul Wickman, A.L.White.

COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE WORK:

VOTED, That the Committee on Graduate Work, called for by the recommendation adopted in our meeting of May 24, 1945, be constituted as follows:

H.A.Morrison, chairman, J.L.McElhany, L.K.Dickson, W.E. Nelson, E.D.Dick, W.H.Branson, the Union Conference Presidents, the Senior College Presidents, the President of the Theological Seminary, Dr. H.M.Walton, Dr. W.E.Macpherson, Mrs. Esther Gardner Miss Lois Burnett, Frederick Griggs, W.H.Teesdale, J.E.Weaver.

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HOME MISSIONARY COUNCIL--EVA LINSCOTT:

VOTED, That Miss Eva Linscott, of the Home Missionary Department, be invited to attend the Home Missionary Council in Grand Rapids.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--STENOGRAPHERS:

VOTED, That the following stenographers be asked to go to Grand Rapids for work during the Autumn Council: Elizabeth Zeidler, Stella Fleisher, Chester Rogers, Mary Paul, Ora Williams Louise Surface, Dorothy Ford, Katie Farney, Hazel Shadel, Helen Smith.

VIRGIL E. ROBINSON:

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, Virgil E. Robinson, on furlough from the Malamulo Mission, be authorized to attend the Theological Seminary, and visit a number of Negro schools in the United States.

MOTOR CYCLE FOR F.J.VOORTHUIS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to comply with the request of F.J.Voorthuis, of Holland, that a motor cycle be secured and sent to him, to be charged to him through the Holland Conference.

LAKE UNION--COTTAGES:

Request was presented from the Lake Union for approval of the erection of four cottages in Berrien Springs, two for Emmanuel Missionary College and two for the union, funds being in hand for financing the project.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of four cottages in Berrien Springs, as proposed by the Lake Union Conference.

PENDLETON AND MILTON, OREGON--RECREATION HALLS:

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union on behalf of the Oregon Conference for approval of the erection of two recreation halls, one for the church school at Pendleton and the other for the church school at Milton. The estimated cost is \$6,000 each, and the necessary funds are in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the recreation halls as proposed for the church schools at Pendleton and Milton, Oregon.

W.E.Branson, Chairman.
W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 18, 1945, 9 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, J I Robison, E D Dick, A W Cormack, H T Elliott, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, M P Robison, E W Dunbar, S Kaplan, E E Andross, J J Ireland, C B Haynes, W K Ising, H A Morrison, W A Scharffenberg, E E Franklin, V T Armstrong, P L Williams, L Halswick, A W Peterson, H M Blunden, C L Bond, Claude Conard, N F Brewer, C S Longacre, Dr H M Walton, M C Taft, Miss Lois Burnett, L L Moffitt, Paul Wickman, L E Froom, M E Kern, H H Votaw, G A Huse.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, A L White.

Prayer by L. Halswick. Minutes of the meeting of October 15 were approved.

GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR:

VOTED, That C.B.Haynes, H.H.Votaw, L.Halswick and E.D. Dick be a committee to investigate the possibilities of securing the release of those of our German workers who are being held as prisoners of war, in order that they may be reassigned to our work.

S.L.FROST--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That S.L.Frost be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

F.E.BELDEN COLLECTION:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to sort the ^{F. E. Belden} collection of books and periodical files and papers, now in our possession, and make recommendation relative to the disposition that should be made of this material.

Appointed: M.E.Kern, D.E.Rebok, N.F.Brewer, D.E.Robinson, W.A.Solcer, L.E.Froom.

R.S.WATTS--KOREA:

Information was given that the United States Government is desirous of having the part-time services for a period of six months of the six men who are being sent to Korea by the Foreign Missions Conference, this service to be in an advisory capacity

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to the military government in Korea, as civilian technicians on rehabilitation.

VOTED, That R.S.Watts in joining the group going to Korea be authorized to accede to the request of the Government for his services on a part-time basis, as a civilian technician on rehabilitation.

WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for them to accept, the following workers be released from appointment:

Reinhold Patzer from the call to Ecuador.

W.A.Scriven from the call to Bolivia.

L.A.Stump from the call to Uruguay.

MARGIT HALVORSEN--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To request the West Nordic Union Conference to secure the release of Miss Margit Halvorsen, and that Miss Halvorsen be invited to connect with the medical work in the Ethiopian Union Mission.

H.E.RUCKLE--PERU:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference to release H.E.Ruckle, to connect with the South American Division in response to the call for an evangelist for Peru.

D.E.BOND--COCHABAMBA SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release D.E.Bond, of the Mountain View Academy, to connect with the South American Division and the Inca Union Mission, to serve as principal of the Cochabamba school in Bolivia.

P.K.WILEY--CONGO UNION:

VOTED, To invite P.K.Wiley, one of the students of the French language group, to connect with the Southern African Division, for service in one of the stations in the Congo Union Mission.

MARTIN KEMMERER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Martin Kemmerer be released from the call to the Philippine Union Mission and College.

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WERBER JOHNSON--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, To invite Werber Johnson, who is being released from the military forces, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, to serve as business manager of the Philippine Union College, and acting treasurer of the Philippine Union Mission.

MILDRED SIMMS--IOWA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Washington Sanitarium Board the call from the Northern Union for Miss Mildred Simms to connect with the Iowa Conference to serve as assistant in the Book and Bible House.

A. ORVILLE DUNN--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to A. Orville Dunn, returned from the Inter-American Division, the call from the Lake Union to connect with Emmanuel Missionary College as field representative of the College.

STANLEY WILL--MARITIME CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Stanley Will to connect with the Maritime Conference as departmental secretary.

MRS. ETHEL EARWOOD--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and the Hinsdale Sanitarium the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Ethel Earwood to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as laboratory technician.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Geneva Bryan, Central Union for school inspections as may be arranged.

E. P. Mansell, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for three weeks, November 1-24.

H. D. Casebeer to visit Farmington, New Mexico; Monte Vista and Denver, Colorado; and Six Nations Reservation, Canada, on trip to the Autumn Council.

J. H. WAGNER--MIAMI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Allegheny Conference the request from the Southern Union for J. H.

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Wagner to attend a special anniversary service of the Miami colored church, it being understood that the church is meeting the expense involved.

G. GUDMUNDSEN--PERMANENT RETURN TO NORWAY:

VOTED, To rescind our action of June 8, 1944, which approved of G. Gudmundsen's taking his furlough in America, and that on recommendation of the Provisional Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of G. Gudmundsen from Ethiopia to Norway.

ACCOUNT IN GRAND RAPIDS BANK FOR AUTUMN COUNCIL:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a temporary account be opened in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Old Kent Bank, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of W. E. Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W. H. Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or H. H. Cobba, Assistant Treasurer, on checks drawn against this account.

PURCHASE OF SURPLUS WAR MATERIALS:

The Committee on the Purchase of Surplus War Materials submitted a list of equipment and materials they felt to recommend for the China and Far Eastern Divisions.

VOTED, That our representatives in the Philippines be authorized to purchase the items recommended by the committee, for the China and Far Eastern Divisions, if these are offered for sale in Manila at what they consider a reasonable price.

VOTED, That the Southern Asia Division Committee be authorized to purchase any surplus war materials offered for sale in New Delhi, India, that may be of use in the rehabilitation of our work in Burma.

SKODSBORG SANITARIUM:

Request was presented from P. G. Nelson, of the West Nordic Union, for assistance in connection with the rehabilitation of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, which was used as a military hospital during the German occupation of Denmark. While they hope to get some compensation, they will not receive enough to cover all the damage and restore their losses. They ask for an appropriation from the General Conference of \$40,000 for this purpose, with the request that they be permitted to draw on mission funds being held in the West Nordic Union for part of it, the remainder to be used in the purchase of a list of items they have designated to be secured here and sent to them.

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VOTED, To appropriate \$40,000 from the Rehabilitation Fund for the rehabilitation of the Skodsberg Sanitarium, with the understanding that from this amount certain supplies which they have requested will be secured for them as far as possible, and that they are authorized to draw on mission funds in the West Nordic Union for that part of the appropriation which they will use in the rehabilitation of the building.

CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING--DULUTH:

Request was presented from the Northern Union on behalf of the Minnesota Conference, for approval of the erection of a church school building for the Duluth church, at an estimated cost of \$7,500, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of a church school building for the Duluth church, as proposed by the Minnesota Conference.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE--BROOM SHOP MATERIAL:

Request was presented from the Southern Union on behalf of Southern Missionary College, for authorization to borrow from organizations within the union, up to \$30,000, for the purchase of the broom corn required by their broom factory.

VOTED, That we give authorization for Southern Missionary College to borrow up to \$30,000, with which to purchase the material required for their broom factory, it being understood that the loan will be liquidated within six months.

BASIC FREEDOMS:

C.B.Haynes presented the draft of a statement on religious liberty, prepared by the committee that was appointed to draw up such a statement for presentation to the Commission on Basic Freedoms, of the United Nations Organization, and the remainder of the time was spent in a consideration of part of this document, until 12 o'clock, when the Committee recessed, to meet again at 1:30 P.M.

On reassembling at 1:30, consideration of the manuscript was resumed, and after full discussion, it was

VOTED, That C.B.Haynes, L.E.Froom, L.L.Moffitt, H.H. Votaw and J.I.Robison be a committee to make a final draft of the document, incorporating the suggestions made during the discussion.

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VOTED, That this committee be authorized to prepare at least fifty copies, to be bound in leather, for presentation to the members of the Commission on Basic Freedoms of the United Nations Council, and to other members of the United States Government and the United Nations Council, and that sufficient copies be printed for distribution to the press, both religious and secular.

APPENDIX:

VOTED, That the committee be instructed to transfer the matter on the relation of religion to war, to the Appendix, with the historical citations following each reference.

CHURCH INTERFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT:

VOTED, That there be included in the manuscript a statement to the effect that we also disapprove of religious organizations interfering in matters of state, as well as the state interfering in religious affairs.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
J.I.Robison, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, W P Bradley, E D Dick, H T Elliott, A W Cormack, J I Robison, W H Williams, H H Cobban, H M Blunden, J J Ireland, V T Armstrong, P L Williams, W K Ising, L L Moffitt, Miss Winifred McCormack, Miss Lois Burnett, C S Longacre, E W Dunbar, A W Peterson, N F Brewer, L Halswick, W A Scharffenberg, E E Franklin, M P Robison, W A Butler, M E Kern, E E Andross, Claude Conard, H A Morrison, G E Peters, G A Huse, M C Taft, D E Rebok, C L Bond.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, D E Robinson, R L Benton.

Prayer by H.M. Blunden. Minutes of the meeting of October 18 were approved.

LA SIERRA COLLEGE--ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union for approval of the erection of an administration and library building at La Sierra College, at an estimated cost of \$110,000, the funds to be made available from the college building funds held in trust in the Pacific Union.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the administration and library building at La Sierra College.

GLENDALE UNION ACADEMY--ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union for approval of the erection of an elementary school building in connection with the Glendale Union Academy, at an estimated cost of \$60,000, 75% of the amount being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the elementary school building as proposed in connection with the Glendale Union Academy.

ARIZONA ACADEMY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Arizona Conference for approval of a building for the Arizona Academy and elementary school, at a cost of between \$55,000 and \$60,000. They have more than 75% of the funds in hand; and assurance is given that the project will be completed without incurring any indebtedness.

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VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed building for the Arizona Academy and elementary school.

MIDDLETOWN CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Northern California Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the Middletown church, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the church building as proposed, for the Middletown, California, church.

BIRMINGHAM COLORED CHURCH:

Request was presented from the Southern Union on behalf of the Southern Union Colored Committee, for approval of the erection of a church building for the colored church in Birmingham, Alabama, at an estimated cost of \$43,500. They will have in hand \$30,125 with which to begin the work, and the church is pledged to raise another \$5,000 within the first three months of 1946. Assurance is given that they will proceed with the building only as funds are available.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church building for the colored church in Birmingham, Alabama, with the understanding that work on the building will proceed only as the funds are received, so that no indebtedness will be incurred.

LAND ADJACENT TO HOSPITAL IN KOREA:

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase by the Far Eastern Division of a piece of property adjacent to our hospital in Seoul, Korea, if this property, on which the Japanese erected a number of buildings, can now be secured from the original owners at a reasonable price.

\$3,000 FOR PUBLISHING HOUSE IN HUNGARY:

VOTED, To appropriate \$3,000 to the Southern European Division to apply on rehabilitation of the publishing house in Budapest, Hungary.

C.L. WILLIAMS--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Pacific Union for C.L. Williams to connect with the Central California Conference as assistant publishing department secretary.

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BEAMAN T. SENECA--BRITISH COLUMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Beaman T. Senecal to connect with the British Columbia Conference, as pastor-evangelist in Victoria.

W.A. SCHARFFENBERG--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That W.A. Scharffenberg be authorized to meet appointments in Iowa, November 1-4.

CLAUDE MILLER--NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, That Claude Miller, returned from China, be authorized to respond to the request for his services for three or four weeks in November, in the North Pacific Union, if his doctor feels that this will not retard the recovery of his health.

A.E. RAWSON--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, That in harmony with the suggestion of the Southern Asia Division Committee, A.E. Rawson, on furlough from India, be authorized to spend a month on the Pacific Coast, in order to become familiar with the work and methods of the Voice of Prophecy..

ELDER AND MRS. C.H. WATSON--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To renew the invitation to Elder and Mrs. C.H. Watson to attend the coming General Conference session, at our expense.

MRS. FRIEDA PAUL--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of Mrs. Frieda Paul from the China to the Far Eastern Division, to connect with the Manila Sanitarium.

T.W. STEEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division Committee, to authorize the permanent return of T.W. Steen, effective next March.

A.J. HASKINS--FINANCIAL GUARANTEES:

VOTED, To extend the financial guarantees required by the United States Government in connection with the application of A.J. Haskins, of Australia, for immigration visa to the United States. Brother Haskins wishes to come to America for the study of medicine.

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MR. AND MRS. LEIF TOBIASSEN--FINANCIAL GUARANTEES:

VOTED, To extend the financial guarantees required by the United States Government in connection with the application of Mr. and Mrs. Leif TobiasSEN, of Norway, for immigration visas to the United States. Brother TobiasSEN is being sent by the West Nordic Union to take some work in the Theological Seminary.

CHINA DIVISION LEADERSHIP:

In view of the prospects for the early return of missionaries to all parts of China, and in view of the fact that some group should be charged with the definite responsibility of studying the interests of the China field, and of planning for the building up of a working staff, it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of seven, of which he shall be the chairman, to nominate leadership for the China Division, to serve in such capacity between now and the coming General Conference session.

Appointed: J.L.McElhany, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, W.H. Branson, W.P.Bradley, D.E.Rebok, Dr. H.M.Walton.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED FIFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, J J Ireland, C S Longacre, Claude Conard, Miss Lois Burnett, H H Votaw, W K Ising, Miss Winifred McCormack, E E Franklin, E W Dunbar, P L Williams, V T Armstrong, H A Morrison, W A Butler, H M Blunden, M E Kern, N F Brewer, Dr H M Walton, W A Scharffenberg, E E Andross, A W Peterson, M P Robison, W E Phillips, H W Barrows, G E Peters, R Ruhling, C L Bond, D E Rebok, M C Taft, G A Huse.

Prayer by E.W.Dunbar. Minutes of the meeting of October 22 were approved.

G.R.FATTIC--RELEASED:

VOTED, That G.R.Fattic be released from the appointment to camp pastor service in the Southwest Pacific area.

J.L.McELHANY AND W.E.NELSON--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Inter-American Division that J.L.McElhany and W.E.Nelson attend the Division Committee meeting, November 29 to December 7.

J.J.STRAHLE--SOUTHERN AMERICAN COMMITTEE MEETING:

VOTED, That J.J.Strahle be advised to remain in South America for the Division Committee meeting beginning December 10, and such other meetings as may be desired, in response to the request received, with the understanding that he return to the office by early January.

E.E.PERRY--ORISSA, INDIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference to release E.E.Perry, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, in response to the call for an evangelist for Orissa, India.

D.G.BOWER--SPICER COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference to release D.G.Bower, of Lynwood Academy, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, to serve as agricultural teacher and industrial manager of Spicer College.

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C.W. SMITH--RELEASED:

VOTED, That C.W. Smith be released from the call to the Middle East Union Mission.

CARL W. OTIS--MIDDLE EAST UNION:

VOTED, To invite Carl W. Otis, of Portsmouth, Maine, to connect with the Middle East Union Mission as cashier.

DR. W.H. WESTERMEYER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of unfavorable medical reports, Dr. W.H. Westermeyer be released from the call to the Mwami Mission, in South Africa.

SARAH SLATE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since she does not see her way clear to accept, Miss Sarah Slate be released from the call to the Solusi Mission in the Southern African Division.

E.M. DAVIS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That because of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Davis, E.M. Davis be released from the call to the presidency of the Panama Conference.

MARJORIE BOTHWELL--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College to release Miss Marjorie Bothwell, and that Miss Bothwell be placed under deferred appointment as a nurse for China.

LOUISE LEEPER--SOLUSI MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference to release Miss Louise Leeper, to connect with the Southern African Division, as girls' worker for the Solusi Mission.

R.A. CAREY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, to authorize the permanent return of R.A. Carey from Kenya Colony, East Africa.

W.B. RIFFEL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That W.B. Riffel, released from internment in the Philippines, be granted permanent return status, in harmony with his request.

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JESSE GIBSON--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Jesse O. Gibson, under appointment to West Africa, be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

J. D. NEUFELD--OHIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and the Manitoba Saskatchewan Conference the call from the Columbia Union for J. D. Neufeld to connect with the Ohio Conference, as pastor of the Cleveland German church.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Miss Winifred McCormack, Indiana, October 28-30; Milwaukee October 31-November 3; Illinois, November 5-8.

C. L. Bond, Central Union, November 23-December 4.

A. W. Peterson, Columbia Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council in Philadelphia, December 5-8, in place of E. T. Dunbar.

S. Kaplan, Detroit and Indianapolis during month of December.

L. L. Moffitt, three to four weeks in Pacific Union, in December.

D. E. Rebok and L. H. Wood, New Jersey, week end of November 23-24.

F. H. Yost and Roger Wilcox, week ends of November 16-17 and 23-24, in New Jersey.

R. L. Benton, Glen Burnie church, in the Chesapeake Conference, October 26-27.

MRS. C. PEDERSEN--PERIODICALS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to honor the request of Mrs. C. Pedersen, of Denmark, for the Review and Herald and other periodicals, charging the same to the Northern European Division.

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

SIX HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, W P Bradley, E D Dick, A W Cormack, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, V T Armstrong, P L Williams, M P Robison, N F Brewer, W I Hilliard, J J Ireland, R Ruhling, E E Franklin, L L Moffitt, E W Dunbar, H M Blunden, Paul Wickman, H A Morrison, A W Peterson, M E Kern, Claude Conard, Miss Lois Burnett, Dr H M Walton, W E Phillips, W A Scharffenberg, C L Bond, H H Votaw, G A Huse, W K Ising, D E Rebok, G E Peters, M C Taft.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, Frederick Lee, J R Ferren.

Prayer by H.A.Morrison. Minutes of the meeting of October 25 were approved.

CHINA DIVISION ORGANIZATION:

The committee that was appointed on the question of leadership for the China field, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The work in China is entering upon a period when comprehensive study should be given to its reorganization and rehabilitation by a responsible committee representative of its many interests; and,

WHEREAS, For a period of years the work in China has been under divided direction and in the immediate future a unification of leadership should be effected; and,

WHEREAS, One of the major tasks of planning for the work in China is the restaffing of the field, which will involve the appointing of former workers and the recruiting of new workers in this country; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference session is only a few months distant, at which time it will be possible to elect the permanent leadership for China with adequate representation from the field in attendance; therefore,

We recommend, That during the period from the time of the adoption of this action until the next session of the General Conference, there be set up at General Conference headquarters an executive committee for the China Division, to have general

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charge of the China work; and that in China there be a committee on the field to carry forward the work under the direction of the executive committee provided above.

In harmony with the above plan,

We recommend, The appointing of the following leadership to serve the China Division until the time of the General Conference session:

President: J.L. McElhany.
 Secretary: N.F. Brewer.
 Executive Committee: Officers of the General Conference,
 D.E. Rebok, D.M. Walton, M.D., H.M. Blunden, H.A. Morrison, E.L.
 Longway, W.I. Hilliard.

The Treasury functions of the committee shall be handled in the General Conference Treasury.

In China:

Vice-Chairman: G.J. Appel.
 Associate Vice-Chairman: Y.H. Chu.
 Acting Treasurer: G.J. Appel.
 Associate Acting Treas: S.J. Lee.
 Committee on the Field: The above officers in China, the workers who would be ex-officio members of the division committee, and Chang Peh An, Chen Ming, Chuan Hsi Tien, James Wang, Su Hsing.

SALARIES IN SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

A committee that was appointed to make recommendations with reference to salaries in the South American Division, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That in order to make it possible for our overseas workers in the South American Division to meet the increased cost of living and maintain proper standards of living, the present bonus granted these workers be increased above the basic rate to an amount equal to 25% to 35% according to the cost of living where these workers reside.

2. That all bonuses be set by authorization of the General Conference Committee upon recommendation of the Division Administration of the South American Division and payments be made by the General Conference.

3. That adjustments made in harmony with the above will be made retroactive from April 1, 1945.

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4. That the General Conference Treasurer be authorized to provide an appropriation from the Emergency Fund to meet this additional expense called for by these adjustments for 1945.

5. That the whole question of payment of overseas workers be referred for study to the General Conference session in 1946.

BLUE PRINTS COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That J.A. Stevens be added to the Blue Prints Committee.

NORTH NORWAY--RELIEF CLOTHING:

VOTED, To allocate up to \$2000 from the Relief Fund to the Relief Clothing Committee, as may be found to be necessary, for the purchase of warm clothing for numbers of our believers in North Norway who are in great need. It is hoped that certain articles of clothing needed can be purchased from surplus war supplies.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--BUILDING PROGRAM:

An outline of a building program for the College of Medical Evangelists was submitted from the Board of the College. The program contemplates expansion of the present facilities in Los Angeles, as follows:

a. To provide increased hospital facilities--"hospital beds" to a total of approximately 400 beds in all.

b. To provide increased space and facilities for each of the teaching departments, including doctors offices and headquarters, clinics, laboratories, work rooms, teaching space, etc.

To provide these facilities the erection of the following buildings is proposed: Dormitory; Main Hospital Building; Physical Therapy Building; and buildings for Medical Clinic, Surgery Clinic, Admissions, Pharmacy, Diagnostic Clinic. The total cost is estimated at \$2,751,460.00, and it is understood that the program may require from five to ten years for its completion, depending on the procurement of funds.

VOTED, That we approve of the building program for the College of Medical Evangelists as proposed by the Medical College Board.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Miss Grace Coyl be asked to go to Grand Rapids for the Missionary Volunteer Council, in place of Mrs. Marjorie Marsh, who is detained by the illness of her mother.

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MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND S. MOORE--TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, To invite Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Moore to connect with the Southern African Division, for service in Tanganyika, Mr. Moore as director of the Ikizu Mission Station, and Mrs. Moore as girls' worker for the mission.

DR. S. KOTZ--MALAMULO MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release Dr. S. Kotz, to connect with the Southern African Division, in response to the call for a doctor for the Malamulo Mission, in Nyasaland.

LOUISE THOMSEN--CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference to release Miss Louise Thomsen, to connect with the Inter-American Division, for stenographic work in the Central American Union office.

DRS. L. H. BUTKA AND H. A. MOURER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for them to accept, Drs. L. H. Butka and H. A. Mourer be released from the call to China.

DRS. B. F. GREGORY, STAUNTON MAY,
R. H. DUNN AND R. E. BOLTON--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release ^{Dr.} B. F. Gregory, of the White Memorial Hospital, and that Dr. Gregory be invited to return to China for medical missionary service.

VOTED, To invite Drs. Staunton May, R. H. Dunn and R. E. Bolton, who are expecting to be released from the military forces to connect with the medical work in the China Division.

DOROTHY GATES AND JUNE WILSON--ALASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Glendale Sanitarium the call from the North Pacific Union for Misses Dorothy Gates and June Wilson to connect with the Alaska Mission for service in the Matanuska Hospital.

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL CLYMER--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the call from the Southern Union for Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clymer to connect with the Southern Missionary College Press, Mr. Clymer as superintendent of the Press, and Mrs. Clymer as editor of "Southern Tidings."

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H.H.HICKS--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North American Radio Commission the call from the Pacific Union for H.H.Hicks, of the Voice of Prophecy office, to take the presidency of the Southeastern California Conference.

H.J.WESTPHAL--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to H.J.Westphal, returned from the South American Division, the call from the Lake Union to connect with the work in the Michigan Conference.

CHESTER WESTPHAL--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to Chester Westphal, returned from the Inter-American Division, the call from the Lake Union to connect with the Michigan Conference as a district leader.

E.F.KOCH--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Lake Union for E.F.Koch to connect with the Michigan Conference for district work.

ERNEST LEMON--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference the call from the Lake Union for Ernest Lemon to connect with the Illinois Conference as district leader.

A.R.CARETHERS--LAKE REGION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the call from the Lake Union for A.R.Carethers to connect with the Lake Region Conference as district leader.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.H.Teesdale, Secondary Teachers' Institute, Collegedale
December 30 to January 3.

A.W.Peterson, Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council,
Emmanuel Missionary College, December 13-16.

Miss Lois Burnett, New York City.

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DELEGATIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

VOTED, That the church membership at the close of 1945 be the basis of reckoning delegates to the General Conference session in 1946.

VOTED, That each division be advised to determine the size of its delegation with the understanding that they keep within the constitutional provision; and that they also, if possible, include a suitable number of nationals in their delegation.

VOTED, To ask G.A.Lindsay to counsel with the East and West Nordic Union Committees in connection with their selecting of a suitable delegation to the General Conference.

VOTED, To ask the British Union ^{Committee} to select a suitable delegation from the British Union.

VOTED, To ask the Central European Division brethren to endeavor to send a delegation to the General Conference session, requesting them to suggest names of suitable delegates, in order that we may give what assistance may be possible in securing necessary visas, etc.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.